

Alpine County kicks off anti-tobacco campaign

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Tobacco Control Program sent up a trial balloon at Diamond Valley Elementary School Thursday morning to kick off the school's new tobacco-free status.

Elementary school students watched as a hot-air balloon slowly expanded to fill the morning sky, and then were escorted in for a closer look.

The younger children screamed and held their ears as the operator pulled the tether to fire up the burner; the older children asked questions.

The balloon is just one of the ways that Alpine County is using nearly \$150,000 in state funds to reduce tobacco usage in California.

Funding for the program comes from Proposition 99, a tax initiative which placed a 25-cent tax on cigarettes to help pay for education. California voters approved the tax increase in 1988.

State authorities expect to raise more than \$1.47 billion through the initiative.

One-fifth of the funds will go

to the state's Tobacco Education Campaign in an effort to counteract tobacco industry advertising.

"The way we look at it, we are just doing what the tobacco advertisers have been doing for 70 years," Alpine County coordinator Willie Edwards said.

The Alpine County Health Department, which manages the program, also donated books to the school library and is thinking up ways, like the balloon, to get the kids' attention.

"I think having the kids sit in a classroom and tell them not to smoke is like pouring money down the drain," Edwards said of the program.

The balloon was inflated while the kids watched to give them an incentive to participate in fitness and other programs sponsored by tobacco abatement funds.

"We are trying to get kids to resist peer pressure about smoking," he said. There is a possibility that kids who become involved in the program will get a balloon ride next spring.

Programs have to be extra-

curricular, according to Edwards. A wellness program is being put into place at the school and the program also sponsors events.

The tobacco program also offers cessation classes in Markleeville and Edwards said the health department is negotiating with the ski resorts at Kirkwood and Bear Valley to offer classes to part-time employees in the winter.

Edwards presented a banner to Diamond Valley School declaring the school to be tobacco and drug-free.

According to information released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, smoking costs California \$7.1 billion annually in health care costs and lost productivity.

The report said nearly 30,000 deaths are caused by smoking-related disease.

The health department sponsored the Bear Foot Race in Bear Valley Aug. 19. The race was labeled a tobacco-free event. It is a co-sponsor of the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation, which will carry an anti-tobacco message.

La Leche League offers help to Valley mothers

Breastfeeding education, support given

The newly organized Tahoe-Carson of La Leche League will hold its first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, 10:00 a.m., at 1514 Hussman Avenue, Gardnerville.

The name La Leche is Spanish and means "the milk." A nonsectarian, nonprofit organization, the league's purpose is to offer help and encouragement to women wanting to breastfeed their babies.

The group will meet the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in someone's home. During the meetings, the group informally discusses different phases of breastfeeding. The topic for the first meeting is "Breastfeeding: The Healthy Choice."

The League offers mother-to-mother help at its monthly meetings based on the book "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding." The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of

books on childbirth, child care, parenting help, breastfeeding and family nutrition.

All women who are interested in breastfeeding are invited, as are their babies. La Leche League began in a Chicago suburb more than 30 years ago when one mother, who had successfully nursed her baby, helped another who wanted to breastfeed.

Although the league is now international in scope, with groups in the United States, Canada and more than 40 other countries, mother-to-mother help is still given to those who attend.

Locally there are three trained and accredited leaders who volunteer their time to conduct in-home meetings as well as telephone counseling. Lenny Sue Tinseth of Woodfords has been a leader for five years. She has three sons and one daughter. Vicki Brockhage of Gardnerville has been a leader for three years. She has three daugh-

ters and one son. Veronica Pardee of Gardnerville received her accreditation in July, 1990. She has two daughters.

Both Lenny Sue and Vicki have led a Tahoe group for the last five years. Recently, however, more and more Carson Valley women were attending Tahoe meetings. It was felt that there was a growing need for a La Leche League group in the Carson Valley. There will be only one more series of meetings at the Lake (from September through December) also held on the same day and time as the new Carson Valley meetings. Beginning in January, therefore, future meetings will be held in homes in the Carson Valley.

For meeting information or breastfeeding help, mothers can contact one of these certified La Leche League leaders: Vicki Brockhage, 265-4354, Veronica Pardee, 782-7447 or Lenny Sue Tinseth (916) 694-2182.

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Alpine County looks at ban on plastic foam packaging

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An ordinance banning polystyrene packaging is scheduled to be discussed by Alpine County supervisors Tuesday.

A public hearing and first reading of the ordinance which would ban the use of the plastic foam commonly used for disposable coffee cups and fast food packaging will come before supervisors as an 11 a.m. agenda item.

According to the ordinance, polystyrene is neither recyclable nor degradable and damages the environment.

"Evidence indicates that all blowing agents (the gas used to inflate the foam) currently used or proposed in connection with the manufacture of polystyrene foam pose dangers to the environment," the ordinance says. "Beyond the generally acknowledged dangers of chlorofluorocarbons to the ozone layer, other blowing agents also create dangers. For example, the blowing agent pentane creates hazardous earth-level smog and

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The ordinance refers to any styrene or vinyl chloride which is blown to form a foam-like material.

If passed, the ordinance would ban the use of polystyrene foam after Jan. 1, 1991, unless a contract required the foam be purchased.

"No restaurant and no retail food vendor will provide prepared food or takeout food to its customers in any polystyrene foam food packaging, nor will any restaurant or retail food vendor purchase, obtain or keep any polystyrene foam food packaging for such a purpose," the ordinance reads.

The ordinance requires restaurants and retail food vendors to increase the level of degradable or recyclable packaging to at least 25 percent by Nov. 1, 1991 and 50

percent by Nov. 1, 1992.

Another requirement of the ordinance is that restaurants and retail food vendors establish separate waste receptacles for each type of recyclable food packaging waste.

The Alpine County Health Department will enforce the ordinance.

In other business supervisors:

•Will receive an update on litigation to prevent the diversion of water from the county by Aqueduct I, a Colorado-based water concern.

Aqueduct I purchased the water rights from the Dressler family ranch in Douglas and Alpine Counties in October.

The company then filed with the Nevada State Engineer to transfer water rights into Mud Lake for storage.

Concerns that the transfer of Carson River Water could end up damaging fisheries upstream have spurred Alpine County officials to discuss ways of opposing the transfer.

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The transfer will be scrutinized in federal court.

•Will discuss a memorandum of understanding from the Trust for Public Lands.

The Trust for Public Lands, which purchases private land and turns it over to the state, is asking supervisors that it not be required to supplant funds which are legally due the county from the state, but aren't paid.

The California Department of Fish and Game still owes Alpine County \$40,000 in in-lieu of taxes.

While the state does not pay property taxes, there is a provision for counties to receive funding they might otherwise receive in property taxes in the form of in-lieu payments.

Alpine County was one of the counties that did not receive its share of the in-lieu of taxes when the Department of Fish and Game ran out of money last year.

Supervisors are asking the Trust for Public Lands to be responsible for the in-lieu of funds not paid by the state.

Supervisors will meet 9 a.m. Tuesday in Markleeville.

Alpine County supervisors ado

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County supervisors adopted a \$6.5 million budget Tuesday after making some minor corrections.

The budget includes nearly \$2.5 million in employee salaries and benefits and \$2.4 million in services and supplies.

One of the changes made by the board was to shift \$125,000 from its reserve to its contingency fund. This would bring the contingency fund to \$200,000 and the reserve fund to \$130,000.

According to board counsel Hank Murdock, the reserve fund could only be used in case of disaster, while the contingency fund was a lot more flexible.

The board has been holding budget hearings since early September.

Before it could approve the budget, supervisors had to hold a public hearing.

Warren Jang of Bear Valley provided the only public input when he asked the supervisors if the budget was balanced.

Chairman Brissenden answered that it was.

The county is also trying to recover in-lieu of funds it was supposed to be paid by the California Department of Fish and Game from the Trust for Public Lands.

Aaron Peskin of the trust and members of the board arranged to meet in executive session in order to negotiate a settlement Tuesday.

Peskin is trying to complete a memorandum of understanding



SUPERVISORS IN ACTION. Alpine County Supervisors meet as the Local Transportation Committee Tuesday morning. Supervisors decided to redesignate the senior van from

between the county and the trust.

"We are not that far apart," Peskin told board members. "We are substantially in agreement on most issues.

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Springs on the park's reduced
winter hours.

Howard told supervisors the
park would have to reduce its
hours because of a new require-
ment that two lifeguards be on
duty.

Because of the requirement, all

the seasonal money used to pay
extra lifeguards was used up over
the summer.

The park will be open Friday
through Monday from 11 a.m. to
8 p.m. It will be closed Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday.

Howard said the park has
applied to the state for a budget
increase so it can go back to its
old 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven-day a
week schedule.

Usage fees will also increase to
\$5 for day use \$4 for pool use.

The pools will be closed until
October 1 while park personnel do
annual maintenance.

•Received an update on the sta-
tus of litigation to prevent
Aqueduct I from removing water
from the Carson River near
Woodfords.

Board counsel Hank Murdock
told supervisors litigation is being
aggressively pursued.

"There are a whole lot of peo-
ple who are interested in this for a
whole lot of reasons," Murdock
said.

Chris Gansberg, one of the
downstream users told supervisors
that Aqueduct I's plan to divert
water through ditches near
Woodfords and into Mud Lake
would dry up the Carson River.

"We downstream are definitely
going to be affected," he said.

The company applied to the
Nevada Engineer to convert water
rights it purchased from the
Dressler family from agricultural
to storage.

However, a federal judge ruled
that the transfer application
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Lead Course

Sept. 20, 1990

Polystyrene ban on hold

by KURT HILDEBRAND
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An Alpine County ordinance banning polystyrene packaging was placed on the back burner Tuesday.

Alpine County supervisors decided to wait until their Oct. 2 meeting before holding the first reading of the ordinance.

No member of the public commented during Tuesday's public hearing, however, supervisors received a letter from Bob Rudden of the Markleeville General Store which expressed concerns over the recycling requirements in the ordinance.

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Supervisors approve police dog

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A controversy over whether to purchase drug-sniffing dogs using grant money has erupted in Alpine County.

Supervisors reconsidered their denial of the dogs Tuesday, but instead of approving the three dogs requested by the sheriff's department, they approved a single dog with the proviso that if it works out, the county could then purchase an additional dog.

District Attorney Hank Murdock asked supervisors to re-consider their earlier denial of the dogs and a \$75,000 grant which could be used for drug enforcement.

"Ever since I've been in the county, people have been yelling at me to do something about drugs," he said. "The major sticking point has to do with puppies."

Murdock said the dogs were a highly effective law enforcement tool, but that he didn't want to see the entire grant shot down over one dog.

"The way I see it, we are one dog apart," he told supervisors Tuesday. "There is a lot more to this grant than a dog. We could use this money to put some fine equipment into the deputy's labs. Give us an opportunity to show you how we can work with it. Don't throw this grant out because of a dog."

Chairman John Brissenden, who has opposed the grant from the start, said he felt the grant was a sham.

"Legislating morality hasn't worked in 20,000

years, and it probably isn't going to work now," he said.

Board member Donald Jardine suggested that a single dog be purchased, trained and evaluated.

"I would certainly support one dog," he said. "I'd consider more, but they would have to prove themselves."

Sheriff Larry Kuhl told board members he wasn't certain it would be economically feasible to purchase and train a single dog.

"I'm not sure we will get a dog now," he said. "I think you are short-changing the entire program. I'm not sure I will sign on it."

Supervisors approved applying for the federal grant under the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act in April.

The grant, which is administered by the California Office of the Budget was originally to be competitive, however, this year the state has arranged for each county to receive some funding.

Funds from the grant will go to the district attorney's office and the probation department in addition to the sheriff's department.

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

Murdock said the distribution will change as the sheriff's department brings more people into the system for drugs.

The grant cannot be used to supplant the normal law enforcement budget.

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Alpine looks at packaging ban

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by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A ban on polystyrene food packaging is back on the Alpine County Supervisor's agenda Tuesday.

The first reading of the ordinance banning the packaging was continued from Sept. 18 in order to provide for additional public comment.

The board of supervisors will meet in Markleeville at 9 a.m.

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'Why punish the customer?' *Record Courier 10-4-90* Alpine cable users sound off

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

Cablevision subscribers in mountainous Alpine County weren't content to hear excuses about poor service, and took advantage of a community forum offered by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday to tell a visiting WestStar Cable manager what they thought about early billing and rising rates.

Tracy Freeman, who runs the eastern Sierra systems out of Sacramento, said he had no choice about raising rates in August from \$11 per month per household to \$23.95 because the existing system is inadequate and needs to be replaced.

The cost of rebuilding the system was divided among the paying customers in the Markleeville/Woodfords area which is part of the company's area.

Freeman said his company had already taken a \$33,000 loss in Markleeville alone and was struggling to stay above water while it improved the system.

"This cable system doesn't meet [FCC] code. I don't know what previous owners have said about it but we [WestStar] have to rebuild it," he said.

Freeman also told the supervisors more than half of WestStar users were stealing the cable and making it more expensive for paying customers.

But cable customers, some of whom canceled their subscriptions during the heated exchange, said it wasn't their fault if WestStar had to take a business loss.

"Why punish the paying customer? When you bought the plant, you made a bad deal," said Willy Hass, who chided Freeman for his "poor attitude."

Bear Valley supervisor Eric Jung defended WestStar, telling

the audience \$23.95 was a reasonable charge for television service in the remote region.

"If we were starting today, with nothing at all put in [for a cable system], I don't doubt that no business would do it. It's not cost effective to put a cable system in an area like this," he said.

Other complaints about the system were: the 12 promised stations were only nine or six (depending on the household), and often those didn't work; phone calls to the company's toll-free number were not returned and customers who got through to an operator were treated rudely; and the billing system was confusing and unfair because customers were charged in advance for service they might or might not get.

Customers were angry they did not have a choice of taking basic or premium channels but had to take everything at the full price.

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They were also upset they could not get California stations for state news.

"Who knows how to vote [in the state elections]?" said resident Audrey Moll.

WestStar does not have a franchise agreement with Alpine County but is the only cable subscriber. The county has no jurisdiction to require any changes in WestStar's business practices, according to Alpine District Attorney Henry Murdock.

WestStar cablevision has 20 systems in California and Idaho, Freeman said.

In other business, the board took no vote on a proposed ordinance to ban polystyrene foam products from restaurants and food handlers in the county.

Instead, the board formed a committee to study how to better

manage recycling through the county's three trash haulers: Douglas Disposal, South Tahoe Refuse and Waste Management, Inc.

When three of the five board members indicated by comments they would not vote in support of the ordinance, chairman John Brissenden said, "I'm disappointed, but we'll go on."

Supervisor Ann C. Wade, who would have been the swing vote, said she was convinced during the meeting the ordinance could not be enforced.

"The foam is recyclable," she told the board, saying she'd feel better working on recycling in general "rather than outlawing something that might work better in the long run."

Lobbyists from two major plastics industries, Dart Manufacturing and Amoco Foam

Inc., presented a video and reading materials to the board in their effort to convince them polystyrene foam was better for the environment than its alternative, paper.

Supervisors John Bennett and Donald Jardine also indicated they would vote against the ordinance because of enforcement reasons.

Kirkwood Resort owner Mike Berry told the board he would comply with the ordinance if passed but was concerned because very little recycling was accomplished at the trash hauler level.

"We at the source can take the time and effort to sort out our trash into glass and aluminum and paper, but then the trash truck comes and dumps it all into one truck and buries it in the landfill," he said.

Kickin' back

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Tribune photo by Ivor Markman

***AMBER McGEEIN**, 17, a first-year student at Lake Tahoe Community College, left, and **Jim Mattos**, 21, in his third year at the school, soak up some October sun while enjoying a relaxing chat on the college's front lawn Thursday. McGeein says she's studying a "little bit of everything" with the hope of entering the medical profession, while Mattos is majoring in international business with the desire to work for the European Economic Community.

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Sorensen's sets fall hikes

Throughout the early fall, Sorensen's Resort has created a leisurely hiking adventure which will lead participants across parts of the Mormon-Emigrant Trail and the early Pony Express Route used over Kit Carson Pass.

California's Gold Rush of 1848 inspired the most crazed, adventuresome and courageous migration in United States history. Across the plains and through deserts on the Overland Trail, pioneers traveled more than 2,000 miles to face the rocky Sierra as the last barrier to the wealth of the Sacramento Valley.

Participants of the Historic Emigrant Trail Walking Tour will see remnants and scars of this migration in Hope Valley and surrounding area, a territory known for both its natural beauty and historic character.

The total package of Sorensen's Historic Emigrant Trail walking Tour including two nights lodging, four meals and tour guide starts from \$98 per person, mid-week, non-holiday.

Sorensen's Resort is located 15 miles south of Lake Tahoe, just east of the Highways 88/89 junction. The historic settlement fea-

tures 22 housekeeping cabins and three bed-and-breakfast units and a small cafe.

Some warm clothing is recommended for the outing, particularly during the fall months.

Hikers may wish to bring camera and binoculars to glimpse the changes of seasons in the mountains, particularly the beautiful Aspens that come ablaze with color in the fall.

For more information and to make reservations, call (916) 694-2203.

Or write, Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, Ca 96120.

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TREES IN Hope Valley leave no doubt as to what time of year it is, as reflected in this photograph taken off California State Route 88 Monday. Every autumn, Hope Valley offers some of the best fall colors to be seen in this mostly evergreen region.

Threat of plague in Alpine County leads to closure of 2 campgrounds

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

The threat of plague kept two Alpine County campgrounds closed this week.

Grover's Hot Springs and Lake Alpine Campgrounds were closed last week by California health authorities after a dead squirrel tested positive for bubonic plague.

However, Grover's popular hot springs pool will remain open, since the rodent population around the pool is small.

According to park supervisor Gary Howard, the dead animal combined with an apparent reduction in the overall animal population indicated that there may be a

danger of plague in the two regions.

Howard said the plague is carried by fleas which feed off squirrels and other rodents in the park.

"When there is a large die-off, there are a lot of fleas looking for a host," he said. "And we don't seem to have a lot of animals alive in the park."

Biologists from the California Department of Health are setting live traps to find out how bad the plague is.

The biologists will examine the trapped rodents for the number of fleas they carry. Howard said an average of one flea to a rodent is acceptable under California health standards, but that it is not unusual

for there to be eight or nine fleas per animal in a plague situation.

After the biologists determine how bad the problem is, they will probably recommend dusting the area with flea powder. More animals will be trapped in live traps to test for fleas again.

Howard said that while the fleas tend to stick to a single species and are common on ground squirrels, chipmonks, mice and other rodents.

Fleas carry the bacteria that cause the plague.

When large numbers of rodents die off, especially in burrows, the fleas will go to the mouth of the burrow and wait for a new host.

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Howard said cats are particularly susceptible to plague because of their predatory nature.

"A cat will kill a squirrel and then carry it around," he said. The cat is then infected with the disease.

Dogs often pick up plague-infected fleas when they dig around burrows. Unlike cats, dogs rarely become ill as a result of infection.

Humans can contract the plague through bites from fleas when they come close or handle a flea-infested animal, from direct contact with an infected animal's bodily fluids or from fleas brought home by a household pet.

The incubation period for plague is seven days. The early symptoms are fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, weakness

and in many instances swollen and tender lymph nodes.

Lymph nodes are located under the arms and neck.

Plague goes through several stages, the first stage is the bubonic stage. If not treated in time, this stage can give way to pneumonic plague, which can be fatal. Pneumonic plague can also be spread through coughing.

According to a statement issued by Alpine County Health Officer Dr. Richard Botto, the closure of the campgrounds is a precautionary measure.

The statement said the last case of plague reported in humans was in 1988.

Howard said the area will be treated by spraying flea powder around animal burrows and setting out bait stations which dust the rodents with flea powder as they

get food.

According to Howard, the picnic area, which the state park typically opens to fall and winter campers, is the only area closed. The main campground would have been closed for winter anyway.

Hiking trails are also closed due to the plague warning.

The hot springs pool complex will remain open Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. However, visitors will be limited only to the immediate pool area.

The park could completely reopen as early as Oct. 26, depending on biologist's findings.

For residents and visitors to the Alpine County-Lake Tahoe area, it is not a good idea to pick up wild rodents regardless of plague warnings.

For information, call Grover's Hot Springs at 916-694-2248.

Supervisors discuss ATVs

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

The latest salvos in the battle to protect Alpine County's wilderness were fired Tuesday when supervisors discussed the use of off-road vehicles in newly acquired U.S. Forest Service lands.

Elwood Davis of the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission came to supervisors after he received a copy of a proposed Forest Service map which had parts of the Hope Valley wilderness open to off-road vehicles.

The Forest Service is updating its current map due to its acquisition of private lands in Hope Valley through the Trust for Public Lands and individual land exchanges.

The new lands in Alpine County include Burnside Lake and Burnside Mine, near Crater Lake, along the Carson River, and at Fredricksburg and Horsethief Canyons.

Jocelyn Biro of the Forest Service told supervisors Tuesday that since most of the land was private, there were no restrictions on it at all.

"A lot of the lands in Hope Valley were private and there were no restrictions on them at all," she said. "We are starting from zero."

Biro said the public input into the map revision will continue until the end of October.

"We are in the scoping phase now when we get public input," she said. "Then we will develop alternative travel maps and hold public meetings on the maps."

According to Biro, the Forest Service is seeking specific input on the map.

Supervisors Donald Jardine asked why more roads in the Monitor Pass area weren't shown on the map.

Biro answered that if all the roads in the Monitor Pass area were displayed on the map, it would be illegible.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of roads not shown on the map," she said. "If we showed every road on the map, you couldn't see the map for the roads."

Once the map is updated, the Forest Service will use it to determine road signage and enforcement of off-road regulations.

"We are trying to give the public an idea of where they can and cannot go," she said. "We have to implement this map then we install ground signage and then we can worry about enforcement."

Davis said there were only two or three roads when Monitor Pass opened and that he believed there are as many as a dozen new roads every year.

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Nancy Thornburg asked whether the vehicles could be banned from the county.

However, County Counsel Hank Murdock said he thought a ban would be unenforceable in the county. The county would have no jurisdiction to extend the ban over Forest Service lands if it could pass it.

Supervisor Eric Jung asked Murdock how severe the county could set a penalty for those abusing public lands.

"How far can we go to making a penalty so frightening that someone will be forced to think before they tear up the land?" Jung asked.

Murdock said the worst they could do was make abuse a misdemeanor.

One of the problems with ATVs is that they are advertised in an irresponsible manner, according to Patti Brissenden.

"ATVs are advertised to go

through streams and meadows," she said. "Advertising encourages irresponsible use of this vehicle. I've talked to the Forest Service and they tell me that OHVs tear down signs, shoot down signs. The people don't think and they don't listen."

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The board approved making a philosophical statement expressing its concern about the use of off-highway vehicles in forest lands and sending a request to the state and federal legislatures in order to restrict the advertising of ATVs.

Board chairman John Brissenden also asked Davis to go through the map and bring back some recommendations to the board at its next meeting.

Tri-county meeting hears unification plea

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Supervisors from the counties of Alpine, El Dorado and Amador heard a plea from Kirkwood Associates president Mike Berry to alter county borders to include the resort in one county.

However, according to Alpine County Assistant to the Board Jeanine Lear, nothing much came of it.

"There was some discussion,

but the meeting wasn't really set up to take any action," Lear said.

A call for the unification of Kirkwood Meadows was made in August when Berry asked Alpine County supervisors to call the tri-county meeting.

"The biggest problem we have in Kirkwood is that we are divided and conquered," Berry said.

"The best deal for all of us is to get Kirkwood all in one county."

Berry said the levels of service vary too much from one county to

the next.

"Amador has the best deal in the world," he said.

"In contrast to Alpine County, they have 100 homes but don't have to provide any services."

Berry told supervisors he would prefer Kirkwood be united in Alpine County.

Supervisors agreed to try to call a tri-county meeting with El Dorado and Amador counties, but expressed reservations about being the ones to initiate the unification.

"I don't think it is appropriate for Alpine County to take the lead in this," Supervisor Eric Jung said. "You should be the ones to bring it up."

The meeting was held at the main lodge of the Kirkwood resort and supervisors also discussed the level of services in the area, including law enforcement, fire and medical responses and presentations by Caltrans on S.R. 88 and Georgia Pacific Lumber Company about a timber harvest plan.

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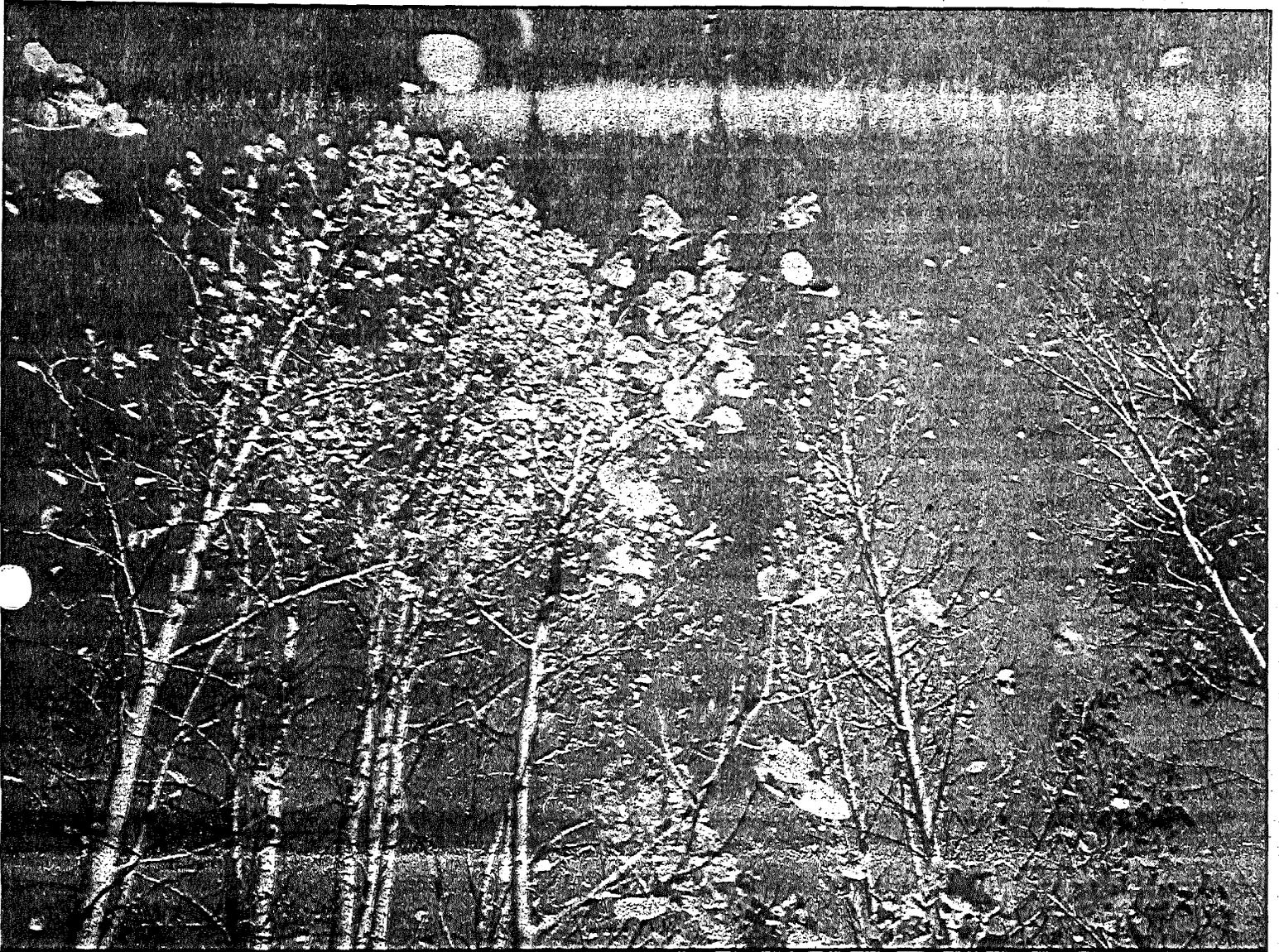
INJURED. While hunting ducks last Monday, Miss Edith Hansen received minor cuts on her hand when the breach of a 401 shotgun flew open when a shot was discharged. Pieces of the brass base struck her a glancing blow and she was fortunate to escape possible serious injury.

OH, REALLY? County Clerk Jepsen issued nineteen marriage licenses this week to California couples. Of this number, two young couples were united in marriage Wednesday morning and an hour later the grooms again appeared at the court house to register for the draft. Both claimed, however, that only love and not the draft prompted marriage.

* **TOUCHDOWN.** According to press dispatches from Las Vegas the two sons of Grant P. Merrill, members of the Lancaster football team, gave a good account of themselves in a recent game with the Las Vegas high school team. Stewart Merrill snared a long pass and made a thirty yard run for a touchdown. However, Las Vegas won the game by a narrow margin.

* **FALSE STORY.** A report gained wide circulation in this community during the week that Dave Woods and Henry Tietje, both of Alpine county engaged in an argument last Saturday over the European war and wound up in a battle royal on the highway. The report stated further that had it not been for a passing motorist, who separated the men, the latter might have been beaten seriously.

As a matter of fact Dave Woods and Henry Tietje have not met in three months, have not discussed the European war at any time, and the entire story was one of pure fabrication from end to end.



FALLING LEAVES. Leaves drift slowly from these trees in Alpine County, affording visitors to Hope Valley and other areas a brief flash of brilliant color before receding into winter's dor-

mancy. Only a few short weeks are left for visitors to take advantage of Mother Nature's annual color show. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

Annual leaf show is on display

By JIM DiPESO
R-C News Service

There are many ways one can look at the colors of autumn.

A biologist sees a chemical reaction directed by unseen chromosomes, precisely synchronized with the shorter duration of the day, when trees close off their sap circulation in preparation for winter. The green chlorophyll left behind breaks apart, chemically, which allows the hidden reds, yellows and oranges to emerge like butterflies from a cocoon.

One who favors the animistic stories told by ancient peoples to explain a bewildering world will recall the legend of the hunter Orion stalking a bear in the autumn sky. As the story goes, the hunter shoots an arrow into the bear and cooks the meat in the Big Dipper. The tallow and blood fall to Earth and turn the leaves yellow and red.

Or, leaving aside the science and the

myths, one can simply enjoy the magnificent beauty of trees offering a grand flourish of pleasing colors before entering winter's dormancy.

Fall colors attain the peak of brilliance in New England and the upper Midwest, when birches, red maples, beeches and other deciduous trees unknown in the high country explode with warm hues, like a thousand sunsets only to an arm's length away.

But a trip to faraway places is not necessary to enjoy fall colors, even in the Sierra, where evergreen conifers hold dominion over the rugged, dry landscape.

The leaves of quaking aspens, a light green during the spring and summer, burst forth to imitate the color of the sun when autumn arrives. The best place to enjoy the turning leaves near Tahoe is Hope Valley, a gorgeous, unspoiled land of tall meadow grasses, the meandering West Fork of the Carson River, and aspen groves painting the spare granite ridges.

Hope Valley lies about 10 miles south of the lake. Take California State Route 89 over Luther Pass and into Alpine County. As the road descends into Hope Valley, the colorful aspens can't be missed.

Many people visit Hope Valley at this time every year just to see the aspens, said Patty Brissenden, the president of Friends of Hope Valley and operator of Sorensen's Resort with her husband John.

Continuing away from the lake, fall colors can be seen on the far side of Markleeville on California State routes 89 and 4, which climb over Monitor and Ebbetts passes, respectively.

Closer to the lake, "you get some wonderful pockets of aspen up by Spooner Summit," said Don Lane, a recreation forester with the U.S. Forest Service's Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

The Genoa Peak Road, open to high-clearance vehicles, is the easiest way to find the

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Fall leaves: Bringing a brush of color to the high country

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groves.

The area around Marlette Lake features "hundreds of aspens" lining the trail in a "blaze of yellow" during October, Tahoe author Julie Stauffer Carville wrote in her book, *Lingering in Tahoe's Wild Gardens*.

"Nowhere at Tahoe have I seen such a show of fall color in such lovely surroundings.

"As the leaves float downward

from the trees, they carpet the trail in a wide ribbon of yellow," she wrote.

If cold weather arrives at the right time, "the trees around the lake turn yellow and orange in huge swaths of color that flow in unbroken splendor down the slopes to the lake's edge," Carville went on.

To walk into the Marlette Lake area, start at a trail that begins at Spooner Lake campground and

head north.

Another spot is Paige Meadows, a series of meadows interspersed between conifers and aspens, and an area whose scenic beauty can be enjoyed year-round.

It is easily accessible by taking State Route 89 north along the West Shore, then turning left onto Pineland Drive, which is just before the Sunnyside Resort. At Pineland Drive's fork, take the Twin Peaks Road to the left, which

will then become Ward Creek Boulevard. Park by the "Paige Meadows, 1 Mile" sign and hike up.

Other places to go find aspens are beside Fallen Leaf Lake. Pockets of color can be found by

going down the main Fallen Leaf Road, on the lake's east side, or taking the west side road.

Nearby are Cathedral and Taylor Creek meadows, still more places to take in the glory. From a distance, red and russet leaves on

the slopes of Mount Tallac are visible as well.

As a general guide, Lane said, just keep an eye out for meadows.

"Whenever you have wet meadows, you're probably going to have aspen stands," he said.

Robinson honored in Alpine

On Oct. 9 at Diamond Valley School, the Alpine County Unified School District Board of Trustees honored Karen Robinson with their quarterly board appreciation award.

This award is given to an individual in Alpine County who has given exemplary service to the Alpine County Unified School District.

Robinson's many services to the District included such things as: preparing the Diamond Valley

School Block DV Awards Banquet; staff development day lunches; being a mom to sick little children; for purchasing and making the new sick beds without asking to be reimbursed for their costs; helping with Camp Fire by driving, sewing vests, taking care of children when they act up in a meeting, and always someone extra to count on when needed; a DVS Site Council Member; purchasing goodies on her own for the children; and always being there

with a warm smile, helping hand, and the words, "What can I do to help?"

Robinson is currently the Diamond Valley School secretary and has been with the school district 12 years. She received a plaque for her office and her name was engraved on the perpetual plaque for the quarter ending in October.

This perpetual plaque holds all names that have been honored with this award.

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Alpine County thinking small and liking it

By Tony Bizjak
McClatchy News Service

ALPINE COUNTY — Some things here are very big.

The Sierra Nevada's scratchy gray peaks stand so tall and the blue sky stretches so low that clouds would seem to hunch their shoulders and suck in their stomachs to squeeze by.

Here, cattle ranches spread into two states. Winter, they say, can stretch from October to May.

But one thing is small.

While the rest of California grew frenetically in the last decade, new census figures show, one county remained fixed in time. California's smallest — this one.

Ten years ago, 1,097 people lived here. This year, 1,109 do. That's an increase of a dozen. It's no surprise.

Here, 60 labyrinthine highway miles east of Jackson — where wilderness reigns and boulders and bottlebrush crowd the roadways, seemingly ever-ready to reclaim their domain — 96 percent of the land is government-owned, and much of the rest is ranchland. Things don't change much here. People here like that.

"A lot of people here don't even consider us a part of California," says county planner Leonard Turnbeaugh.

The more populated east slope of 726-square-mile Alpine County spills like a washboard into Nevada's Carson Valley. People here watch Nevada television, listen to Nevada radio stations and read Nevada newspapers.

They drive 20 miles into Nevada to see a doctor, shop at a chain store, attend church, go to the bank, see a movie and attend high school because none of that exists here.

Two of three roads to the rest of California are closed in winter. A third road winds 32 mountain miles to South Lake Tahoe. But Tahoe is a snarl of bleating traffic in the eyes of Alpiners.

"Nobody likes to go to Tahoe," says District Attorney Henry "Hank" Murdock. "You have to put up with all the damn Californians."

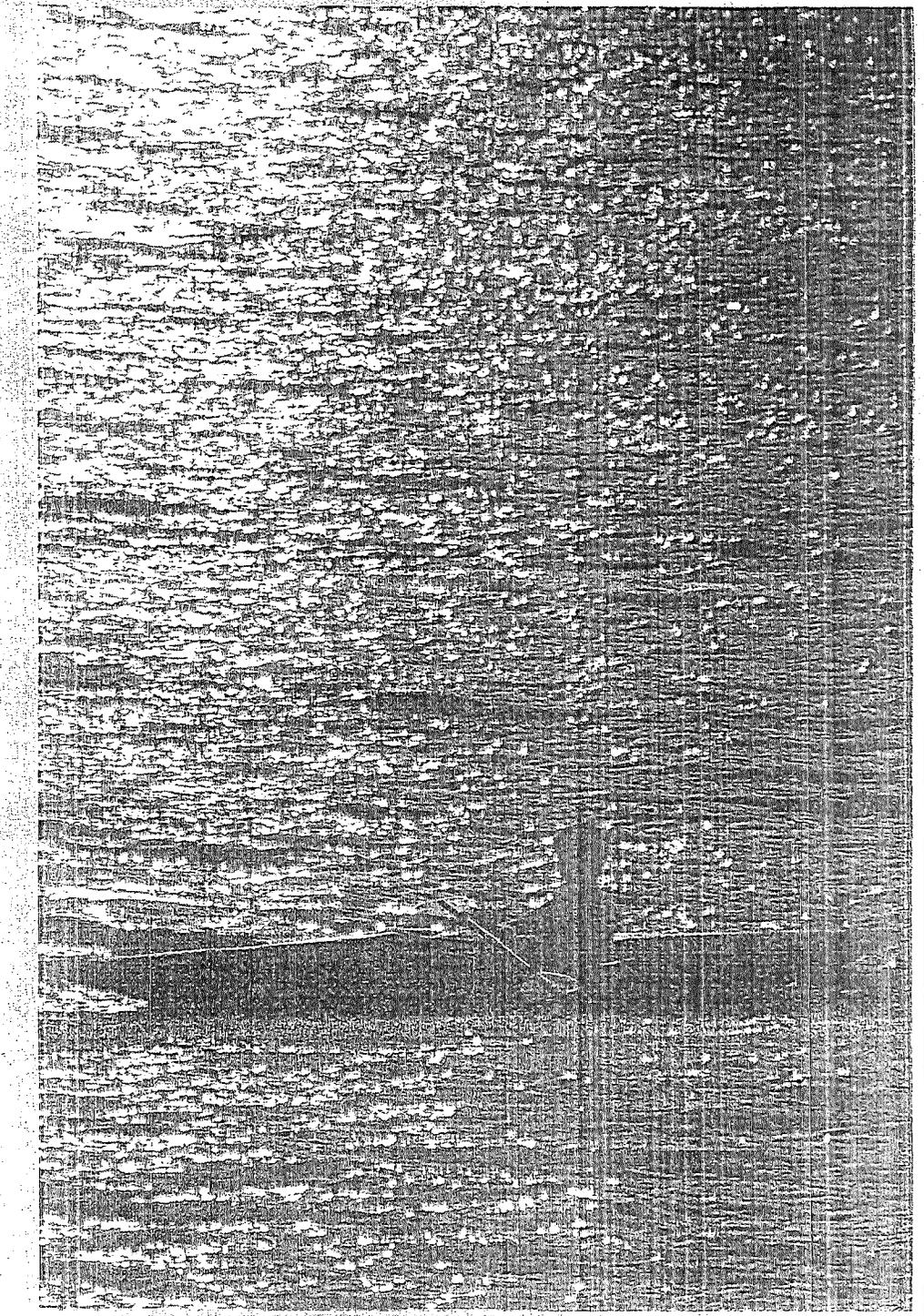
This week, people in Alpine were talking not about census numbers, but about the kinds of populations they know best. They were talking about dogs and deer and cattle and bear.

There was the dog debate Tuesday at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Sheriff Larry Kuhl had gotten a \$75,000 federal drug enforcement grant and wanted to buy and train some dogs to prowling parking lots in the county's two ski areas — Bear Valley and Kirkwood — to sniff out drugs in cars.

Board chairman John Brissenden didn't like the idea. Recreational drug use, he argued, is hardly a crime. The county, which doesn't have much of a drug problem anyway, shouldn't be lurking around parking lots sniffing at people's cars, he said.

The board deadlocked.

"We had two votes for one dog, one vote for two, and two votes for none," says Brissenden. So, the county lost the money.



A breath-taking view in Alpine County

Larry Angier/Image West

District Attorney Murdock summed it up. "The sheriff got pigheaded and wanted two dogs. The board got pigheaded and would give him one dog. What we have is mutual pigheadedness here."

Sheriff Kuhl got in the last word, however.

"If an officer is injured on duty where a canine might have had some impact," he warned, "These people are going to have to live with their own consciences."

Chamber of Commerce official Paul Washam and his neighbors in the Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park are having to live with something pretty heavy, too — nightly visits from a garbage-plundering bear. Washam guesses it weighs 400 pounds.

Deputies had to shoot a bear last year when it slid open a glass door and wouldn't leave. They ambushed it in the pantry.

The new intruder hasn't broken into a house yet; however, someone's dog disappeared the other night. People bang pots and pans, but the bear just goes about its business.

"He scares the hell out of everybody," says Washam. "We can't go out at night."

Nevertheless, there isn't a person around who wished the bear harm, Washam says. In fact, Washam — a tough-talking guy with a bristled chin and a voice like a thicket of sagebrush — softens the more he talks about

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the bear. He feels a kinship.

"I respect his freedom, his nonchalance, his personality," Washam says. "He's not afraid of anything, and all he is trying to do is feed himself."

That sums up Washam and many others up here. They or their parents or grandparents came here to the wilds for freedom. They live with and by the land — fishers, hunters, ranchers, highway workers, ski operators.

Their relationship with nature and its beasts is complicated — both tender and tough. "Realistic," says District Attorney Murdock. You love your pet dog, he says, but if it chases cattle, it will be shot. "That's the rule; we all know it."

The plundering bear is awesome; but the foraging deer, as of Saturday, is merely prey. Deer hunting season is open.

Schools Superintendent James Parsons is one of 1,000 deer hunters swarming the highlands around Markleeville this weekend in search of freezer meat.

"I'm an ecologically sound hunter," says the Central Valley transplant, who moved here to run a small school district. "I'm lousy. I went the entire hunting season last year without firing a shot. Unfortunately, there are guys who don't go a day without shooting something. Hunting is abused."

Any day now, people here know, a cow will be found dead, plugged by a drunken hunter for fun.

Cattle are big money here. There are a few Alpine ranchers, says Murdock, who, "if they wrote a \$1 million check, you can be sure it

won't bounce."

One is Chris Gansberg Sr., born here 81 years ago in a white house with white wagon wheels at the gate. It's the only house he's ever lived in, and cattle is the only life he's ever known.

Gansberg's ranch flows from a mesa down into Nevada. "Look at that mess," he says, pointing toward a Nevada subdivision some 10 miles in the distance. Newcomers, to his mind, are riffraff. He's lucky. Because Nevada does not impose a state income tax, few people move across the state line into Alpine County.

The newcomers Gansberg worried about this week were calves. One was being rejected by its mother; two others were born dead. So, Gansberg's grandson cut the hide off a dead calf and tied it like a saddle over the rejected calf, hoping the second mother would recognize the smell and let the calf suckle.

Meanwhile, Gansberg put another mother in a chute, and tried to force its calf into nursing. The unwilling calf squirmed away between his legs.

"Momma said there'd be days like this," the rancher said. He grabbed the calf and tried again. It didn't work. So, he took a bottle from his truck and milked the cow. Then, Gansberg, squatting in the dust, wrapped the calf in big brown hands that were mottled like the hills and mothered it himself.

He straightened himself up. He didn't dust off. He stared out over distant cattle like dots on the plain. Above, as if painted there, a day-time moon hung low in the long sky.

"No," he said absently, hands on hips, spurs dug in the dirt. "I love it here. God, I love it."

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* **EFFLUENT TO ALPINE.** Sewage effluent from the South Tahoe will be pumped over Luther Pass into Alpine County's Hope Valley, directors of the South Tahoe Public Utility district announcement last Friday.

FIREHOUSE BOND SALE. Sealed bids in the amount of \$45,000 for the construction of a new fire hall in the Town of Gardnerville, will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Nov. 10, at the Douglas County Courthouse for the purchase of bonds, designated as the "Town of Gardnerville, Nevada General Obligation Fire Protection Bonds."

The new structure, to be of metal, with a brick facing, will be located on the property adjoining the Gardnerville Water Department, on land donated to the Fire Department by the Water Company.

NEVADA DAY FESTIVAL. The Nevada Day celebration this week end looms as a fun-filled three days, capped with the state and county holiday Monday.

SHERIFF'S REPORT. Four prisoners in the Douglas County Jail breakfasted on dry toast and black coffee last Thursday morning, as a reminder from the Douglas County Sheriff that free-for-all fighting is not allowed in the jail cells.

SMOG CONTROL. LeRoy Helms and Bob Bruce of Meneley Motors have returned from Sacramento where they attended a smog control school, relating to smog devices to be installed on automobiles.

Pow wow, dancing

Chrissy Mendivil, right, is a spirited dancer. Fancy and traditional American Indian dancing and competition dancing, plus arts and crafts, are open to the public during the Washoe Tribe, Carson Colony's annual LaKal'elBe Pow wow set for Nov. 2-4 in Carson City. Barbara Garcia photo



Testing begins Tuesday at Grover's Hot Springs

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Testing began Tuesday to find out whether Grover's Hot Springs will re-open in the next week or not.

According to Ranger Gary Howard, authorities completed dusting the park Monday. The testing consists of capturing live squirrels and counting the number of plague-ridden fleas they have.

An average of less than one flea per squirrel is considered acceptable by the California Department of Health Services.

Campgrounds at the park were closed Oct. 11. The entire park,

including the pools, was closed Oct. 20, according to Ranger Paula Pennington.

Pennington said the pools were closed when the weather warmed up and squirrels began to come up to the pool area.

Howard said Tuesday rangers are checking the squirrels for fleas now to see if the program of flea reduction had been successful.

Rangers dusted squirrels by setting out bait stations which forced the squirrels to be dusted in order to get food or by dusting the entrances to burrows.

Campgrounds at the hot springs were closed after rangers found a dead squirrel which was infected

with the plague.

Biologists set out traps to catch live animals and find out how bad the flea infestation was.

Pennington said that while most species of ground squirrels only had one or two of the plague-ridden fleas, Chicory squirrels were found to have as many as 50 fleas each.

Pennington was reluctant to say when the campgrounds and hiking trails in Grover's Hot Springs will reopen.

"It depends on the final count after we finish dusting," she said. More animals will be trapped in live traps, to find out how effective the treatment has been.

"When it rains the powder will turn into clumps and we will have to re-dust," Pennington said. "If the flea count is still high, then we'll have to re-dust and then check again."

Howard said that while the fleas tend to stick to a single species and are common on ground squirrels, chipmunks, mice and other rodents. Fleas carry the bacteria that cause the plague.

When large numbers of rodents die off, especially in burrows, the fleas will go to the mouth of the burrow and wait for a new host.

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Humans can contract the plague through bites from fleas when they come close or handle a flea-infested animal, from direct contact with an infected animal's bodily fluids or from fleas brought home by a household pet.

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Lymph nodes are located under the arms and neck. Plague goes through several stages, the first stage is the bubonic stage.

If not treated in time, this stage can give way to pneumonic plague, which can be fatal. Pneumonic plague can also be spread through coughing.

To find out whether the park has re-opened call 1(916)694-2248.

Visitors in the Central Sierra are warned that it is never a good idea to pick up wild rodents whether there is a plague warning or not.

Threat of plague ends at Grover's

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By KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Grover's Hot Springs re-opened after a three-week closure when health authorities determined the threat of plague had ended.

"The plague is over," Ranger Gary Howard said Thursday.

Both the campground and the pools were opened after testing revealed that fewer than one of the plague-bearing fleas per squirrel remained after the animals were dusted with flea powder.

The hot springs pool complex is open for its regular winter hours Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Campgrounds and hiking trails are also open.

Park Rangers closed the campgrounds on Oct. 10, after a dead squirrel tested positive for plague. The pool complex closed Oct. 21, after warmer weather brought squirrels up to the parking lot.

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It is not unusual for there to be eight or nine fleas per animal in a plague situation, Howard said.

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While the official danger of plague in the Grover's Hot Springs is over, it is never a good idea to pick up a wild squirrel.

Alpine County OKs ORV map proposal

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County Supervisors tried to avoid the road to ecological ruin when they approved recommendations by the Fish and Game Commission on the use of off-road vehicles on newly acquired U.S. Forest Service lands.

Fish and Game board member Leonard Turnbeaugh told supervisors Nov. 6 the board hasn't gone over each road in the area as requested by the Forest Service.

"The Forest Service even has S.R. 88 and 89 as open roads in violation of the traffic laws," Turnbeaugh said.

Board member John Bennett said he felt the Fish and Game board was biased against off-road users.

"Most of these roads you can't get off of if you wanted to," he said.

However, gallery member Nancy Thornburg disagreed.

"We have had a dozen incidents of kids running around on those balloon-tired cycles where we live," she said.

Patti Brissenden of the Friends of Hope Valley disagreed with a Fish and Game proposal to set up a loop trail for snow mobile riders in the Forestdale Creek area.

"We are opposed to any snow mobiles in the Forestdale area," she said.

"My real feeling is that once they get over that ridge, there is no way you are going to keep them on any trail."

The loop trail was proposed to detour snow mobile traffic away from Blue Lakes Road.

Thornburg reminded supervisors that the recommendations they approved might go into the Forest Service map, and it might be another 10 years before anyone can change it.

Board members decided to delete the loop trail from the rec-

ommendations.

Elwood Davis of the Fish and Game Commission came to supervisors after he received a copy of a proposed Forest Service map which had parts of the Hope Valley wilderness open to off-road vehicles.

The Forest Service is updating its current map due to its acquisition of private lands in Hope Valley through the Trust for Public Lands and individual land exchanges.

The new lands in Alpine County include Burnside Lake and Burnside Mine, near Crater Lake, along the Carson River, and at Fredricksburg and Horsethief Canyons.

Jocelyn Biro of the Forest Service told supervisors that since most of the land was private, there were no restrictions on it at all.

"A lot of the lands in Hope Valley were private and there were no restrictions on them at all," she said. "We are starting from zero."

"We are in the scoping phase now when we get public input," she said. "Then we will develop alternative travel maps and hold public meetings on the maps."

According to Biro, the Forest Service is seeking specific input on the map.

Supervisors Donald Jardine asked why more roads in the Monitor Pass area weren't shown on the map.

Biro answered that if all the roads in the Monitor Pass area were displayed on the map, it would be illegible.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of roads not shown on the map," she said.

"If we showed every road on the map, you couldn't see the map for the roads."

Once the map is updated, the Forest Service will use it to determine road signage and enforcement of off-road regulations.

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Vernon Barrett

Memorial services for Vernon Edward Barrett, 74, Markleeville native and lifetime resident, will be at 2 p.m. today at Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum with the Rev. Pete Nelson officiating.

Mr. Barrett died Monday at a Carson City hospital. He was born Dec. 4, 1915 to Charles Wilcox

and Clara Mayo Barrett.

He worked in highway maintenance for Alpine County Public Works.

Mr. Barrett served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Africa, Italy and France.

He was a member of the Native Sons of California.

Mr. Barrett was a member of the Methodist Church.

Among his survivors are a brother, Horace "Hoke" of Markleeville, and a sister, Genevieve Allerman of Minden.

Private cremation will be at Sierra Crematory in Reno.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Fredericksburg Cemetery in Fredericksburg, Calif.

Contributions in Mr. Barrett's name may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Kerak Temple, 4935 Energy Way, Reno 89504.

Supervisors discuss border change

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

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A boundary change which may reduce the number of counties governing Kirkwood from three to two may be discussed Tuesday.

Alpine County supervisors will hear a request to approve the minutes of the tri-county meeting where the annexation of El Dorado County's portion of Kirkwood by Amador County was first discussed.

Supervisors will then consider sending a formal request to Amador County for increased funding for law enforcement and fire protection in the Kirkwood area.

The ski resort is located along S.R. 88 about six miles west of Carson Pass.

If approved, a formal request would be presented to Amador County for increased law enforce-

ment funding and a contribution towards funding the Kirkwood firehouse.

El Dorado County supervisors approved in concept a boundary change which would place 90 acres of land and 26 summer homes into Amador County.

Alpine County supervisors will also consider financing options for the purchase of two parking lots at Bear Valley.

Supervisors narrowly approved purchasing the lots in June.

A survey determined that the area was short 157 parking spaces, the two lots would add 214 spaces.

Negotiations with the owners of Bear Valley Auto Park parking lots B and C have the price of the two lots down to \$320,000 from the \$379,000 awarded to the company by a jury during condemnation procedures.

The county placed fair value of the lots at about \$130,000.

According to board assistant Jeanine Lear, the difference will be acknowledged as a gift to the county for tax purposes.

Judith Hillinger of Laurel W. Ames and Associates will present information on Assembly Bill 939, the Solid Waste Reduction Act.

Supervisors are expected to discuss appointments to the county recycling committee.

Board members will also discuss the reduction of timber receipts from El Dorado County and legislative issue recommendations for the 1991-92 session of the California Legislature.

Supervisors meet 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Alpine County Administrative Building in Markleeville, Calif.

Objections filed in Aqueduct I case

by MELANIE MARTIN SUPERSANO
Staff Writer

The Carson Water Subconservancy District and some 30 water rights holders filed joint objections to the water transfer proposed by Aqueduct I.

Aqueduct I, Ltd, a Fort Collins, Colo.-based private partnership formed in 1989 to market water rights, is under fire for its proposal to store 4,632.2 acre feet of water rights from the former Dressler family ranch in Mud Lake Reservoir and sell it to downstream users.

The Nov. 16 filing, written by attorneys Don Springmeyer and Douglas Allan Emerick, opposes the transfer because:

- Aqueduct I is attempting to transfer the full duty, or 4.5 acre feet of water per acre, from the land.

The maximum that should be allowed is the 2.5 acre feet per irrigated water, which is commonly called the "consumptive use," according to the filing.

- Aqueduct I is treating the water rights for its irrigated acreage as entirely separate from its storage rights in Mud Lake Reservoir. The attorneys argue that the reservoir storage right is merely supplemental to irrigation rights.

- Aqueduct I intends to change the manner of use of irrigation water rights to storage. Storage is not a beneficial use of water,

argues the district.

- There is less capacity in Mud Lake than the amount of water rights Aqueduct I intends to transfer into the lake.

- Aqueduct I does not recognize the historical California Week/Nevada Week rotation of irrigation deliveries on the west fork of the Carson River.

- The conveyance system is inadequate to handle all the water Aqueduct I wants to transfer without displacing current system users.

- Diversions committed to the Fredricksberg Ditch would be diminished as a result of the transfer. This would substantially interfere with historic irrigation practices.

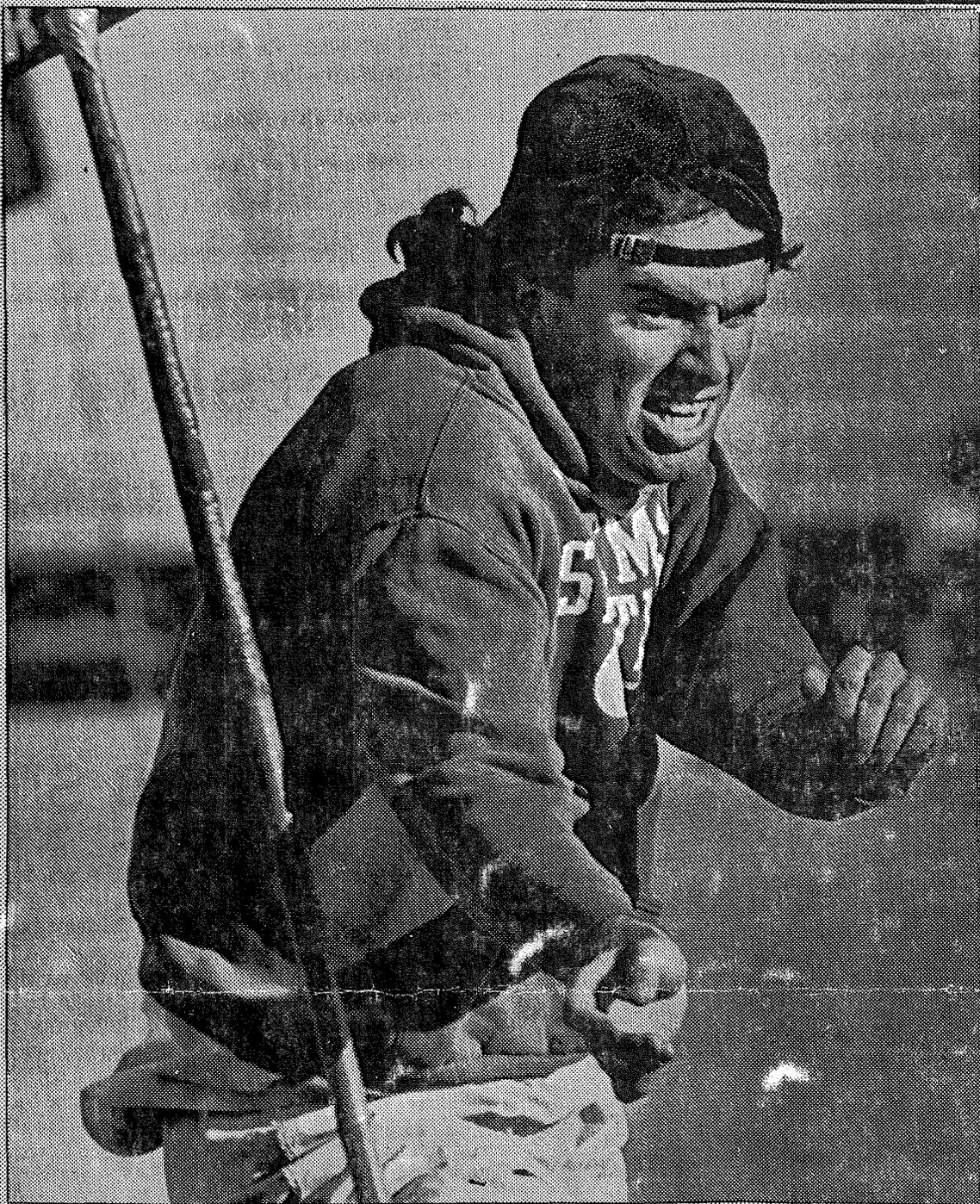
- Aqueduct I is proposing to measure its water at the inlet to the reservoir and not deduct any transportation losses.

"This issue is not insubstantial as the conveyance system from the point of diversion at the Carson River down to the Mud Lake Reservoir is in the nature of 8 miles long," writes the attorneys.

Ross deLipkau, attorney for Aqueduct I, could not be reached for comment.

Separate objections to the proposed transfer were filed by Douglas County, Alpine County, Tahoe-Carson Irrigation District, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and a group of ranchers.

The last day to file objections to the transfer was Nov. 19.



Dry land training

It wasn't skiing. But running gates was the next best thing for members of the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation program who gathered at Douglas High School to go through dryland training drills Saturday. Joey Chandler, a KSEF graduate who now races for Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., is pictured here running a slalom course in preparation for the real thing — snow that is. "We're still training, that's all we can do until we get enough snow," said Vance Lemley, head coach of the Kirkwood ski team. Prospects for the 1990-91 season are promising, according to Lemley, who is starting his second year at Kirkwood. "Some of these kids have worked real hard over the summer and we have high hopes for them coming into the season. The motivational level has been excellent among the kids during dryland. Now we just need some snow. It only takes one good one and we'll be there," he said. The Kirkwood program offers racing for young skiers 10 to 18 years of age at three levels — mites, the development team and the actual Kirkwood ski team. The program had a handful of racers qualify for national Junior Olympic competition last year, including Gary Chandler, Liza Bliton, Cathy Crim, Greg Kudrna. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

Water transfer objections filed

Record Courier 11-25-90

by MELANIE MARTIN SUPERSANO
Staff Writer

Douglas County, as one of many protestants to the Aqueduct I water transfer, has filed objections with the U.S. District Court in Reno.

Aqueduct I, Ltd. a Fort Collins, Colo.-based private partnership, has filed applications to transfer close to 5,000 acre feet of water rights from the former ranchlands owned by Fred Dressler straddling the Douglas County/Alpine County border. Aqueduct I is proposing the precedent-setting transfer of the full duty of agricultural water rights, without regard for consumptive use limits set by the Alpine Decree.

The Alpine Decree, which gov-

erns water allocations in the Carson River, was made law this month by the passage of Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev.'s, water bill.

Aqueduct I intends to store the water in Mud Lake Reservoir and eventually sell it to downstream users.

In a Nov. 19 filing, District Attorney Brent Kolvet objected to the transfers because:

- "The maximum allowed transfer should be limited to the consumptive use of the irrigated right, namely 2.5 acre feet per irrigated acre," Kolvet writes.

- Aqueduct I would be "double dipping" if it is allowed to treat supplemental storage water rights separately from associated direct flow rights.

- Changing the use of agricultur-

al water rights to storage rights is not recognized as a beneficial use. "The ultimate use of the water stored must be defined so that the Court can properly judge the effects that the proposed transfer could have on the Carson River and other users of the water of the Carson River."

- The capacity of Mud Lake is insufficient to store the 4,632.2 acre feet proposed to be transferred there.

- There would be adverse effects on the historic practices of water rights holders. The transfer would affect the rotation system on segments 4 and 5 and "would result in the drying up of acreage which had otherwise been irrigated and would alter return flows."

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Kolvet requested that the court require Aqueduct I to undertake a U.S. Geologic Survey hydrologic study including modeling to determine what effects that transfer would have on upstream and downstream users as well as on the groundwater resources of the Valley.

- Aqueduct I seeks to divert water for sale downstream through the Millich and Snowshoe Thompson ditches year-round. "These diversions of water during the irrigation season would adversely affect the other water rights users and these ditches as well as the water right users between the existing points of diversion and the proposed points of diversion."

- Natural wetlands would be

adversely affected by the transfer.

- Aqueduct I proposes to measure its water at the inlet to the reservoir. This method of measurement does not address losses from evaporation during transportation to the reservoir or storage.

- Aqueduct I should lose priority on water rights for which the point of diversion is changed.

Kolvet's objections are substantially similar to objections raised in a Nov. 16 filing by the Carson Water Subconservancy and a group of some 30 ranchers and other water rights owners who joined the district in protest.

Separate protests were filed by Alpine County, Tahoe-Carson Irrigation District, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and another group of ranchers.

Alpine looks at trash legislation

Record Courier 11-25-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

California's attempt to cut its solid waste in half by 2000 was discussed by Alpine County Supervisors Tuesday.

Passage of Assembly Bill 939 by the legislature requires that each county prepare an integrated waste management plan.

Judith Hillinger of Laurel Ames and Associates presented a preliminary work plan to supervisors.

"The state is requiring counties

and cities to come up with a plan to reduce their solid waste by 25 percent in 1995 and by 50 percent by 2000," she said.

The plan is due in June 1991, and will consist of the waste generation study, a source reduction and recycling element and an exemption request.

Supervisors are requesting an exemption from the state on doing a waste characterization study, which would require someone to look through all of Alpine

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County's trash and determine what people are throwing away.

Assistant to the board Jeanine Lear told supervisors they would have to pay at least \$22,000 to have the study done.

Hillinger agreed that the exemption should be sought.

"You would have to hire someone to go through and sort the waste," she said. "We will try to use some other county's data."

Hillinger said both Mono and Calaveras counties have conducted the studies and either county might be used.

Brissenden asked Hillinger if Alpine County would get credit for some of its recycling activities before 1991. When she answered

no, Brissenden asked her to stress Alpine County's commitment to recycling when she met with state officials.

"I think that during discussions you should be very clear to the state that we don't feel we should be penalized for being aggressive on this issue," he said.

Transportation director Leonard Turnbeaugh pointed out that most of the bulk of solid waste in the cities consists of lawn clippings and leaves. "We don't have that here," he said.

Supervisors have been discussing the reduction of solid waste since April, when Eric Jung brought a resolution before the board establishing waste reduction goals and a comprehensive solid

waste strategy.

They approved six members of a new recycling committee including Ken Daughters of Lake Alpine Lodge, Jeff Tilman of South Tahoe Refuse Co., Michael Sharp of Kirkwood Associates, John Aylward of the Red Dog, Michael Wilde of the U.S. Forest Service and Paul Washam Sr. of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

In other business supervisors:

• Discussed the possibility of designating the old Markleeville Fire House for interim records storage once the new firehouse is completed.

Museum director Nancy Thornburg told supervisors the old record storage is packed.

"We are out of space in the depository," she said. "The records aren't being managed, they're being stored."

Lear told supervisors she would rather wait until she completed until a space needs study.

Brissenden asked that the item be brought back in January.

• Approved altering classifications and job titles included in revision of a classification and compensation study conducted by Lear.

However, the board held off on funding the new salary levels until after employee negotiations are completed early next year.

Funding the salary changes proposed in the revision would cost Alpine County \$130,140.

Amador asked to contribute

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County supervisors approved asking neighboring Amador County to increase its contribution to law enforcement and fire protection in Kirkwood.

Board members approved sending a letter asking Amador County to fund one-half of a deputy at Kirkwood and contribute to the construction of a fire station in the area Tuesday.

The deputy who patrols the area costs Alpine County \$55,000 a year. The fire station may end up costing the county \$500,000.

Sheriff-elect Skip Veatch told board members previous sheriffs have budgeted for the additional funding. Veatch said the Alpine County Sheriff's Department has patrolled the entire Kirkwood area for years and a proposed border change between Amador and El Dorado Counties should not affect coverage.

"I don't see a change just because it is in Amador County," he said.

Alpine County deputies patrol the area from Carson Pass to Corral Flat and also Lake Kirkwood and Silver Lake.

El Dorado County supervisors approved in concept a boundary change which would place 90 acres of land and 26 summer homes into Amador County.

Phil Olsen of the Lake Kirkwood Cabin Owners Association told supervisors from all three boards at a tri-county meeting last month that Amador County could best provide snow and solid waste removal in the area.

The boundary change would essentially reduce the number of counties with an interest in Kirkwood from three to two.

Kirkwood Associates President Mike Berry told Alpine Supervisors Tuesday his plan to attempt to unite all of the

Kirkwood area into a single county did not meet with favor from Amador County supervisors.

"I made a plea to them and they treated us casually, which may be too kind a term," he said. "The area's needs can be better met when Kirkwood is all in one county."

Berry asked Veatch to thoroughly document the Kirkwood deputies activities, to support his contention.

Berry told supervisors from all three counties in October that Kirkwood is a disenfranchised community because it is split down the middle. He said that because Kirkwood is receiving most of its services from Alpine County, that would be the best county for it to be in.

However, Amador County supervisor John Begovich said he would not support any boundary change between Amador and Alpine Counties and that the entire proposal is a waste of time.

"Remember
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ALPINE POST OFFICE DEDICATED. Under a flag that once flew over the nation's capital, the new U.S. Post Office at Markleeville was dedicated and officially opened at ceremonies Monday.

In brisk weather, with graying skies overhead, Postmaster Della M. Wood accepted the flag for the new post office from Second District Congressman Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson.

Public protest creation of Alpine County loan fund

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A plan to use Alpine County funds to make loans for local public projects came under fire Tuesday night.

Supervisors heard public protest over a plan to establish a revolving loan fund using \$500,000 in South Tahoe Public Utility District monies and anticipated trust money from the Trust for Public Lands.

Estimates were that the revolving fund could contain as much as \$1 million by the end of next year if it were established and included both funds.

The fund would be established to provide low-interest loans to public projects within Alpine County.

However, members of the gallery argued the county had neither the capacity nor the mandate to lend money.

"Why should the county be in the banking business," Chuck Keebaugh said. "You can go down in history as the board that secured

our future, or you can go down in history as the board that gave it away."

The public also attacked a plan to use \$400,000 from the Trust for Public Lands in the fund.

The board earlier approved a draft of an agreement with TPL which would pay a one-time lump sum of \$400,000 to mitigate the county's loss of property taxes.

Trust for Public Lands buys up environmentally sensitive land and then gives it to a state or federal entity which can protect it.

Auditor Barbara Ryan said a possible reason for TPL's willingness to pay the lump sum is that an anonymous donor gave them the money.

Nancy Thornburgh said it was her understanding the trust money was to be used to help make up property taxes.

"If the donor finds out what this board is even discussing, then the trust fund could disappear," she said.

Bud Moll said the TPL fund should be left alone.

"If it is set up to replace taxes, it

should be left alone," he said. "I can see no reason for playing around with that money."

Tax Collector/Treasurer Dolores Clark told supervisors the STUPUD fund is currently being invested with a local agency investment fund which then invests the money in roads and bonds.

The county receives eight percent interest on its investment.

Keebaugh and Moll both asked board members whether the reason for the loan fund is to purchase the Bear Valley parking lots.

"Is the fund to be lent to purchase the Bear Valley parking lots?" Keebaugh asked.

"Will this fund be used by the county to loan itself the money for the parking lots?" Moll asked.

Chairman John Brissenden said the parking lots at Bear Valley was certainly one project which could be considered.

"They have to borrow the money from someone," he said.

Supervisor Eric Jung said the idea was not to lend the money, unless the investment was safe.

"The point of the draft is to ensure that what is happening with the money will continue to happen," he said. "The net effect is to do what we are doing already, but do it in a way that benefits local projects."

Keebaugh said he felt the item was before supervisors because they are looking for funding to purchase the parking lots.

Assistant to the board Jeanne Lear told audience members the idea for the revolving loan came up during a discussion between county staff and a financial consultant on how fund the purchase of the two parking lots.

Lear said the most likely funding for purchasing the lots would come from certificates of participation which would be sold like bonds and then paid off using money from Bear Valley businesses and second-family homes.

Certificates of participation will add \$10,000 to the cost of the parking lots to Bear Valley residents.

Lear said the two lots will cost about \$160,000 after all incidental

costs are added in.

Citing a lack of parking, especially during ski season, supervisors approved the purchase of the two lots in June.

A survey determined that the area was short 157 parking spaces, the two lots would add 214 spaces.

Four letters of intent have been received by the county from Bear Valley businesses promising to pay part of the cost for the lots, the rest of the burden will be shouldered by the Bear Valley County Service Area.

Negotiations with the owners of Bear Valley Auto Park parking lots B and C got the price of the two lots down to \$320,000 from the \$379,000 awarded to the company by a jury during condemnation procedures.

The county placed fair value of the lots at about \$130,000.

According to Lear, the difference will be acknowledged as a gift to the county for tax purposes.

Jung said Bear Valley resident's roads are not plowed because of the amount of snow.

"All we are asking is for the

county not to get any further in the way," he said.

However, board member John Bennett expressed fears the county will end up getting stuck with the bill.

"No matter what the property owners say, we are still responsible for the lots," he said.

Supervisors approved entering into a stipulated settlement with the auto park owners by one vote, with supervisors John Bennett and Donald Jardine voting against the proposal.

They also approved forgiving \$40,000 loaned to the Bear Valley County Service Area to cover the original estimated cost of the parking lots.

According to Board Assistant Jeanne Lear, the service area had \$90,000 saved up in its budget and the county loan was to cover the \$130,000 thought to be needed to pay for the lots.

However, during the April 30 condemnation trial, the jury found the parking lot to be worth about three times what the county estimated.

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Sagebrush pianist visits Alpine

Out among the sagebrush, jackrabbits and rattlers, across the vast stretches of Nevada, Arizona and California deserts, travels a one-woman missionary spreading the gospel according to Bach, Chopin and Ravel.

Pioneer pianist Laura Spitzer drives the truck, supervises the moving of her own Steinway piano, plays the concert and packs it up afterwards, logging 10-15,000 miles each year for the more than 100 concerts she routinely gives throughout the West.

Spitzer will perform Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. The program will benefit the Alpine County Arts Commission.

Everywhere Spitzer has been, she has left a trail of enthusiastic converts.

The Santa Cruz (Calif.) Sentinel labeled her ability "superlative artistry, with true virtuosic technique and mature sensibilities."

The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News called her "one of the most vibrant one-woman operations in classical performance circles."

More than Western praise has been attributed to Spitzer, and the Markleeville concert is drawing national attention.

Peter Jennings of ABC-TV News will cover the Turtle Rock concert for the "American Agenda" segment of his national news program.



LAURA SPITZER

Spitzer's story has been told in major magazines, including Mother Earth News and Nevada's own Nevada Magazine (1988).

She graduated with distinction from the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, where she won and the Kurt Leimer competition in 1977.

She completed her master's degree at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, and

since then, she has played concerts extensively through the U.S., Canada, and in West Germany.

She has given recitals at the Library of Congress and New York's Merkin Hall.

The New York Times reviewer said that she performed with "verve, clarity...a lively interest in the ways and means of each work and left one interested in hearing her ideas about others."

As artist-in-residence, she has inspired countless students of all ages through master classes, chamber music coaching, seminars and school concerts.

She was honored with the 1986 Governor's Arts Award as Nevada's Musician of the Year.

Though she performs for community concerts and has plans next year to play in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Vancouver, she remains highly committed to frontier touring.

"Big cities satisfy a musician's self-indulgent qualities," she has said. "But planting the seed of classical music in smaller communities provides immeasurable pleasure."

The concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors 55 and over; children under 18 are free.

Alpine approves pay hike

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Some Alpine County employees will get a fatter paycheck after supervisors adopted the results of a salary survey Tuesday.

Supervisors approved spending half of the total needed to com-

pletely implement a salary survey after debating how much money needed to remain in the county's reserve fund.

Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear told board members it would cost the county \$107,000 to fully implement the salary survey for a year.

"I believe in putting our money in our people," Lear said. "But it is important for department heads to realize some material needs won't be met."

District Attorney Hank Murdock told supervisors he felt it was time they took action on the

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survey, which was designed to bring Alpine County compensation and job classification up to the same standards as the rest of California.

"This survey attempts to bring the employees of this county into the 20th century," he said. "There are people in the county who are undercompensated and who are vital to its operation."

Auditor Barbara Ryan said

supervisors should look ahead before approving the survey.

"What happens next year when the county doesn't have the money to pay for salaries," she said.

Murdock answered there is no way to know what will happen down the road.

"What happens if Saddam Hussein wins the war?" he said.

"We have the money now. While you have to do long-range planning, you can't tell what is going

to happen two or three years from now."

Supervisor Donald Jardine expressed concern about the low level reserve funds have reached.

The Alpine County budget contains nearly \$200,000 in its contingency fund, but only \$60,000 in its reserve fund.

Supervisor Eric Jung said \$80,000 should be left in the contingency fund.

"We breezed through \$76,000

last year," he said.

That would leave about \$50,000 in the contingency fund which could be spent on the salary survey, enough to fully implement it for the remainder of the fiscal year.

However, supervisors decide to reduce the amount, to \$29,000 and only implement half of the survey. Supervisors voted to spend the \$29,000 on the salary survey and keep \$100,000 in contingency



TENNIS TEAM. The DHS girls tennis team includes, front row, from left, Dawn Ragonese, Jennifer Burr, Carrie Callison; back row, Keri Callison, Shelby Wilson, Nicole Posnien, Chris

Hemovich, Kim Hood and coach Gail Wilcox. Staff photo. At right is Dawn Ragonese. Tiger Beat photo by Hollie Goheen



WINNIE MENDIVIL
Tiger Beat photo by Tara Skenandore

Mendivil advocates for Indian students

By TARA SKINENANDORE

Winnie Mendivil, a counselor for Alpine County's Indian students attending Douglas High School, monitors attendance and grades.

She also is an advocate for Indian students and works to help solve problems the Indian students may have on an individual basis.

Recently Mendivil and Sherry Smokey (who works with Indian students from Dresslerville), formed an on campus Indian club. The purpose of the club was to get the Indian students together and promote culture awareness. Another function of the group is to encourage good attendance and good grades, for which they will receive monetary awards.

Mendivil, a Cheyenne from Oklahoma, entered this field because of her own experiences as a young girl. She attended a school with only a few Indian students and experienced many of the same concerns Indian students at Douglas High School have.

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Kirkwood ski team raising funds

The Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation has launched its annual value coupon book fund-raiser drive.

KSEF coupon books offering various discounts at local businesses are priced at \$20. The booklets include 20 coupons that carry a combined value in excess of \$200.

Among the coupons are 2-for-1 lift ticket, lessons and equipment rentals at Kirkwood, in addition to other discounts

from Merchants in both the Carson Valley and in Alpine County.

"This is one of our annual fund-raisers," KSEF director Ray Dicius said. "This is by far our most important one, though. This is our mainstay."

KSEF is a non-profit program that offers racing for youngsters 6 to 18 years of age.

Competition is offered at various levels, from mity mites to those with U.S. Ski Team

aspirations.

For example, two Kirkwood ski team standouts, Gardnerville's Greg Kudrna of and Cathy Crim of Placerville, Calif., departed Tuesday for a two-week stay in Montana. First, they are participating in a U.S. Ski Team-sponsored Super-G and downhill camp at Big Mountain, Mont., then they will compete in Western Region FIS super-G and downhill races.

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TOP 4-H'ER. Grace White, 16, of Gardnerville, is Nevada's topnotch 4-H livestock club member for the year. She was chosen by state 4-H club leader Thomas F. Buckman on the basis of six years of club work in which the girl raised and exhibited baby beeves and hogs.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE SET. Basketball practice at Douglas county high school began last Monday, with fifteen candidates reporting for positions on the A and B squads. Last week, the Seniors won the interclass tournament, defeating the Juniors 42-16 on Monday and the Sophomores 43-4 on Tuesday.

IN HAWAII. Lawrence Jacobsen, who enlisted in the aviation corps of the U.S. Navy and stationed at San Diego for the past several months, has been transferred to the naval station at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands.

CATTLE. It is estimated that between three and four thousand head of cattle are now on feed in Carson Valley. Of this number about three thousand are steers, the rest being cows and other stock. The figure is somewhat lower than in former years, due to heavy shipments already made to Los Angeles and other markets.

DANCE. While not as largely attended as had been hoped for, the annual dance given at Fredericksburg last Saturday night by Artemisia Chapter, Order of the Eastern, was decided a social success and fifty or more couples in attendance enjoyed an evening of pleasure. Music by the Gillette orchestra was excellent.

25 YEARS AGO
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DISTRICT APPROVAL. Application to the Nevada Public Service Commission has been made by the Minden-Gardnerville Sanitation District for the establishment of monthly rates. Basic rates sought by the district include a \$4.50 monthly rate for single-family units with a \$250 connection fee.

BOND ISSUE. County school board members are slated to meet with officials of a Reno architectural firm Tuesday night hopefully to pinpoint a near-exact amount needed for construction of five new school facilities throughout the county. It is believed however, that the estimated \$1.5 million — to be presented to the county voters early next year in a record-high bond issue.

CULVERTS. County commissioners Monday approved payment of \$15,268 to Nevada Contractors, Inc. of Minden, for construction of box culverts on Pinenut Road.

NEVADA AUTO LAWS. Updated copies of the new Nevada Motor Vehicle Laws, a 195-page volume containing all revisions made by the 1965 Nevada Legislature, are now available from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Carson City.

10 YEARS AGO
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STATE WINS LAWSUIT. Several hundred ranchers and farmers in Douglas and Alpine counties are among the 4,000 in other portions of Nevada and California who won a 55-year-old water rights battle with the federal government.

In issuing his opinion on the oldest active case on record in the national court system, U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Thompson of Reno said that some federal water rights were passed to ranchers and farmers through the years.

Nevada Attorney General Richard Bryan said last week that the judge's 34-page opinion is "a major victory for the state and Carson River water users."

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Alpine residents watch funds

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

In an attempt to head off the formation of a revolving loan fund, Alpine County residents are asking supervisors to establish a written policy governing fund use.

Supervisors heard public protest Dec. 4 over a plan to establish a revolving loan fund using \$500,000 in South Tahoe Public Utility District monies and \$400,000 in anticipated trust money from the Trust for Public Lands.

Residents Nancy and Fritz Thornburg and Chuck Keebaugh sent supervisors a letter requesting

the board establish a written policy placing STPUD monies in a separate trust which could be spent only in an emergency, and then only after \$1 million is in the account and with four-fifths vote by supervisors.

District Attorney Hank Murdock told supervisors at their last meeting that the \$500,000 was the county's to do with as they please.

The letter says that if supervisors do not take action to set the money aside, legal action will be pursued.

Supervisors will meet 9 a.m. Tuesday in Markleeville to discuss the issue.

Estimates were that the revolving fund could contain as much as \$1 million by the end of next year if it were established.

The fund would be established to provide low-interest loans to public projects within Alpine County.

However, members of the gallery argued the county had neither the capacity nor the mandate to lend money.

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Alpine supervisors adopt fee to pay for emergency services

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Reduced funding led Alpine County Supervisors to discuss alternate means of supporting emergency services.

Supervisors also adopted a resolution to add a fee to criminal fines to help pay for emergency medical services.

Proposition 13 and other tax laws limits the amount of funds the county can raise through property taxes.

However, funding state-mandated programs has reduced the county's ability to expand services.

Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear told supervisors there were three different kinds of districts they could form to help fund fire protection and emergency medical services in the county.

Currently, the county funds a large portion of the Markleeville and Woodfords volunteer fire departments. Two independent districts already handle fire protection for Kirkwood and Bear Valley.

Alpine County has \$87,394 budgeted for fire protection in the 1990-91 fiscal year. Markleeville and Woodfords will receive more than 60 percent of the total.

The only other source of funding for the two east slope volunteer fire departments is fund-raising.

Fire protection is not a mandated county service and the county could form some sort of district to collect taxes and fund the two fire departments.

Lear told supervisors they could form a county service area like the one in Bear Valley without a general election, but if it is ever aban-

doned, the county could never use general funds for fire protection again.

A county service area can also handle other services besides fire protection.

Two other district options would require majority voter approval.

Supervisors could form a fire protection district similar to the East Fork Fire Protection District, but it would be limited to fire suppression and related emergency medical services.

Another option is to form a community services district which could provide a wide range of services, but would require the county to hire a district manager.

Other funding sources would include impact fees, sales tax or benefit assessments directly tied to the service.

Supervisors were reluctant to discuss funding fire services until they got a list of needed items from the Ad Hoc Fire Committee.

"Come back with a plan, then we'll see from there," Supervisor Don Jardine said. "It is better to get a plan and then look for funding than to look for funding and then get a plan."

However, supervisors approved a plan to collect a \$2 fee on every \$10 paid to the county in court fines or penalties, except for parking or jaywalking fines.

According to Lear, the fee would provide \$20,000 a year in revenues to fund emergency medical services.

The California statute allows a county to make the assessment in order to reimburse unpaid hospital or doctor bills. However, since the county has no hospitals or doctors, it will seek an exemption from that

provision of the law.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Waived the first reading of the ordinance which will give county employees a cost of living pay raise.

According to Lear, employees will receive a three percent cost of living raise and a two-tiered health plan will be set up.

Under the new health plan, employees hired after Dec. 1, 1990 will have to pay 50 percent of their dependent's health insurance premium.

The new contract will also include a higher uniform allowance for deputies.

- Approved a proposal that South Tahoe Public Utility District mitigation funds won't be spent without a four-fifths vote of the board.

A letter sent to supervisors on Dec. 11 threatened them with legal action if they did not take steps to protect the funds they received from STPUD.

The mitigation funds go right into the county's general fund and could technically be spent whenever supervisors decide until the end of the year, when they go into the reserve account.

Board counsel Hank Murdock said the only action the group could take would be to begin a recall drive.

Supervisor Eric Jung said he disagreed with the group.

"I object to the tone of the letter," he said. "It sounds like Fred Flintstone economics to me."

Jung said he will attend a California local government commission and will ask around to find out what other counties are doing.

TRAVEL

KATHY CASTLE

Baby Powder

A new generation of skiers is taking over the slopes.

BACK IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES, WHEN I FIRST DISCOVERED the lure of the slopes, skiing was the ultimate singles sport. A mere "Single!" in the lift line could yield an instant relationship. We skied fast and bounced over the bumps, our role models being the free-ranging, free-loving souls known as "hotdoggers," who appealed to the rebel-



TOM LUPPERT

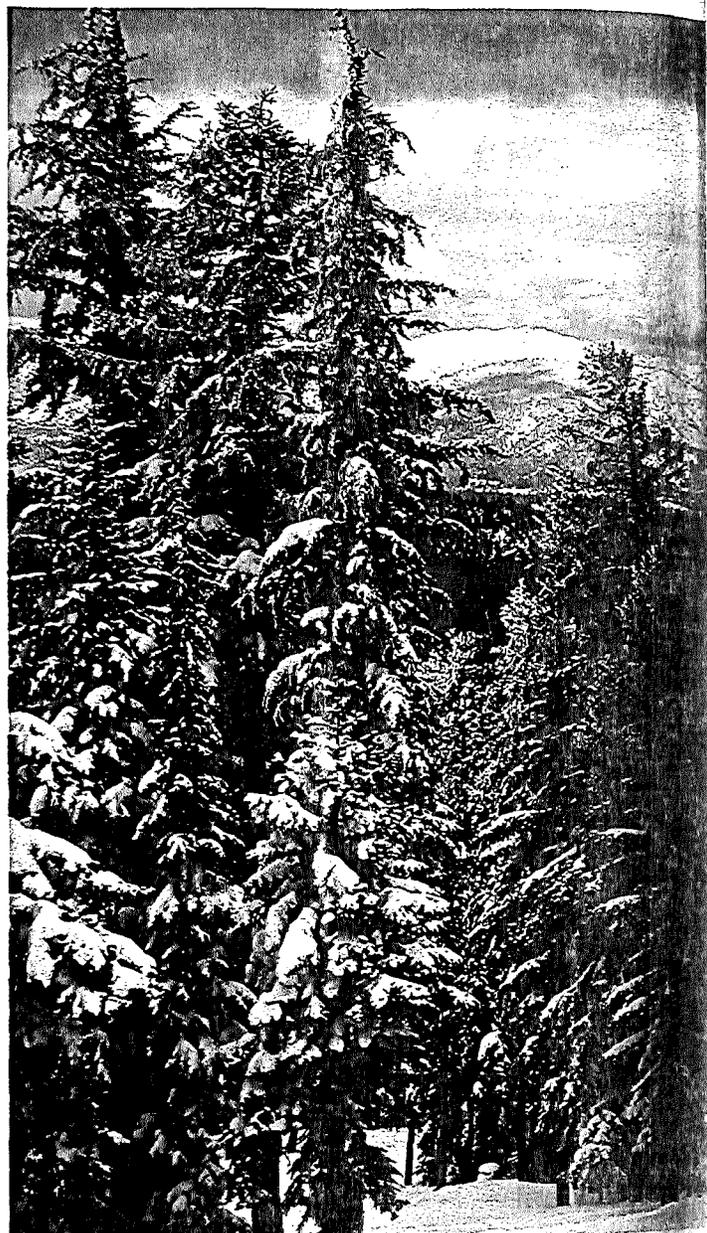
It's all downhill from here, kid.

lious spirit of the Me Generation. But the last time I was at Lake Tahoe, the hills were alive with a new generation of skier—six-year-olds who skied circles around me.

We carefree singles of twenty years ago have become bona fide "family units," eagerly pursuing careers, home life and parenthood. And, of course, we're taking our kids with us when we go to the mountains.

This year, parents who are introducing their children to the sport will find a wealth of new programs. Resorts that used to dump kids' classes on the newest and usually least-experienced instructors are now enlisting more qualified teachers, particularly those with backgrounds in child development. They have added new child-care centers, expanded facilities for children's-equipment rentals and installed slow-motion platter pulls and rope tows designed for kids.

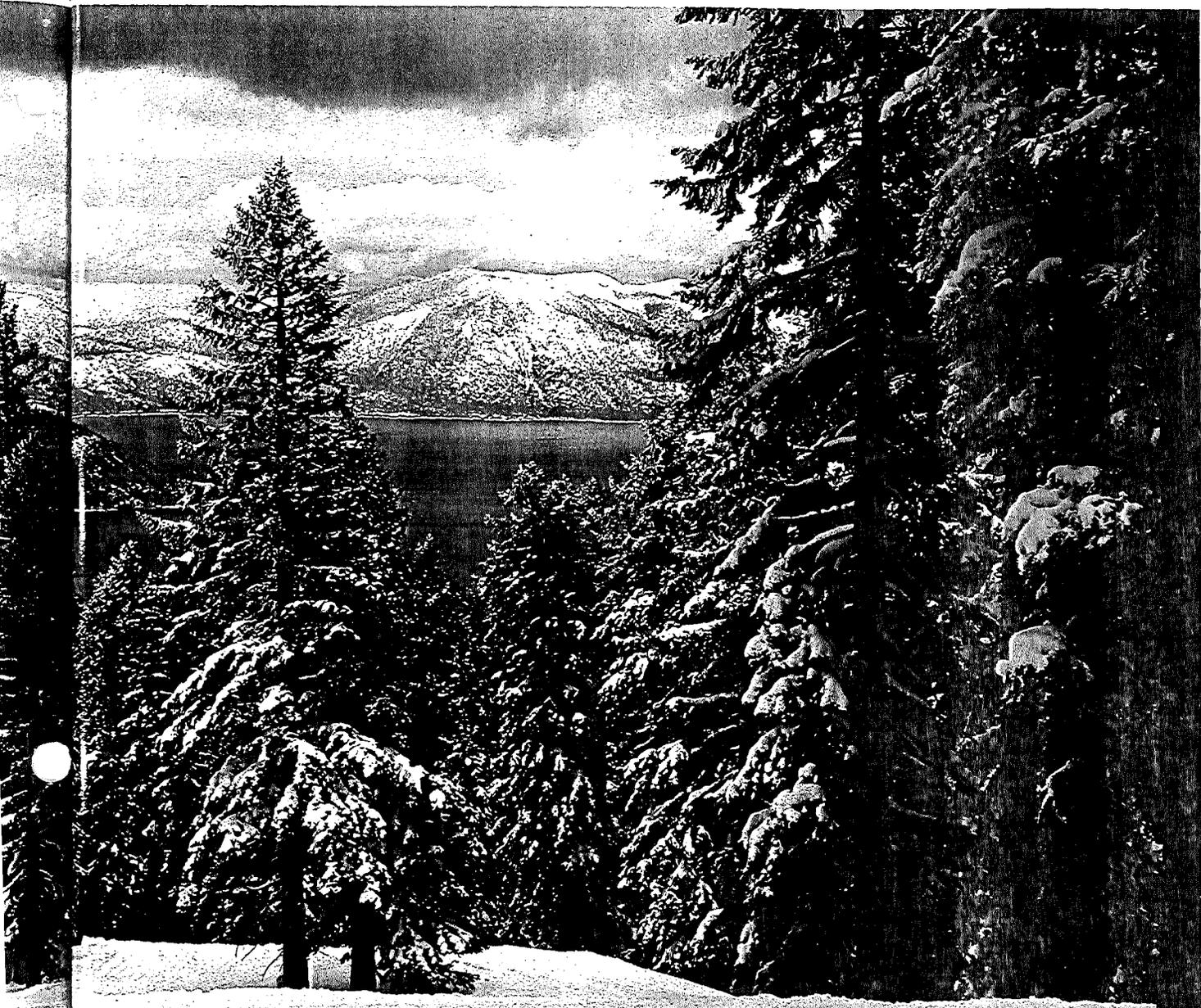
Surprisingly, most of the innovation in children's skiing



For years the preserve of the fearless "hotdogger," the

throughout the Sierras has come not from the big resorts but from small- to moderate-size ones, which have made family programs the bread and butter of their business. Dodge Ridge, in the Sonora Pass area just north of Yosemite, is one of the Sierras' most successful family resorts. The children's director there, Paul Mundy, oversees 40 instructors and, when he's not shepherding kids, serves on a national committee on children's ski development for the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA), a group that has worked to standardize instruction for children.

A few years ago, kids were automatically assigned to class levels based mostly on age or height. "But today," says Mundy, "we're more interested in each child's individual movement pattern. Instead of trying to get kids to ski like adults, we've recognized that to ski correctly a child must move his body in a different way than an adult does. For example, to accomplish a simple wedge turn, an adult will stand up



pristine wilderness of Lake Tahoe is now fair game for young "Sierra Scouts" and budding downhill racers.

straighter, whereas a child may squat down more." Mundy says Dodge Ridge and other PSIA-certified ski schools are retraining instructors to visualize children's movement patterns. "There's also an emphasis on child development; instructors not only need to teach skiing, they also need to know where a child is in terms of physical, mental and social abilities. They need to understand a child's limitations."

At Dodge Ridge, first-timers, especially in the three- to five-year-old age group, perform movement exercises indoors in front of mirrors, which enables them to develop body awareness and skiing skills in the comfort of a warm, sheltered environment.

On the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, at Incline Village's Diamond Peak ski area, children's ski center director Bee Ferrado says her area is responding to a growing demand from parents to get children on skis at an earlier age. "It

used to be that four was considered the magic age, but now it's down to three. Children these days learn faster than their predecessors."

Incline offers a midweek parent-child program for three- and four-year-olds. The two-hour group lesson, for up to five children and five parents, helps young children to feel more comfortable in a group so that leaving parents later to join a class isn't so difficult.

Incline Village's more-experienced seven- to twelve-year-olds, or "Sierra Scouts," go on "Adventure Tours" around the mountain. On these skiing expeditions, instructors offer snippets of natural history and local lore, explaining where Snowshoe Thompson skied, where the Donner Party camped and what kinds of wildlife tracks are to be found in the snow.

Kirkwood, near Carson Pass south of Lake Tahoe, is capitalizing on the kids'-skiing boom. Sensing the demand

nearly five years ago, the resort created an all-day, all-inclusive children's program that has attracted more than 35,000 children to date. Rental gear, a lift ticket, morning and afternoon lessons and lunch are included in the package. The resort has gone so far as to create a cartoon-themed "terrain garden" in its beginner area with arches, balloons and sometimes even jugglers.

Last season, more-experienced youngsters schussed downhill through an "enchanted forest," a cluster of trees festooned with painted animal figures and laced with trails that meandered through the woods like small bobsled runs. This year, at its Timber Creek Lodge, Kirkwood is building tunnels and a snow obstacle course. "The idea is to entice turning and more balancing kinds of exercises by getting the kids' minds off what they are doing and focusing on game playing instead," says the resort's director of skiing, Peter Curtis.

Caring for kids is one thing; satisfying their parents is something else. Every children's ski school has horror stories about overprotective and overambitious parents who hover around the class like mother hens and grill the instructors mercilessly. But even the most sensitive parent sometimes needs a little reassurance, and instructors are trained to tactfully counsel the moms and dads as well as the kids. While it's tempting to stand by offering words of encouragement and praise, they are advised to leave their children alone, which speeds the kids' adjustment to the group and instructor. Parents who feel they must watch are urged to do so from a distance, out of view.

Nancy Collins, director of the Children's Snow School at Alpine Meadows, recalls one anxious mother who repeatedly checked on the progress of her four-year-old daughter during a day's lesson. Finally, the little girl looked up and asked impatiently, "Don't you have your own school to go to?" ■



It's fun and games—and the kids are learning to ski, too.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

A selective guide to children's ski schools

ALPINE MEADOWS, in North Tahoe, has separate slopes for children. There are also several tiers of children's instruction: the Children's Snow School, for skiers ages three and a half to six (full-day and half-day sessions from \$38 to \$52), includes supervision, instruction, equipment, lifts, lunch and a snack. For kids ages six to twelve, there are packages for beginners (\$27 to \$38—with or without equipment), novice, intermediate and advanced students (\$22 to \$34), and accelerated students, beginners through strong intermediates who are coached in team format (\$60 per weekend, \$75 with lunch). P.O. Box 5279, Tahoe City, 95730, (916) 583-4232.

BADGER PASS, YOSEMITE, with gentle terrain and a well-established ski school, provides good opportunities for children. Classes include Badger Pups, for four- to six-year-olds, and Yosemite Ski School, for seven- to twelve-year olds. Midweek, Badger Pup students can get a lift ticket, two one-hour lessons, rental equipment, ice-skating lessons, a Valley floor tour, a shuttle-bus pass and admission to nightly social activities for \$20 per day when the family stays at Curry Company lodging. Their older brothers and sisters, up to

age twelve, ski for \$15 per day and receive two two-hour lessons. Some restrictions apply. Yosemite National Park, Badger Pass, 95389, (209) 372-1330.

BOREAL SKI AREA, located on the Donner Summit next to Highway 80, specializes in catering to families with children. It was also one of the first places to offer snowboard instruction. Parents can watch their children on the ski-teaching area from the day-lodge deck or cafeteria. The Animal Crackers program offers introductory instruction for kids four to twelve—full-day or half-day, including lessons, equipment, lift ticket and lunch—for \$42. Regular ski school, for children seven and older, ranges in price from \$18 for a two-hour group lesson to \$36 an hour for private instruction. For first-time skiers and snowboarders, there's a package that includes a two-hour lesson, equipment and a beginner chair-lift ticket for \$29 (\$19 without equipment). For the more advanced downhiller, another package offers a two-hour group workshop, rental gear and a lift pass for \$37—or a snowboard, boots and a lift ticket for \$43. P.O. Box 39, Truckee, 95734, (916) 426-3666.

DODGE RIDGE, in the Central Sierras, has gentle slopes suited to beginners and children and offers the nationally based

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end of a spectrum—films with a political message—then Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer's *Top Gun* is surely at the other. That's a movie about nothing at all, full of sound and fury, quick cuts and guitar licks; it even managed to pick up a few jingoistic points at the end, through Cruise's improbable and predictable dogfight with a Russian MIG. It made tons of money, and viewers were, presumably, satisfied—though, as Simpson told *M* magazine, "I don't think you come away from it saying, 'Son of a bitch, I never thought of that before.'"

"Why isn't it possible to state a problem in a movie, and have it thematically be about something, and do it with wit?" Weinstein asks rhetorically. Well, it is. *Baker Boys* fits that description, as does *Beverly Hills Cop* and *Bull Durham*. These are all witty, entertaining films that have as themes, respectively, individualism, loyalty and rejuvenation—not inherently political themes, but when you add significant, non-stereotypical roles for blacks and women, and a minimum of violence, they can become political.

Who goes to the movies for politics anyway?—who wants to hear a harangue? "That's not the point," says Thom Mount today. "The point is to try to serve the people who give you the money. It's a very simple dynamic. They leave their homes on a rainy night, hire a baby-sitter, pay to park their cars, buy their wives dinner, and give you money. And that is a contract, a moral, ethical, creative contract, and you must deliver for them. And in delivering for them, hopefully you've paid an extraordinary amount of attention, not just to entertainment but to stretching one's imagination, to finding new perceptions for them, opening new windows for them and generally rewarding them with an experience that's both challenging and entertaining."

As a sentiment, this may seem disingenuous, at best only part of what Fitzgerald called "the whole equation of pictures." But in implying that there is a contract between a producer and his audience, Mount is making a moral distinction, and in saying that the producer is obliged to do more on his end than entertain—well, he's being political. ■

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SKIwee program for kids three to ten. This includes daylong supervised lessons, rental equipment, snacks and lunch for \$50. P.O. Box 1188, Pinecrest, 95364, (209) 965-3474.

DIAMOND PEAK AT SKI INCLINE, located on the less-crowded Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, is a moderate-size ski area with snow-making. Programs for children include Sierra Scout Adventure, for ages seven to twelve, which incorporates local history lessons and environmental education. The one-day program, which comprises two two-hour sessions, is \$38 (\$48 with supervised lunch). 1210 Ski Way, Incline Village, Nevada, 89451, (702) 832-1130.

KIRKWOOD offers one of the most extensive and inexpensive children's programs around. Mighty Mountain Children's Ski School, for children four to twelve, includes its own beginner lift, lunchroom and ski-equipment rental. A \$45 package (\$30 when purchased in advance through participating Safeway stores) includes lessons, lift ticket, rental equipment and lunch. Admission to the afternoon session only is \$25. Mighty Mountain Super Skier, for the same price, is designed for children with more advanced skiing skills. P.O. Box 1, Kirkwood, 95646, (209) 258-6000.

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, the Southern Sierras giant, is rapidly expanding its facilities and programs for children. Funland Ski School, for four- to six-year-olds, is an all-day program that includes a supervised lunch for \$43.50 (\$28 without lunch). Mammoth Explorers offers kids seven to twelve the same agenda for the same price. Other programs include a three-day learn-to-ski package of rentals, lift and lessons for beginners only, on three consecutive days, for \$118 (\$158.50 with supervised lunch). P.O. Box 24, Mammoth Lakes, 93546, (619) 934-2581.

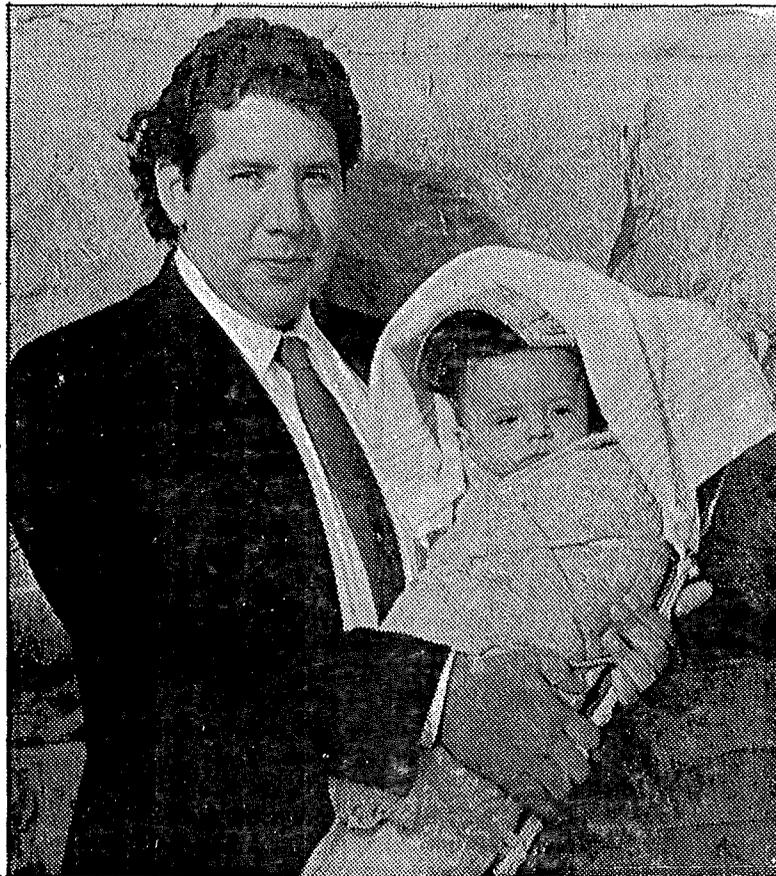
MOUNT REBA AT BEAR VALLEY, in the Central Sierras, has good teaching terrain and is expanding the capacity of its Kinderski and Skiing Bears programs (ages three to twelve) by 50 percent this season. A full-day Skiing Bear session includes lesson, lift and super-

vised lunch for \$50; the Kinderski morning-only session is \$20. Midweek, children twelve and under get free lift passes when accompanied by an adult. P.O. Box 5038, Bear Valley, 95223, (209) 753-2301.

NORTHSTAR has good trails for intermediates and one of the best wind-protected mountains in Tahoe. The extensive children's program includes Minors' Camp, for children two to six, which offers all-day supervision, lunch, two snacks and a variety of activities for \$36. Ski Cubs, for children three to six, is an all-day learn-to-ski option that includes lunch, two snacks and a one-and-a-half-hour ski session for \$42. Super Cubs, for children five to six with past skiing experience and staff recommendation, includes equipment rental, a two-and-a-half-hour morning session, lunch and the afternoon Minors' Camp program for \$49. Starkids, for children five to twelve, provides a group ski lesson, a T-shirt and an evening in the video arcade center. P.O. Box 129, Truckee, 95734, (916) 587-0278.

SIERRA SKI RANCH, a family-run resort near South Lake Tahoe, attracts many teens and preteens and features a no-alcohol policy at its dining facilities. Sierra has some of the most extensive beginner-to-lower-intermediate terrain in Northern California, a learn-to-ski program for children three to six and a separate development ski program aimed at improving performance and enjoyment for ages six to nine. Its Sierra Super Stars all-day session includes rental equipment, lesson, lift ticket and lunch for \$40. *Sierra Ski Ranch Road*, Twin Bridges, 95735, (916) 659-7519.

SQUAW VALLEY USA One of ski country's largest resorts is not famous for its children's program but has been adding new sessions in recent years. Papoose Snow School, for children three to five, offers pre-skiing exercises and ski instruction. The Ten Little Indians Infant Care Center, for children six months to two years, has activities oriented toward future skiing; an all-day session with lunch and snacks is \$47 (a half-day is \$37). The Junior Ski School is separated into two programs: Junior Beginner and Junior Mountain Ski School, for advanced skiers; costs run \$30 for a four-hour lesson, \$20 for a two-hour lesson. P.O. Box 2007, Olympic Valley, 95730, (916) 583-4743. ■



FAMILY HERITAGE. Washoe Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace holds his son Aaron in a traditional cradleboard. Wallace became tribal chairman in October along with nine other new council members. Wallace said the tribe's emphasis will be on education. R-C photo by Melanie Supersano

Washoe focus is on education

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by MELANIE SUPERSANO
Staff Writer

With the recent election of almost an entirely new Washoe Tribal Council, the new government is targeting youth, "the new generation of tribal leadership," and aiming to consolidate and strengthen educational, social and cultural programs, according to Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace.

Wallace also intends to promote the tribe's visibility in state and national politics.

Newly elected Vice Chair Lenora Kizer said, "We expect to have a voice and we expect them to listen."

Wallace and Kizer were two of 10 new council members elected Oct. 20, 1990, they said in an interview Tuesday. The council has 12 members whose terms are not staggered, allowing wholesale changeover every four years, if tribal members are so disposed.

This has happened in the past two elections, Wallace said. Prior to that, former Chairman Bob Frank presided over the tribe for 16

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years.

The Washoe Tribe has about 1,500 members and tribal lands located in Alpine and Douglas counties and Carson City. Members pursuing educational and professional goals also live off-reservation throughout the mainland United States, Hawaii and in Europe, Wallace explained.

The new council members, whose average age is about 30, were swept into office on what Wallace terms "a readiness agenda."

"This is the first year of a four-year campaign toward the 21st century," Wallace, 33, said. The campaign's aim is "to meet the needs, dreams and aspirations of the members," he said.

1991 will be "a transitioning year, a year of changes," said Kizer.

Wallace and Kizer feel the Tribal Council should look at Indian issues from a global perspective, and position the tribe to take a proactive stance in the political, economical and social arenas of the future. "We need to be very aware of what is happening outside the tribe," Kizer said.

The tribe's investment portfolio, which contains blue chip stocks, is affected by global influences Wallace said. "We are not an island unto ourselves, we fully understand that we are a part of the national and international market, we are subject to the same forces and trends."

Tribal administration must

look at the tribe not only as a community, but as a \$10 million enterprise, said Kizer.

Although no major issues affecting the tribe will be before the Nevada State Legislature this session, Wallace said he hopes to consolidate the tribe's political power by promoting block voting to support other statewide or regional issues. Backing good educational bills is a priority, he said.

"There's no Berlin Wall around the reservation."

Wallace will also be active in Washington D.C., since he was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr. to be a member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Reorganization Task Force, a committee of about 25 Indian leaders from across the nation, which will work with the Administration, Congress and the Justice Department.

At home, knitting together the tribe's social programs, such as drug and alcohol abuse programs, and educational programs such as

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classes teaching the Washoe language and traditional basket weaving, into a comprehensive package are on the council's agenda, with the focus on youth.

"Education is the key," Kizer said. She added that she hopes to promote the tribe's graduate and undergraduate scholarship programs.

"Education is like good food; we need to eat more of it," Wallace said. Wallace pointed to Kizer as an example of a successful tribal member. Kizer works for the State Department of Education. Wallace's job as chairman is a full-time, paid position, but Kizer and the other 10 members of the council are volunteers. The responsibility of being vice chair is like having another full-time job, she said, adding that she views her position as a challenge.

Wallace hopes to maintain and strengthen local intergovernmental ties and wants to set up meetings with Alpine County, Douglas County and Carson City governmental leaders and be active in the Western Nevada Development District.

To position the tribe favorably toward the 21st century, the new leaders plan to take a hard look at tribal administration and trim and strengthen where necessary to develop a strong governmental backbone.

They want "the best, smartest staff," with the most technological ability, Wallace said. He added that he intends to "consolidate down to a real strong core of lead-

Tribe hopes to be 'an asset to the whole region, economically, socially and politically'

Brian Wallace
Tribal Chairman

ership."

Overall, the tribe hopes to "be an asset to the whole region, economically, socially and politically," Wallace said.

Wallace explained that the tribe "is not unlike any country," although they have no currency, no power to make war and cannot charge income tax. The tribe, as a sovereign nation within the United States, has essentially all the powers of any country, "less the powers reserved to the federal government."

Indian tribes across the nation were initially treated as distinct political entities by colonists, Wallace explained. the government-to-government relationship of the states and the tribes "was the beginning of international law," he said.

At first, the tribes were treated with respect and sensitivity, but later, especially after the War of 1812 and the Civil War, as the states began to develop industrial wealth and to covet minerals found on Indian land, they had "less interest in maintaining the

good relations. This is a significant part of history that no one is really familiar with," Wallace said.

The legal and political status of the tribes as sovereign nations has been maintained in today's relationship between the federal government and the tribes.

Coping class offered in January

What do rag paper earrings, auto maintenance, and coping with today's realities have in common?

They are topics of classes to be taught by Camilla du Lac of Markleeville for the Douglas County Recreation Department.

Du Lac, a massage therapist, said she is offering the classes because they are all topics in which she is interested and experienced.

In addition, she's doing classes on becoming a non-smoker and stress reduction by touch therapy.

"The self realization class has to do with getting to know yourself and your loved ones. You will learn how to ask questions to get the responses you need to know. It's a process of visualization and becoming very comfortable with yourself."

Du Lac said the coping class,



CAMILLA DU LAC

which begins on Jan. 22, is an area in which she has been working for 15 years.

"I'd like to have a minimum of

10 people in each class," she said. "I'm looking for people who would like to explore the possibility of healthy relationships, caring people who would like to develop a better understanding of themselves and their families."

Du Lac, originally from Waterville, Maine, has lived in Markleeville for past eight years.

The automotive survival for women class will be taught by du Lac and mechanic Bill McKinnon. She described it as a "hands on" class to teach women how to change oil, tires, fix a flat, check fluid levels and basic automotive maintenance.

The rag paper earrings class is a one-time session that du Lac said she wanted to teach for fun.

For dates or registration information, contact the recreation department at 782-9828 or du Lac at (916)-694-2387.

Alpine considers wood stove rules

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by JENNIFER COVERDALE
R-C News Service

Concern that 3,000 old wood stoves could be dumped on markets in the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District has prompted new ways to reduce unhealthy emissions in Alpine County.

Four proposals, which could also be implemented in Inyo and Mono Counties, were introduced to Alpine County Supervisors in response to word that Mammoth Lakes may prohibit the use of higher polluting stoves and fireplaces within its boundaries.

"We didn't want dirty stoves from Mammoth showing up in other counties," explained Ellen Hardeback, a district pollution control officer explaining that used stoves might be exported to areas with less stringent regulations.

Mammoth Lakes planner Bill Taylor believes fear of a total ban may be premature, since it would only be considered if the city's no-burn days failed to bring the resort

area into compliance with federal air quality standards by 1993.

However, board Chairman Ann Wade is worried that without foresight, Alpine County could inherit Lake Tahoe's unenviable role of bordering a county that not only prohibits non-certified stoves in new homes, but has a progressive retrofit program in place.

"When Washoe County changed its standards, a lot of old stoves were unloaded into the basin," she said. "We don't want to have that problem."

The supervisors, protective of their community's right to burn wood, were receptive to all but one of the district's suggested rules. Although they agreed the county should prohibit the installation of low-grade stoves in new homes, they resisted mandating their removal from resold residences.

"Until we have a problem, we don't want anything that drastic," Wade said. "Right now we're concerned what impact a ban might have on the people who sell their homes."

The board, however, welcomed rules that would require Environmental Protection Agency certification of wood stoves, as well as restrictions on the sale of coal, plastic and materials treated for burning. A program would also be started to respond to individual complaints of smoke pollution.

Jim Thompson, air pollution control program coordinator for El Dorado County, said particles in wood smoke, which are generally smaller than four-ten-thousandths of an inch, can become trapped in lungs and possibly carrying carcinogens.

The extent to which wood smoke opacity is a problem in Alpine County is still unclear, though visual monitoring done intermittently at Kirkwood Ski Resort suggests there are "no consistent or ongoing" air quality problems in the area, according to Michael Berry, president of Kirkwood Association.

He believes Alpine County is in a better position topographically than basin areas such as South Shore, because of air flow, and

therefore is less susceptible to cold air inversions, which are blamed for trapping sooty haze over the Sierra.

"We don't suffer pollution in the same sense that the basin does because it's completely enclosed except where the Truckee River goes out at Tahoe City," Berry said. "Still, we're sensitive to the issue."

Supervisor John Bennett also said a county of about 1,200 residents is not going to face the same visibility and health effects from emissions as a tourism region, even though wood stove heating is commonplace.

He agreed with other board members that a woodburning ban should be limited to new development, as well as existing buildings that are not already equipped with wood stoves under certain conditions. The board wants "hardship" exemptions to be available for structures involved in first-time stove installations if their flue's position in the house is not compatible connecting pipes on certified stoves.

TRPA looks at sale of used wood stoves in Alpine County

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by JENNIFER COVERDALE
R-C News Service

Alpine County's fear of becoming a receptacle for used wood stoves reflects recent concern by environmentalists that the Lake Tahoe Basin has become a wasteland for Washoe County's dirty heaters.

"Unfortunately, non-complying stoves are sold in much of the basin, with no effort to prohibit their sale by the TRPA," League to Save Lake Tahoe Director Laurel Ames told Washoe County officials in August, just before they exempted Incline Village from its restrictive emission controls.

Kevin Golden of the Washoe County Health Department estimated that 1,000 faulty stoves are shipped outside this area each year for sale in markets not regulated by federal and Oregon discharge requirements.

"We get reports from California that you can go to a flea market and buy a used stove for a couple hundred dollars," he said. "We've

told the California Air Resources Board this. But there's nothing we can do. They need to protect themselves."

While the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency regulates the installation of low-emission stoves and fireplaces in new construction at the security deposit level, no regulations govern heater replacement during residential sales.

TRPA spokesperson Pam Drum said the bistate agency is "taking a real hard look" at amending a retrofit program into its air quality and transportation plan, but added that conversions could be "a real enforcement nightmare."

Golden agreed the process "takes time on the paperwork," though cost-benefit analyses reveal wood stove compliance is comparable to other pollution control efforts such as smog checks. The health department has licensed wood stove specialists who inspect homes before the close of escrow.

"There's definitely a paper trail, but no program is totally free of that," he said. "At the same time,

we're a lot bigger than South Lake Tahoe. We already had the infrastructure to do this."

And, some would suggest, more time. Jim Thompsen of El Dorado County's air pollution division said the regional air board has adopted state guidelines aimed at stopping the sale of non-complying stoves in light of competing priorities.

"It's not that we don't care," he said, referring to reports that 70 percent of county residents use wood for heat. "We've just had to deal with more serious issues of ozone and attainment."

The air resources board estimates that as much as 36 tons of wood particles and 23 tons of carbon monoxide are released through stove chimneys each day in Tahoe.

Alpine County disputes census count

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Unlike most of its neighbors, Alpine County may end up benefiting from the results of the 1990 Census.

According to Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear, the final count for the county came out to be 1,113 on the census, nearly 84 fewer residents than in 1980.

The fact that Alpine County is the slowest growing county in California may aid the county in its efforts to get economic development grants.

However, one problem with the census is that it neglected to include the Washoe Indian colony at Woodfords.

Supervisors will discuss the impact of the census on the county at their regular meeting 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Markleeville

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Courthouse. Advertising will begin for dog trainers to work with Alpine County's first police dog.

Supervisors approved the purchase of a single dog in September.

District Attorney Hank Murdock asked supervisors to reconsider their earlier denial of the dog and a \$75,000 grant which could be used for drug enforcement.

"Ever since I've been in the county, people have been yelling at me to do something about drugs," he said.

Approval of a dog was a sore subject among Alpine County residents.

Supervisor John Brissenden, who has opposed the grant from the start, said he felt the grant was a sham.

"Legislating morality hasn't

worked in 20,000 years, and it probably isn't going to work now," he said.

Board member Donald Jardine suggested that a single dog be purchased, trained and evaluated.

"I would certainly support one dog," he said. "I'd consider more, but they would have to prove themselves."

Supervisors approved applying for the federal grant under the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act in April.

The grant, which is administered by the California Office of the Budget was originally to be competitive.

This year the state has arranged for each county to receive some funding.

Funds from the grant will go to the district attorney's office and the probation department in addition to the sheriff's department.

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

Murdock said the distribution will change as the sheriff's department brings more people into the system for drugs.

The grant monies cannot be used to supplant the normal law enforcement budget.

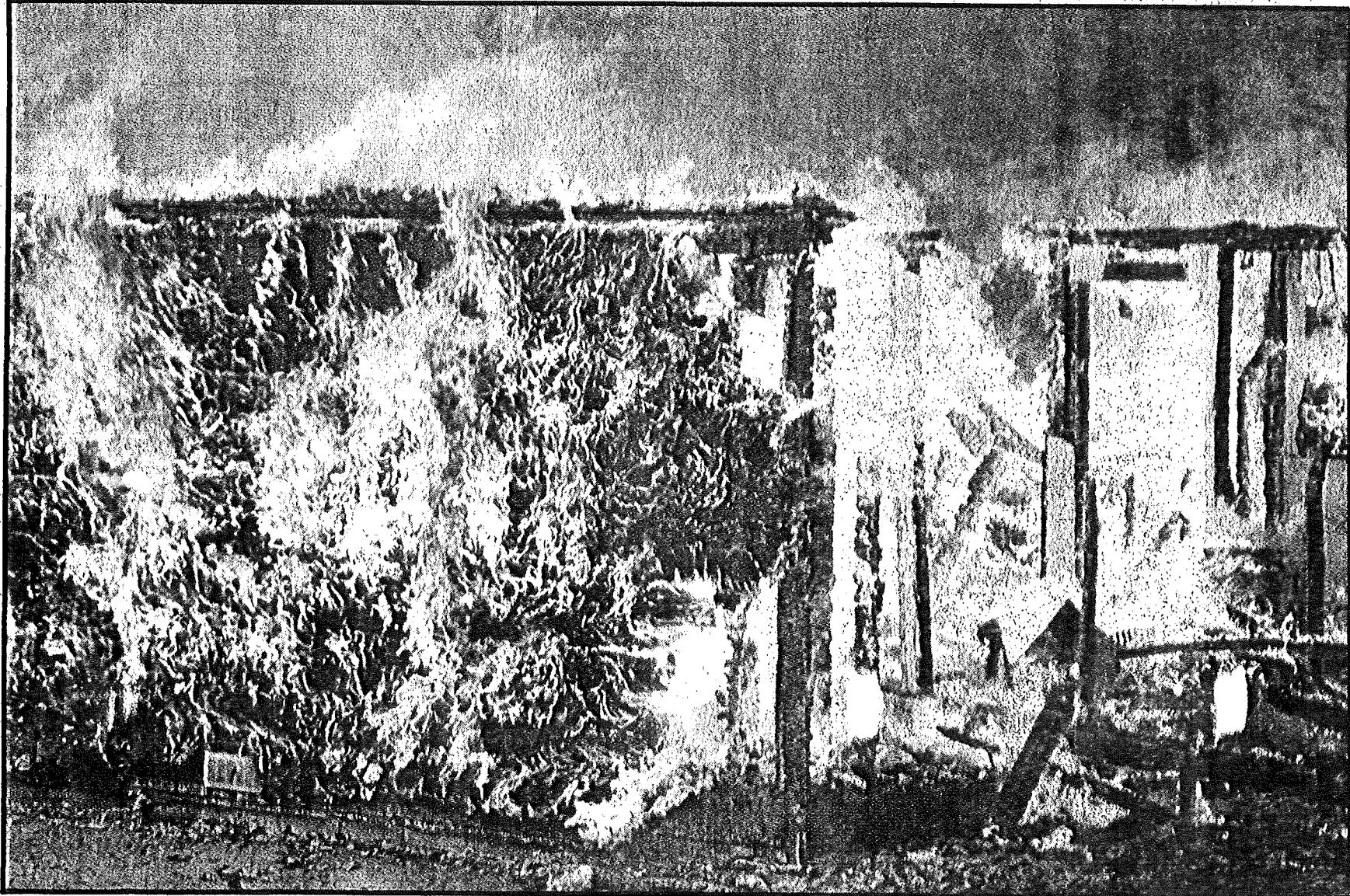
Forester Calvin Bird will make a presentation on timber receipts in the Stanislaus National Forest.

Board members will also discuss spending \$75,000 to help build a new library in Bear Valley.

According to Lear, about two-thirds of the cost of the library will be paid by a grant from the California Library Association.

The grant will pay \$195,000 of the total cost of the library.

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Daniel Hinz
California Fish and Game

Tribune file photo

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Tahoe Life

Springing back from wasteland

Forest, community return to normal after Alpine fire

By JENNIFER COVERDALE
Tribune Staff Writer

Within a single dry, windy summer day in 1987, Acorn Canyon became Paradise Lost when a fire turned 6,000 thickly forested acres and 27 homes into a naked valley of ash.

By the end of July 30, only skeletons of sage, blackened tree stumps, lifeless chipmunks and a haze of smoke remained in the once pristine Sierra wilderness.

For 150 residents in Woodfords, who were evacuated when the fire swept into town, it was difficult to imagine life ever returning to the charred Alpine County canyon.

But the disaster that transformed their home into a stark, blasted wasteland did not destroy hope.

drought. An estimated \$4 million in structural damage was caused by the Acorn fire.

Dondero added that more than 200 brush fires have burned in Alpine County since the Acorn fire, representing a 50 percent increase over non-drought years.

"You can look up and down the Sierras and its like a patchwork quilt because of the fire scars," Dondero said, referring to an abundance of lightning-sparked wildfires. "It's just part of the ecosystem."

A year prior to the Acorn fire, winds fanned a 6,000-acre burn in the Fredricksburg area, destroying several structures. A year before that, 18,000 acres of land near Indian Creek were engulfed in flames.

It was the burnt western boundary of the Fredericksburg fire that stopped the Acorn

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John Bennett
Alpine County Supervisor

Today, the fire that engulfed 10 square miles of wildland near Crystal Springs in less than 10 hours is fading slowly into memory. The U.S. Forest Service and Mother Nature have since turned the charred landscape into a younger version of its former self: a rolling valley of 2-year-old Jeffrey pines.

And, in Woodfords, all but two homes have been reconstructed, with families settled in having returned to normal lives.

Alpine County Supervisor John Bennett, whose new home is painted the same dark brown as the one that burned, said his neighborhood began planting sod, then deciduous trees and foundations just months after the blaze.

“After the fire we could only salvage a few pictures, and a couple of dogs and cats,” remembered Bennett, who was one of the last out of Mesa Vista subdivision as the fire raced forward. “The dishes were so cooked, they broke if we touched them.”

Though Bennett and his wife discussed moving out of the area, they — like other Woodfords residents — did not want to give up on their sparsely populated town, which reportedly maintained its 150-resident population after the fire.

“We almost left, but then we liked this area — this was home,” he said. “So we decided we would take our chances with another fire.”

Carson Fire District management officer Mike Dondero said people don’t live on the east side of the Sierras unless they have that kind of mentality, especially during a

fire from spreading further eastward, he said, recalling how 1,300 firefighters scrambled to stop the blaze.

Since then, forestry workers have replanted pine trees in all but the rocky cliffs of the canyon. By the spring of 1989, about 150 acres of canyon slopes had been covered with pine seedlings, each about a foot tall, according to forestry technician Kathy Milner.

The first step was to transport bundles of 2-year-old trees from a Forest Service nursery near Placerville into the area in a temperature-controlled truck that December.

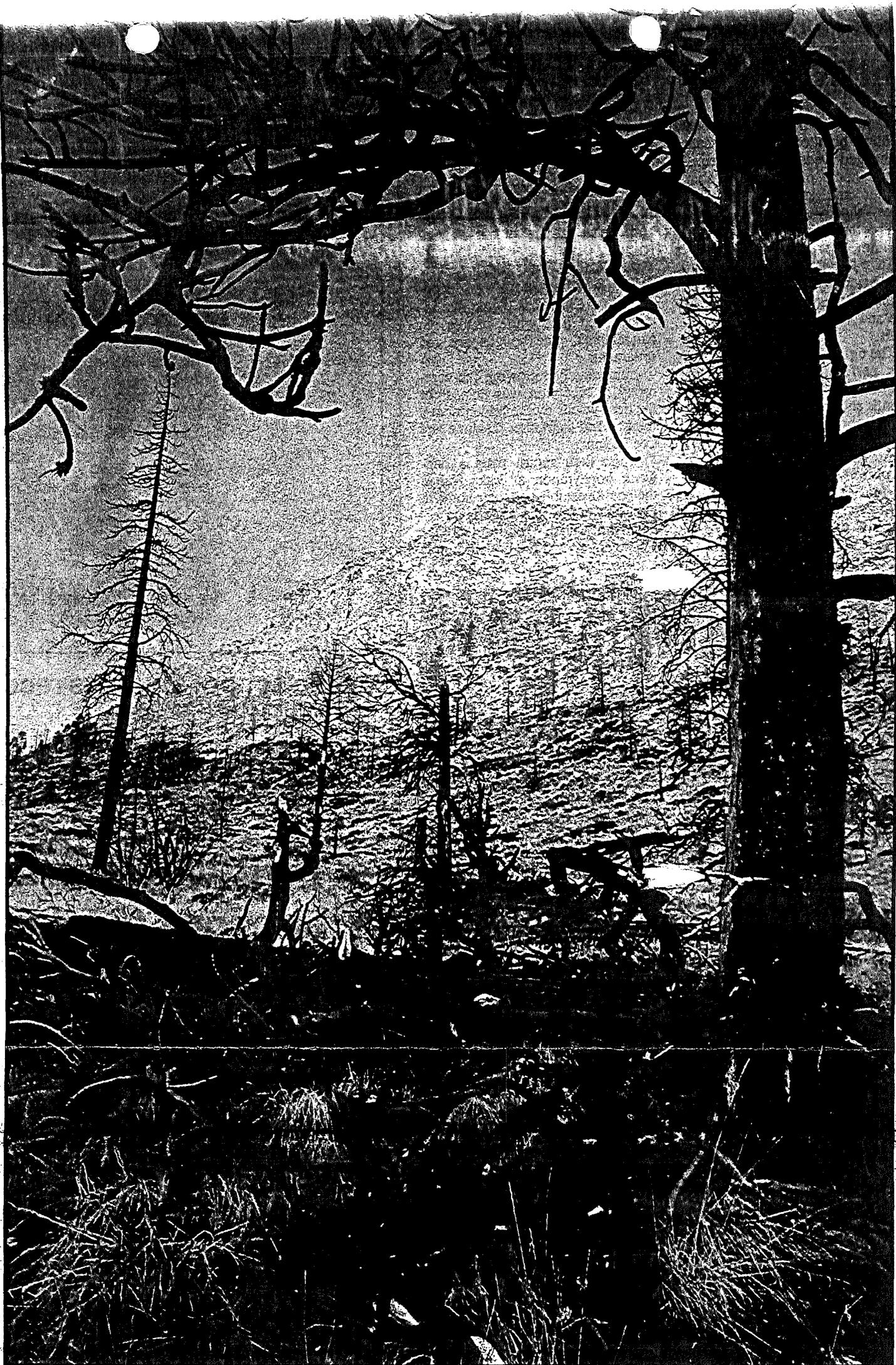
About 12 workers then used special saws, containing auger heads, to bore narrow holes in the soil along every 10 feet of terrain. Milner explained that the tapered holes prevented air pockets, rocks and weeds from entering the holes and drying out the trees’ roots.

Given the region’s low humidity, each tree also had to be dipped in a solution known as tera-sorb, which sticks to the roots and soaks up enough moisture to support the seedlings their first two years in the ground.

Each day, about 8,000 trees were quickly planted into the ground to prevent the dry air from killing the seedlings, Milner said.

“If the trees are not protected for 30 seconds, then we have to assume they’re dead,” she said, explaining that from their burlap wrapping, the seedlings were immediately planted into the 4-inch ground holes.

During the trees’ first two years of



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THE DESTRUCTION of 1987's Acorn fire is still evident in the hills of Alpine County, but reforestation efforts are making a difference and residents burned out of their homes have rebuilt.

growth, snow pack is also very critical to their survival. Milner said if they waited until this year to plant, there wouldn't have been enough runoff to prevent widespread tree death.

In Mitchell Canyon, which is even drier than the Crystal Springs region, the reforestation effort has failed because of the drought, which is now entering its fifth year. Only 7 percent of the trees planted in that area managed to survive, she said. If fewer than 250 trees per acre do not survive during the first five years of the

reforestation effort, rangers must completely replant the site.

But in the Acorn Canyon, the odds look much better. Like whisker stubble, much of the valley is now covered with two-foot tall trees, which one day may grow up to 55 inches in diameter and 150 feet in height. Milner expects a 70 percent survival rate unless drought conditions become too severe.

In addition to trees, small broad-leaf plants called, "forbes," and other grassy vegetation have reappeared on the canyon

slopes, inviting thousands of chipmunks and deer back into the area.

Now, instead of seeing deer in the flatlands, visitors to the area can spot them up on bench-like slopes, bedding down and hiding in the green and brown cover, according to Fish and Game biologist Daniel Hinz.

"The worst effects of the fire are over," he said. "As soon as the vegetation begins to come back, you started seeing more small mammals and deer."

THE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Three teens die in crash

Two other wrecks kill one, seriously injure another

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune City Editor

Three South Lake Tahoe teen-agers died late Saturday when the driver of the car they were riding in lost control on an icy stretch of Pioneer Trail and slammed into two trees. Shortly thereafter, a Markleeville girl suffered critical injuries in a similar accident near her home.

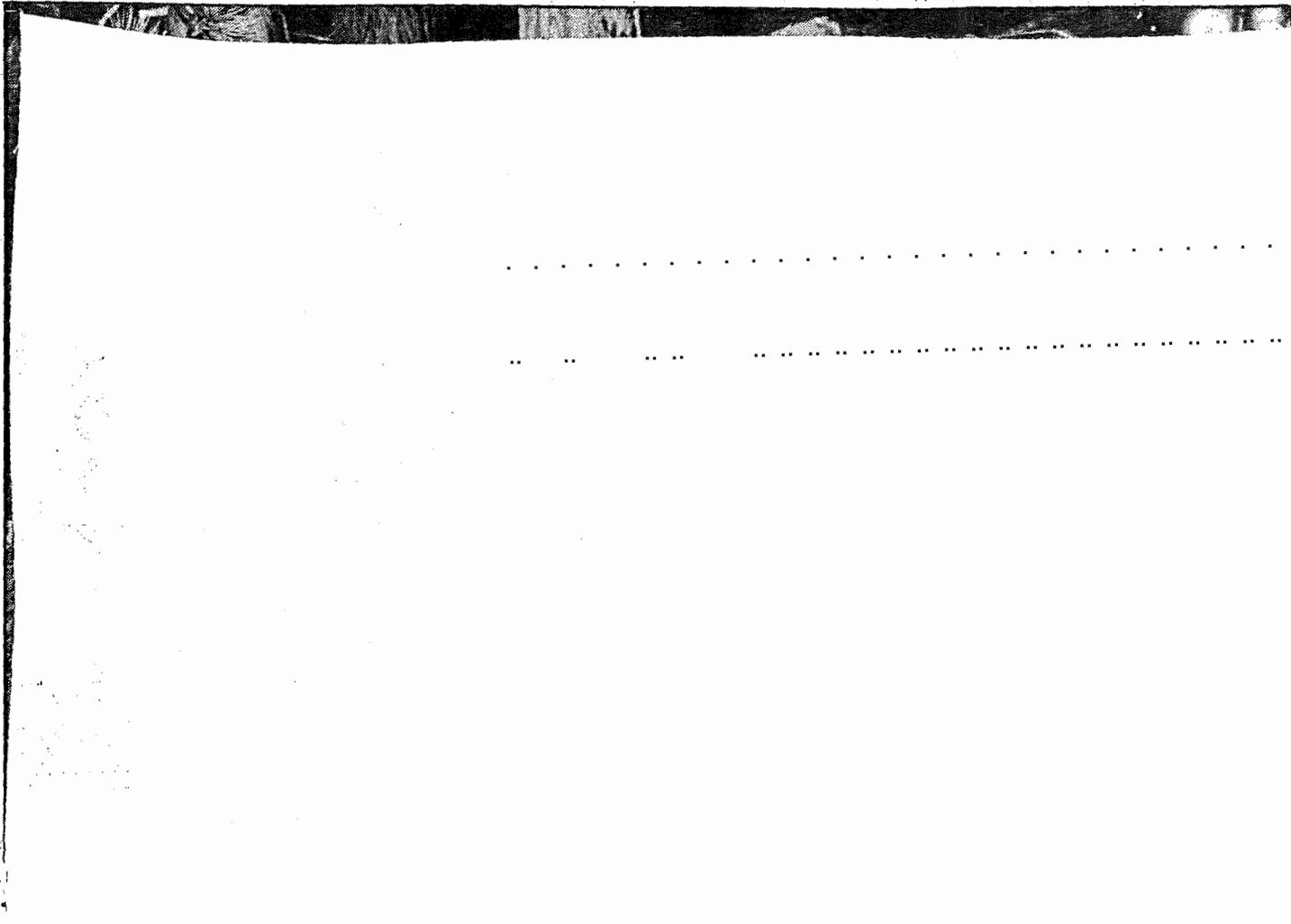
Killed at the scene of the South Lake Tahoe crash were 16-year-old Sandy Haynes, 15-year-old Rory Hrbacek and Casey Wells, also 15.

The three were riding in the back seat of a 1990 Toyota Tercel station wagon driven by a 16-year-old boy who authorities refused to identify this morning. The driver, who suffered minor injuries, will be charged with manslaughter, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The fifth boy riding in the car, 15-year-old Jesse Thompson, suffered a broken arm. All five boys were from South Lake Tahoe and students at South Tahoe High School.

The Tercel was traveling eastbound on Pioneer just east of Jicarilla Drive when the driver lost control about 11 p.m. Saturday, slid off the road and struck two trees, CHP

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Sgt. Travis Greenlee said. Authorities are still investigating whether alcohol was involved in the accident.

The three back-seat passengers were killed at the scene. The driver and front-seat passenger were both wearing seat belts when the accident occurred, while those killed were not, Greenlee said.

"It appears that with the icy road conditions and with the speed the vehicle was going, the youngster just lost it," Greenlee said. "We've got three dead kids as a result."

Greenlee said Sunday that police and firefighters were stricken with the tragedy of the incident.

"It was really traumatic for all of us out there last night," he said. "It really hits you at home. You see this and you just shake your head and say they had a full life ahead of them."

* Shortly after the South Lake Tahoe accident, a 17-year-old Markleeville girl suffered major injuries when she lost control of her car on California State Route 89 about a half-mile north of Markleeville.

Jennifer Lynn Halverson was ejected from her 1983 Honda Accord after she lost control of the vehicle and it rolled several times, Greenlee said. The girl, suffering critical head injuries, was flown by Careflight helicopter to Washoe Medical Center where she was listed in serious and stable condition Sunday.

"The roads were icy over there and it appears speed was involved," Greenlee said.

Meanwhile, a 48-year-old Rancho Cordova, Calif., woman faces vehicular manslaughter charges in connection with a fatal head-on crash Friday near Sierra Ski Ranch.

Shirley Mae Janes was traveling eastbound on U.S. Highway 50 at the wheel of her Cadillac about 10:30 p.m. when for unknown reason she crossed over the center line and struck a westbound vehicle driven by a Napa, Calif., woman.

Janes' passenger, 59-year-old Bill O'Conner of Rancho Cordova, was ejected from the vehicle and suffered massive head and chest injuries, Greenlee said. He later died at Barton Memorial Hospital.

The two people riding in the westbound vehicle suffered minor injuries.

Janes was booked on charges of vehicular manslaughter and felony driving under the influence of

Greenlee said

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Alpine eyes Census count

By KURT HILDEBRAND
Tribune News Service

Unlike most of its neighbors, Alpine County may end up benefiting from the results of the 1990 Census.

According to Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear, the final count for the county came out to be 1,113 on the census, nearly 84 fewer residents than in 1980.

The fact that Alpine County is the slowest growing county in California may aid the county in its efforts to get economic development grants.

However, one problem with the census is that it neglected to include the Washoe Indian colony at Woodfords.

Supervisors will discuss the impact of the census on the county at their regular meeting 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Markleeville Courthouse.

Advertising will begin for dog trainers to work with Alpine County's first police dog.

Supervisors approved the purchase of a single dog in September.

District Attorney Hank Murdock asked supervisors to reconsider their earlier denial of the dog and a \$75,000 grant which could be used for drug enforcement.

"Ever since I've been in the county, people have been yelling at me to do something about drugs," he said.

Approval of a dog was a sore subject among Alpine County residents.

Supervisor John Brissenden, who has opposed the grant from the start, said he felt the grant was a sham.

"Legislating morality hasn't worked in 20,000 years, and it probably isn't going to work now," he said.

Board member Donald Jardine suggested that a single dog be purchased, trained and evaluated.

"I would certainly support one dog," he said. "I'd consider more, but they would have to prove themselves."

Supervisors approved applying for the federal grant under the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act in April.

The grant, which is administered by the California Office of the budget was originally to be competitive.

This year the state has arranged for each county to receive some funding.

Funds from the grant will go to the district attorney's office and the probation department in addition to the sheriff's department.

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

Murdock said the distribution will change as the sheriff's department brings more people into the system for drugs.



Markleeville resident Sandra Moody ties a yellow ribbon around one of the posts of her front porch during ribbon tying campaign in support of American troops fighting in the Middle East.

Moody is the owner of the J. Markleeville Toll Station. About 25 residents showed up Saturday to tie on the ribbons. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

War leads to debate

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Like many communities, Markleeville is no stranger to the controversy over the war with Iraq.

Many residents spent Saturday battling snow, rain and wind to tie yellow ribbons around anything standing upright in Markleeville and Woodfords.

The yellow ribbon campaign was not without its critics.

Funding for the 5,000 feet of ribbon decorating the community was pulled at the last minute by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

Nancy Thornburg, one of the organizers of the yellow ribbon campaign, said private donations more than made up for the lost funding.

Ribbon campaign draws controversy

Thornburg said the ribbons showed support for Americans stationed in the Gulf.

"The represent our support for the troops and our hope they come home safe," she said.

Supervisor Donald Jardine said he commended the effort.

"I wholeheartedly endorse this show of community support for the men and women in the Middle East," he said.

A letter supporting American troops fighting in the Persian Gulf may be forthcoming from

Alpine County supervisors, but one supporting the war itself is less likely.

Jardine, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, proposed sending a letter from Alpine County supporting the troops and actions in the Middle East war.

However, supervisor John Brissenden said he would not support anything in favor of the war.

Jardine said there were two Alpine residents stationed in the Middle East.

"I feel it is important this body supports those people," he said.

Brissenden said he supported the troops, but felt the war was immoral.

"I have no problem with supporting the troops," he said. "It's

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a case of commending the warriors and condemning the war."

He went on to lambaste President George Bush and the reasons for fighting.

"It seems insane to support a war in the Middle East when we are gutting are energy programs at home," he said. "We are defending oil despots and dictators."

Brissenden pointed out many of the shortfalls of Arabic culture.

"Kuwait is not a free country," he said. "The debasment of women in the culture is not defensible."

"This is a war of profits for big oil," he said.

"The President is ignoring the needs of individuals in this country."

Jardine said he was not prepared for a long debate on the

issue and he would be satisfied with a letter supporting the troops.

Board member Eric Jung said he was also willing to support the troops.

"If you want to do any more you are going to get a big debate," Jung warned. "I don't want to send anything to the president, because he might wave all the letters and say, 'look at all the support for my war.'"

Chair C. Ann Wade said she supported the troops and America's political leadership.

"I believe that in a democracy, the majority rules," she said. "I believe that those opposing the war are in the minority."

Board member John Bennett said he agreed with some of Brissenden's points, but he was willing to support a letter to the troops.

The board directed Jardine to write a letter of support for the troops which will be brought back to the Feb. 19 meeting.

Alpine may ask for relief

Record Courier 2-7-91

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

If it doesn't snow soon, Alpine County will be among the economic casualties.

"The really horrible numbers will be appearing soon," Jung said of the reduced snow pack.

A Jan. 15 Snotel snow-water equivalent report said the Carson-River Basin was about one-quarter normal and about half what it was last year.

However, a dry December made conditions worse.

According to preliminary reports from the U.S. Conservation Service released Feb. 1, the snow pack is 15 percent the 20-year average, one of the lowest levels recorded since 1908.

Alpine County Supervisors dis-

cussed the possibility of declaring the county a disaster area Tuesday.

Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear told board members she researched the possibility of declaring a local disaster.

However, the news was not encouraging.

Lear said a representative from the California Office of Emergency Services said any local declaration due to drought would not be looked at positively by that office and Governor Pete Wilson.

Lear said the state representative told her the entire state will be looking for solutions.

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with declaring a disaster is perceptual.

"Drought is included in the definition of disaster, but its effects are not immediate," she said.

If the county were successful in having the governor declare Alpine County a disaster area, small businesses in the county would be eligible for low-interest loans.

Jung argued the county should look into the possibility anyway.

"They've never had an application from a county whose economy is 80 percent tourism," Jung said.

Lear said there is no state program for a drought disaster.

"There are not state programs available for this type of disaster," she said.

Board member John Brissenden

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said he thought the declaration might do more damage than the drought.

"I think it might be more deleterious to business because of public perception and media attention than any benefit we might gain from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)," he said.

The ski industry in Alpine County is a source of a great deal of its tax revenue, and continued drought may also endanger the county's summer tourist industry.

In other business:

•Supervisors heard an update on

a waste generation study from Judith Hildinger.

Hildinger said the study was almost completed.

The county was successful in its request to adapt Mono County's waste characterization study to Alpine County.

The only things left to do in the study is to project the amount of solid waste generated by the county over the next 15 years and a projection on the diversity of waste.

Under AB 939, California counties and cities must reduce solid waste generation by 25 percent in

1995 and by 50 percent in 2000.

•Approved an application for matching funds to build a library in Bear Valley.

Initial estimates the county would have to come up with \$68,000 in matching funds were low, according to librarian Diane Brigham.

Brigham told supervisors a more realistic figure would be \$146,000.

Supervisors asked Brigham if there was any way she could reduce the amount of matching funds by reducing the size of the library.

"Is there a way we could just buy a Chevrolet instead of a Cadillac supervisor John Bennett asked.

Brigham said if the library was cut back too far, the county's chances of receiving the grant from the state would be reduced.

"I don't think we could bring it down to \$68,000," she said. "That would take us out of the competition."

In the end, supervisors reluctantly approved applying for the grant with the stipulation that the state librarian be contacted ahead of time and told of increased construction costs.



HONORS. Students on the honor roll at Diamond Valley School were honored with pizza last week at the Woodford's Washoe Community Center. Speaking to them is Washoe Tribal Chairman

Brian Wallace. Seated to the right is DVS Principal Sandy Cowen, who also spoke. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

DVS honor students get pizza

Diamond Valley School announced its honor roll students for the second quarter of the 1990-91 school year. Students who received a 3.25 or greater grade point average in academic subjects on their mid-year report card achieved honor roll status.

The students have worked hard this past quarter to achieve this academic position.

Out of 75 eligible 4th-8th grade students, 21 achieved honor roll status.

"That is 28 percent of the upper grade students," said Principal Sandy Cowen.

As a reward for their excellent achievement, the honor roll students were treated to a pizza and punch lunch at the Woodford's Washoe Community Center. The Alpine County Tobacco Control Program in conjunction with the Woodford's Community Tutoring Program sponsored the lunch which was enjoyed by everyone.

Brian Wallace, Chairman of the Washoe Tribe; Dr. James Parson, Superintendent of Alpine County Schools; Sandy Cowen, Principal of Diamond Valley School; Sherry Smokey, Education Coordinator for the Washoe Tribe; and Winnie Mendivil, Native American Liaison for Alpine County Schools, all gave brief, inspirational and congratulatory remarks to the students during the luncheon. "We plan to make this a quarterly event," the principal said.

A list of honor roll students follows:

SEVENTH/EIGHT GRADES

Jennifer Homer, Melissa Lewis, Chrissy Mendivil, Jason Bryan, Jana Martin.

FIFTH/SIXTH GRADES

Brieanna Cross, Tamara Turnbeaugh, Megan O'Neal, Mikaela Jones, Rendee Johnson, Annie Brissenden, Neil Mortimer, Rolena Vann.

FOURTH/FIFTH GRADES

Allison O'Neal, Aaron Johnson, Melissa Baker, Angel Gabriel, George Tinseth, Keena Jones, Paul Kralik, Gregg Masse.

The Diamond Valley School staff has also initiated monthly academic/citizenship awards assemblies.

After each month, a primary (K-3) and an upper grade (4-8) assembly will be held to hand out awards for outstanding scholastic achievement overall, outstanding citizenship, and most improved student.

At the 4th through 8th grade levels a super student award will also be given at each grade level for each departmentalized subject: math, science and social studies.

"We are very proud of all of our Diamond Valley School award winners, and we hope that many more students will earn these awards before the end of the school year," Cowen said.

Alpine begins program for assault victims

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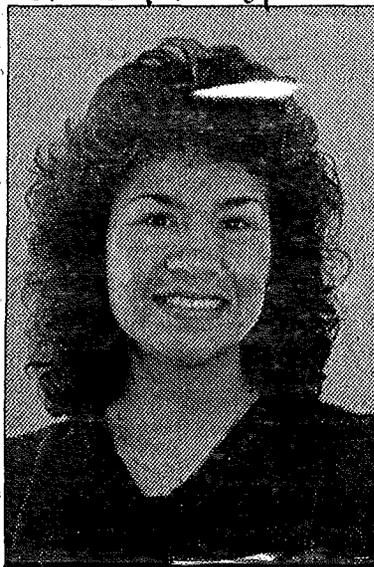
The Alpine County Sexual Assault Project is now available to residents under the direction of coordinator Barbara Bennett, a Woodfords resident.

Bennett said the project offers crisis intervention in sexual assault cases, advocacy and accompaniment for victims, community education, counseling services from professional therapists and referral.

"We have a need for such services in Alpine County because we are so small and so isolated," said Bennett.

She has a social services degree from the University of Nevada, Reno.

"If someone wants to call, they don't have to disclose who they



BARBARA BENNETT
are. We want to respect their pri-

vacy," she said. "We would encourage family members or friends to call if they are aware of problems or people who may have suffered a rape or assault several years ago, but are finally getting around to dealing with it."

Bennett said the project is funded by the Women's Center of South Lake Tahoe.

She plans to train crisis line volunteers and hopes to organize support groups through the project.

The Alpine County Sexual Assault Project is located in the Woodfords House in Alpine County.

Bennett can be reached at 916-694-2533 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Help also is available on a 24-hour crisis line by calling collect 916-544-4444.

Bennett said the numbers are available to residents outside of Alpine County, too.

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Alpine sheriff's office opposes parking

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by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A proposal to build an additional parking lot just below Carson Pass is under fire from the Alpine County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office is officially opposed to the new parking lot as unsafe, Sheriff Skip Veatch told supervisors Tuesday.

"The sheriff's office is officially opposed to this unless some safety issues are addressed," Veatch said. "There have been several injury accidents and even a death on this road."

A letter sent to supervisors Feb. 7 requested formal approval for the Carson Pass West Sno-Park.

Dave Cox, manager of the Sno-Park program for the California

Department of Parks and Recreation, said the new site is one-quarter west of the existing parking lot and is currently used for recreation parking during the summer.

Veatch said the park was proposed for Meiss Lake trailhead along Highway 88.

"That is a steep icy hill," Veatch said. "The original proposal included a left-turn pocket."

Assistant Sheriff Robert Tucker sent a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding the removal of a left-turn lane from the proposal.

"With the installation of a snow park bringing increased traffic, with vehicles turning into and pulling out of this new area, our accident rate is predicted to, at

minimum, double with far greater possibility of head-on collision," Tucker wrote transportation officials.

Supervisors voted to approve the parking lot if a turn lane is included and local law enforcement is consulted to address safety issues in the area.

In other business, supervisors approved a memorandum commenting on the Stanislaus National Forest draft land use management plan.

Public Works director Leonard Turnbeaugh drafted the memo, saying he felt the plan as a whole is a reaction to growth in the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay area.

"The plan will not directly increase the use of the forest, but it does need to provide for the

increase," he said.

Supervisor Eric Jung asked supervisors to amend the memorandum, which will be sent to the Forest Service for inclusion in the management plan, to ban logging above Cabbage Patch in Bear Valley.

"I don't think my constituents want to see logging trucks from Cabbage Patch up," he said. "The Forest Service admits that logging at that elevation is a losing proposition."

According to Jung, there is one 80,000 board feet timber sale scheduled for the area.

"Nobody is going to lose their job if the Forest Service kills that sale," he said. Jung's comments were included in the final response sent to the Forest Service.

Alpine looks at impact of lack of snow

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Declaring a local emergency in Alpine County due to drought may not do the local economy any good.

California Emergency Services representative Orrin Orr told supervisors the state doesn't have any programs in place for drought.

In the case of Alpine County, where there is still water to drink and for agriculture, there might not be any relief available at all.

All the same, the drought and the accompanying lack of a snow pack is hurting the county's winter tourist economy.

Employment is down drastically in the county. Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear said a survey of county businesses indicates the number of employees is one-quarter of what it was last year.

Lear gave preliminary results of the survey of businesses, water companies and ranchers. The sur-

vey of 76 businesses has had a 33 percent response.

According to Lear, the reporting businesses said business is off by 52 percent.

None of the people responding to the survey said they would be opposed to declaring a local emergency.

Orr said there were no state programs to deal with drought.

"Most drought programs are through the Farmers Home Administration and are federal programs," Orr said. "Friday the governor (California Governor Pete Wilson) indicated he was trying to put together \$200 million for some kind of aid."

Most federal programs provide loans for farming and ranching, Orr said.

Even the 1976-77 droughts did not elicit much in the way of aid.

"We did get a lot of aid due to the freeze," he said. "But that had a sudden and immediate impact."

Orr told supervisors they would

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h additional powers if they declared a state of emergency. However, most of those powers are related to spending county money.

"If you feel strongly enough, then go ahead," he said. "But, I understand the governor hasn't ruled out declaring a state emergency."

If supervisors declare the emergency, they would have to renew it every two weeks.

"Give me a fire, flood or earthquake and I could tell you what to do," Orr said.

"But, there is nothing you can do for a drought."

Alpine County is in a unique position in California. While there

is still plenty of drinking and irrigation water, the drought may have a larger effect due to the lack of snow.

Two of the county's largest employers, Kirkwood and Mt. Reba, are both ski resorts and the lack of snow has had a severe impact on room tax funding.

Supervisor Eric Jung said the lack of snow is hurting Bear Valley (near Mt. Reba).

"It's not that we don't have water, we just don't have snow," he said.

"The Red Dog Saloon is usually full, now it only has one room booked for the weekend."

Supervisors agreed to bring the declaration back for the March 4 meeting when they would decide

whether to declare the emergency or not.

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Population boom: 16 new residents

MARKLEEVILLE — Folks in Alpine County could very nearly put a name to each of the 16 people that U.S. Census takers say pushed the county's 1980 population of 1,097 to 1,113 in 1990.

There's School Supt. Jim Parsons, his wife and daughter, who moved from Selma in 1988.

The next year, County Assessor David Peets, his wife, Terrie, who is the school secretary, and their daughter arrived.

In 1984, Chamber of Commerce President Paul Washam and his wife returned to the county where they had honeymooned in 1957. They were joined shortly thereafter by their two children. The birth of Washam's grandchild makes 11.

Not that it's all that simple.

Twelve births in 10 years were registered in Alpine. The county recorder estimates there might have been 100 deaths. But it's hard to say.

"People aren't born in Alpine County and they generally don't die in Alpine County," said Nancy Thornburg, director of the county museum. "Our closest hospital is in Nevada."

In fact, a net gain of 16

residents more than likely involved a complex set of comings and goings that not even the most observant Alpine County resident could chart. And there's probably not an Alpine County resident who's not observant.

"If anybody looking strange comes into town, the phone calls go straight to the sheriff," said Terrie Peets.

Consider the 16-person population growth a comeback of sorts. Alpine peaked the year it was formed, 1864, when, by some accounts, 11,620 people lived there during the mining boom. The population slowly dwindled, dropping to 214 in 1950. Alpine has been growing, albeit negligibly, ever since.

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EDITOR:

A recent article in your paper indicated that Alpine County would not experience a shortage of irrigation water this season (R-C Feb. 21). I suggest that you advise your reporters to check the source of their information. Such inaccurate reporting tends to cloud the reliability of your whole paper.

Those irrigated lands in Alpine that have access to reclaimed water from Lake Tahoe will receive somewhere around 50 percent of requirement. The larger acreage which does not have access to reclaimed water will receive no more than 10 to 20 percent of normal.

HUBERT BRUNS
Markleeville
Feb. 20

Supervisors declare Alpine County a disaster area

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

No snow means no jobs, Alpine County Supervisors said Tuesday when they approved a resolution declaring a local emergency due to drought.

Supervisors also approved requesting that California Governor Pete Wilson proclaim a state of emergency.

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ters of those responding reported a decrease in customers.

Alpine County reported 2.9 percent unemployment in December 1989. In the same month of 1990, unemployment among county residents jumped to eight percent.

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According to the survey, Alpine County has already rung up more than \$5 million in business losses. The county is projected to lose \$11 million if the snow pack does

not improve significantly.

Effects of the drought on agriculture was also examined by the survey.

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According to Lear, more than a few businesses said last year was also a poor year, therefore comparisons might not show all the long-term effects of the five-year drought.

The county will lose between \$45,000 and \$50,000 in general fund monies as a result of the drought.

Lear said the declaration was not required by most emergency

aid programs, but that it couldn't hurt.

"Almost none of the programs require a declaration at all," she told supervisors Tuesday.

"But it is not going to hurt at all and it probably will enhance it."

When questioned about the request for a state declaration, Lear said.

According to preliminary reports from the U.S. Conservation Service released Feb. 1, the snow pack is 15 percent the 20-year average, one of the lowest levels recorded since 1908.

Declaring a local emergency in Alpine County due to drought may not do the local economy any

good.

California Emergency Services representative Orrin Orr told supervisors the state doesn't have any programs in place for drought.

In the case of Alpine County, where there is still water to drink, there might not be any relief available at all.

All the same, the drought and the accompanying lack of a snowpack is hurting the county's winter tourist economy.

Board member John Brissenden said he thought the declaration might do more damage than the drought.

"I think it might be more deleterious to business because of public perception and media attention

than any benefit we might gain from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)," he said.

However, Brissenden voted for declaring the emergency.

The ski industry in Alpine County is a source of a great deal of its tax revenue, and continued drought may also endanger the county's summer tourist industry.

Before last weekend's storm, the snowpack contained less than 15 percent of normal water.

As of yesterday, it more than doubled, up to 37 percent.

Last year the pack was at 51 percent of normal.

Supervisors first discussed declaring a local emergency in early February.

Alpine County: Disaster area despite new snow

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County is still a disaster area, despite recent precipitation.

Supervisors approved confirming their earlier declaration without comment Tuesday.

They approved sending a letter to Senator Allan Cranston (D-Calif.) asking for legislation which will make federal loan programs more responsive to disaster relief needs.

Supervisors originally declared the disaster on March 5 based on a lack of snow at Sierra ski resorts.

In Alpine County no snow meant no jobs.

Even though storms dumped enough snow to put the ski resorts back in business, the lateness of the year may put a damper on the amount of business they do.

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Drought: A disaster

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In other business, supervisors approved a negative declaration

which will clear the way for Craven Logging Co. to build an equipment yard maintenance yard in Woodfords.

Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh told supervisors no rare or endangered species had been identified at the site nor was it a critical habitat.

The planning commission heard public comment on the project Feb. 28.

Snowy weather gives welcome relief to Sierra skiing

When it rains, it pours... and has March come in like a lion? Right now the skiing at Lake Tahoe ski resorts is the best it has been all season. Why? Winter has finally arrived in the Sierra.

Since the February 28th, Sierra Ski Ranch on Highway 50 has received over 5 feet of new snow, they, along with other resorts received rain both March 3rd and 4th that affected the base depth totals. This week, their base depth measured at their lower elevation is five feet with much more snow on their upper mountain. They are in full operation this weekend with all 9 lifts, including Sensation, the high speed detachable quad, 2 triple chairlifts in their West Bowl, and the Backside.

I skied at Sierra Ski Ranch on Wednesday of this past week and skiing just doesn't get any better. That day, the new powder snow was heavy and about 20 inches deep. There were some drifts where the snow was chest deep...

Up on Highway 88, Kirkwood Ski Resort has received nearly 10 feet of snowfall from this March series of storms, according to Liza Schumacher from Kirkwood's marketing department. The snow has enabled Kirkwood to be in full operations with all 11

Let's go skiing

by CURTIS N. FONG

lifts and all base facilities. Chair #10, "The Wall," and Sunrise Bowl on the back side opened this past week with joyous yelps heard from local pass holders and powder hounds. Kirkwood's base is reported at 6 to 7 feet once everything had settled and packed down.

Twelve miles west of Kirkwood, Mike Seiler at Iron Mountain Ski Resort reported receiving 103 to 123 inches of snowfall since March 1st, which converts to 8-1/2 to over 10 feet. Iron Mountain is also in full operation with all of their 5 chairlifts on a base compacted at 7 to 8 feet.

Cross country skiing in Hope Valley has been excellent, and according to Steve Lennoy of Hope Valley Cross Country Center located at Sorensen's Resort, "For the first time this year, skiers can ski anywhere they want, on or off the trails."

The snow base depth in Hope Valley is from 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 feet, with as much as 6 feet on the upper

ridges. "After the snow sets up, it would be fairly safe to ski and telemark off any of the peaks above Hope Valley," Lennoy added.

Above the Carson Valley, Heavenly Ski Resort received an average of 50 inches of new snowfall from the March storms. This has allowed them to open the trail over the top to connect the California and Nevada sides of the mountain. Skiing at Heavenly on either side of mountain rarely gets any better. Last week, I had the privilege to ski with John Hutgrers, Heavenly's V.P. of Operations and Malcolm Tibbets, their V.P. of Mountain Operations. We got to ski the inaugural runs down Orion's Run off the Dipper Chair on the Nevada side before the lift was officially opened to the public.

It was like skiing down a private run. Little Dipper and Comet Runs off their high speed quad were in excellent condition. This weekend Heavenly plans to operate up to 22 lifts, the most offered all season.

So, what are you waiting for? Pack up those skis... and I mean the good pair or the new ones you've been saving for good snow... dust off the ski boots and poles, put tire chains in the trunks and head for the hills... skiing really doesn't get any better!

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Alpine supervisors discuss buying a drug-sniffing dog for Sheriff's Office

Record Courier 3-17-91

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

It looks like Alpine County will receive its first drug-sniffing dog.

Supervisors will discuss awarding a contract to Sandra Bryson to train the dog at their meeting Tuesday.

The dog will be used only for drug detection, Alpine Sheriff Skip Veatch told supervisors at their March 5 meeting.

"The dog is to detect drugs and not be protection trained," Veatch said.

District Attorney Hank

Murdock said money from a drug enforcement grant can only be used for drug enforcement.

"We don't want to have an all-around dog," he said. "We can only spend the money on a drug-related item."

Supervisor Donald Jardine said he did not want to approve the \$7,500 contract in a vacuum.

"I don't really have anything to compare this with," he said. "I do believe in drug enforcement, but I would like to see some more information."

Board chair Ann Wade told

Veatch she wanted to be sure Bryson understood the dog would be for drug detection only.

"You have to be real clear that we are going to get a drug dog," she said.

Veatch agreed.

"Generally, the more things a dog is used for, the less efficient it is," he said. "We want him to be trained to obey and sniff drugs and that's all."

Dog training will be paid out of a \$75,000 drug enforcement grant, which is administered by the California Office of the Budget.

It was originally to be competitive, however, this year the state has arranged for each county to receive some funding.

Funds from the grant will go to the district attorney's office and the probation department in addition to the sheriff's department.

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

Murdock said the distribution will change as the sheriff's depart-

ment brings more people into the system for drugs.

The grant monies cannot be used to supplant the normal law enforcement budget.

Murdock defended awarding the contract to Bryson, former sheriff Larry Kuhl's wife, saying the county made extensive efforts to get bids on the project and her's was the only one that met all the specifications.

In other business, supervisors:

•Will hear a presentation from Judith Hildinger, their consultant on complying with AB 939, the

state's mandated solid waste reduction act.

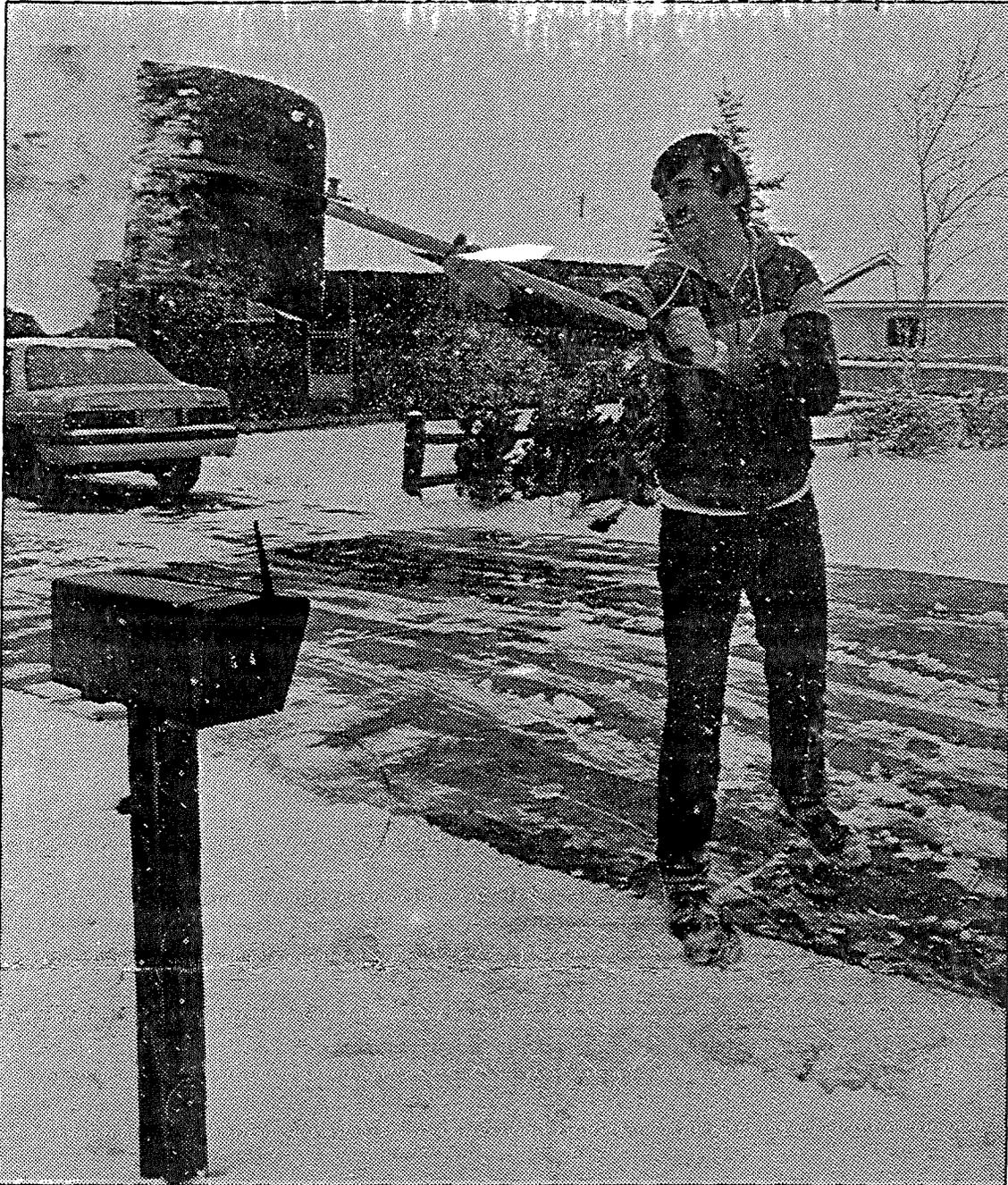
•Review a request for approval of an agreement between Refuse, Inc. and Douglas Disposal providing for disposal of solid waste in landfill located in Storey County.

•Will hear a presentation on fisheries maintenance and the proposed 1991 chemical treatment of Silver King Creek by the California Department of Fish and Game.

The department will also hold a public hearing Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. on the subject.

Snow news is good news

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HEAVE HO! Ranchos resident Dan Phillips clears off his driveway Friday. Most of the snow had melted by afternoon. The National

Weather Service predicts a wet and cool week for Valley residents. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

Snow pumps up river watershed

by MELANIE SUPERSANO
Staff Writer

The first substantial snowfall of 1991 dumped a couple of inches of snow on the Carson Valley last Friday, but melted off by the afternoon.

The much needed precipitation gave the ski industry a boost, but did not make much of a dent in the ongoing drought.

The Carson River watershed snow water equivalent — the

most accurate measurement of the amount of water the Valley will get as spring runoff—logged in at just 40 percent of normal on Friday morning.

The Walker River watershed measured 44 percent of normal and the Tahoe Basin watershed measured 40 percent of normal, according to figures from the Soil Conservation Service.

Snowfall measured the highest in the mountain areas with Heavenly Valley getting six new

inches at 8,300 feet, Daggett Pass, five inches; Caples Lake, 6 inches; and Markleeville, 3 inches, according to the National Weather Service. Truckee got 5 inches.

The forecast for today is cloudy with a chance of rain or snow.

The week ahead will be wet and cool, with a chance of rain or snow continuing through Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Alpine looks at recycling quota

Record Courier 3-21-91

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

The rural, isolated nature of Alpine County should be taken into consideration when California mandates recycling quotas, according to a report approved Tuesday by the county supervisors.

The report was compiled in accordance with new California laws designed to quantify the amount of garbage generated by every community and then divert larger amounts each year away from landfills and into recycling programs.

Judith Hildinger, a consultant on the "Solid Waste Generation Study" for Alpine County, told the Board of Supervisors it was possible to get approval from the

California Integrated Waste Management Board for smaller amounts of diverted trash than what is required of the rest of the state.

"We believe they will take into consideration some of Alpine County's difficulties in diversion," she said. "In some of the bigger counties they [local government] can go to manufacturers and ask them to cut down on their packaging, while here we are dependent on a national movement."

California goals are to divert 25 percent of municipal garbage from landfills by 1995, and 50 percent by they year 2000.

Alpine County will ask for approval to implement a 14 percent diversion by 1995, with 23 percent by 2000.

In 1992, Alpine County was

diverting about 2 percent of its waste into recycling or composting.

The county has no recycling center of its own, does not landfill its own garbage and has very few commercial sources of trash, where diversion projects work best.

Currently, Douglas Disposal is leaving its recycling trailer in Markleeville/Woodfords for two weeks each month. Trash from the Markleeville/Woodfords area is hauled to the Douglas County Landfill.

The board approved in concept a contract between Douglas Disposal and Reno Refuse, Inc., to haul Alpine County trash to Storey County when the Douglas County Landfill is closed in 1992.

Trash from Bear Valley and the

Kirkwood area is landfilled in Calaveras County and Amador County, respectively.

According to the report, Alpine County generates about 64 cubic yards of solid waste per day.

The report will be submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for approval.

In other action Tuesday, the board:

- Approved purchasing a drug-sniffing dog and contracts for the dog's training and handling.

Dog trainer Sandra Bryson submitted the only bid for the project, estimated to cost \$7,500 for training and \$4,800 yearly for maintenance. Sheriff's deputy Everett Brakensiek will be the dog's daily handler once training is complete.

The dog should be purchased and training begun by April 1.

Record Courier 3-24-91

Alpine fish poison project elicits no apparent concern

by JENNIFER COVERDALE
R-C News Service

A public meeting Tuesday night in Markleeville on a proposal to treat Silver King Creek with fish poison not only lacked controversy but an audience as well.

California Fish and Game Department staff anticipated some resistance to the Alpine County treatment plan from a few Lake Tahoe residents, but were not surprised by the turnout, which was limited to about 10 fish and wildlife biologists and water quality officials.

Unlike a similar project at Meiss Meadows, which drew significant opposition, the Alpine County project has the unanimous

support of county supervisors.

The proposal, which is contingent upon approval by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board in May, would involve transplanting some hybrid trout into nearby angling waters with the majority of the fish being eradicated with the fish poison rotenone.

Under the federal Endangered Species Act, fish and game officials are mandated to restore threatened species, in this case the heavily spotted Paiute cutthroat trout, which is endemic to the Upper Fish Valley near Llewellyn Falls.

Although early reports placed the Paiute trout population at 200, fish biologists say through a rein-

troduction program, another 1,000 of the 6-inch to 12-inch Paiutes are surviving in other California watersheds.

Fisheries biologists attribute the decline of the Paiute population to an accidental introduction of rainbow and some Lahontan cutthroat trout to the tributaries of the Silver King Basin in the 1950s, allowing interbreeding with the pure Paiute species.

Though the Paiute was considered an endangered species in the late 1970s, biologists say its classification has since been changed to "threatened" to allow limited sport fishing.

During the recovery project, biologists will electro-shock, net and displace a few thousand

hybrid trout by helicopter to outlying lakes, then apply a rotenone concentration of one to two parts per million, or one drop per 40 gallons of water, at the headwaters of Silver King drainage, just above the falls.

Pure Paiutes are currently contained in tributaries above the treatment site.

Concurrently, a detoxifying chemical known as potassium permanganate will be released to cleanse the water of rotenone, derived from the root of a South

American plant. Fish and Game biologist Brian Finlayson said the neutralizer will temporarily dye the tributaries red, but assured the public the chemical is environmentally safe.

Biologists will also work at restoring the stream habitats, installing fences that operate by solar power, correcting bank damage caused by livestock and installing dams to provide backwater Paiute habitat.

The recovery plan, which will likely run over a three-year period,

is scheduled to begin in mid-July or August, and involve anywhere from a few gallons to 50 gallons of the toxin, a centuries-old chemical used by primitive tribes to stun and kill fish. Rotenone reportedly has no effect on plants, birds or mammals at this level of concentration.

"It is our policy to use rotenone only where absolutely necessary and then only with the highest degree of environmental protection possible," Finlayson said. Signs will be posted, he added.

Goldie Bryan to be honored

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A reception honoring Washoe elder Goldie Bryan will include a mini-fashion show, inter-tribal pow wow dancing and a special display of Washoe baby baskets.

The event will be held March 26, 7 p.m., at Turtle Rock Park between Woodfords and Markleeville.

A highlight of the evening is the presentation of certificates to participants of the Washoe Basket Weaving class, with a special display of all student work.

Bryan is being honored, according to Winnie Mendivil, American Indian Liaison for Diamond Valley School and a member of

the Alpine County Arts Commission, because she "has shared her Washoe culture through the teaching of Washoe basket weaving."

Refreshments will be served. For information about the event, call Mendivil at 265-6364 or (916) 694-2238.

Purdy tabbed All-American

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Jeremy Purdy, an Alpine County product and former Douglas High School student, was one of five Sierra Nevada College racers selected to the National Collegiate Ski Association All-America team.

Purdy joined four teammates from Incline Village-based Sierra Nevada College — Petra Plajbes, Urban Planinsek, Jani Grasic and Janja Lupse — on the All-America list which was announced at the conclusion of the NCSA national championships last weekend in

Bend, Ore. Purdy posted a 10th-place finish in the national championship slalom event.

Grasic won the men's slalom and placed second in the giant slalom at the national championships in Bend. Planinsek won the giant slalom.

For Yugoslavia's Lupse, Planinsek, Plajbes and Grasic, this is just their first year in the U.S.

Sierra Nevada College won both the men's and women's team titles at the NCSA championships and then topped that off with academic

honors.

Lupse and Jeff Dodd of Sierra Nevada College were also selected the top Academic All-Americans.

Lupse, who won the women's slalom, is a freshman science major with a 3.95 grade point average.

This is the second straight year Dodd, a sophomore pre-med major with a 4.0 grade point average, has been chosen as a national All-American.

Chris Krause, Planinsek and Grasic also received Academic All-American recognition.

Late March blast gives Valley ranchers a break

Record Courier 3-28-91

This month's blast of winter weather has boosted the Carson River watershed to 57 percent of normal just in time for the growing season.

"The timing is great. It's just before the start of the growing season," said Steve Walker, district conservationist at the Minden office of the Soil Conservation Service.

"We have adequate low elevation soil moisture for plant growth which makes the snowpack effective for river flows. The snow doesn't have to go right into the ground to replenish soil moisture. It can run off and create surface flows.

"Indications are that the water supply will be equal or better than last year's because of the late arriving snowpack," Walker predicted.

He said the level still is less than normal, but "it's manageable."

As of Tuesday, the Carson River was 57 percent of normal and the Walker River was 67 percent of normal, indicating the brunt of the precipitation is falling

to the south, Walker said.

For the Carson watershed, Ebbetts Pass has 22.2 inches of water in the snow pack which is 57 percent of normal; Poison Flat is at 12.5 inches, 57 percent of normal; Blue Lakes, 20.1 inches of water, 54 percent of normal.

At the Walker watershed, Sonora Pass has 16 inches of water for 63.5 percent of normal; Virginia Lakes, 12.3 inches of water, 60 percent normal and Leavitt Meadows, 7.4 inches with 80 percent of normal.

"The irony is that everyone is really ecstatic about a 50 percent to 60 percent snowpack," he said.

Walker said the area still faces below normal water supplies.

"Basically, we have had five months of winter and four of them were well below average while one of them was well above average.

"But from an agricultural standpoint, we went from pending disaster March 1 to what in the last five years has become normal. It's still less than average but is manageable for the ranchers."

Walker said the river flow fore-

cast for the Carson and Walker rivers will be released by the Soil Conservation Service in mid-April.

While the March snowfall won't solve the drought, it is bringing the Lake Tahoe Basin out of "catastrophic" conditions that threatened to prevent runoff into regional watersheds, according to U.S. Soil Conservation Service snow surveyors.

"Before we couldn't even get runoff to fill the soil," said Roy Kaiser, water supply specialist for Nevada, following the second of three monthly snow surveys. "March 1 we were looking at 10 percent of average at best for stream flows."

Based on manual readings of snow level and water content taken at Fallen Leaf snow telemetry station Monday afternoon, Kaiser confirmed computer data suggesting runoff will rise to 30 percent of average as a result of March storms, with the possibility of slightly raising lake levels as well as replenishing riverbeds.

"We're doing OK, but it doesn't

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Snowpack: Still below normal, but March boost healthy

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look like any overabundance of marvelous things," he added, pointing out that precipitation as of Monday range from 51 percent of average at Heavenly Valley to 79 percent of normal at Tahoe City.

Forecasters and water purveyors say the biggest obstacle to this year's drought is time.

With the three wettest months of the year ending in five days, the probability of substantial water accumulation beyond March 31 is slim.

"As a rule of thumb, the South Shore gets at 35 inches of precipitation per year and 80 per-

cent of that is snowfall," said Jerry Owens, an SCS snow surveyor. "Now we're at about 12.5 inches."

Owens added that once snowstorms dissipate in mid- to late-April, Tahoe's Mediterranean climate offers little water beyond the snowmelt and the occasional summertime thunder bumper.

Consequently, winter's end severely limits Lake Tahoe's chances of recouping the .73 of a foot of water needed to reach its rim, according to Federal Water Master Garry Stone. Following Monday's storms, runoff had boosted Lake Tahoe's level .55 of a foot for the month, bringing the waterline up to 6,222.27 feet

above sea level.

"People are thinking we're doing exceptionally well because of the storms, but in reality water content is down to 20 percent," Kaiser said. "That's like a January or February... (The snow) is leaving kind of a false impression."

Still, the recent storms have surpassed expectations, dropping at least three times the normal March precipitation, according to Mike Ekern, a National Weather Service meteorologist. Last March, precipitation was just 30 percent to 60 percent of normal, while this month has reportedly seen the second heaviest March snowfall in history.

"We've never seen a trend this major—when the first of the month is so dry and pitiful, and then there's such a drastic change," added Doug Armstrong, lead forecaster for the weather service. "It's almost inconceivable to me that

we could almost recoup all the precipitation in one month."

Even though this month's storms fall short of making up the water deficit, weather observers say they will remove 1991 from the "driest year in history" status, wedging it between the droughts of 1976 and 1977.

In 1977, Lake Tahoe rose only .31 of a foot, but the overall lake level was significantly higher than it is today since the drought lasted only two years, as opposed to draining reservoirs over five consecutive years.

"We've already made significant contributions thus far, but a five-year drought would be hard to erase," Armstrong said.

"We're not forecasting an end to the drought. We're just happy because we've gotten away from a snow minus."

Jeff McCracken, spokesperson for the U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation, said over the last decade federal reservoirs in California have held 8 million acre feet of water, but this year, even after the March storms, storage is at less than 5 million acre feet,

equating to about 56 percent of average.

"Psychologically, everybody's thinking water supplies are OK," McCracken added. "But it didn't do a lot to get us out of the crisis."

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Alpine center to honor several people

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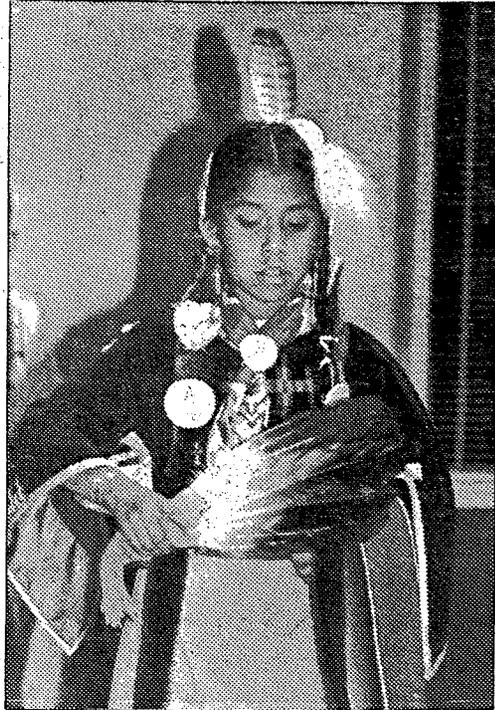
On April 4 the Alpine Children's Center, the Alpine County Camp Fire and the Alpine County Tobacco Control Program will honor: Karen Lundy, Dinah Pete, Eloise James, Rosa Navarrette, Florene Bennett,

Beverly Caldera, Jo Daugherty, Laura Helsel, Kate McCullough, Everett Brakensiek, Winni Mendivil, John Crawford and Diane Lattanzio for helping to prevent child abuse in Alpine County.

This will be a pot-luck luncheon

that everyone is invited to attend. Drinks and utensils will be supplied. Time is noon at Turtle Rock Park between Woodfords and Markleeville. For more information on how to help prevent child abuse, call weekdays 2-5 p.m.

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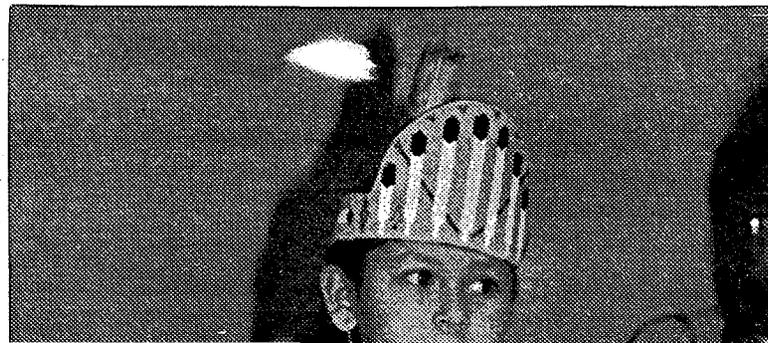


DANCER. Chanté Martinez dances in the northern buckskin style at the reception for Goldie Bryan. At right, she and Chrissy Mendivil look at baskets made by the basket-weaving class. R-C photos by Eugene Jack



Thanks, Goldie!

Washoe elder honored
for teaching a basket



Washoe elder honored for teaching a basket weaving class in Alpine

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff Writer

Goldie Bryan didn't make her first basket until her grandson was born six years ago and she made him a cradleboard.

Bryan, 69, said that no one taught her how to make baskets, but that "it just came natural to me."

She learned by "sitting and listening to the elders" she said, after thinking to herself, "if they can make baskets, so can I."

Bryan was honored last week by the Woodfords community in the Alpine County Arts Commission and students in her recently completed basket-making class at a reception at Turtle Rock Park March 26.

The event included a display of the baskets made by class participants, and an Indian fashion show and dancing.

"My students made beautiful baskets," Bryan said. "They were easy to teach. Some made cradleboards, some made round baskets. They were perfect, those little round baskets. They did better than I did."

At the first class Bryan furnished willows to show the students how to clean them and prepare them for the basket-making. But after that, the students were required to collect their own willows and clean them at home before class.

"They started right from the bottom," she said with a chuckle.

Bryan collects her willows along highways and in fields where she knows the willows aren't sprayed. It is a long process to gather, clean and sand them.

Winnie Mendivil, a member of the Alpine County Arts Commission, took the class along with her two daughters, Renée and Chrissy.

"Goldie taught us so much," Mendivil said. "Even so far as Washoe traditions. Before we worked with our basketweaving, we always had to wash our hands first, because their belief is that if you don't wash your hands before working, you could lose whatever talent you have, you could lose your basketweaving."

Shavings from the willows could not be thrown away or burnt, she added. They were carefully returned to the earth.

The last few classes were held in Bryan's home.



TRADITIONAL DRESS. Renée Mendivil wears her tribal dress to dance in the southern buckskin style at the reception honoring Goldie Bryan on Tuesday at Turtle Rock Park. René and her sister Chrissy and Chanté and Sari Martinez have competed in pow wows throughout the Western United States, bringing home first, second and third awards. Renée's mother Winnie organized the reception in Alpine County. B-C photo by Eugene Jack



GOLDIE BRYAN. This picture is on the plaque given to her at the event. Jay Aldrich photo

"We all enjoyed ourselves," Bryan said. "We had refreshments afterwards, and we had a potluck dinner together. We had quite a few guests every time we had the class."

Bryan, who used to volunteer for community projects and work with pow wows, said the basket-making class enabled her to socialize again.

"It gave me a chance to be back with people," she said.

Robert Mantynen, director of the Alpine County Arts Commission, said that there is enough interest in the basket-making class to offer one again in the fall.

He expressed his thanks to Mendivil for spearheading the class.

"Winnie really was behind this project. She did a tremendous job," he said.

At the reception honoring Bryan, Mantynen introduced Ann Wade, chairman of the Alpine Board of Supervisors, who presented Bryan with a plaque of appreciation. Each of the students was given a certificate of completion of the class.

"I was so proud of them," Mendivil said of her classmates.

Mendivil said that Indian and non-Indian people came from Dresslerville, Coleville, Carson City as well as the

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Woodfords area to the reception.

"[The event] had such a good feeling there, spiritually," she said. "It was good to see non-Indian people and Indian people get together and socialize, and of course we had the children."

Four girls modeled their tribal dress, and then danced. All four are champion dancers who have competed in pow wows throughout the western United States.

Chanté Martinez danced in the northern buckskin style; Renée Mendivil, southern buckskin style;

Sari Martinez, northern women's fancy style; and Chrissy Mendivil, northern women's fancy style.

Spencer Mendivil introduced the girls and explained where the outfits originated.

The girls have the "inherent" right, Mendivil said, to wear their tribal dress and dance in the style that they do.

Class members who displayed their baskets were Tom Ryder, Kathie Sarratea, Carol Galban, Carmen Jones, Cheryl Gibbons and her daughters Sammie and Jackie Leggett, Winnie, Chrissy

Alpine tobacco program under fire

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County's state-funded tobacco abatement program came under fire Tuesday for having money to burn.

Meanwhile, supervisors are still trying to get the state to pay funds they are owed in in-lieu of property taxes for land donated to the California Department Fish and Game.

The program was criticized by supervisor Don Jardine and auditor Barbara Ryan during a discussion on the scope of the program.

Jardine told his fellow supervisors he had just finished looking at a finalized plan for the \$300,000 grant.

"I looked at the plan and I was bothered by it," Jardine said. "The intent when we approved this was to help teach children about tobacco and pay for part of the health department. \$300,000 over two years for 1,200 people is an awful lot of money."

Jardine expressed concern that grant money is going to commercial projects like sponsoring ski races or to paying for video tapes and banners.

"I am also concerned about the lack of control over the program," he said. "Programs are not coming forward to the supervisors for approval."

He said he would rather see more focus on teaching children not to smoke.

"I think perhaps the program should be reigned in a bit for the

sake of the taxpayers."

Supervisors approved applying for the \$300,000 grant paid for by Proposition 99 cigarette taxes last year.

Proposition 99 placed a 25-cent tax per pack on cigarettes, which California voters approved in 1988.

State authorities raised \$572 million from cigarette sales last year.

Auditor Ryan criticized the program saying there was too much money being spent on the program without any accountability.

"Every day you read in the newspapers that the state of California is deeper in debt, but we continue to spend money on this," she said.

Gov. Pete Wilson's \$55.7 billion budget includes a \$12.6 billion shortfall which may have to be made up with higher income taxes and further spending cuts.

However, supervisor Eric Jung defended the tobacco program, saying the money was coming from people who buy cigarettes.

"The money is coming from the people who are causing the impact," Jung said. "The whole idea of this was to recognize the vast health care costs caused by smoking. I think it is entirely appropriate that smokers are now paying for some of the hidden costs of smoking."

The spark which caused Jardine to speak out against the plan was a request by the health department for approval of five contracts with individuals for specific services.

Nearly \$61,000 in contracts were awarded by supervisors.

The contracts awarded were for representatives for the school-aged tobacco control program, women with small children under 6, the tobacco control program, an advertising and media consultant, and a caterer. The contracts were awarded over the span of the next two years.

Edwards said the department hired people who were familiar with the groups targeted by the anti-smoking campaign.

Supervisors approved the contract with Jardine as the only dissenting vote.

Meanwhile, the state reimbursement of property taxes for lands taken over by the Department of Fish and Game is still a year behind.

The Department of Fish and Game still owes Alpine County \$40,000 in in-lieu of taxes.

While California does not pay

property taxes, there is a provision for counties to receive funding they might otherwise receive in property taxes in the form of in-lieu payments.

Alpine County was one of the counties that did not receive its share of the in-lieu of taxes when the Department of Fish and Game ran out of money last year.

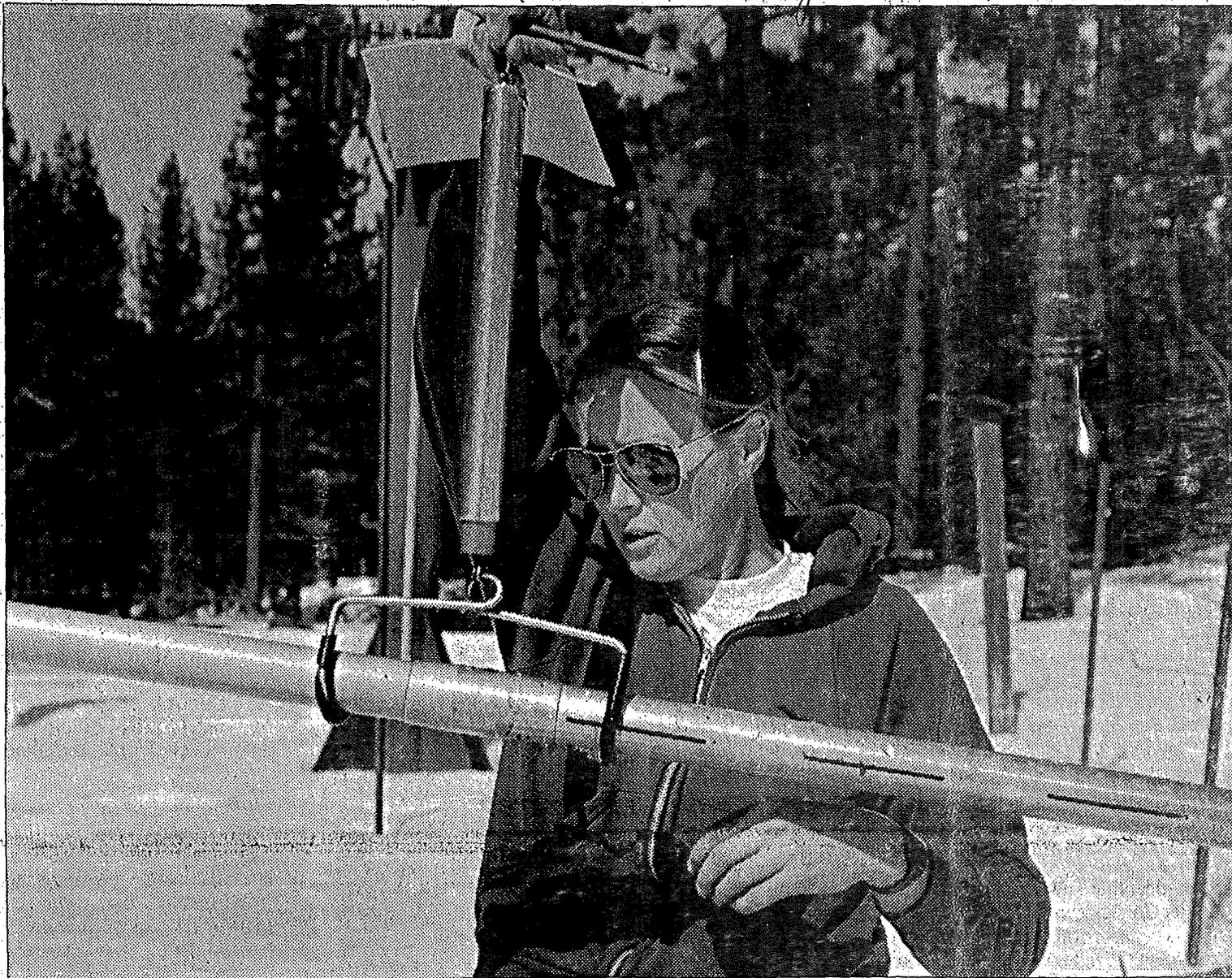
Among properties donated to Fish and Game is the 2,840 acre wildlife area near the intersection of S.R. 88 and S.R. 89 in northern Hope Valley.

Funding for the purchase of the Hope Valley property included \$4.5 million provided from the Wildlife, Coastal Parks and Conservation Fund of 1988 and from mitigation associated with the construction of a hydroelectric project on the north fork of the Stanislaus River.

The land was purchased in 1988 and 1989 and included the Dangberg Camp area.

Weighing the snow

The Record Courier, Gardnerville, NV. 4-7-1991



Gail Durham of the Soil Conservation Service weighs a tube filled with snow Thursday at the Spratt Creek Snotel site in Alpine County to determine the water content of the snow. On this occasion, there was about 3 inches of water in the snow now.

Manual snow surveys serve as double checks for the electronic Snotel measurements. Last year at this time there was no snow at the site. See story, photo on page 2. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

Taking a look at the pack

by MELANIE SUPERSANO
Staff Writer

At a remote site in Alpine County accessible only by skiing, hiking, helicopter or a bumpy pickup ride in summer, sits the high-tech equipment used to predict how much water will run down the Carson River this year.

Called "Snotel," short for "snow telemetry," the system electronically monitors snowfall, rainfall, wind and temperature at a site 6,200 feet high in the Sierra Mountains, three miles southeast of Markleeville off Spratt Creek.

Similar sites are situated throughout the western states and Alaska, with data fed into a central computer in Portland, Ore. and used for

Forecasting streamflows through the Snotel system is one of many services offered by the Soil Conservation Service, under the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Spring runoff forecasts for the 1991 irrigation season, which began April 1, are currently being compiled and will be available this week.

Keeping track of the snowpack is the most accurate way to determine how much water there will be in the spring, according to range conservationist Gail Durham.

The snowpack high in the



mountains is the Valley's "reservoir," holding frozen water in the form of snow until the weather warms in spring and the water is released to flow into streams, which ultimately flow into the Carson River.

Measuring and sensing devices at Snotel sites consist of snow "pillows" which measure the weight of snow, and thus the water content of snow; a raincan, which measures the amount of precipitation; and a shack containing automatic measuring equipment. Antennae on top of the shack send the information to one of two master stations in either Boise, Idaho, or Ogden, Utah, which relays the data to Portland's Centralized Forecasting System via cable.

The Snotel equipment is powered by solar panels.

Snow pillows are envelopes about 4 feet square made of stainless steel or synthetic rubber and filled with antifreeze. When snow falls on the pillows, it exerts pressure on the liquid. Sensitive electronic equipment in the shack converts the weight of the snow into an electrical reading of the



Gail Durham of the Soil Conservation Service manually checks precipitation and snow-water content readings in the shack that houses elec-

tronic Snotel equipment at a remote Alpine County site. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

snow's water content.

Raincans, also called "precipitation gauges," capture all rain and snow to fall over the season in a tall cylindrical tank. The tank is tall enough to rise above the snow and is equipped with wind baffles which prevent breezes from blowing precipitation away from the tank.

Precipitation falls into an antifreeze/oil solution in the tank. The antifreeze prevents the precipitation from freezing, which would affect measurement. The oil, being lighter than water, rises to the top of the tank and prevents evaporation.

On Thursday, the Snotel system measured 3.3 inches of water in the snow at Spratt Creek and year-to-date precipitation at 17.4 inches.

For the Carson River basin as a whole, the average snow water content was 58 percent of normal. Precipitation was 64 percent of normal.

Fears that the winter wet season would set unprecedented records for low levels of precipitation have been alleviated by a series of March storms. However, northern Nevada is still in its fifth year of drought and the situation is called severe by the state

drought committee.

The Soil Conservation Service double checks the electronic readings with manual snow surveys, Durham explained. Using a lightweight aluminum tube which is plunged into the snowpack near the pillows, a sample of snow measured in inches is extracted. The tube is then weighed and the weight of the tube subtracted. The weight of the snow tells soil conservationists the amount of water in the snow.

Durham took a sample on Thursday that confirmed the accuracy of the Snotel reading that morning.

1891: Courier expands pages

100 YEARS AGO
The Genoa Courier
Friday, April 10, 1891

NEW SPACE. With this issue the COURIER enters upon its twelfth volume. As new advertising contracts would encroach upon the reading matter space, we deem this a suitable time to enlarge the COURIER to a six page, thirty column paper, thereby giving our subscribers the benefit of more reading matter and

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enhancing the value of our advertising columns. Six years ago, when the COURIER entered upon its sixth volume, the present proprietor enlarged it from a four to a five column paper, with a proportionate increase in length. Time and patient labor have built up a patronage that we believe fully justifies the issuing of a larger sheet. The COURIER is essentially a home paper and will be devoted to home news and home interests first, last and all the time.

* **VISITOR.** Miss Jennie Williams, teacher of the Diamond Valley School, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives and friends in Genoa. Her school will close in one and a half or two months.

Family Wellness in Alpine

A Family Wellness Series will be sponsored by the Alpine Children's Center in Alpine County April 18-May 23. The series will be held Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., at Diamond Valley School, with instructors Karen Hamann and Jo Daugherty. Pre-registration is not required. The series is a six-session course providing families with practical skills and support.

Individuals are taught to build on family strengths, to identify and improve family concerns, and to gain support in making changes, according to the instructors. Free child care is provided; individuals or entire families are welcome. Funding for the program is provided by Alpine County Children's Trust Fund. Information, (916) 694-2712 or 694-2390.

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The Record Courier, Gardnerville, Nev. Thursday April 11, 1991

'Miracle' March doesn't end drought

by MELANIE SUPERSANO
Staff Writer

A wet March prevented a disaster, but did not put an end to the five-year drought, according to State Climatologist John James. Forecasts for the Carson and Walker riversheds predict about 60 percent of the normal amount of water will flow downstream this irrigation season.

Last month's storms "really saved us from what I thought was going to be a catastrophe," James said Tuesday.

Precipitation at the beginning of the March was as low as 20 percent of normal in some areas, which spelled deep trouble for a state five years into an unprecedented drought.

"The precipitation was so low, I just didn't think we could handle

But last month's storms 'really saved us from ... a catastrophe.'
John James, state climatologist

it. I think we can handle this now," James said.

Precipitation levels jumped from 20-25 percent of normal at the end of February to about 50-65 percent at the end of March, he said.

Soil Conservation Service offers the following predictions for the period between April 1 and July 31:

- The east fork of the Carson River at Gardnerville will get about as much water as last year with 80,000 acre feet total. On

May 9 the river will reach 500 cubic feet per second and on June 22 the flow will drop to 200 cfs and the river will go on restriction. The river will have 40 percent of its normal flow.

- The west fork of the Carson River at Woodfords will carry 25,000 acre feet of water and will be 44 percent of normal.

- The Carson River at Carson gauge will carry 75,000 acre feet of water and will be 38 percent of normal.

- The Carson River at Fort

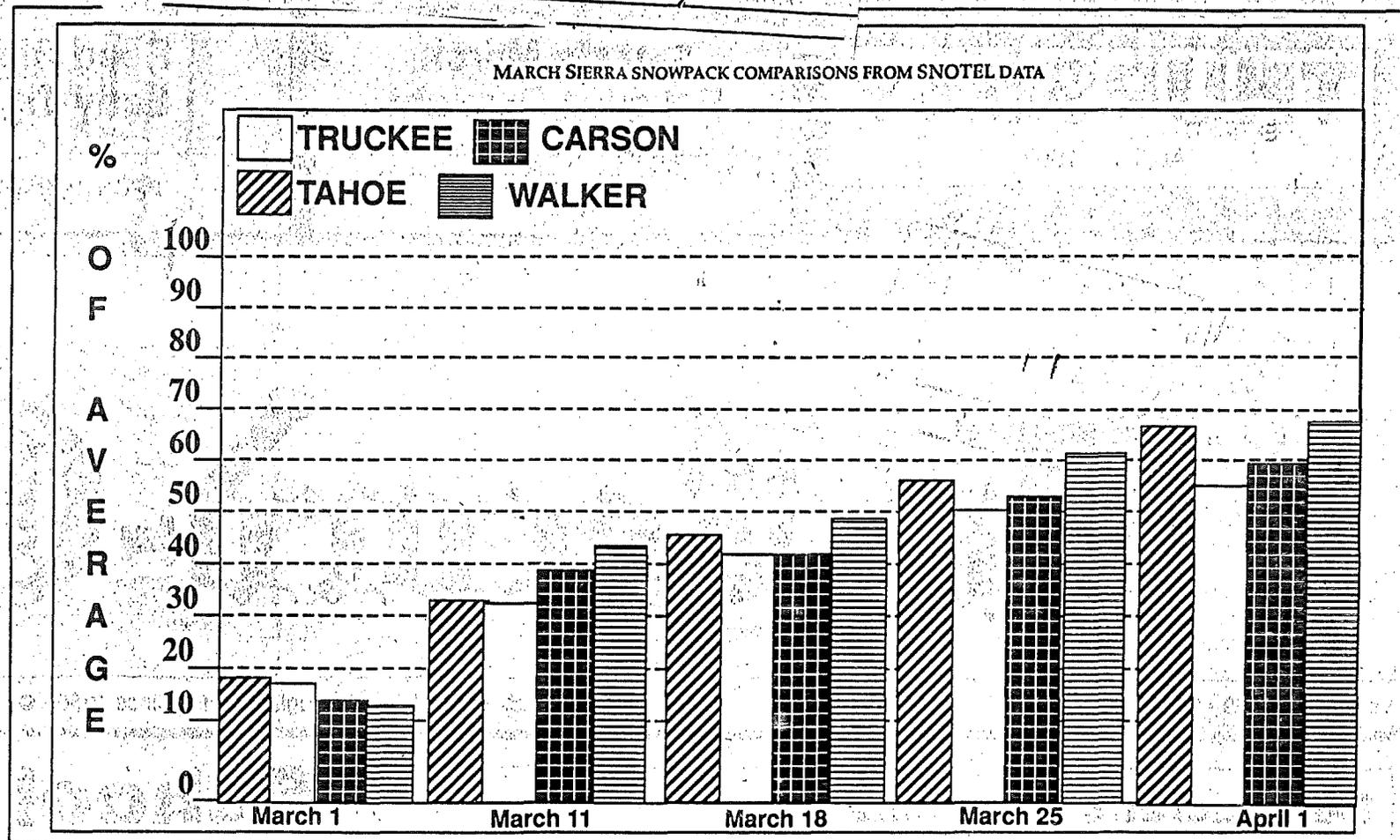
Churchill will carry 50,000 acre feet of water and will be 27 percent of normal. Irrigation, evaporation and subsurface loss accounts for the 30,000 acre foot drop between Gardnerville and Fort Churchill, according to range conservationist Gail Durham of the Soil Conservation Service.

- The East Walker River near Bridgeport will carry 32,000 acre feet of water and will be 40 percent of normal.

- The West Walker River below Little Walker will carry 75,000 acre feet of water and will be 49 percent of normal.

- The West Walker River near Coleville will carry 75,000 acre feet of water and will be 49 percent of normal.

These predictions are based on conservative calculations, Durham said.



COMPARISONS. The graph above shows the comparisons of the snow pack for various basins in Western Nevada as of the dates

shown. Data courtesy Soil Conservation Service.

Record Courier 4-14-91

Alpine Jazzercise program is offered

Alpine County women with children under 6 are invited to take part in Jazzercises classes at Turtle Rock Park beginning next week.

Jazzercise instructors Natalie Kelly and Kim Chapman will teach two classes a week for six weeks. Each class will be 65 minutes, and one class will be held in the afternoon and one in the

evening.

A Jazzercise demonstration and signups will be held April 18 1:30-2:30 p.m., according to program director Nancy Kerley. There will be time for getting acquainted and for a snack. Babysitting will be provided.

Kerley is in charge of the Women With Children Under 6 project, a part of the Alpine

County anti-tobacco program.

The jazzercise program will feature an hour of exercise and a hour of socializing with snacks and juices while the kids are still at child care, Kerley said.

Chapman and Kelly are long-time Jazzercise instructors.

Chapman, who has taught in Saudi Arabia, England and the United States, has been an

instructor for seven years, and has three children, 13, 4-1/2 and 21 months.

Kelly, who is director at Totland Discovery Center Preschool, has taught Jazzercise for five years.

For more information about the program, call Kerley at 782-9555 or Elizabeth McGeein, (916) 694-2121.

Record Courier 4-14-91
"Remember when?"

WILLIE MUSSER RETURNS. It will be remembered that on the 20th of last October Deputy Sheriff Willie Musser of Alpine County met with a shocking accident at the Diamond Sawmill. His sleeve caught in the saw and his left arm was horribly mangled. Grave doubts were entertained about saving the arm and he went to San Francisco for treatment. Last Friday Mr. Musser returned and his many friends will rejoice with him when they learn that he has regained the use of the arm. The injured arm is a little shorter and not quite so strong as formerly, but will in time almost gain its normal condition.

Drought emergency declared over in Alpine

Record Courier

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

4-18-91

The disaster is officially over for Alpine County, supervisors decided Tuesday.

Supervisors rescinded the emergency declaration after they received a letter from the California Office of Emergency Services saying Governor Pete Wilson will not request a presidential declaration.

Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear told board members the county received the letter Monday.

"It said there is insufficient needs to implement small business loans," she said.

A presidential declaration of a disaster would make the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available.

According to the letter written by emergency services director Donald Irwin, there was insufficient damage, losses or needs to require the implementation of any program requiring a disaster declaration.

Irwin said federal programs provide over 90 percent of financial aid during droughts with the state providing technical assistance.

Supervisor Eric Jung said it appears everyone has survived the lack of snow which prompted the declaration.

"Nobody's gone under," he said. "Taxes are all current."

California Emergency Services representative Orrin Orr told supervisors the state doesn't have any programs in place for drought.

Supervisors declared the disaster on March 5 based on a lack of snow at Sierra ski resorts.

At the time, the snow pack was

running about one-quarter of normal and the resorts looked more like ghost towns than ski slopes.

However, even as supervisors were calling for aid in the form of small business loans, nature was dropping some help of her own.

By the beginning of April, the snow pack had more than doubled and the skiers came out in force.

One indication of how bad things got before the 11th hour blizzards were unemployment figures for Fall.

Unemployment figures for November and December were more than double what they were last year, according to figures from the Department of Employment Development.

According to a county-sponsored survey of businesses, three-quarters of those responding reported a decrease in customers.

Alpine County reported 2.9 per-

cent unemployment in December 1989. In the same month of 1990, unemployment among county residents jumped to eight percent.

Lear said 47 percent of Alpine County businesses responded to the survey.

Those businesses with 20 or more employees reported 97 percent of their customers come from out of the county.

According to the survey, Alpine County has already rung up more than \$5 million in business losses. The county is projected to lose \$11 million if the snow pack does not improve significantly.

Effects of the drought on agriculture was also examined by the survey.

Non-irrigated ranches reported a 60-percent decrease in livestock capacity, irrigated ranches reported a 38 to 48-percent decrease in crops.

Fire danger continues in Alpine County

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Fire season in Alpine County looks pretty much like it did last year.

Carson District Ranger Guy Pence told Alpine supervisors he had good news and bad news.

"The good news is we are better off on April 15 and 16 than we were on Jan. 15 or 16," he said. "The bad news is we are at 64 percent of normal precipitation, which is close to where we were last year."

U.S. Forest Service crews fought more than 100 fires in Alpine County last fire season.

"We fought them one at a time," Pence said. "We'll take the same approach this year."

One year ago Saturday, firefighters extinguished the first

blaze of last year's fire season.

A lightning strike smoldered for two weeks in Genoa Canyon before the first ominous plume of smoke appeared in the Carson Valley.

However, late snowfall managed to dampen forests enough to slow the fire season down.

Pence told supervisors one difficulty firefighters will run into this year is a shortage of the Meals Ready to Eat they use when in the bush.

The MREs went to troops stationed in the Persian Gulf and are now being dropped to Kurdish refugees in Northern Iraq.

"General Services Administration may be short on food," he said.

Ranger Mike Dondero told board members the time to prepare for the new fire season is getting

short.

"It's getting to be time to clean up around homes," he said.

Dondero told supervisors the Forest Service is seeking volunteers to help with home inspections. Anyone interested in volunteering can meet with the Forest Service at the Alpine County Administrative Building in Markleeville 7 p.m. May 23.

The home inspection program will begin June 1.

In other business, board members:

- Approved a waiver of penalties for Chuck Keebaugh Enterprises.

Penalties were waived on construction of a sand shed for the transportation department and the addition to the Markleeville Museum.

Supervisors approved the waiver after Counsel Hank Murdock

told them there was very little in the way of out-of-pocket expenses lost due to delays on the two projects.

- Approved spending \$9,530 to support a grant application by the Woodfords Indian Colony to build a firehouse. The colony's fire department would be a substation under the Woodfords chief.

While supervisors have agreed to contribute funds in past years, earlier applications have been turned down.

- Denied a claim from Contel for a refund of taxes for 1986.

County Counsel Hank Murdock told supervisors they had no choice but to turn it down.

"This is another law suit, everybody is suing everybody else," he said. "It's mainly a nuisance, but it's a paper-eater, and a postage-eater and a time-eater."

Alpine approves drug detecting dog

Record Courier 4-18-91

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County drug users may soon feel the cold, wet nose of the law.

Supervisors reluctantly approved a training contract for a drug detection dog Tuesday.

Supervisors sent the contract back to dog-trainer Sandy Bryson last month for some changes in the wording.

However, county counsel Hank Murdock said the revised agreement did not include several of the changes supervisors wanted.

"This contract has not met all of your conditions and she has added more of her own," he said.

One of the additional conditions added by Bryson was a separate

indemnity contract which Murdock said was very extensive.

"This contract is so comprehensive that I wonder if we entered into it if she would be liable for anything," he said.

Among the concerns expressed by supervisors at their March meeting were Bryson's lack of insurance and guarantees of the dog's performance after training.

Murdock said Bryson does not intend to purchase insurance.

"I'm not so troubled by her lack of insurance," he said. "We're responsible for the dog, anyway."

However, he said he understood the board's reluctance to hire an uninsured contractor.

"Skip (Sheriff Skip Veatch) and I are anxious to get started but we don't want to go into a contract the

board is not comfortable with," he said.

Supervisor Eric Jung said he was uneasy with the additional indemnity contract, Chair Ann Wade agreed with him.

Supervisor Don Jardine moved to approve the contract for training the dog, but not the indemnity contract.

With that stipulation, all supervisors except for John Brissenden approved the contract.

It is possible Bryson will reject the contract because supervisors did not approve the indemnity contract.

The dog will be used only for drug detection, Veatch told supervisors at their March 5 meeting.

"The dog is to detect drugs and not be protection trained," Veatch

said.

Murdock said money from a drug enforcement grant can only be used for drug enforcement.

"We don't want to have an all-around dog," he said. "We can only spend the money on a drug-related item."

Veatch agreed. "Generally, the more things a dog is used for, the less efficient it is," he said. "We want him to be trained to obey and sniff drugs and that's all."

Dog training will be paid out of a \$75,000 drug enforcement grant, which is administered by the California Office of the Budget.

It was originally to be competitive, however, this year the state has arranged for each county to

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Alpine: Drug dog OK

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receive some funding.

Funds from the grant will go to the district attorney's office and the probation department in addition to the sheriff's department.

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

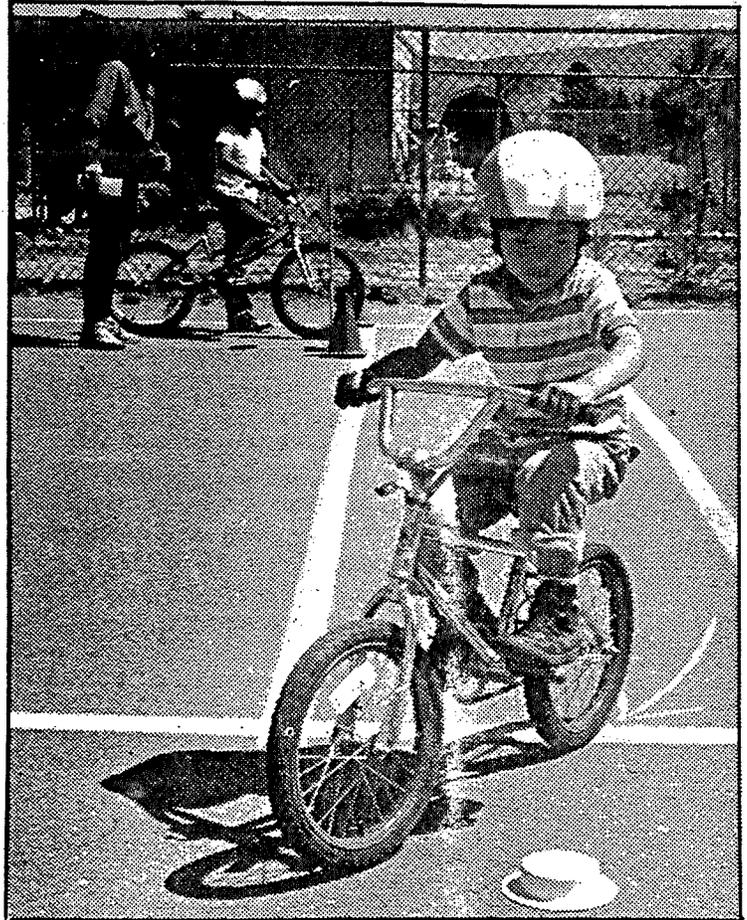
Murdock said the distribution will change as the sheriff's department brings more people into the

system for drugs.

The grant monies cannot be used to supplant the normal law enforcement budget.

Murdock defended awarding the contract to Bryson, former sheriff Larry Kuhl's wife, saying the county made extensive efforts to get bids on the project and her's was the only one that met all the specifications.

Alpine deputy Everett Brakensiek will be assigned to handle the dog, Sheriff Veatch said.



Alpine Bike Rodeo

The Alpine County Tobacco Control Program, Alta Alpina cycling club and the Alpine County Sheriff's Department sponsored a bike rodeo for kids at Diamond Valley School April 12. About 60 children took part, according to Judy Baker, who works with the school-age children portion of the program. A bike inspection was held and kids took road safety tests and demonstrated their ability to stop, go around curves and follow signs. The tobacco-control program offers activities for kids that encourages them to participate in wholesome activities. It also fosters a wellness program, Baker said. Above is Ben Blackout, a DVS kindergarten student. R-C photo by Eugene Jack (Blackowl)

Record Courier 4-21-91

Fire season may break records

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

The fire season in 1990 broke two records in the Carson Ranger District: more fires than ever before, but fewer acres burned, according to District Ranger Guy Pence.

This year looks like it will challenge both records, Pence told the County Commission Thursday.

There were 113 fires in the district, which covers the Sierra through portions of eight counties in Nevada and California. The largest fire in Douglas County last August was one of the largest in the district in 1990, then 1,400 acres burned near Jacks Valley.

"As most of you know, we are about to enter our fifth year of drought," said Pence.

"We have good news and bad news. The good news is we have a 64 percent [of normal] snowpack in the Carson River drainage area...the bad news is, that's a long way from 100 percent.

"Obviously its going to be a

long summer for all of us."

Pence is on what he calls his "annual tour" of counties within the district, reminding them of fire considerations and updating them.

"The County Commission has a very big part in making sure we can get all the subdivisions built with good fire standards," he said. "Not only for the safety of the residents but for firefighters. We realize it's expensive [to have high fire standards] but there's no home out there worth a life."

"Counties have a very big role in this. Besides the initial fire-fighting you do, if the fire gets out into a subdivision and it's not prepared, then you have a disaster," he said.

Pence listed the Foothill area, specifically Genoa, Sheridan Acres, and the Kingsbury area as being particularly vulnerable to fires this year.

Not only the lack of defensible space — clear ground — around homes in the area, but the lack of adequate water storage for fire flows has the district concerned,

Pence said.

"Many folks on private wells without storage capacity have a sense of well-being. It's a false sense," Pence said. He recommended for people on private wells to install private water tanks with portable generators.

The Sierra Mountain Range is unique in that fires burn downhill, making areas such as Genoa and Sheridan Acres even more vulnerable, he said.

However, because firefighters can see an electrical storm coming and prepare for a possible fire, the dangers of lightning hitting the mountain and fire rushing down to homes in the Foothill area is not quite as great as the dangers of man-made fires.

"We can see an electrical storm coming...with a man-made fire, you may be away from your radio, you're not expecting anything to happen," he said.

The commission accepted his report and thanked him and Fire Management Officer Mike Dondero for their presentation.

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50 YEARS AGO
The Record-Courier
Friday, April 25, 1941

"Remember When?"

EVERYTHING COMES DOUBLE. Harold Curran and Clayton Phillips have many things in common. The former is principal of the Minden grammar school, while the latter holds a similar position at Gardnerville. Both are graduates of the University of Nevada and were stars on the same basketball team. When they married, both, by coincidence of course, picked girls named Virginia.

During the recent hunting season and while shooting in Churchill county on the same day, both bagged a banded goose. Sending in the bands to the biological survey, the metal tags were traced and recently the two hunters were notified that the geese were banded near McKinsey, in the Hudson Bay area up in the Arctic Circle on the same day last July.

FFA BOYS WIN HONORS. Members of the Carson Valley Branch, Future Farmers of America returned home Wednesday night from Reno where they spent several days attending the state convention.

Louis Bergevin, president of the state FFA, presided over the convention.

Dick Settelmeyer of the Carson Valley group, won second place in livestock judging and won a trip to Kansas City. He won first place in beef and poultry judging.

OLDEST BUILDING IN MARKLEEVILLE. The old Arnot residence at Markleeville is being torn down and a service station is to be erected on the lot owned by Cecil Koenig. It is believed that the Arnot home was the oldest building in Markleeville.

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State campgrounds open for season

The Markleeville and Crystal Springs Campgrounds will open tomorrow for the season. Snowshoe, Kit Carson and Hope Valley Campgrounds will open Monday, May 20. Hope Valley campground is on the reservations system, others listed are on a first come/first serve basis. Free camping day is June 8 for all Carson District campgrounds. For reservations, call Mistix's at 800-283-2267.

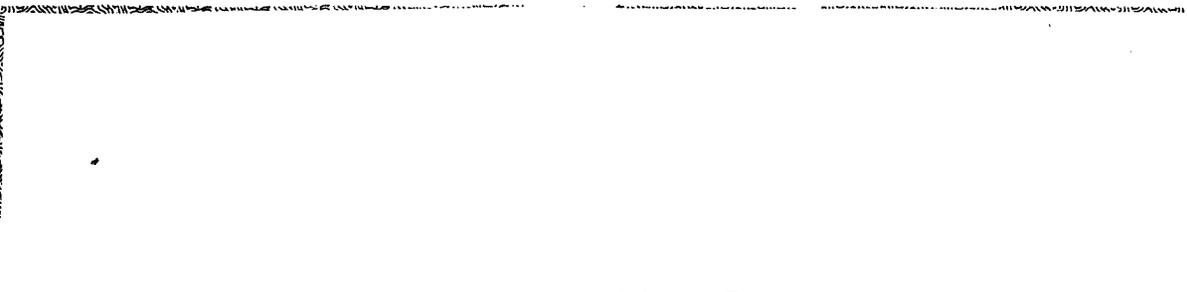
Nevada State Park's offers winter camping in some of their campgrounds on a first come/first serve basis; call 702-687-4379 for infor-

mation. Grover Hot Springs, a California State Park, is open for winter camping on a first come/first serve basis. The winter hours for the pool are Friday-Monday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., for more details call 916-694-2248. Davis

Creek Park, a Washoe County Campground, located west of Washoe Lake, offers winter camping; call 702-849-0684 for information.

For a listing of motels/hotels in the area, call the Carson City

Chamber of Commerce at 702-882-7474 or the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitor's Center at 800-FOR-RENO. A listing of motels in Alpine County can be found at the Alpine Chamber of Commerce in Markleeville, Calif.



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Campgrounds ready to open

The Markleeville and Crystal Springs Campgrounds will open Monday for the season.

Three other Alpine County campgrounds — Snowshoe, Kit Carson and Hope Valley Campgrounds won't open until May 20. Hope Valley campground is on a reservation system. Others listed are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

June 8 has been designated as free camping day for all Carson District campgrounds. For reservations, call 800-283-2267.

Campers are also advised that burning permits have been required for the 1991 burning season since March. Nevada residents

may contact the Nevada Division of Forestry for burning information at 687-4350 in Reno. Residents in Alpine and Sierra counties can call the Carson Office at 702-882-2766.

Trails on the Carson District are snowpacked above the 5,000 foot level. A warming trend is forecast for the next few days, which is expected to melt some snow off the lower elevation trails. For updated information on trails, contact the Carson District at 702-882-2766.

Back country skiers and snowmobilers are asked to be cautious when traveling, due to the possibility of wet avalanches on steep

slopes. Safe travel routes and emergency equipment are advised. Join the Carson Ranger District in celebrating the National Forest's Centennial and Earth Day 1991.

On Saturday, May 4, an Earth Day celebration will be focused in the Hope Valley area, activities will include willow planting and fence repairing for stream rehabilitation, trail maintenance, amphitheater construction, along with other activities. A barbecue is planned for 3 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering for an activity or sponsoring an event may contact the Carson Ranger District, at 882-2766.

Wheel-a-Thon comes to Lampe

Ride for Research set for May 11

The Carson Valley Chapter of the Spinal Cord Society is participating in a national "Wheel-A-Thon," on Saturday, May 11, by sponsoring its first ride for research Bike-A-Thon.

This event will take place at Lampe Park in Gardnerville, at 9 a.m. There will be two routes; one to Buckeye/Bently Science Park (approximately 8.5 miles round-trip) and one to Woodfords (40 miles round-trip).

"All riders, families and friends are encouraged to arrive early for registration and a gala send-off and to bring an outdoor lunch and join in a picnic in the park at 1 p.m. after we get everyone in from the ride," said organizer Janine Price.

There is no entry fee. Every rider is asked to raise at least \$25 in sponsor donations. Riding helmets are required. There will be plenty of rest stops.

"Come join us. All proceeds go to the spinal cord injury research, aiding in the fight against spinal paralysis and related afflictions, such as strokes, MS, spina bifida, head injury and palsy," she added.

"This event is being held as part of a national effort by chapters across the country, to raise money for spinal cord injury research. Vehicle, sport, and other injuries to the spine paralyze thousands of people each year," she said. "Their average age at injury is 19. Thousands are condemned to life in a wheelchair and a continuous succession of medical traumas to merely stay alive."

For further information, call Price at 916-694-2149 or Mary Abbott at 702-782-2302.



Gary Price of Gardnerville, most recently known as "Captain Tricycle," is shown on the vehicle he will be

riding in the Carson Valley Ride for Research May 11. R-C photo by Dave Price

DHS teacher honored by district

Sundra Murphy, special education teacher at Douglas High School, was selected as the Douglas County 1991 Teacher of the Year.

Principal Hal Butler calls Murphy "a skilled teacher who is person-centered with a sense of humor and tolerance for diversity, which helps her keep the energy to help others."

"When she sees a need, she provides assistance naturally."

She was chosen by a committee made up of School Board

President Ken Benson, 1989 Teacher of the Year Lynn Egan and Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services George Mross.

Outside of the classroom, Murphy's involvement includes the Council for Exceptional Children, the district's Transition Committee, district Vocational Advisory Committee and the Douglas High School Improvement Committee.

She also serves as a building representative for the Douglas County Professional Education

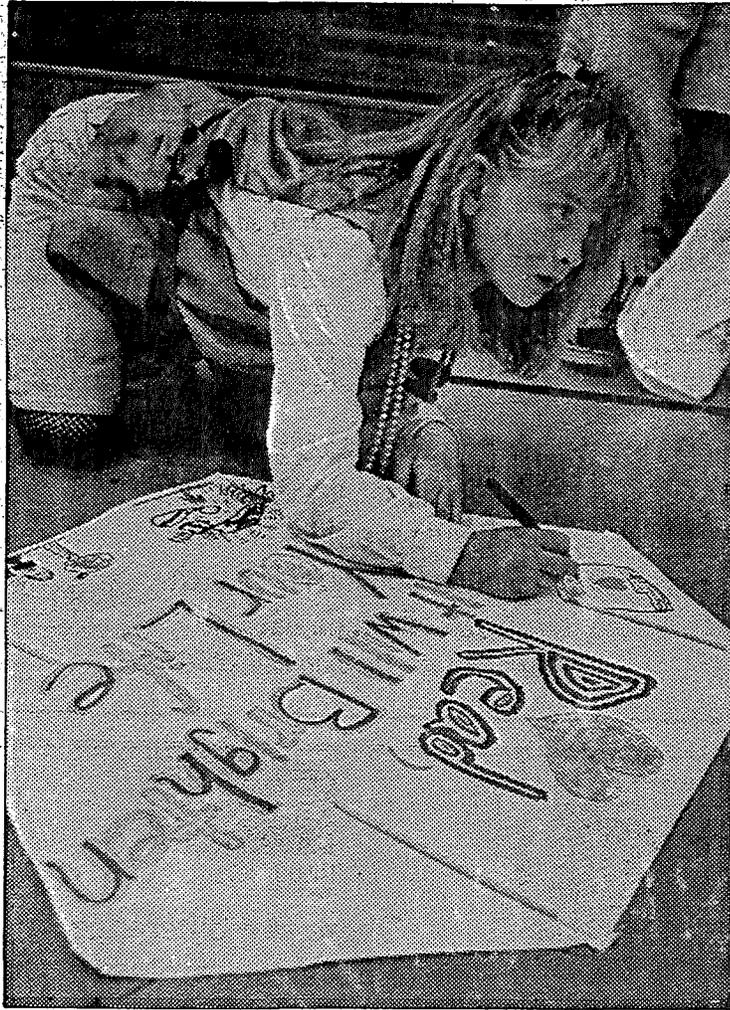
Association, teaches an English as a Second Language amnesty class for Western Nevada Community College, and tutors home-bound students.

She is also active in the Bi-State Coalition for Peace and chairs Douglas High School's special education department.

She has been a teacher in the Douglas County School District since 1977.

Murphy will represent the district as its nominee for Nevada Teacher of the Year.

She was selected from a slate of individual school Teachers of the Year, which included Dave Reil of Meneley Elementary School, Danette Morgan, Gardnerville Elementary School, Lisa Fontana, Scarselli Elementary School, Jevannah Antila, Jacks Valley Elementary School, Cindy Gronwold, Zephyr Cove Elementary School, Carol Battcher, Carson Valley Middle School, Mike Watty, Kingsbury Middle School and Howard Bennett, Whittell High School.



Kite Day at Diamond Valley

Diamond Valley School third grader Coral Dickey puts the finishing touches on her kite as part of Friday's Kite Day activities at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County. The day was part of the school's continuing anti-tobacco education program. Coral's kite says: "Read. It will brighten your life." R-C photo by Eugene Jack

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Dry winter may cost Alpine County up to \$75,000

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A long dry winter may end up costing Alpine County \$75,000 in room tax revenue this year.

County Treasurer Doranna Tognotti told supervisors Tuesday the county has collected only \$178,000 of the \$275,000 it estimated for 1990-91.

While the fiscal year is only in

its third quarter, Tognotti said traditionally April through June is the slowest part of the year and should bring in \$20,000 at best.

During the same quarter last year, Alpine County collected \$131,789 in room taxes. This year, the county collected only \$67,931. January through March is the county's biggest quarter.

A lack of snow caused supervisors to declare the county a local

disaster area in early March.

Supervisors rescinded the emergency declaration in April after they received a letter from the California Office of Emergency Services saying Governor Pete Wilson will not request a presidential declaration.

Administrative coordinator Jeanne Lear told board members the county received the letter Monday.

"It said there is insufficient needs to implement small business loans," she said.

A presidential declaration of a disaster would make the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program available.

Federal programs provide over 90 percent of financial aid during droughts with the state providing technical assistance.



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TPL completes acquisition of Faith Valley

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

The final piece of land available for sale in Hope Valley is now in public hands.

More than 20,000 acres have been turned over to state and federal wildlife agencies since 1985 when the Trust for Public Land first began to purchase land in Hope Valley.

A total of 2,200 acres along the shore line of Scott's Lake and a one-mile frontage on the Carson River concluded the purchase of land by the national non-profit land conservation organization.

The land, valued at \$3.5 million, was turned over to the U.S. Forest Service.

Trust for Public Lands is 5,000 acres away from reaching its goal of 25,000 acres in the Hope Valley area.

Included in the 1991-92 federal budget is \$3.5 million to complete

the purchases.

Patty Brissenden, president of Friends for Hope Valley, said that with the final purchases in sight, the group's mission will change.

"We want to make sure the land we worked so hard to acquire will be protected," she said.

"We're going to change direction to working with the agencies managing the areas," she said. "We will urge more protection of the environment in the sense of more passive uses for the land."

Friends of Hope Valley was formed in 1986 to fight Sierra Pacific Power Company's plan to turn the pristine area into a power line corridor.

Trust for Public Lands began purchasing property in the area three years ago and has acquired 20,000 acres in 42 separate transactions.

Faith Valley has now been completely turned over to public ownership.

Brissenden estimated that about 92 percent of the land in the environmentally sensitive area was owned by the state or federal government.

"Now we are up to 95 percent," she said. "This is an indication of how supportive the community has been. The community is very protective of Hope Valley."

Jim Nelson of the Toiyabe National Forest said the new public lands will help accommodate the increased numbers of visitors to the area.

"The forest has looked forward to acquiring these lands for many years due to the ever increasing numbers of recreationists coming to the area," he said. "Faith Valley is truly one of the gems of the Sierra Nevada."

The Hope Valley conservation program is part of the larger Sierra Nevada Protection Program, which aims to preserve the Sierras from increased development.

Kevin Knowles of TPL said his group provides funding to buy up options to land until the forest service takes it over.

He said there were at least seven transactions involved in purchasing the latest acquisition.

Knowles was confident the final appropriation will get through Congress this year.

"This is an exciting program, and a really successful program," he said.

"Everyone wants to see this program completed."

Last year, a nearly 3,000-acre parcel was turned over to the California Department of Fish and Game by TPL.

The Hope Valley Wildlife Area will cover a 2,840 acre parcel straddling U.S. 88 and 89 12 miles south of South Lake Tahoe.

Land for the wildlife area was purchased with \$4.5 million provided from the Wildlife, Coastal Parks.



KITE DAY. Raymond Gabriel untangles his kite at the Diamond Valley School's Kite Day last week. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

Kites celebrate Clean Air Week

Clean Air Week, May 6-12, is the American Lung Association's annual event dedicated to improving the quality of air that we breathe.

On May 3, over 110 Diamond Valley and Kirkwood School students participated in Clean Air Week. The students constructed individual kites and decorated them with "down with tobacco, alcohol and drug" messages. Positive messages encouraging a healthy environment and lifestyle, such as reading books, were created by the children.

The students built and decorated their kites under the watchful eye of "Dr. Kite" (Bob Hamilton) of Reno. Afterwards, the entire student body went outside to sail their messages in the pristine Alpine mountain air.

The event was sponsored as a cooperative effort by the Alpine County Tobacco Control Program, Alpine County Literacy Program, Alpine County Mental Health (Alcohol and Drug), and the CADPE (Comprehensive Alcohol Drug Prevention Education) Program.

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Lisa VanDerBerg

Jean and David VanDerBerg of Markleeville are the parents of a baby girl, Lisa Jean, born May 5 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital. Lisa weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces at birth.

(VanDerBerg)

People

It pays to work hard, she says

Honor and hard work pay off for young people, and for one Gardnerville girl it means a summer full of study — and fun.

Christina Mendivil, 13, better known as Chrissy, will spend six weeks at the University of New Mexico this summer in a special academic and enrichment program for Native American students.

Chrissy is a 7th grader at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County and lives in Gardnerville with her parents, Spencer and Winnie Mendivil and sister Rene and brother Carlos.

Her mother considers Chrissy a role model for other young Native Americans, and Chrissy herself acknowledges that she is special because, as she says, "I work hard and I try."

An honor roll student at DVS, she also has taken several firsts and seconds in area track meets. In regional pow wows as a fancy shawl dancer, she has been in the top three places in the last 16 dance contests.

Becoming a fancy shawl dancer is an example of how Chrissy strives for success.

She had been a traditional dancer (Chrissy is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne-Arapahoe tribes of Oklahoma and has been dancing since she could walk), but wanted to dance in the fancy shawl style because it was "more fun and exciting than tradi-

"Chrissy is truly a reflection of her family and tribe," Winnie Mendivil added. "Honor is valued among the Cheyenne-Arapahoe people and is exhibited in the teaching of the traditions. She brings much honor to the Cheyenne-Arapahoe tribes of Oklahoma."

Chrissy is a descendant of the late Ralph White Tail, her great-grandfather, who was an Arapahoe chief. Chrissy performs with the Smokin' Moccasins dance group in Alpine County and her family's dance troupe, Cheyenne Pride, in which her sister and brother also perform.

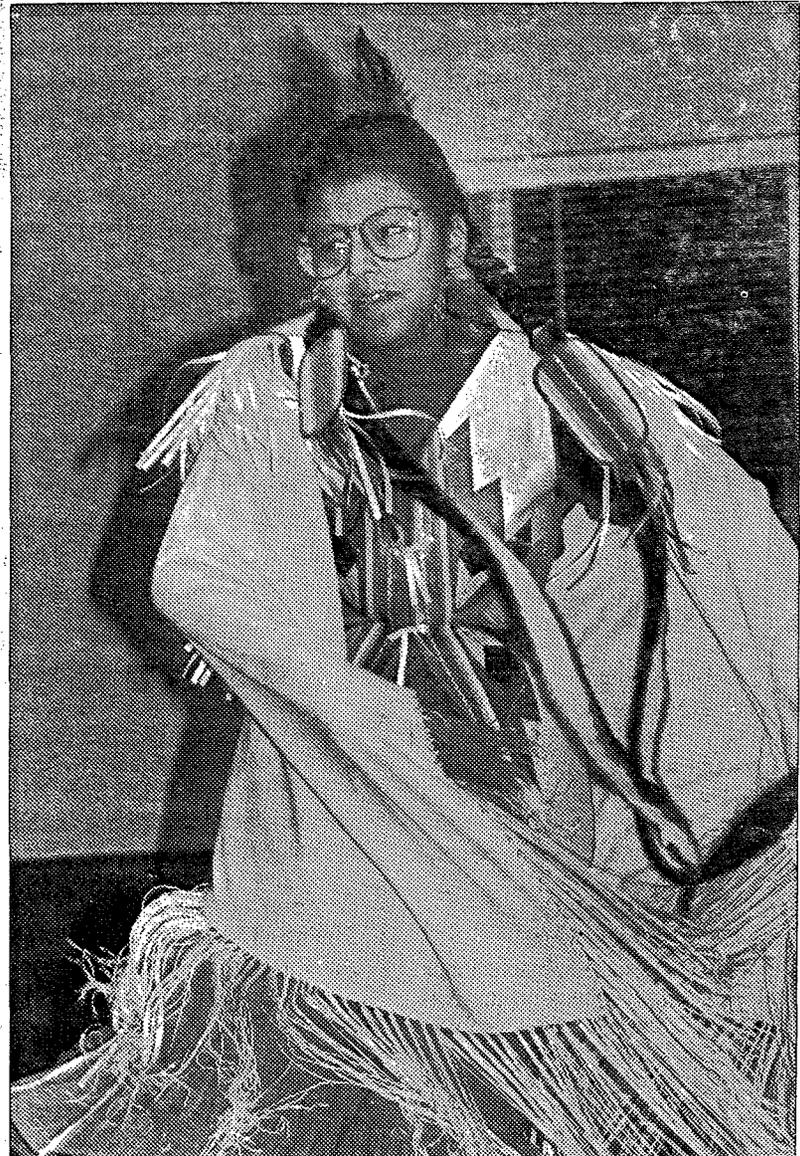
Chrissy says her favorite subject in school is science, and she wants to be a neurosurgeon.

At DVS she participates in school activities and the student council, works in the student store and takes part in various athletic activities. She also runs with the South Tahoe Express track club.

At the Native American Preparatory School (NAPS), she will study English literature, writing, history, computer skills, health, mathematics, science, oral communication, study skills and art in the mornings.

Afternoon activities will include art projects, athletic programs, drama, Spanish language study and crafts. There is an emphasis on team play, cooperation and fitness.

Students will also take educa-



...is more creative and artistic, too, and athletics play a big part in her life. Last winter Chrissy participated in basketball as well as in dance.

To be selected for the Native American Preparatory School, a program of the Cushing Academy, Chrissy had to write an essay about herself and what she wanted to do in the future.

The selection panel also looked at her test scores and read letters of recommendation from her teachers. Out of 300 applicants, only 80 students from around the country were chosen.

One of few young people to take a Washoe basket-weaving class this year, she made a baby basket. Chrissy picked up the knack of basketweaving quickly.

Both of her parents agree that Chrissy is "highly motivated, hard working and extremely responsible. She never sits around and does nothing."

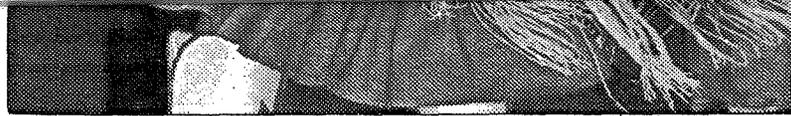
White Sands National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument and other points of interest in the area. Weekend fairs will feature Native American artists, professionals and story tellers.

"It's the opportunity to meet Indian youth from all over the United States," Winnie Mendivil said, "to build friendships that will carry over into adult life."

The Mendivils thank her teachers at Diamond Valley School for the last three years for their support and influence.

Students attend the NAPS summer sessions during their 7th, 8th and 9th grade years. Teachers are drawn from independent secondary schools and school serving Native American populations. The students have the opportunity to apply to independent secondary schools.

The Cheyenne-Arapahoe tribes have committed \$600 towards Chrissy's tuition, her mother said.



SUMMER SESSION. Chrissy Mendivil, shown performing a fancy shawl dance in Alpine County this spring, was selected to attend the Native American Preparatory School summer session at the University of New Mexico. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

and her parents and relatives are also donating to Chrissy's pocket money fund.

The family will have to travel to New Mexico four times for various

parent functions during the six-week session. Anyone who would like to donate to Chrissy's summer session may call the Mendivils at 265-6364.

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Washoe students honored

The Washoe Tribe will honor school students who stayed in Indian students grades K to 8th for school and completed the school achievement. semester with a formal dinner party at the Senior Citizens Center honored at Diamond Valley in Dresslerville on May 30 at 6 School, May 23, 7 p.m. p.m.

Again this year, the Washoe Tribe will honor Indian high school students. For information, call 265-4191 or 916-694-2339.

Alpine backs proposal for Forest Service Jeep corridor

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by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine supervisors voiced their support for a U.S. Forest Service plan to purchase a 400-acre Jeep corridor in Clover Valley.

Chuck Lowrie, resource officer for the Amador District of the El Dorado National Forest, told supervisors Tuesday the corridor between Blue Lakes and Highway 4 to Bear Valley would cost \$450,000 to acquire from the Trust for Public Lands.

In order to purchase the property, the Forest Service plans to apply to the Off Highway Vehicle Commission to receive green sticker funds.

Lowrie said the Deer Valley jeep trail had been in existence since the last century.

"It is a long-standing jeep trail which was formerly a wagon road over the Sierra," he said.

The land was previously owned by Fred Dressler and was purchased by Trust for Public Lands more than a year ago.

It borders on two parcels of property owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the

Mokelumne Wilderness Area.

Lowrie described the trail as challenging, saying the only planned improvements will be two bridges to allow snowmobiles to cross two streams during the winter.

There are no plans for improvements except the bridges," he said.

"The OHV commission might not support it if there were."

Lowrie said OHV enthusiasts preferred that the trail remain a challenge.

He said broken lenses and paint-scraped rocks were evidence of the trail's difficulty.

"I went over that trail last year," Supervisor John Bennett said. "And you're right."

However, Supervisor John Brissenden expressed concern that the trail may lead to abuse of a meadow near the center of the trail.

"I'm concerned about the possibility that the meadow will be taken advantage of," he said.

Sheriff Skip Veatch said the area was part of the increased off-road enforcement by the sheriff's office in winter.

Brissenden said he didn't trust the OHV commission to encourage responsible use of the trail.

"The green sticker people are obnoxious when it comes to things like this," he said. "They take a dim view of other people using areas they've funded and with other people telling them what to do in the areas."

Kevin Knowles of Trust for Public Lands said the property was held by TPL until a land swap could be done by the Forest Service, but no exchange has been available.

Laurie assured Brissenden that protecting the meadows was just a matter of enforcement.

"It comes down to enforcement," he said. "We could use engineering to protect the meadows. We had a problem in Indian Valley, so we put in low posts to discourage people from leaving the trail."

However, Brissenden stood firm in his opposition to the purchase using green sticker funds.

"Your mention of broken lenses and paint damage to rocks says there has already been abuse and I can't support this motion," he said.



BIG BOOSTERS. Marilyn and Mario Generelli were honored yesterday as Northern California's Retailer of the Month by the California Lottery. The Generellis, operators of the Alpine Hotel,

have raised more than \$600,000 for public schools in California through lottery ticket sales. The Generellis have operated the hotel for 12 years. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

Alpine boasts top lottery sales

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff Writer

Mario Generelli works hard at what he does, and what he does is operate the popular Alpine Hotel and Cutthroat Saloon with enthusiasm.

He and his wife Marilyn also are great boosters of Alpine

Gardnerville, Dayton, Carson City, Virginia City. And they come regularly.

"He really works at it," Marilyn said of her husband's boosting of the California Lottery.

"He's a good PR man.

Everyone from here to San Francisco to San Jose to Reno, they know him. Everywhere, any-

(behind)."

They were living in Menlo Park, Calif., at the time. Marilyn finished up the arrangements for moving to Alpine County while Mario opened his bar and restaurant. She joined him later.

According to Sandra Jones, "The Alpine Hotel was selected from a list of Northern California

County and the California State Lottery.

The Alpine Hotel, in fact, has racked up more than \$1.8 million in sales since they began selling Lottery tickets at the time Game 2 started in November 1985.

This means that with a minimum of 34 percent of all ticket sales going to education, the Alpine Hotel has helped public schools in California to the tune of nearly \$614,000.

Yesterday, Mario and Marilyn were honored as the Northern California's Retailer of the Month by the California Lottery for May.

"They were given a commemorative clock and plaque, plus a special trip for two to either Hawaii or Disneyworld in Florida. The awards were made by the Lottery's District Manager Dave Merold and Sandra Jones, Chief of Northern Field Operations for the Lottery.

According to Marilyn Generelli, obviously not all the of the population of Markleeville is paying this kind of money for Lottery tickets.

Where do the buyers come from?

From next-door casino-gambling Nevada, that's who.

"We have only 160 population," she said.

"Naturally we're getting them (customers) from somewhere other than here."

Ticket-buyers lined up around the corner at the Alpine Hotel when the Lottery reached \$120 million recently, she said.

There's no "typical" Lottery ticket-buyer Marilyn said, but they do come from Nevada:

where he goes he promotes the lottery and Alpine County."

He likes to see the money come in for education, she added, and the Lottery brings in customers and thus business to his hotel and to the town.

To market the Lottery, Mario ordered napkins, drink tokens, matchbooks and calendars, all which bear the Lottery logo, then he leaves them wherever he goes.

He attributes his high sales to knowing so many people in outlying areas who make it a point to buy their Lottery tickets from him.

The couple believe in giving back to their community, and regularly contribute to the volunteer fire department, preschool, Search and Rescue and the Alpine County Museum.

The Generellis have been in Alpine County for 12 years.

"He fell in love with this place 30 years ago," Marilyn said.

"When the bar came up for sale, that's all she wrote. He left bag and baggage and he left me

retailer nominations for its outstanding Lottery sales, promotional abilities and community involvement."

Dave Merold added, "The success of the Alpine Hotel is directly related to the Generellis' enthusiasm toward selling Lottery products, and their innovative promotions designed to interest their customers.

"They personify the enthusiasm and drive of our retailer network," he added.

The Alpine Hotel was built in 1862 as the Fisk Hotel in Silver City, then the Alpine County seat. It was dismantled and reassembled in the new county seat of Markleeville in 1885, according to Al Pettit of Markleeville.

At the time, the town had thousands of people because of the silver boom.

The drastic population drop occurred, Pettit said, because of a shift of mining interests to other areas.

Now the county depends mightily on tourism for its revenues.

Deputy Deacon joins Alpine force

by KURT HILDEBRAND
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A new rookie has joined the Alpine County Sheriff's Office, but he may have a hard time finding uniforms with four sleeves.

Deputy Deacon, an 18-month old male black Labrador Retriever, will be Alpine County's first drug detecting dog, just as soon as he gets out of training.

Deacon is currently working with dog-trainer Sandy Bryson and his handler, Everett Brakensiek.

Deacon's training will be paid out of a \$150,000 federal anti-drug abuse enforcement grant, which is administered by the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

The grant was originally to be competitive, however, this year the state has arranged for each county to receive some funding.

District Attorney Hank Murdock told supervisors Tuesday the grant will also allow Alpine County to participate in SledNet with the El Dorado Sheriff's Office, South Lake Tahoe Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Grant monies will fully fund two new positions, one of which will be in the El Dorado Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Skip Veatch said Alpine grant funds will go to hire a new El Dorado deputy who will act as Alpine County's contribution to the drug task force.

"We're providing the money and El Dorado County

will have the deputy," he said.

"If funding is cut, they may be able to absorb the position into a sheriff's department of more than 100 deputies.

"We couldn't slip one into our department of eight deputies."

Membership in SledNet will also entitle Alpine County to a slice of drug forfeitures.

Funding will also go to purchase an unmarked patrol car for drug enforcement.

Murdock said all the equipment purchased under the grant will remain in Alpine County, including the car.

Deacon will be used only for drug detection, Sheriff Veatch told supervisors at their March 5 meeting.

"The dog is to detect drugs and not be protection trained," Veatch said.

Murdock said money from a drug enforcement grant can only be used for drug enforcement.

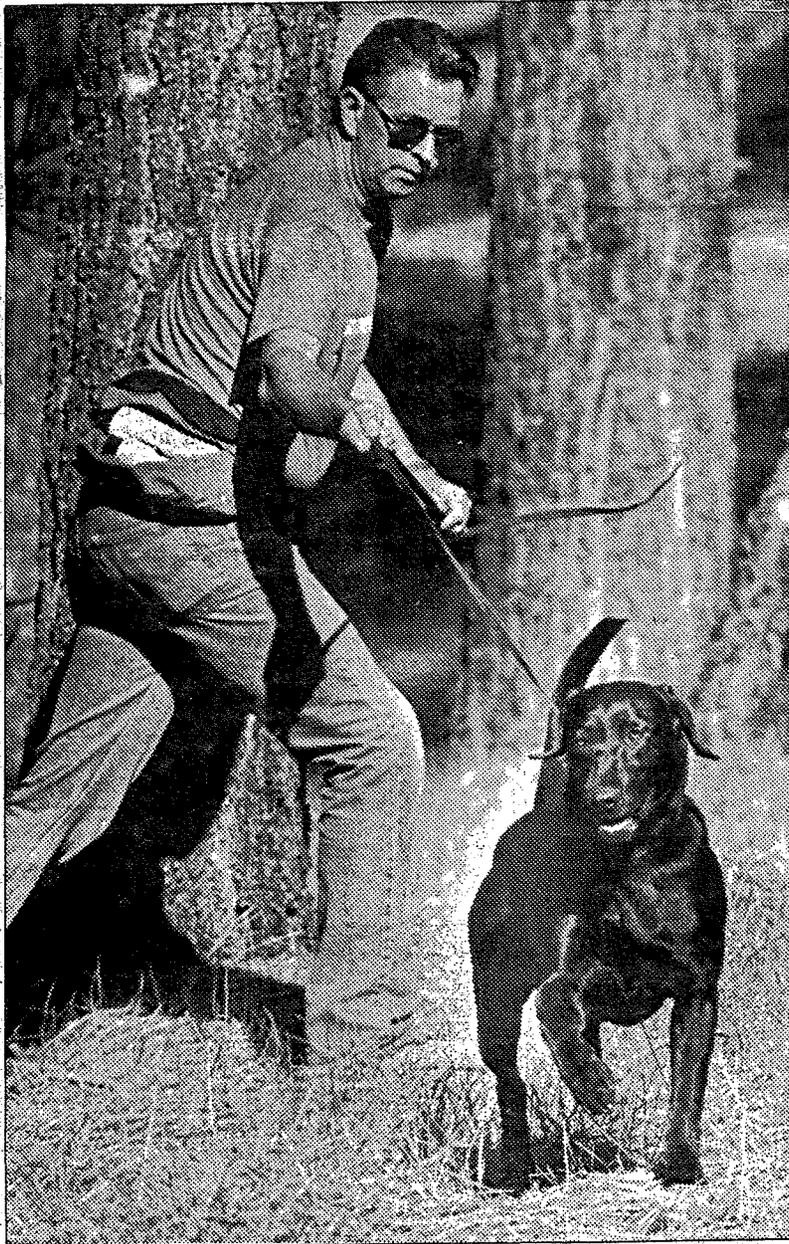
"We don't want to have an all-around dog," he said. "We can only spend the money on a drug-related item."

Veatch agreed.

"Generally, the more things a dog is used for, the less efficient it is," he said. "We want him to be trained to obey and sniff drugs and that's all."

Grant monies cannot be used to supplant mal law enforcement budget.

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EVERETT BRAKENSNIEK and Deacon. R-C photo

'Deacon' in training

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

However, Deacon will still be asked to search some large buildings and do a lot of work for his

The jet black Labrador Retriever strains at his lead.

Dragging his handler first left and then right, the dog seeks his target, a towel soaked with either marijuana or cocaine.

Deacon, Alpine County's first drug-detecting dog, got his first work-out on a leash Friday.

"He is just the right shape, just the right muscle tone," dog trainer Sandy Bryson said of her pupil.

The 18-month old Labrador's handler, Deputy Everett Brakensiek agreed.

Deacon lives with Brakensiek and his family in Markleeville.

"We have the kennel and all his toys at home," Brakensiek said.

Deacon will be in training for the next two months, Bryson said.

The training will be very simple and all very Pavlovian.

"We introduce him to the scent and praise him for finding it," she said. "He doesn't get praise when he doesn't find the scent."

Bryson said the training process requires a lot of patience.

"It is like watching cement dry," she said. "It's tedious and you have to keep it exciting for the dog."

Deacon is trained for obedience and to seek drugs.

Unlike many police dogs, no attempt will be made to train Deacon as a patrol dog.

By the time Deacon gets on the scene of a potential drug bust, all the human subjects should be well in hand.

"He will work on high-risk stops, for parole and probation, warrant searches and consent searches," Bryson said.

kibbles.

"Some searches are hard on the dog and the handler," she said.

"The bonding must be there because the handler is going to ask the dog to work when he might not want to work. Then things depend on bonding."

Undersheriff Bob Tucker said there were numerous situations where Deacon might be called in.

"We would use the dog when it could do a search faster and more efficiently than a human could," he said.

Alpine County is in as much need for more efficient drug enforcement as any other county in California.

Tucker said the county is a major drug corridor between California and the nation's interior.

"We don't even have an agricultural station in the county," he said. "Maybe with the dog we will be able to prevent some of the traffic from coming through the county."

In addition to reducing the drug trade in Alpine County, Deacon may find work in surrounding jurisdictions, Tucker said.

Contrary to popular myth, drug-detecting dogs do not get hooked on the drug they look for.

"It is not true the dogs get hooked on the drugs they detect," Bryson said. "They wouldn't be much good if they did."

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Indian high school students honored

The Washoe Tribe recognized Indian high school students who completed the school year with a formal dinner held May 30 at the Dresslerville Senior Citizens Center.

The dinner was well attended by families and students who recognize the importance of a high school education.

They came from Woodfords, Gardnerville and Carson City to celebrate Indian students high school success. Awards based on teachers recommendations were also given to students.

The 1991 outstanding Indian students were Russell James of Woodfords, Camella Coleman of Gardnerville and Arthur David and Jessica Roberts of Carson City.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Golden Eagle Drum Group and traditional and fancy exhibition dancers: Rene, Carlos, and Chrissy Mendivil, Sari and Chante Martinez.

All of these dancers win top prize dollars at pow wows in our area. The Indian drumming was a real treat for several guests who had never heard a live drum before.

One of the guest speakers at the event was Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace, who promised to make every effort to make sure that our Indian students' high school experience was a positive one. The chairman also honored the Washoe elders by giving a gift of

a painting of the world famous Washoe basket weaver Dat. So. L. Lee to the senior center.

Other speakers included Dr. Art Martinez from Toiyabe Indian Health Center Douglas High School Principal Hal Butler and his wife Vickie, Superintendent of Alpine County schools Jim Parsons, Vice Chairman of the Washoe Tribe Lenora Kizer, and the Nevada State Department Superintendent of Instruction, Research and Evaluative Services Marcia Bandera.

The dinner was put on by Rene Aguilar and Flora Mitchell who did an excellent job of serving almost 100 people.

Rene and Flora serve the daily meal to seniors at the Dresslerville Senior Meals Program and were gracious enough to work overtime well into the evening to serve a special meal in recognition of our outstanding Indian students.

Door prizes were donated by local businesses and agencies. A special thanks goes to Aladdin Flower Shop, Washoe Trading Post, Sharkey's, Domino's, Heidi's, McDonald's, Arby's, Burger King, Magoo's, Carson Valley Inn, and Sorensen's in Hope Valley. Once again the door prizes were the highlight of the evening and almost every high school student present received a prize.

The recognition dinner was the idea of Winnie Mendivil, the American Indian Liaison at

Diamond Valley School in Alpine County.

With Sherry Smokey, Washoe Tribe Education Director, Winnie laid the foundations for this recognition dinner three years ago with a picnic at Lampe Park that was attended by a handful of students and families.

They decided to go more formal this year with dinner invitations and the second year the event was held at the Dresslerville Senior Center with over seventy in attendance.

This year the Senior Center was filled to capacity. We will need to find a bigger building next year.

This was Mendivil's last dinner with the Washoe families. She and her family are relocating to Parker, Ariz., her husband's reservation, where Mendivil will accept an administrative position supervising education counselors in the schools that serve Indian students in that area.

Washoe Elders Joann Martinez and Theresa Jackson presented her with a beaded sugar, salt and pepper set, and thanked her for her service to Washoe children. Diamond Valley School was presented with a photo collection of Washoe Elders in memory of Mendivil's efforts as American Indian Liaison at that school.

Superintendent of Alpine County schools Jim Parsons accepted the plaque and said, "Thank you Winnie, you will be missed."

Bear Valley highway proposal draws fire

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by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A proposal to make Highway 4 between Bear Valley and Markleeville a year-round highway drew fire Tuesday.

Residents of the Alpine County resort area pleaded with supervisors to keep the highway narrow and twisted.

Widening the road has been a priority of Alpine supervisors since 1979.

Members of Citizens for the Protection of Alpine Lake packed chambers in Markleeville in an attempt to get supervisors to withdraw their support for the project.

Bear Valley resident and president of the Lake Alpine Improvement Association Mary McEwen said construction would kill 500 trees.

"Several meadows are grazing and fawning areas for mule deer," she said. "If you increase the road

width and car speeds go up, it will have a severe impact on wildlife."

Homeowner Susan Garrett told supervisors no need has been established for the project and the environmental impact has not been fully determined.

Resident Bob Burns said he felt widening the road will increase the number of accidents on it.

He said there hasn't been an injury accident on the highway in 10 years.

"We have documented this is a safe road," he said "There is no justifications for increased speeds through Bear Valley."

Phil Davis said he wants to keep Lake Alpine just the way it is.

"A more modern road will increase speed," he said. "These trees that are going to come out are 400- or 500-years-old and will never be replaced."

Supervisors voted to hold a public hearing on the issue at Bear Valley.

Eric Jung, the area's representative, said he may ask for the withdrawal of the project, but that he wanted to make sure everyone got a chance to express themselves on the issue.

"If we are going to bury this project, it at least deserves a decent funeral," Jung said. "I want to go through the procedure rather

than get swept up in an avalanche of strong feelings."

A public hearing was scheduled for 6 p.m. July 9 where supervisors will hear residents on the topic.

In the meantime, supervisors will send CalTrans a letter asking it to stop work on widening the highway until they've met.

Alpine parents invited to workshop

Parents, do you find yourself saying this: "Jimmy is sitting up; Sally is not"? And yet they are the same age.

Or do you find yourself complaining: "Mary is saying her ABCs. Billy cannot say more than two words. Is something wrong with my child?"

"Probably not," says Diamond Valley School kindergarten teacher Debbie Langford.

Langford will talk to parents of

preschoolers in a special Alpine Children's Center Project Home workshop called "From Crib to Kindergarten."

The event is set for Diamond Valley School library June 20, 7 p.m. A potluck dinner is set for 6 p.m. at the school's gym. Parents are asked to bring a dish; drinks and utensils will be supplied. Free child care will be offered.

Langford teaches classes on child development at Lake Tahoe

Community College, and helps parents and child care givers learn about developmental stages of children 0-5.

She also give parents various types of activities they can do with their children to build on the kids' own capabilities. She also will answer questions on individual children.

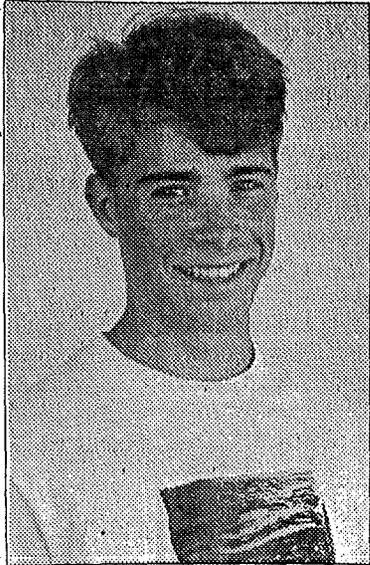
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Douglas High student earns a trip to Japan

A 15-year-old Douglas High School student will have an opportunity to experience a radically



GARY CHANDLER JR.

different culture this summer.

Gary Chandler Jr. will spend this summer in Japan as an exchange student.

"I'm really excited, but I'm also nervous," the Douglas junior said.

Gary has picked up a little of the language in preparation for his first sojourn overseas.

"It is easier for me to learn because I know I'll be using it every day," he said.

"But I still haven't learned very much."

When he arrives in Japan, Gary will live with a Japanese family for the summer as part of a scholarship from the Youth For

Understanding International Experiences grant.

The foundation will pay for his roundtrip air fare and set him up with a Japanese family.

He is one of two Nevada students who were selected to go to Japan under the U.S. Senate Japan Scholarship.

Two students from each state get to participate in the exchange program. The other student from Nevada comes from Reno.

In order to participate in the program, Gary had to be nominated by the school. Nominees were then narrowed down to 12 based on their applications.

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1891: Children's Day is observed

100 YEARS AGO
The Genoa Courier
Friday, June 19, 1891

DESPERADO. Judge Rising and District Attorney Summerfield have been quite busy in Carson the past week ridding the Capital of undesirable characters. Douglas, the convict who escaped from the Prison a few months ago, was convicted of horse stealing.



WATER TOO HIGH. Leslie Bell, Geo. Richards,

Remember when?

Charley Peters and Dwight Edwards of Carson were up in Hope Valley a few days ago. They report the water too high for good fishing but they made some very good catches nevertheless. Mr. Bell and Mr. Peters had their Kodaks and took numerous views of the beautiful scenery along the way.

CHILDREN'S DAY. The Church was profusely decorated with evergreens, flowers and blossoms for the Children's Day service Sunday evening. The building was filled far beyond its seating capacity and the audience was all attention. Miss Hattie Lewis, seated neath a canopy of locust blossoms on the platform, represented the Queen and was addressed by each of the pearl gatherers, according to the service prepared for this day by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The music, conducted by Mrs. Haines, was one of the principal features of the service. In all, it was an excellent evening's entertainment and reflects credit on all concerned.

FOURTH OF JULY. There will be the usual grand celebration of the Fourth of July at Glenbrook this year. Boat races, games, etc., during the day and fire-works in the evening, followed by a ball at Prey's hall. A good time insured all who come.

INSPECTION. Commissioners Park and Adams will go to Lake Valley to-day to look into the matter of repairing the Cave Rock bridge or having the old road over the ridge put into condition for travel.

50 YEARS AGO
The Record-Courier
Friday, June 13, 1941

SENATOR URGES GRADE. WASHINGTON — (Special to the Record-Courier) — Appearing before the roads committee of the House of Representatives, Senator Bunker today urged the construction of the Kingsbury grade, connecting highway 50 near the state line at Lake Tahoe with Route 395 in Carson Valley.

PLANE CARAVAN DUE. Under leadership of Miss Lois Brooks, Minden school teacher and aviation enthusiast, ten privately owned airships will wing their way from Reno Sunday morning and land at the Dressler flat. The visitors will be met by members of the Minden Rotary Club and taken to the Minden Inn for breakfast.

Miss Brooks has frequently brought her ship down on the Dressler airport, partly completed several years ago as an unemployment relief project. There will be plenty of room for the Reno planes and the field is reported to be in good condition.

ROAD OPENED. The Kit Carson Pass over the Sierras was opened to automobile travel last Friday and is already being quite heavily traveled. Closed to automobile traffic since early last fall, the route, one of the most popular over the Sierra, is one of the last to be opened because of the heavy snowfall in that region. The Ebbett's Pass route remains snowbound but is expected to be opened within a short time.



Pony Express riders cross

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A little bit of the old west galloped through the Carson Valley Sunday.

Six riders followed the old Pony Express route along Foothill Road Sunday during the annual Missouri to Sacramento re-ride.

Led by Ride Captain Gary Davis, Dean Swift, Butch Barone, Roy Storke and Dan and Marlana Hellwinkel, made the 35-mile trek from the Carson Nugget to Woodfords.

Davis said Nevada riders got the mail to Woodfords a half-hour early.

"This was outstanding," he said. "We really had good television coverage. I saw it on the news twice."

Riders, escorted by members of the Douglas County Search and Rescue team, took turns making their way south from Carson City to Fuji Park, and then into Carson Valley by Jack's Valley Road.

Captain Davis took the mail from Fuji Park to Genoa and then handed off the mail, which began

its ride on June 7 in St. Joseph, Mo. and was due in Sacramento on Monday.

The first grandmother to make the ride through the Carson Valley, Marlana Hellwinkel, said she is ready to go again next year.

Hellwinkel and her husband Don rode sections of the trail from Genoa to Woodfords, where the California Division of the Pony Express took over.

The Californians took the mail the rest of the way to Sacramento.

She rode two sections of the trail, from Old Kingsbury near

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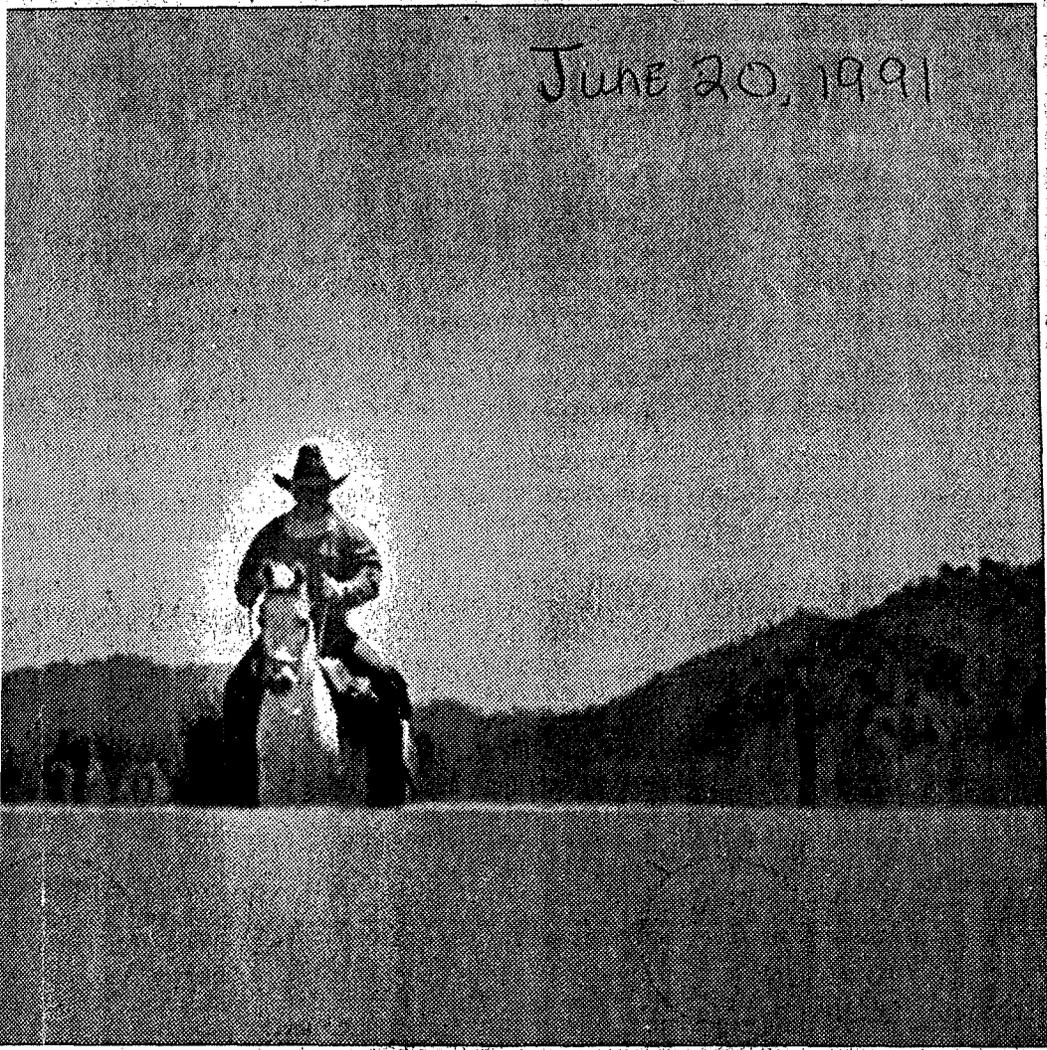
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PONY EXPRESS DELIVERS THE MAIL

Pony Express Ride Captain Gary Davis of Minden makes his way along the old Pony Express route through Jacks Valley on his way to Genoa Sunday morning. Davis changed horses at the Nevada Division of Forestry Fire Station on Jacks Valley Road. Carson Valley riders delivered the mail to Woodfords ahead of schedule. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

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Muller Lane to New Kingsbury Grade and from the top of Emmigrant Trail to Woodfords.

"It was great," she said. "We were faster than the time allowed and got the mail into Woodfords by 2:15 p.m."

It took the Hellwinkels, Barone and Storke a little more than two hours to make the 20-mile ride south from Genoa.

She said she spent about 20 minutes on horseback to get through each of the roughly three-mile sections.

"We moved right along," she

said. "There were no problems, everything went really smooth."

Riders go day and night to get the mail across country.

Davis said this was the first time a woman picked up the mail in Woodfords.

The re-rides began in California in 1974, when riders decided to duplicate a portion of the the historic ride from Carson City to Sacramento.

Three years later, they got the idea to ride the entire Pony Express route from St. Joe and advertised in Western Horseman

magazine.

The ride is reversed each year. This year riders came from Missouri. It takes nine days and about 400 riders to complete the eight-state trip.

Nearly a quarter of the riders are from Nevada.

Pony Express riders first crossed the western wilderness in 1860.

Volunteer riders delivered the mail for two years, until 1861 when the advent of intercontinental telegraph made the service obsolete.

State debt affects Alpine County budget

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by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

California state budget woes have trickled back to Alpine County, leaving supervisors to deal with the demands of creative accounting.

Alpine County supervisors are caught between deciding whether to take advantage of a funding program which may or may not be available, protesting drastically increased state fees on sewage treatment permits, and spending thousands of dollars from a tobacco control fund.

The board reluctantly approved a resolution Tuesday to impose new administrative fees on the school district, in hopes of taking advantage of possible state funds meant to "backfill" school district budgets.

The school district will accept an interest-free loan from the county to cover the \$26,000 fee costs.

In a recently announced state program, the district may apply for state money to cover the amount, resulting in a net increase for both

local jurisdictions.

Supervisors were concerned about the propriety of taking advantage of the program.

"I would like to see us make a stand away from all of this," said Eric Jung.

"Let's say it doesn't apply to us, we don't need it and we don't want it. I want to see us exempted from the whole deal."

County administrative coordinator Jeanne Lear agreed but said the county should take advantage of the program.

"We haven't tried to rob Peter to pay Paul, we've tried to be fair to our neighbors," she said.

"But if they [the state] are going to institute this kind of fund, then the money should be divvied up equally [to every county]."

California's Legislature set up the program as a way to increase the budgets of local governments, by allowing them to charge administrative fees against other, smaller local jurisdictions.

The result of the program, however, left the smaller jurisdictions in need of state assistance to cover the new fees, according to Lear.

The state has notified school districts it will cover the fee costs, but its fund contains only about \$100 million and claims are expected to top \$500 million, according to school district fiscal officer Floyd Hampton.

The board was advised by district attorney Hank Murdock that the loan to the school district would not be considered a gift, although the county will waive it if the state is unable to reimburse the school district.

The supervisors also agreed Tuesday to send a strongly worded letter to the state Waste Resources Control Board, protesting a new fee structure for wastewater treatment ponds throughout the state.

The new annual fees, which are being multiplied by 10 times over last year's fees, are exorbitant and not based on a realistic assessment of their effect on rural communities, according to director of public works Leonard Turnbeaugh.

The permit fees are based on type of wastewater treatment and not on number of sewage treatment plant users or on the size of the ponds, Turnbeaugh said.

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California man Wilderness Run winner

Delmar Fralick of Roseville, Calif., outdistanced a field of eight participants to win the 22-mile Wilderness Run last Saturday in Hope Valley.

Fralick, 27, completed the challenging mountain run in 3 hours, 26 minutes over a course that started at Sorensen's Resort and climbed to a peak at Burnside Lake.

Mike Longero, 33, of Carson City fin-

ished second in 3:30, while South Lake Tahoe's Ralph Johnson and Bruce Eisner finished eight minutes behind in third place.

Incidentally, the 6-foot-5 Longero is a former basketball star who played at Carson High and the University of Nevada, Reno.

The third annual Wilderness Run, joint-

ly sponsored by Friends of Hope Valley, Sorensen's Resort and the Fleet Feet, attracted an additional 22 runners for an 11-mile run.

Martin Griffin, 30, of South Lake Tahoe won the "short" race in a time of 1 hour, 28 minutes. He finished two minutes ahead of Paul Copley and five minutes ahead of Andy Takaha.

Gwen Gallanty, 35, of South Lake Tahoe was the first woman to finish in a time of 1:35.

Looking ahead on the running calendar, the Markleeville 10-K will be held June 30. The event, being held as a fund-raiser for Emergency Medical Services in Alpine County, will also offer a two-mile plus a one-mile run for children.

Alpine transportation needs to clean up bookkeeping

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

The bills are going up and the bookkeeping better improve for Alpine County public transportation, according to a report submitted last week.

When Alpine County seniors are driven up to Gardnerville or down to Placerville for medical appointments or social events, the costs are jumping, and a bookkeeping system which lumps transportation in with other services, such as meals-on-wheels, could threaten future state funds for transportation, the report concludes.

Besides that, the rural California county needs to expand its transportation base to include other clientele than seniors in order to continue to qualify for transportation grant money.

The report, written by California transportation specialist Pat Piras, was commissioned by the Alpine County Supervisors in response to questions about the status and effectiveness of the county's public transportation system.

The county receives about \$40,000 per year in public transportation grants from the state. The isolated county requires some kind of transportation services for

its elderly, said public works director Leonard Turnbeaugh.

The county is jeopardizing its ability to retain transportation grant money by limiting its at-call service to seniors, however, and by lumping expenses for other services geared to the elderly together.

Supervisors directed county staff to revise the bookkeeping system immediately after receiving the report Tuesday.

"The program obviously needs better bookkeeping now," said Supervisor Eric Jung.

"It looks like we've been operating illegally, and certainly sloppily. This is not the way to handle

public funds."

The board also directed Turnbeaugh to look at other programs for transportation fund spending so the program would not be limited to the elderly but would still be able to provide necessary transportation services to those people who need it most.

The county might be able to apply for a special rural grant under the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration, if it instituted a shuttle bus for commuters or for tourists in the ski areas, thus securing state funding for senior transportation, Turnbeaugh told the board.

However, UMTA grants are dif-

ficult and time consuming to apply for, he said.

"You need to ask yourself, how far do you want to go with public transit?" he said.

"We need to identify our needs and where we really want to go. The state can supply about \$40,000 — is more than that worth the paperwork?"

State transportation funds may be used in rural counties for road maintenance purposes, but only if the county can show all transportation needs are being met.

Some other public transportation options which the board directed staff to explore would be a shuttle bus between Bear Valley

and Mount Reba ski areas, or a commuter shuttle for local residents who work in the Carson Valley and Carson City areas.

In order to limit transportation services to the elderly population, the county would either see its grant dropped to \$2,000 per year (by applying under a specific program geared only to population) or by contracting for private transportation suppliers.

The current state regulations regarding transportation systems also require a "farebox" system whereby a small fee must be charged for each ride. This fee is not currently being charged in Alpine County.

Dull-Price engagement



Cheryl Dull and Greg Price

The engagement of Cheryl Dull to Greg Price has been announced. Dull graduated in 1987 from Carson City High School, and will graduate from UNR this fall. She is the daughter of Garth and Barbara Dull of Carson City.

Price is a Tech. Trainee for the State of Nevada. He is the son of Gerald and Jeannine Price of Woodfords, CA. The couple plans to be married June 29, at St. Galls's Catholic Church.

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Remember Wood

FIRE DAMAGE IN WOODFORDS. An alarm of fire was turned in from Woodfords Tuesday morning when the school building at that place was discovered on fire.

The Minden fire department made quick time in eating up the fourteen mile run and arrived there in time to prevent total destruction of the building.

Take a peek at the past

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ALPINE COUNTY MUSEUM

Historical



Complex is transformed

by NANCY C. THORNBURG
Special to the R-C

The Alpine County Museum in Markleeville, Calif. has undergone a dramatic transformation over the winter. We have added a new wing which significantly increases our exhibit space as well as our work and storage space.

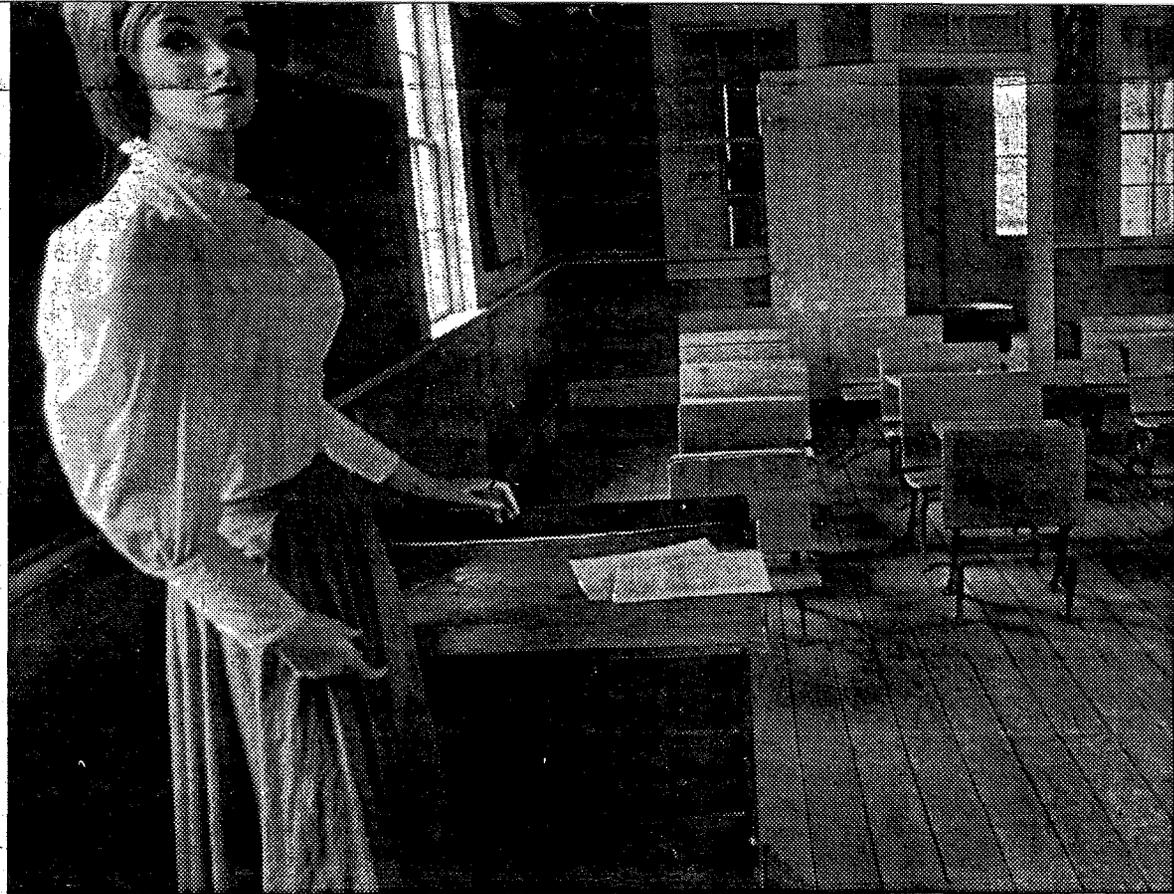
Grant money from the State of California Parks and Recreation Bond Act, plus additional monies from Alpine County and the Historical Society of Alpine County, enabled us to proceed with this long-held dream. Charles Keebaugh of Woodfords was the contractor for the addition, and building was completed in mid-April. The original building, built by volunteers and with donated money, was built in 1972, and by 1989 it was obvious that additional exhibit, work and storage space were desperately needed.

The museum is part of the Alpine County Historical Complex, which includes the Old Webster School and the Historic Log Jail, and sits high atop the hill in Markleeville overlooking meadows and mountains. It's a great place to spend a couple of hours, bring a picnic lunch, take pictures, and just relax. Combined with a soak in the pool at Grover Hot Springs and a leisurely stroll around historic Markleeville, it makes for a great day's adventure!

The Historical Complex officially opened on Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend) and is open Wednesday through Monday from noon to 5 through October. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

Exhibits which have been enlarged and/or moved include the blacksmith shop (enlarged with wood donated by Vern Essig and Bob and Dee Rudden); the general store (with the addition of the bank of post office boxes from the Woodfords Store donated by Stuart Merrill); and the kitchen and living room areas and the watchmaker's shop.

New exhibits include a collection of 14 black and white photographs entitled "Images of a Line Camp" which were taken and donated by David Dawson of Carmichael, California; six photographs of the



MUSEUM. Displays have been moved or enlarged at the Alpine County Museum for the new season. Above are Ken Anderson of San Francisco and Cheryl Little of Boise, Idaho, who stopped by the Alpine Historical Complex as a

Washoe elders of Woodfords taken by Jay Aldrich and donated by the Washoe Tribe; and the display of cradleboards and small baskets which were recently made by participants in a Washoe basketry class taught by Goldie Bryan of Woodfords.

Three birch swing-front cabinets, built by Randy Hamman of Gardnerville, feature Washoe basketry and eventually will house exhibits on Washoe history and culture.

The museum store now known as the Alpine Mercantile, has also been enlarged and carries, in addition to coloring and paper doll books for children, nature and history books for adults, and sterling silver pins of endangered species, work by local artists which has been placed on consignment.

The latter includes leatherwork by Sandi Wright;

break in riding their bikes in the rain on Thursday. They are looking at the enlarged blacksmith shop. At top is the schoolroom in the restored Old Webster School. R-C photos by Chris Tumbusch

silver and turquoise jewelry, dried flower materials by Dawn Riddle; pottery by Mark and Carolyn Vaughn; authentic miniature reproductions of historic tools and equipment by The Dalton Boys; and Washoe beaded work by Dale Bennett

We are also hoping to have jewelry made by two local Indians soon.

On Friday evening, May 24, the Historical Society hosted an Open House at the Complex to celebrate the grand opening of the addition. The Native Sons of the Golden West provided a no-host bar, and hors d'oeuvres were prepared by the directors of the Society. Over 150 people attended the event.

Editor's note: Nancy Thornburg is museum director at the Alpine Historical Complex.

In the pioneers' footsteps:

Exploring the Emigrant Trail near Lake Tahoe

By John Goepel

They didn't circle the wagons to fight off attacking Indians and they were seldom, if ever, rescued at the last minute by charging cavalry. But they did load their prairie schooners by the thousands for the trek across desert and mountain to California and Oregon. In a very few years they turned a wilderness route taken by only a few adventurers into a seasonally crowded trail complete with wagon train traffic jams. Then, suddenly, it was all over.

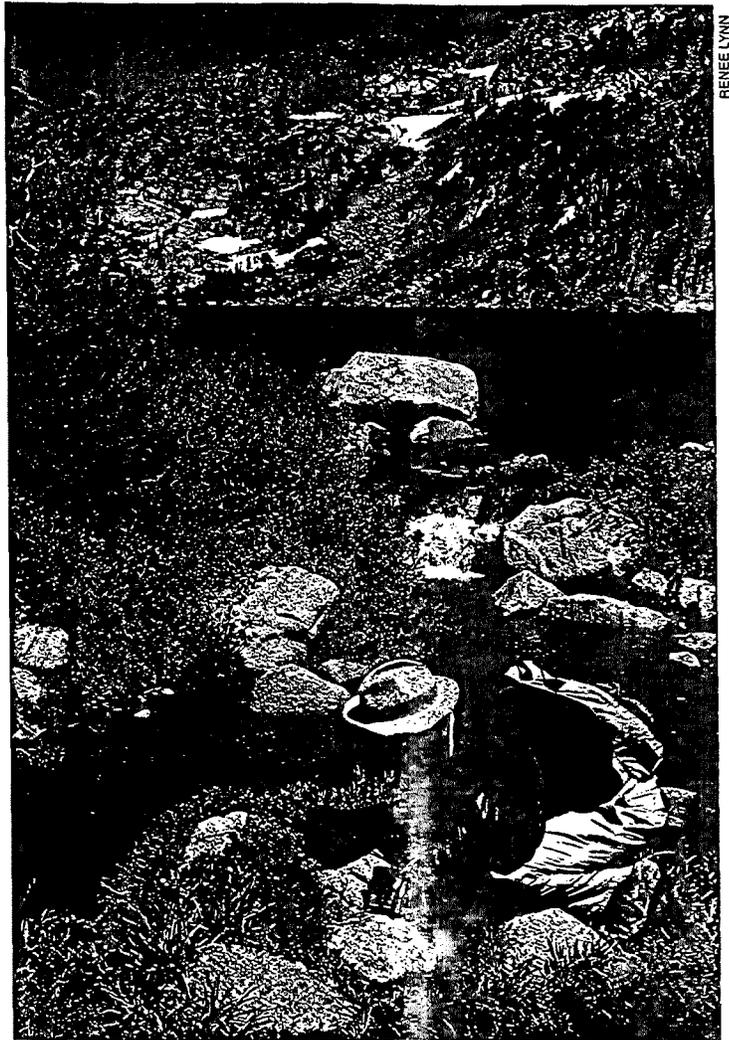
This mass migration west became part of the American myth almost immediately. The era lasted fewer than 20 years and involved perhaps 200,000 people. From the early 1840s to the Civil War, droves of optimistic Americans seeking a brighter future and, possibly, the adventure of a lifetime, helped fulfill what seemed America's manifest destiny—to stretch from sea to shining sea.

The emigrants gathered along the Missouri River, waited for the season to advance enough so there would be grass along the way to feed the draft animals, then set off for what in the early years literally was the unknown. The land still bears marks of their passage.

Variouly known as the Emigrant Trail, the Oregon Trail, and the California Trail, the route west developed branches along the way. Some emigrants headed for Oregon. Others, especially after the gold strike at Sutter's Mill, went to California.

Progress, or at least change, was nearly as rapid in the 19th century as in the 20th. By 1840, only a few mountain men knew how to cross the continent. By 1850, thousands of eager adventurers were dragging wagons over the mountains and through the rivers on their way west. By 1860 there was regular mail service across the country; the telegraph soon followed, and public transit was introduced on parts of the trail in the '60s.

That supreme symbol of 19th century progress, the railroad, spanned the continent in 1869. In 20-odd years the trek west had been transformed from months of hardship to a few days on the train.



RENEE LYNN

There's time to stop and smell the flowers while exploring the Emigrant Trail.

One of the California Trail routes went just south of Lake Tahoe. This section was pioneered by John Fremont and Kit Carson; routes 88 and 89 pass through some of the same territory today. With a little help, it's not only still possible to find the old trail but to find physical evidence of the pioneers who gouged it out of the mountains well over 100 years ago.

The Emigrant Trail isn't the only transportation history in this area. The Pony Express rode through. And that paragon of postal dedication, Snowshoe Thompson, a man who gave an added dimension to the Post Office's motto about the inability of adversity to stay it from its appointed rounds, carried mail during the Sierra winters here.

Neither the Pony Express, its route marked locally with plaques, nor Snowshoe Thompson, whose skis (they were called snowshoes back then) left their imprint in snow rather than granite, created so tangible a record of their passing as did the emigrants. In some areas, the trail is still fairly easy to see.

We conducted our search for the Emigrant Trail the easy way, with a guide arranged through Sorensen's Resort. Our tour began with a little preliminary historic grounding, including a stop at Carson Pass—Fremont and Carson made the first winter crossing of the Sierra—before we started walking.

At the trail's peak, thousands of iron-shod wagon wheels wore ruts into stone; they smoothed the sides of some rocks, and left streaks of rust where they scraped by. Some of these spots still are

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visible. Trees used for winching wagons up steep grades still show the scars where ropes rigged by annual bands of travellers rubbed deeper and deeper into their trunks.

In some wooded areas it's even easier to spot where the emigrants trekked, as the trees have not had a chance to refill the well-tramped route. In these spots, younger growth seems to be living in a tree-tunnel through the forest.

Although we hiked through Sierra scenery as beautiful (if a lot less troublesome) as it was 130 years ago, we spent as much time scrutinizing the ground immediately before us as enjoying the view. Ignorance of the troubles ahead allowed many of these pioneers to start their trip with more optimism than appropriate. Getting loaded wagons over the mountains was a major difficulty, and a lot of luggage ended up lining the trail. To this day it is possible to find bits of jetsam on your hike. We weren't sharp-eyed (or lucky) enough, but recent tours have turned up identifiable wagon parts and other bits of apparently pioneer-era metal.

Hiking through the Sierra is an end in itself. To do it literally on the trail of American history and mythology is a treat you can get in very few places. And once you've had your fill of hiking, there are related attractions in the area which those bent on getting to Tahoe

often miss.

Nearby Markleeville was a wood source for Virginia City in silver boom times. The museum there, which includes a jail, schoolhouse, and farmhouse from the 19th century, has a good display of household items, mining tools, minerals, clothing, and paintings of local scenes. You don't have to be all that ancient to recognize much of what is displayed in the schoolhouse, either. Picnic tables here invite you to stay a while.

This fairly straight-laced view of life is a contrast with what you'll find at the Alpine Hotel and Cutthroat Saloon. Despite the name, it's all saloon, without a hotel. What the Victorians might have called nether garments decorate the ceiling over the pool table here. A bugzapper casts its enticing glow, helping to illuminate the stuffed animal heads (some wearing ties), and pinball machines. The day we visited, the crowd was a mix of locals, bikers (the Harley-riding kind), and blatant tourists.

Route 206 to Genoa not only follows in part the Emigrant Trail and Pony Express routes, but the path skied over by Snowshoe Thompson. The Courthouse Museum in town is worth a visit. Among its exhibits is a Snowshoe Thompson Room, railroad memorabilia, and Washoe Indian exhibits. Mormon Station State Monument, a recon-

structed stockade, is across the street.

Also here is the Old Genoa Bar (1863), looking exactly like what it claims to be, the "Oldest Continually Operating Thirst Parlor" in Nevada. It was one of the few buildings in town to escape the Great Fire of 1910. There was no Mrs. O'Leary's cow or earthquake in Genoa: it went up in flames because of a misguided attempt to burn bedbugs out of a mattress. ♦

If you're going...

Our exploration was arranged by Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley, which offers two-day Emigrant Trail packages. They include guide, two nights' lodging, and four meals.

Sorensen's is a collection of log cabins among the trees just far enough from Lake Tahoe to be away from it all. It's built on a spot used as a resting place by the emigrants in the 1840s and '50s. The area was homesteaded later, then turned into a hunting and fishing camp. Cabins first appeared some 90 years ago. Today, Sorensen's Resort has over two dozen cabins that provide rusticity without the discomforts. Some of the cabins are decades old, some new; all have modern amenities, and any hike-induced soreness can be cooked away at the resort's sauna. For information, contact Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, CA 96120. (916) 694-2203.

For information on all Alpine County attractions, contact the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 265, Markleeville, CA 96120. (916) 694-2475.

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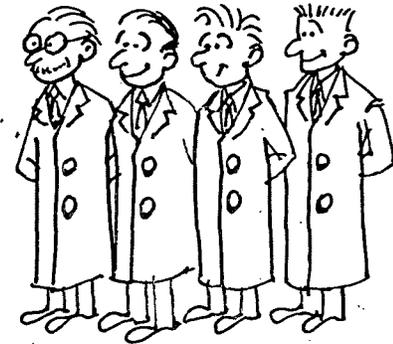
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Alpine County gravel pit hearing continued to July 25

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Alpine County residents turned out in force to challenge a special use permit which allows a gravel pit to operate in the Foothill area.

Members of the Alpine County Planning Commission heard both sides of the issue last week in an attempt to learn whether the conditions of the permit had been met.

Gravel pit neighbors came forward to ask that the permit be revoked.

The pit has operated sporadically since 1973, but most neighbors agree that the last activity at the pit was sometime in 1989.

However, pit owner Hubert Bruns recently signed a lease

agreement with Granite Construction Co. which would allow the company to mine gravel from the pit.

"It has never been my intention to abandon the pit," he told planners. "I'm collecting royalties from (Gerry) Bing."

Woodfords' attorney Tim Pemberton elicited testimony from neighbors to show the pit has not been used since 1988 and none of the conditions placed on the special use permit were complied with.

Pemberton claimed the conditions of the special use permit issued 18 years ago were never complied with.

He argued that since the pit had to be grandfathered in to operate

under current county ordinances it also had to operate within traditional use.

"If you find there is a pattern to projects at the gravel pit then that is the extent of the traditional use," he said.

Gary Ceragioli told planners he lived south of the gravel pit for nine years and hasn't seen any activity at the site.

"It's been three or four years since anything big has gone on at the pit," he said. "When it was open, they would work until past 10 or 11 at night."

Brun's attorney, Jeff Rahbeck, said he did not see why the hearing was even being held.

"Members of the general public are asking you to revoke an exist-

ing permit," he said.

"Normally, if a permit condition is in violation, then the county has to notice the owner that a hearing will be held."

Rahbeck reminded planners of the 1988 controversy surrounding a proposed second gravel pit on the same land.

"The same proponents for denying the second permit didn't ask for the revocation of the permit then," he said.

Brun's attorney said the pit is not in compliance with some requirements.

County Counsel Hank Murdock told planners that a failure to meet the conditions of the special use permit does not add up to the revocation of the permit.

"There might be a failure to

meet the conditions but that won't revoke the permit, it does not automatically and axiomatically kill the permit," he said. "Don't mix in your mind the need for permit conditions and the use of the pit."

Granite Construction representative Jay McQuillen Jr. said Granite is waiting for the planning commission to approve a reclamation plan before it begins work in the pit.

McQuillen said Granite received notice from Alpine County in October 1989 that a reclamation plan had to be filed before work could begin.

"Since then we have been trying to put the plan into place," he said.

Planning commission member Paul Washam said he didn't know

why people keep moving in next door to the gravel pit.

"I don't see why people continue to build there," he said. "It's not going away."

Woodfords' realtor Barbara Moore said people know the pit is there, but because of its infrequent past use, they don't realize the potential disruption.

"People who move there hear about the pit," she said. "But because of the extremely limited availability of property in the area, if people want to live here, they have to go there."

Planners gave both sides 10 days to include additional testimony and written documentation. They continued the issue until their July 25 meeting.

Devine outruns Markleeville 10-K field

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Bill Devine of Crystal Bay ran away from a field of 112 entrants to win the Markleeville 10-K Sunday.

Devine, a former distance standout at Reno High and Idaho State University, cruised over the challenging out-and-back

course in a time of 34:26, nearly two minutes faster than the runner-up Richard Johnson in 36:14. Mike Lannoy of South Tahoe was a close third in 36:16.

Linda Mantynen, 42, of Woodfords was the first woman to finish in a time of

40:38. Gwen Gallanty of South Lake Tahoe was the runner-up in 41:30 and Deb Devine was third in 42:38.

The race was the first leg of the three-race Hi-Country 10-K Series. The next stop will be the Aug. 7 Bear Valley 10-K.

Death Ride continues growth spurt

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One of nation's most popular bicycle events, Tour of the California Alps — the Death Ride, will celebrate its 10th birthday Saturday.

And the event is still experiencing a growth spurt.

An estimated 3,000 riders from across the U.S., as well as Canada and Europe, will hit the roads for a tour that offers some of the most difficult cycling challenges in this area, or any other.

The event, co-sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the

Alta Alpina Cycling Club, scales Monitor Pass (8,314 feet) from both the east and west sides, Ebbetts Pass (8,730), Luther Pass (7,740) and Carson Pass (8,573).

The total mileage for all five passes is 128.5 miles, though most riders opt for the shorter one-, two-, three- or four-pass tours. Riders will begin departing at 6 a.m. from Turtle Rock Park, located between Woodfords and Markleeville.

No awards are given for speed. Instead, participants are encouraged to pedal at their own pace. That is one of the attrac-

tions of the "Death Ride."

"It's a leisure ride where you see everything from 12-year-old kids to 70-year-old men and women," said Alta Alpina spokesman Curtis Fong.

"We rode 2,400 last year and we've opened it up to 3,000 this year. Now that we have Ebbetts pass closed to traffic we think we can accommodate more riders in a safer manner."

Highway 89 over Monitor Pass will be closed to traffic between 6 a.m. and noon. Highway 4 over Ebbetts Pass will be

closed from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Participants first take on the east and west slopes of Monitor Pass, then Ebbetts, Luther and Carson.

There is one basic goal for the Death Ride.

"We basically want to have the Death Ride continue to not live up to its name. In other words we don't anticipate anybody should die," Fong said. "Our emphasis is on safety. As a matter of fact, the logo this year shows the skeleton wearing a helmet."

Outdoors

Cycling challenge

By DON QUILICI

The ultimate cycling challenge and the cycling tour that is regarded as one of the top five toughest and one of the top 10 rides in the United States will be held Saturday in nearby Alpine County, Calif.



It's known as the "Death Ride - Tour of the California Alps" and it offers the ultimate challenge of cycling that includes climbing and descending one to five Sierra Nevada mountain passes with one to five different cycling tours ranging in distance from 48.2 miles to 128.5 miles.

The lowest point of any of the five tours is 5,050 feet, with the highest point being 8,730 feet, and in between, the cyclists can expect to encounter sections of the tours that can reach a 15 percent grade. 15 percent! Wow! That would make me huff and puff for sure.

This year's Death Ride is limited to the first 3,000 applicants who will have paid an entry fee of \$42 each for the chance to pick and choose from the following five choices:

1. The "One Pass Tour" which is 48.2 miles in length and has 4,580 feet of climbing to the top of Monitor Pass (8,314 feet).

2. The "Two Pass Tour" which is 68.0 miles in length and has 7,790 feet of climbing Monitor Pass, descending to U.S. 395 near Topaz

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ODDS AND ENDS:

Bet your favorite pigeon that he can't tell you the length of pregnancy for a short-nosed bandicoot. It's 12 days. That's the shortest pregnancy period known for any mammal. Wow! 12 days! Don't plan to come back as a short-nosed bandicoot...

Did you know that the Nueltin Fishing Lodge on Nueltin Lake on the border between Manitoba and the Northwest Territories has a standing offer of \$5,000 for the new world record Mackinaw trout that is caught and then released? That could be an interesting moment of decision! ...

Yours truly spent last Saturday on his own mini version of a Death Walk when I hiked some 16 miles round trip to Anna Lake in the Hoover Wilderness Area. The worst part of the hike was when I finally huffed and puffed up the last high ridge after 4½ hours of steady hiking, only to discover that Anna (11,000 feet) was still 95 percent FROZEN! It was also completely surrounded by huge snow fields and I had to wear my lined windbreaker while eating lunch. Hmmm, did you have to wear a coat Saturday? ...

It never fails to amaze who you meet in the darkest places.

Lake and then climbing back up Monitor Pass a second time.

3. The "Three Pass Tour" which is 93.2 miles in length and has 10,950 feet of climbing Monitor Pass twice and then climbing Ebbetts Pass.

4. The "Four Pass Tour" which is 110.9 miles in length and has 13,600 feet of climbing Monitor Pass twice, Ebbetts Pass and then Luther Pass.

5. The "Five Pass Tour"...the ultimate endurance cycling challenge! The world famous Death Ride. This is 128.5 miles in length and has 15,180 feet of climbing. It consists of climbing Monitor Pass twice, Ebbetts Pass, Luther Pass and Kit Carson Pass. Plus, this tour also has a first cut-off time limit of no later than 5:15 p.m. when you must have descended from Luther Pass, followed by a second cut-off time limit of 6 p.m. at the bottom of Red Lake grade where you begin the climb to the fifth and final pass, Kit Carson.

If you are one of many people planning to travel to Alpine County to watch the tours this Saturday, be advised that vehicle travel will be severely restricted on all of its highways during the entire day. For example, the Monitor Pass highway will be closed to all traffic beginning at 6 a.m. in the morning.

A wise person would plan to arrive very early and also plan to stay very late.

Great Outdoors. For example, this past weekend while wandering around the Hoover Wilderness Area, I saw Bob and Joyce Hamlin of Carson City, Tina Nappe of Reno, Bill Broersma of Douglas County, Jerry Ross of Washoe Valley and Jack Gardiner of Las Vegas, just to name a few ...

Saturday night beginning at 8, State Parks in conjunction with Jean Ford will present a slide show on the Ghost Towns of Nevada. It will be in the Day Use Area at Washoe Lake State Park and the program is geared toward adults ...

Drought one reason Alpine Cou

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

California budget woes continue to beset rural Alpine County.

The county, with a total budget outlay of about \$4.5 million per year, found itself "overdrawn" by more than \$100,000 at the end of the fiscal year, due to a combination of drought-induced recession and state-level debt.

The Alpine County Supervisors Tuesday approved an auditor-recommended measure to roll the county's contingency fund into the general fund in order to keep the county solvent.

The county retains \$313,000 in its reserve for water resources, however, according to Barbara Ryan, the county auditor.

The county expected, and planned for, \$223,000 more revenues than it received in 1990-91. Of that, more than \$100,000 was expected to be derived from room and sales taxes, traditionally brought in by tourists.

However, this year the tourists stayed away, while the county prayed for snow that didn't fall on the ski runs.

Complicating the drought-driven recession in the area, the state, facing a \$14 billion shortfall of its own, has been making spotty payments for programs such as social services, which the county has had to make up.

Some programs which are mandated by the state are facing funding cuts, leaving the county in an even more precarious financial

state next year, according to county Administrative Director Jeanne Lear.

For instance, state funding for trial courts, which includes the public defenders' office, is still uncertain for next year, Lear said. If California cuts funding for the program, the county will have to make up the difference through its own general fund.

While the various county departments, such as public works and health services, have stayed within their approved 1990-91 budgets, the shortfall in projected revenues has created an untenable situation, Ryan told the board.

"The general fund just cannot handle these things," she said. "And I don't believe it's going to get any better."

In other board:

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In other action Tuesday, the board:

- Approved a request for an official endorsement of the President's Initiative for National Forests.

The program would increase funding to "restore and improve outdoor recreation opportunities in the National Forests and Grasslands" by \$216 million in 1993 and \$321 million in 1994, according to a memo by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- This funding would be on top of the funding for base level maintenance of national forests.

The board agreed to send a letter with an addition endorsing "historical use" of national forest land, which would include grazing and agricultural uses as well as recreation.

Alpine County is made up of approximately 95 percent public land.

- Denied a request by rancher Clarence Burr for county participation in the cost of reconstruction to install a culvert under Diamond Valley Road.

The existing culvert has been in place since at least 1955 and the county has had no flood control problems at the location, according to Public Works Director Leonard Turnbeaugh.

Burr intends to replace the culvert with a larger pipe in order to facilitate irrigation.

- Continued an ordinance which would raise fees at the Turtle Rock recreation facility near Markleeville.

- Approved a request to allow

the Bear Valley Ski Company access to public easements in order for it to install pipes and pumps to transport water from Alpine Lake next ski season.

The ski resort intends to use water to make snow, general manager Dennis Rasmussen said.

"Snowmaking is becoming common in California now. We never thought that would be the case but more and more it's happening because of the drought," Rasmussen told the board.

A Bear Valley residents meeting on the issue brought out 200-300 people recently but as long as the residents' water supply was not affected there was no community objection, he said.

Snowmaking will remain the last priority use for the water.

Death Ride draws a

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by VINCE HERNANDEZ
R-C News Service

The emotions begin to run high as the cyclists make their way to the top of Luther Pass.

They've just climbed 7,700 feet during the fourth of five mountain passes, and there's mixed relief for the more than 3,000 participants who have made it this far on "Tour of the California Alps — The Death Ride."

"I'm too old for this," said Dennis Colvin, who made the trip over from Placerville, Calif., to participate in the event last Sunday.

Colvin, 48, has been a cyclist for more than 10 years, and this year, he had an added incentive to participate for the second time in the event fondly known as "The Death Ride."

"I wanted to do this with my son," Colvin said.

Resting not far away is Dennis' son Jed, who at 16 was experiencing his first Death Ride.

"It's hard, and at times, you go out quickly and the wind demoralizes you," Jed said.

Jed has scaled each of the passes on several occasions, but had never done them all at once.

"It's harder than I expected," he said.

With the sun hovering above the road stretching out beyond, the name "Death Ride" seems appropriate. But why would anyone want to spend a day climbing more than 15,000 vertical feet and pedaling through 128-1/2 mountainous miles in Alpine County?

"Peer pressure," said Reno cyclist Donnette Dunaway, 28.

"She has some crazy friends," said Alice Altstatt, 36, one of four friends from Reno who decided to join the tour.

"We all got each other to do," Altstatt said. "I think this is a

once in a lifetime deal."

Sitting on the ground beside her bicycle, Altstatt said she could feel the impact of the ride, especially on her rear end.

"That's when you wish you had trained more," she said while massaging her body.

Originally the event was called the "Markleeville Death Ride."

Today, the "Tour" is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club. The annual proceeds benefit eight nonprofit organizations in California's least populated county.

Riders range in age from 10 to 75 years old and come mostly from California, and from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, with a few from Europe.

It began as a one day ride on the 1976 SuperTour put on by then Alpine County cyclist Wayne Martin. It was originally a "cult" race for hardcore cyclists with a shotgun start and recorded times.

There are no winners in the Death Ride, only survivors who ride for the challenge and personal glory.

"It has gotten notoriety way beyond what it is," said Bill Bartlow, 56, from San Jose. "I'm not in as good of shape so I'm feeling it."

Some well-known cyclists and top triathletes have participated in past rides like Tour de France champion Greg LeMond, Ironman champion Mike Pigg and women's winner of the Race Across America (RAAM) Elaine Mariolle.

The physical and mental challenges, as well as the camaraderie bring the riders back each year.

"You build a certain friendship with people you don't know because you've done something



Carolyn Burson of Oakland, Calif., was among the more than 3,000 participants who turned out for Tour of the California Alps — The Death

ride. "It's a real hard together, and it's a good feeling," said Omar Muhtadi, 32, a member of the Reno Wheelman Cycling Club.

It marked the second time on the ride for Muhtadi, who kept pace with Wheelman teammate Dave Corthell, 34.

"You just focus on the pavement, and sometimes you forget to look around at the scenery," said Corthell, who was on his fourth Death Ride.

"It's knowing that you'll be

finished when you that's what kept Muhtadi said.

The tour, however, be possible with 15-16 years—more show up Saturday help in any way.

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Each aid station

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Oakland, Calif., was among 100 participants who turned in the California Alps — The Death Ride last Saturday. An estimated 900 completed the entire five-pass 128 distance. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

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finished when you get to the top, that's what keeps you going," Muhtadi said.

The tour, however, would not be possible without the volunteers—more than 250—who show up Saturday morning to help in any way they can.

"These boys and girls sure are tired," said Jay Alsbury, who stationed himself at the top of Luther Pass at 7 a.m. "We give them whatever they need."

Each aid station contained

fruit, food, emergency and medical aid, shade and plenty of water.

South Tahoe Public Utility District took care of cyclists at the top of Luther Pass, while at the top of Carson Pass — the fifth and final climb — volunteers from the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation and Kirkwood Ski Resort greeted riders.

"Everybody here is dead tired,"

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Death Ride: Reasons vary

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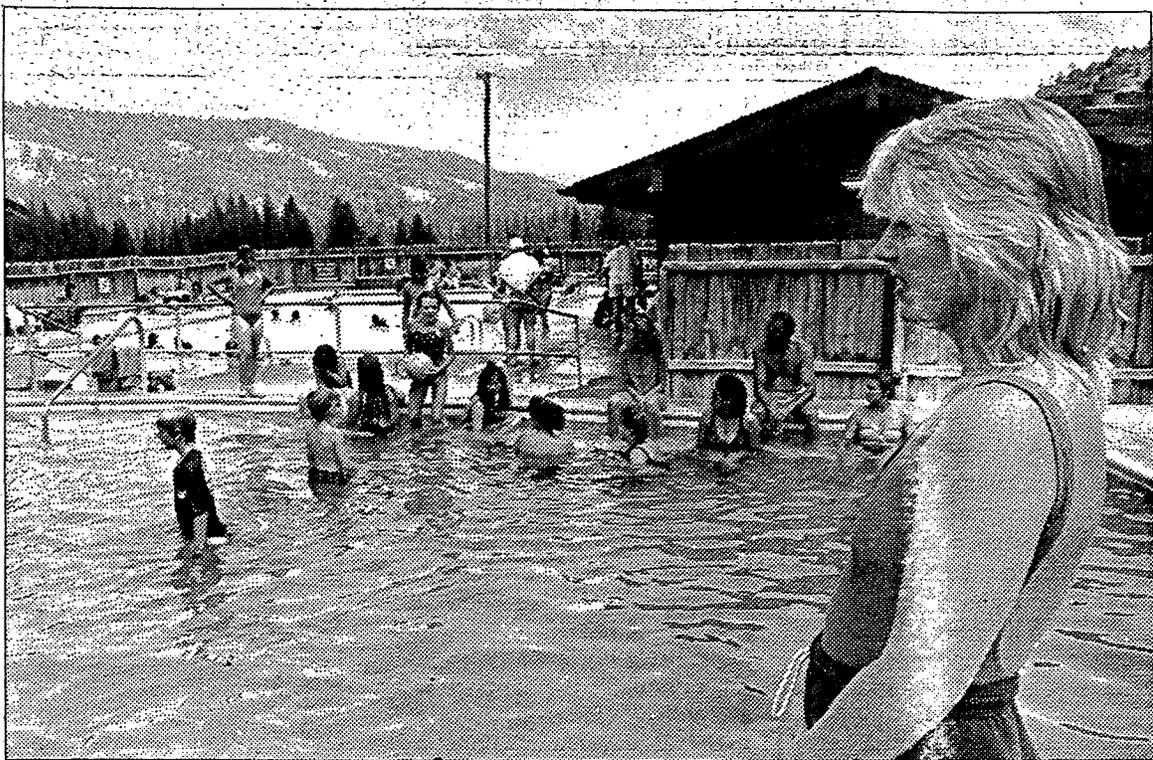
said Joe Chandler, organizer of the Carson Pass aid station. "No problems so far. We've had some very exhausted people and some very overheated people, but they have all been able to leave here on bikes."

The summit of Carson Pass is pure relief for the riders who then descend to the finish area at Turtle Rock Park.

"It's done here," Muhtadi said. "Now you just let gravity work for you."

"I feel relieved," said Molly Doeneka, 31, who came down from Portland, Ore., to join the tour for the second time. "I'm glad I did it. I'm probably pretty insane, but at least everyone else here is just as crazy as I am."

"It feels like heaven," said Richard Shields, 47.



Hotsprings

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Grover's Hot Springs lifeguard Mary Shields of Markleeville watches over swimmers at the two

pools which are very popular in the summer. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

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DROUGHT NOT ALLEVIATED. Afternoon clouds hanging heavy over Carson Valley this week have done little to alleviate a drought situation described as the "worst in 30 years."

Watermaster Cecil Stodieck reports only 15 second feet of natural flow water running in the West Fork of the Carson and only 60 feet in the East Fork.

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Cowboy poets are on tap at Alpine Museum

Cowboy poetry and music with Ernie Fanning and Tony Ilardi will be featured in two performances at the Alpine County Museum Aug. 24.

The performances are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and families in the area are encouraged to take a picnic lunch to the complex, which opens at 10 a.m.

An art show will be held Aug. 24 and 25, featuring the work of area artists, and the special traveling exhibit

"Back at the Ranch: Images of the Ranch Family," produced by the Western Folklife Center in Elko.

The exhibit is on display through Sept. 8. The display combines photography, humorous drawings and quotes to illuminate the special character of ranch family life.

The Alpine County Historical complex is open Wednesday through Monday, noon to 5 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Alpine County

Arts Commission and the Alpine County Museum.

Men working cattle on horseback is an image often used to portray life on the ranch. "Back at the Ranch—Images of the Ranch Family," an exhibit on display at the Alpine County Museum, Markleeville, Calif. through Sept. 8 moves beyond that stereotype and honors the joint efforts of generations of women, men and children, as they work indoors and out

to maintain their way of life. Though work on horseback is a significant part of the picture, each day and each season on the ranch has its range of demands and surprises. Hard work and long days are balanced by leisure times and special occasions passed in a variety of ways. Whether work or play, all the members of the family participate.

"Back at the Ranch," a traveling

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Ranch exhibit: At Alpine Museum

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exhibit of the Western Folklife Center in Elko, combines contemporary and historical photography, humorous drawings, and quotes to convey a sense of place, people and life on ranches in the west.

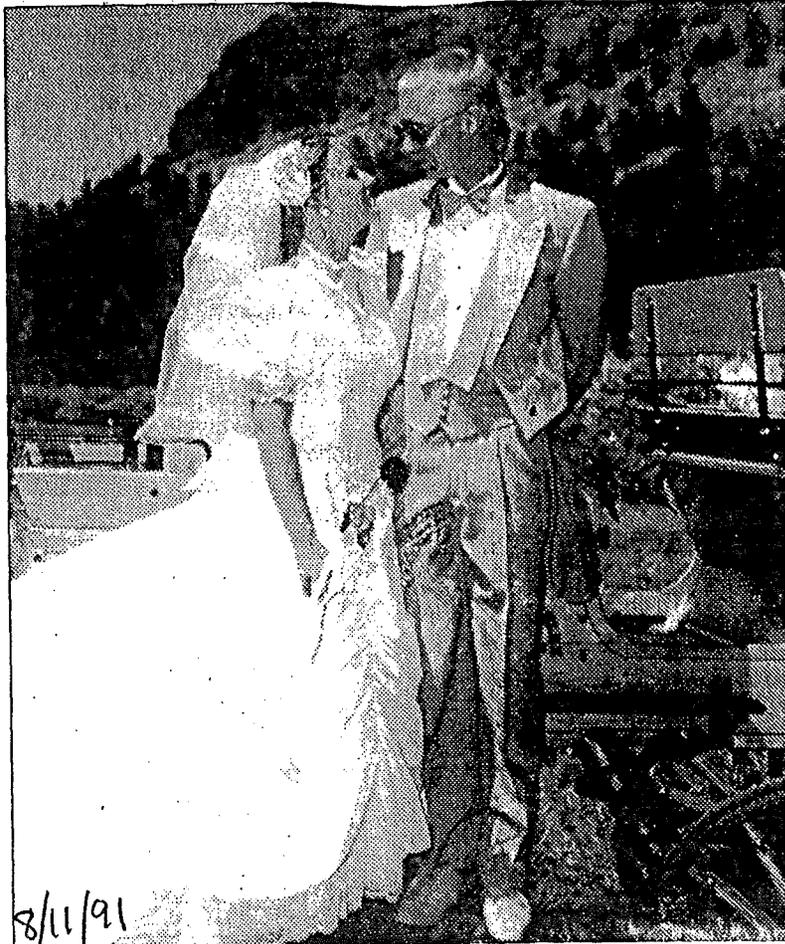
This ranch family way of life is under serious economic and political pressure, making the subject a timely one, a spokesman said. Writer Scott Hibbard of Montana Spaces says, "The nucleus of fami-

ly is part of what gives ranching its special identity, an identity which becomes more special as the number of ranches and ranch families decline."

The work of photographers from throughout the country are featured in the exhibit including that of William Albert Allard, Jonas Dovydenas, Barbara Van Cleve and Winnemucca area ranchwoman Linda Dufurrena.

The exhibit was produced by

the Western Folklife Center, organizers of the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering, and the Northeastern Nevada Museum, with support from the Nevada Humanities Committees, Inc., the Nevada State Council on the Arts, George Gund and the Northern Nevada Community College.



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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE DUSKO

Thornburg-Dusko rites told in ceremony at Kirkwood

Stephanie (Nani) Thornburg and George Dusko were united in marriage in an outdoor ceremony at Kirkwood on Sunday, July 14.

The bride is the daughter of Fritz and Nancy Thornburg of Markleeville and the granddaughter of Lillian Thornburg of Carson City.

She is a 1987 graduate of Douglas High School. The bridegroom is the son of Hilda Buzzas of Lewistown, Mont.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Veronica Apodaca and bridesmaids Laurie Watt, Tisha Hollingsworth, Stacey Stein and Sue DeVilbiss.

The bridegroom was attended by best man Peter Tobacco and groomsmen Tom McKinnon, David Waddle, Brad Parker and David Potter.

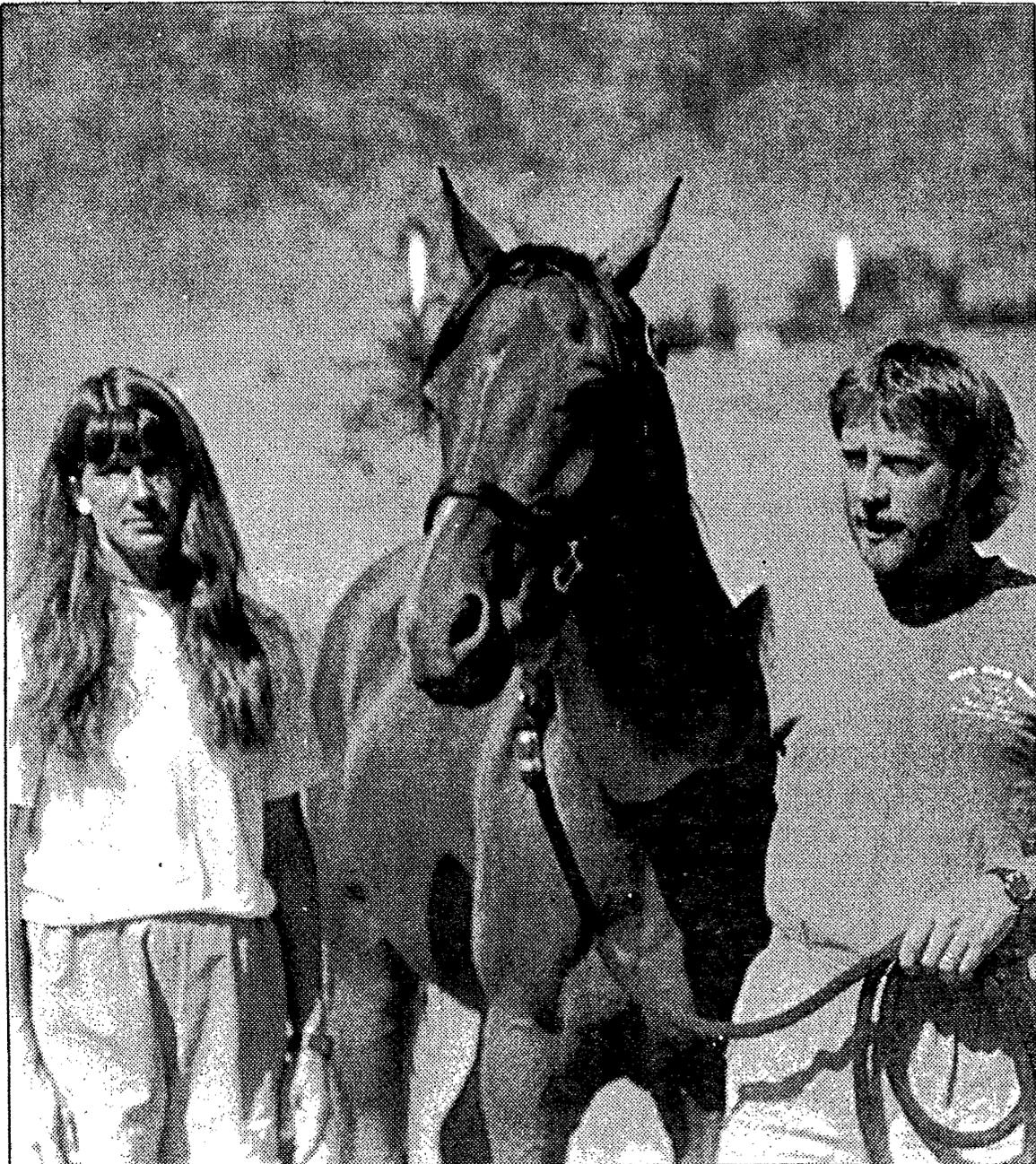
Also participating in the ceremony were flower girl Stephanie Cunningham, niece of the bridegroom, and ringbearer Alex Sharp.

Officiating at the ceremony was Alpine County Clerk Karen Keebaugh.

A reception was held at Kirkwood following the ceremony.

Out-of-town guests included the bride's sisters, Rebecca Ali of Ft. Meyers, Fla., and Jennifer Thornburg of Weimar, Calif., her grandmother, Lillian; and Lillian's brother, Dick Bushing of Reno and his daughter and her husband; Lillian's niece, Carol Hutton and her husband, of Upland, Calif.; the bride's aunt, Mary Tobias, and cousin Diana Magill-Heinzmann and her husband; the bridegroom's mother; his sister, Joanne Poole and her daughter, of Houston, Texas; and his sister Liz Cunningham and her husband and two children of Lewiston, Mont.

The couple returned to their home at Kirkwood following a wedding trip to the Santa Cruz area.



SUCCESSFUL TEAM. Kathy Ceragioli and Gary Ceragioli combined with Armanizon to finish 15th overall at the Ride and Tie World Championships. R-C photo

Ride and tie a family affair

Running has been a daily routine for Gary and Kathy Ceragioli for some time. The Woodfords couple still enjoy running, only now they've added a new hitch.

Horseback riding has been incorporated into that daily routine as part their new sport — ride and tie. The results have been favorable so far, too, judging from their strong performance at the recent Ride and Tie World Championships in Taylorsville, Calif.

The Ceragiolis finished 15th overall in a field of 89 entries, plus they were the first in the man-woman, husband-wife and novice categories.

The showing is all the more noteworthy considering it was just their second ride and tie.

"I don't know if it was dumb luck or what," Gary said with a laugh. "We haven't figured it out yet."

Ride and tie is a sport in which two runners alternate running and riding on one horse — "It's sort of a leapfrog effect," Gary explains. The relay is complete when both runners and horse cross the finish.

The Ceragioli's, along with their 8-year-old Arabian, Armanizon, covered the challenging 34.5-mile trail course in Taylorsville in a time of 5 hours, 10 minutes.

Tests of endurance are nothing new for Gary Ceragioli, 39, who is an ultra-distance running veteran. Among his running conquests in the last 10 years have been the American River 50-miler, Yosemite's 31-mile Shadow of the Giants and the Pikes Peak Marathon.

For further proof that this is a sport that lends itself to ultra distance running, the world championship team was led by Tom Johnson, a 32-year-old engineer from Sacramento who just one month before had shattered the course record at the prestigious Western States 100-Mile Endurance Run.

"This was probably as tough as some of the ultras I've done," Gary said. "They said it was the toughest ride and tie world championship they'd ever had. It was a pretty tough course. There was a lot of up and down."

The task was further complicated when Kathy was run over by a

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Ride and tie: A new challenge for couple

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horse less than 10 miles into the race.

"A horse stepped on my heel and calf, then on my tailbone, ribs and head," she recalled.

An accident like that could be enough to deter anyone from giving the sport another try.

"I thought about that at the time," Kathy said.

"But this is fun. It's a different

than running. It's amazing the break you get from riding."

"To me, it's a new sport," Gary offered. "I've done motocross, I've run short distances, I've run ultras. This is something different to try."

And remember, this was just their second attempt at ride and tie.

"We did Guy Lewis' ride and tie, a 25-miler out at Mud Lake and ended up second overall," Gary recalled. "There were apparently

some good teams out there and they were the ones who talked us into going to Taylorsville.

"We were a little reluctant to go at first. We were afraid we'd just get in the way," added Ceragioli, who now says they plan to enter another ride and tie next month in Santa Cruz, Calif.

"Right now, we're jazzed about it, kind of likes kids with a piece of candy."



BOMBER. A DC-4 air tanker drops a load of retardant at the fire near Woodfords Monday. R-C photo by Kurt Hildebrand

Lightning starts fire near Emigrant Trail

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Firefighters got a workout Monday as lightning from a thunderstorm set two blazes in Alpine County.

A lightning-caused brush fire scorched 15 acres near the intersection of Emigrant Trail and Foothill Road Monday evening.

Units from four counties responded to the blaze just west of the California-Nevada border.

A lightning strike at about 3:45 p.m. set the fire which was blown downhill by 20 mph winds.

Nearly 80 firefighters responded to the fire with engines from Lyon County, Carson City in addition to Alpine County, Douglas County Engine Co., U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, and the Genoa Volunteers.

The fire was contained by 7 p.m. and crews were still watching it Tuesday.

Flames reached the road in two places, but homes on the other

side were not endangered.

The Douglas DC-4 air tanker based from Minden made several runs at the fire and a helicopter from Carson City made bucket drops.

On the ground, engines lined Emigrant Trail and Foothill as firefighters beat back the flames with hoses and shovels.

Claude Marsh of the Minden Dispatch Center said humid conditions also kept the fire from getting out of hand.

It has been a little over four years since the Acorn Fire destroyed 24 homes in the Woodfords area.

A second, smaller fire began in the Grover's Hot Springs area just as crews were getting a hand on the first fire.

Marsh said the fire was limited to three trees and did little damage.

It began at about 6 p.m. and was out within a short time of discovery. Carson Valley residents can expect to see more lightning today as a storm system continues to move through the area.

People



Take a hot soak

Grover Hot Springs near Markleeville, Calif., is a popular spot during the summer — and the rest of the year, too. The natural hot pool at 103 degrees Fahrenheit (in foreground) is a great place to soak out the soreness from hiking or horseback riding, and the cooler swimming pool, 78 degrees, is tops with kids. The pools are filled up, especially on weekends during the summer with area residents and visitors, but locals are often to be found enjoying the waters during the week, according to a California State Parks spokesman. The pools are open all year long and more than 10,000 visitors annual take advantage of the site. The hot springs are situated on a 519-acre state park that features walking trails and two campgrounds with 76 sites, rated one, two and three. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-444-7275. Picnicking, at a cost of \$5 per day, is available, and entrance to the pools (also for all day in-and-out) is \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids. Pools are open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The natural hot pool is drained each evening and sanitized, and the cold pool is chlorinated. People from all over the world visit the park. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

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Bryan J. Sparks of Markleeville received his associate degree in culinary arts from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I.

He is currently working as a teacher's aide while pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Sparks is the son of John and Cheryl Sparks of Markleeville and is a 1989 graduate of Douglas High School.

He received scholarships from the Town and Country Homemakers, the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Alpine Parents Club.

Sparks made the dean's list twice and spent last summer working at the Hyatt Regency in Hawaii as a co-op student.

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IN HOPE VALLEY. R. Gelatt and family and Miss Clara Dunn and Hon. J. W. Haines, Mrs. Haines and daughter departed for Woodfords in a four-in-hand Monday for a few days outing at that popular resort. The party visited Hope Valley and greatly enjoyed the entire trip.

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Alpine fish-poisoning project begins today

By JENNIFER COVERDALE
Tribune Staff Writer

Treatment of upper Silver King Creek with a fish poison begins today as part of a three-year program to kill hybrid fish that threaten the Paiute cutthroat trout, the Department of Fish and Game announced.

About 25 gallons of rotenone will be released from "drip stations" into six miles of the Alpine County creek daily through Aug. 23 to stun and kill the hybrid Paiute trout, ac-

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Fish

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According to Fish and Game spokesman Lanny Clavecilla.

Applications of similar duration and dose also will occur in 1992 and 1993, followed by efforts to restock the creek by 1994 with the unique, pure trout subspecies, a purplish-pink game fish recognized for having no more than five body spots.

Following each treatment, a red rotenone neutralizer, potassium permanganate, will be added to the creek, discoloring water a mile or more below Llewellyn Falls. The neutralizer is reportedly safe and commonly used in water treatment plants.

Although recent rotenone treatments of the Meiss Meadows area to restore the Lahontan cutthroat trout drew criticism, Fish and Game officials maintain the controversy largely resulted from fear of the unknown, rather than an actual health risk. So far, the Silver King project is proceeding with little public protest.

The fish toxin, derived from a South American bean, kills the trout by interfering with their ability to utilize oxygen in the water. It does not harm mammals, birds or plants, Clavecilla emphasized.

He added warning signs will be posted at U.S. Forest Service trailheads and on Silver King Creek above the falls to discourage use of the creek's water during the treatment, since some people may be sensitive to the unpleasant-smelling chemical or other byproducts of the treatment.

Although rotenone contains the

carcinogenic solvent trichloroethylene, Fish and Game Fisheries Management Supervisor Patrick O'Brien contends the toxin is less dangerous to the health of the creek than fuel residues from one motor boat are to Lake Tahoe. The chemical will be released at a rate of one ounce per 7,500 gallons of creek flow.

Anywhere from a couple hundred to 1,000 hybrid trout that live in East Fork Carson River drainage above the falls will be killed as part of the department's 1985 Paiute recovery plan. However, Fly Valley Creek and Fourmile Canyon, which currently contain pure species, will not be affected by the treatments.

Fish and Game and Trout Unlimited saved about 1,000 of the creek's hybrid trout from the treatments earlier this month after electroshocking, netting and transporting them to waters below the falls. "We took every fish we could capture," O'Brien said.

Clavecilla said the introduction of rainbow and Lahontan cutthroat to the Silver King basin in the 1950s, and the subsequent interbreeding with the Paiute, "virtually eliminated" the pure species.

Since then recovery has been slow, but optimistic. In 1970, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service classified the trout as "endangered," then five years later downgraded it to "threatened" after Fish and Game began successful reintroduction programs.

Today, about 1,000 pure Paiute inhabit Fly Valley Creek, Fourmile Canyon and Corral Valley Creek in the Toiyabe National Forest, Cottonwood Creek in Inyo National Forest and Stairway Creek in the Sierra National Forest.

World's Toughest Triathlon set

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by VINCE HERNANDEZ
R-C News Service

Like swallows flying to San Juan Capistrano, this week the athletes, hundreds of them, will make their annual migration to the shores of Lake Tahoe.

They will swim. They will pedal. They will run.

For one day, South Lake Tahoe will be the site of one of the most grueling tests known to mankind—the World's Toughest Triathlon.

For the ninth year, triathlon organizers Charlie and Kristen Lincoln have seen to it that the event is one of the finest and toughest of its kind.

"It's been a labor of love," Charlie said of his year-round job of organizing and getting sponsorship for the event.

The triathlon began in 1983 and attracted 45 individual athletes and 13 teams. The next year, 83 triathletes and 30 teams challenged the course. In 1986, however, without insurance the triathlon was canceled. That was the last time Lincoln had trouble with outside forces and since then the event has grown to tremendous proportions.

This year, more than 500 triathletes from across the United States

and 2,000 volunteers are expected to show up Saturday for the 7:30 a.m. start.

The event has also gained national recognition, and this year, it was selected by Triathlon Federation USA as the 1991 National Ultra-distance Championship. The World's Toughest is one of three triathlons on the west coast, one of 12 in the nation, used as a qualifier for the 1991 Ironman.

The triathletes begin with a two-mile swim. Next, they hop on bicycles for a 10-mile bike ride. The day ends with an 18.6 mile run.

But it isn't the distance of each stage that makes this triathlon the World's Toughest. It is the unique location of Lake Tahoe—with an elevation of 6,200 feet—which makes this truly the World's Toughest.

For the swim, a two-mile rectangular course begins at Camp Richardson Resort and parallels the shoreline of Lake Tahoe. The average depth of the swim course is 10 feet and the water temperature ranges from a chilly 58 degrees to a less chilly 62 degrees Fahrenheit. To survive the cold of Lake Tahoe, triathletes are required to wear full wet suits and

swim caps made of synthetic rubber.

The bike ride is no joy ride for the athletes who will climb two of the "Death Ride" passes.

Traveling off Highway 89, the competitors travel over Luther Pass at 7,740 feet, take on Monitor Pass' 8,134 foot climb and then double back over Luther Pass. The course has a total vertical gain of 7,173 feet.

The last leg of the race is an 18.6-mile run on a course with a vertical climb of 1,700 feet. This year, the running course has been altered to prevent runners from being stranded on the trails after dark.

"It's the same distance, but there's more pavement on the course," indicated Frank Jones, run coordinator for the triathlon. "We eliminated some of the trails for convenience."

Jones said the final five miles of the course has been altered for the safety of the runners as well as convenience for volunteers.

"Some of the competitors finish after dark, and we had trouble keeping track of them," Jones said. "This way the last portion of the race is on pavement, and it's easier to find them."

The top athletes and relay teams

are expected to finish in just over eight hours, and the last of the triathletes should be done within 15 hours. Each stage has a time limit so that no one is left struggling to complete the course late into the night. Anyone left on the course at 11 p.m. will be pulled from the race.

No other triathlon combines high altitude, cold water and rugged terrain that the World's Toughest offers.

"No other race puts those three elements together," Charlie Lincoln said.

Last year, 160 triathletes — 146 men and 14 women — and 68 teams began the race. Of those, 97 men and 11 women crossed the finish line and 66 relay teams finished.

Two-time men's champion David Cihasky of Wisconsin will be back to defend his title. A year ago, Cihasky won the event in a time of 8 hours, 33 minutes and 24 seconds. In 1989, Cihasky set the course record with a time of 8:25:09.

Last year's top woman was Michele Wewel in a time of 10:49:25.

The fastest time ever turned by a relay team was the 7:30:12 by Guido and Garcia in 1987.

Tahoe runner wins Bear Valley 10-K

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by DAVE PRICE
Sports editor

Saturday was just like old times Rick Gentry when he outlasted Bill Devine in a first-place duel at the Bear Valley 10-K.

Gentry, 36, of Stateline, pulled away after the five-mile mark and eventually won in a time of 30:28 in Bear Valley's 8,000-foot atmosphere. Devine, of Incline Village, was nine seconds back with a runner-up time of 30:37.

In all, a field of 86 runners turned out to run the second leg of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Hi-Country 10-K Series.

Though billed as a 10-K, race officials indicated afterward that the actual distance

turned out closer to six miles. That still doesn't take away from Gentry's performance.

Gentry, who runs for Harvey's Track Club, is on the comeback trail after battling with a foot injury the last three years. He ran one race in 1988, one in 1989 and two biathlons last year.

"I've had foot problems for a long time. It even got to the point where I was barely able to walk to work," he said. "I finally tried cortisone and it's made a big difference. I'm still a little apprehensive about the foot, but if I can stay healthy, I think I still have a lot of good runs left in me."

Gentry has had some pretty fair runs already. He ran at Southwestern Louisiana and then at Troy State in Alabama, then

pushed his times up to a new level after moving to Lake Tahoe in 1979.

Among his accomplishments are three top 10 finishes at San Francisco's Bay to Breakers and a fourth-place finish at the 1985 National Sports Festival half-marathon (1:08:44) in Baton Rouge, La. His fastest time for 10,000 meters is 29:41.

Gentry began his comeback earlier this month with a fourth-place finish at the grueling Squaw Valley Mountain Run.

"I came in hoping to finish in the top 20 and the next thing you know, here I am winning a race," Gentry said.

Though he finished second in this race, Devine maintained his overall lead for the Hi-Country 10-K Series. The former Reno

High and Idaho State standout won at Markleeville, the first leg of the Series.

Third place overall was claimed by South Lake Tahoe's Skyler Jones, who checked in with a time of 31:09.

The first woman to finish was Kristen Cooper from Berkeley, Calif., who ran 37:03. Linda Mantynen of Woodfords was second overall and first in the masters (40 years and over) division in 38:03.

Mantynen also stands first overall in the Hi-Country Series, followed by Gwen Gallanty of South Lake Tahoe, who finished third overall Saturday in 38:20.

Lyle Freeman of Gardnerville was first among the masters men in 35:20.

The Hi-Country Series concludes with the 10th annual Kirkwood 10-K Sept. 8.

Alpine streams touted for plants

Fishermen looking to close out summer with a bang may want to cast their sights toward Alpine County between now and Labor Day weekend.

The fish will be there because both the East and West Fork of the Carson River, Silver Creek, Hot Springs Creek and Pleasant Valley will receive heavy fish plants this coming week, according to Judy Warren of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

"They will be planting the streams fairly heavily, including some trophy plants," Warren said.

The plants are sponsored by the Alpine County and California departments of fish and game, the South Tahoe Public Utilities District and Alpine Chamber of Commerce.

Overall conditions in the area have been favorable recently, according to Warren.

"The last couple of weeks have been fairly good," she said. "The water conditions have actually been holding up."

Most of the planting will be done in streams but area lakes have been productive. For example, one young angler

recently pulled a 13-pound, 6-ounce mackinaw out of Caples Lake (trolling from a boat).

Out-of-state visitors need to remember that a valid California fishing license is required.

In addition, fishermen should check for special regulations. For example, Pleasant Valley is restricted to fly fishing and is a catch-and-release area. And the East Carson River below Hangman's Bridge has trophy regulations — artificial lures, either fly or spinner, and barbless hook. A two-fish limit is in effect.

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Turner passes World's Toughest test

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Seattle man wins triathlon

by VINCE HERNANDEZ
R-C News Service

Until Saturday, Lake Tahoe had only been a picture in a travel guide to David Turner.

Now, he'll always remember Lake Tahoe as the site of his toughest physical battle.

Turner, 29, of Seattle, Wash., overcame the leaders while ignoring a side stitch to cross the finish line first in the ninth World's Toughest Triathlon at South Lake Tahoe. His unofficial winning time was 8 hours, 45 minutes and 43 seconds.

"It's a tough course," said Turner, who has been taking part in triathlons seriously for the past three years. "I think the altitude was really tough on me to catch a breath."

A tough course to say the least. The race put athletes representing 48 states and four nations against a two-mile swim, 100-mile bicycle ride that included climbs of Monitor and Luther passes, and an 18.6-mile trail run.

For most of the race, Turner was chasing Scott Miller, who was the first athlete out of the water in a time of 45:39. Miller maintained his lead by covering the bicy-

cle course in 4:52:02 — at which time his lead over Turner was eight minutes and 16 seconds.

Miller, however, said he had his troubles on the 18.6-mile run.

"I had the lead until halfway through the run, and then I bonked," said Miller, from Soda Springs. "My pace went downhill from there. I almost had to crawl."

While passing an aid station during the run, Turner said he noticed that Miller had stopped.

"Then I kind of figured it out. I knew he was the only person in front of me," Turner said.

Second place went to Matt Haugen from St. Paul, Minn., with a time of 8:50:30. Haugen nailed down the runner-up spot on the strength of his 2:46:34 run, a time that ranked 10th overall (including relay runners).

"I've been wanting to run this race for a long time, and I finally did it this year," Haugen said.

Two-time defending champion David Cihasky was unable to post a third straight win and came in fifth in 9:02:17.

"I'm really happy for those guys (Turner and Haugen)," Cihasky said. "They did fantastic. It was great to see that."

Cihasky said he began to wear down while pedaling over 8,314-foot Monitor Pass. When he made the transition, he felt queasy and became sick to his stomach.

"I think I just got some bad fluids, otherwise it was one of those things,"

Cihasky said.

Cihasky said that although he was disappointed with the finish, he was more disappointed with his time.

"I went out as hard as I could. I was hoping to win a third time, but I'll be back, and next time I'll be in shape," Cihasky said.

Third place went to Charles Cox, 39, of Reno in 8:59:02 and Miller came in fourth in 9:01:01.

Lisa Verke was the first woman to finish, coming in with a personal record time of 9:49:21. A nurse from Bend,

Ore., Verke was making her fourth appearance in the World's Toughest — she previously placed third, seventh (after making a wrong turn on the run), and second in 1989.

"I think the run was definitely harder this year," said Verke, who took over the lead early on the bicycle leg. "The wind wasn't so bad, although it was awful on Emigrant (Trail, near Woodfords). But the run was different, and I didn't know it (the course) and it made it really tough, especially the downhills."

Verke posted impressive times on all

three legs — 49:05 for the swim (ninth fastest overall), 5:36:23 on the bicycle and 3:19:16 on the run.

Asked if she will come back to defend her World's Toughest title next year, Verke replied, "Sure."

Sally Booster, also from Bend, Ore., was the second woman to finish in 10:20:37.

The first team to complete the course was Team Stewart-Hunt from Reno with a time of 7:47:17. The Reno trio included swimmer Brian Mirch, cyclist Steve Jackson and runner Ray Cook.

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Gravel pit decision appealed

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Reaction to a vote by Alpine planners will be appealed Tuesday.

Foothill residents appealing a decision on the Bruns' gravel pit will plead their case to Alpine County Supervisors.

Supervisors are holding a public hearing 10 a.m. Tuesday in Markleeville to discuss the Bruns' pit special use permit.

At issue is a proposal by Granite Construction to begin mining materials from the gravel pit, which has remained mostly quiet for several years.

Planning commissioners voted not to revoke Bruns' permit last week after a public hearing on the

issue in early July.

Alpine County residents turned out in force at a July 7 Planning Commission hearing to challenge a special use permit which allows a gravel pit to operate in the Fredericksberg area.

Gravel pit neighbors came forward to ask that the permit be revoked.

The pit has operated sporadically since 1973, but most neighbors agree that the last activity at the pit was sometime in 1989.

However, pit owner Hubert Bruns recently signed a lease agreement with Granite Construction which would allow the company to mine gravel from the pit.

"It has never been my intention to abandon the pit," he told plan-

ners. "I'm collecting royalties from Bing."

Woodford's attorney Tim Pemberton elicited testimony from neighbors to show the pit has not been used since 1988 and none of the conditions placed on the special use permit were complied with.

Pemberton claimed the conditions of the special use permit issued 18 years ago were never complied with.

He argued that since the pit had to be grandfathered in to operate under current county ordinances it also had to operate within traditional use.

"If you find there is a pattern to projects at the gravel pit then that is the extent of the traditional

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use," he said.

Gary Ceragioli told planners he lived south of the gravel pit for nine years and hasn't seen any activity at the site.

"It's been three or four years since anything big has gone on at the pit," he said. "When it was open, they would work until past 10 or 11 at night."

Bruns' attorney, Jeff Rahbeck, said he did not see why the hearing was even being held.

"Members of the general public are asking you to revoke an existing permit," he said. "Normally, if a permit condition is in violation, then the county has to notice the owner that a hearing will be held."

Rahbeck reminded planners of the 1988 controversy surrounding

a proposed second gravel pit on the same land.

"The same proponents for denying the second permit didn't ask for the revocation of the permit then," he said.

County Counsel Hank Murdock told planners that a failure to meet the conditions of the special use permit does not add up to the revocation of the permit.

Mine operation

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Nearby Alpine County, which is a recreation haven for so many people in the Carson Valley and elsewhere, is faced with the prospect of a heavy mining operation near Foothill Road, not far from Highway 88. Concerned citizens are opposing it because of the likely marring of the hillside and the tremendous heavy truck traffic that the operation will generate.

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'Little Miss Washoe' selected Annual Tribe picnic draws 750

The Washoe Tribe hosted its annual picnic on Aug. 24, and it was a huge success as more than 750 people were served pit-barbecued beef, ham-hock beans, corn on the cob, salads, desserts and watermelon.

The picnic was held at the old Stewart Indian School campus in Carson City, and included cultural activities such as hand games for adults and youths. Other activities included a horseshoe tournament for adults, volleyball for all ages and children's games.

Tribal Chairman A. Brian Wallace said, "We've heard nothing but positive comments about his year's picnic, and next year, it'll be bigger and better."

Members of the picnic committee, nicknamed MOAC — Mother of All Committees — planned all the activities were quite pleased with the huge success. The highlight of this year's activities featured the Little Miss Washoe Pageant, which was held on Aug. 23 at Carson Colony Gym.

On Aug. 24, before the serving of the meal, Chairman Wallace read a proclamation to the Washoe Tribal elders to honor them for their contributions and longevity, and an award of recognition was presented to Fred Dressler, a prominent Carson Valley native, thanking him for his contributions to the Washoe Tribe, specifically for the land on which Dresslerville is now located.

Tomasa Marie Kizer, 9, was crowned the first (but not last) "Little Miss Washoe." This pageant, which is planned to be an annual event, attracted young girls between the ages of 3-10 years. Tomasa is the daughter of Jennifer and Delaney Kizer Jr. and a granddaughter of Marie Simpson



TOMASA MARIE KIZER
1991 Little Miss Washoe

Kizer, Delaney Kizer Sr., both of Dresslerville, Carol Byers of Carson City and Tim Byers of Elko.

Tomasa will be in the 5th grade at Meneley Elementary School this fall.

She said she "considers it an honor to represent

the Washoe Tribe and her family as Little Miss Washoe."

Sari Payne, 8, was first runner-up; Marina Esparza, 4, second runner-up; and Samantha "Sammi" Higuera, 3, was third.

The distinguished tribal members who were judges for the pageant were Bob Hunter, superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Nevada Agency; Goldie Bryan, Washoe elder; JoAnne Nevers, author of *Wa-She-Shu*; and Carla James, Tribal member. Lenora Kizer, vice chairman of the Washoe Tribe, was the keynote speaker. She spoke to the audience about "being winners and supporting one another to reach our goals."

The picnic committee thanks these people and organizations for their support and hard work: Sherrada Kizer, Dabert Wyatt, Millie Kizer, Denise Pitts, Kent Steele, Laine Fred, Lance Astor, Violet Pete, Dale Bennett, Vernell and Shirley Frank, David Murphy, Norm DeLorme, Thelma and Walt Tripp, Lawrence Christensen, Russ Redner, Wyman Sargent, Valerie Nevers, Alan "Sonny" Frank, Mark Kizer, Mark Abbey, Jackie Baldwin, Washoe Tribe staff, Washoe Community Council staff, the Dresslerville Senior Center staff, the Carson Community Council, the Stewart Community Council, the Dresslerville Players, the Golden Eagle drummers, McDonald's, Bouquet & Bouquet, and the judges for the pageant.

Vice Chairman Kizer said, "It took a lot of volunteer time and effort and without their enthusiasm, ideas and hard work, the pageant and the picnic would not have been such a success. We would especially like to thank Chairman Wallace for his support and going along with our ideas. We are looking forward to next year's events."

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HELPING OUT. Douglas Sorensen has been assisting the employees of the fish hatchery in Alpine county, planting trout. Last week ten thousand trout were planted in Winnemucca Lake, and Fourth of July Lake. It was necessary to use pack horses to carry cans of fish to the latter, which is inaccessible to automobiles. It is planned to plant the same number in all the lakes and streams in Alpine county this fall, to insure good fishing for next year.

Alpine psychologist delivers acad

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

Oxford, England, is a long way from Woodfords, Calif., but research into the lives of the highly intelligent has brought international attention to the tiny community's resident psychologist, Dotti Cohen.

She recently traveled to the British university as a speaker for the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences, a professional organization dedicated to the puzzle of how much a person's personality is based on genes and how much is based on environment.

"It's an interest of mine, almost like a hobby I guess," she said. "I don't get to practice it much in Alpine [County]."

That's because her day-to-day activity in Alpine County is certainly not devoted to the academic. She is the Mental Health Director, the school counselor, and serves as a volunteer emergency medical technician as well.

Cohen, 38, spent two years on the study which was tapped for presentation at Oxford. The study is called "Intelligence: Its Influence on Perceived Loneliness." She concluded that

although people of average intelligence were depressed when they were lonely and suffered from low self-esteem, the attitude toward loneliness was completely reversed among the genius population.

In fact, the smarter a person is, the more likely he or she expects loneliness, somehow learns to adjust, and in fact is content with the situation, her report concluded.

The next step, she said, is to look for the key period when highly intelligent children, who are often unpopular and depressed, make the switch in adulthood to contentment.

"If I could find that, then maybe we could help the adults who haven't yet pulled out of depression, and maybe we could help the children reach that point sooner," she said.

The topic is a far cry from her daily work and caught many people by surprise.

At the conference, psychologists from Los Angeles and San Francisco asked her where is Woodfords, Calif., she said.

"The people from other countries assumed Woodfords was a metropolitan area they just hadn't heard of yet," she said. "But the people from the West and from



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plishments.

The best part of the reaction, she said, has been her elevation to role model status.

"A lot of kids I see here think they're not going to amount to much simply because they're from a rural area," she said. "It's important for them to see that that's not really a factor.

"I've had a number of children tell me now they're interested in psychology," she said. "But that's hard to advise them towards, because it's years and years of school for an uncertain job future."

She herself comes from a small, unincorporated community in rural Nebraska. She went to school in Nebraska and California, and worked for Carson City and for the Washoe Tribe as a psychologist and counselor before coming to Alpine County. Her husband is a psychologist in Carson City.

Her out-of-the-way location actually led to a better report, she said, because she contacted people from all over the United States for her study instead of just using part of a single metropolitan population.

"If I were living in L.A., it would have been easier to just step outside and take my pick of many, many people, but they would have

all been Californians, maybe all students. This way the study had a broader scope," she said.

Her study was unusual in that she looked at adults, whereas most psychological studies use children or college students for subjects. She found her subjects by advertising on computer bulletin boards and in publications which cater to very intelligent people.

Why should it matter if smart people are pleased enough with loneliness?

"If you look at big groups, a lot of times you'll get subgroups who are just looked over," Cohen said, pointing out that the results for the majority are then skewed by the minority differences that are, in this case, actually opposites.

"There are a lot more individual differences than people think. There's a lot of variation in people; you just have to look," she said.

Her academic work serves as a way to keep her from becoming burnt out on the daily grind, or becoming complacent, she said.

She is working on a project a little closer to home, as well as her studies on people with high IQs.

She currently has a book proposal with publishers on the problems of rural mental health workers in the United States.

Alpine County looks to redistricting

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

Voters in Alpine County will be in for a change next year, regardless of which proposed district map is adopted.

Two maps are now on the table

for the county supervisors to consider, and hard feelings over both could be a potentially divisive element in the decision.

According to the U.S. Census, there are only four more permanent residents in the rural California county than there were

in 1980. However, the neighborhoods themselves have undergone population changes which left the existing supervisorial districts uneven.

One proposed map, submitted by two members of the task force charged with devising a new

boundary plan, would result in two currently sitting supervisors no longer living in their own districts, while also combining Caples Lake with the Bear Valley district, on the other side of a mountain.

The map would also move 23

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members of the Washoe Indian Tribe into a different district from that in which Tribal members are a majority, a potential Voting Rights Act violation.

However, the map meets state requirements by equalizing the numbers between districts.

A second map, submitted by Wilma Rule, another task force member, leaves some unevenness in numbers but better meets the

federal redistricting rules, she told the board.

Rule presented her plan at Tuesday's Alpine County Supervisors' meeting. The author of the other plan, Jack Francis, was not present.

The Redistricting Committee, a task force of five members, was assigned the task of drawing up new boundaries for the supervisors to vote on, but only two participated in the July 25 meeting when the

first map was drawn up.

Rule, a political science professor in the University of California system and at the University of Nevada, Reno, told the board the Francis map met California rules but could face a federal challenge.

Supervisor Eric Jung defended the first map, saying Francis had been told specifically to look at the numbers only, and not consider where the supervisors lived. As well, he said he didn't see why

Tribal members would be unhappy about having an influence in a second district besides the one representing the Woodfords Colony area.

Board members agreed they would like to hear from the Tribal community on their feelings about the proposed maps.

Both maps will be considered in further discussion on Sept. 17, and one will be submitted to the public for a first reading on Oct. 1.

Gentry wins Kirkwood 10-K

Rick Gentry and Debbi Waldear emerged as the men's and women's overall winners at the 10th annual Kirkwood 10-K Sunday.

Gentry, of Stateline, ran 36:06 to edge Crystal Bay's Devine by six seconds in the race for top overall honors over the 10-kilometer course at Kirkwood Ski Resort.

Meanwhile, Waldear finished as the women's winner in 41:49. Sunday's race was the third and

final leg of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Hi-Country 10-K Series. Devine finished as the men's champion for the series, while Linda Mantynen of Woodfords was the top woman.

Ellen Lucas of Gardnerville finished second overall and first in the women's 30-39 age category with a time of 42:31. Kathy Hutcherson of Gardnerville was sixth overall.

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Obituaries

Ileen Long

Ileen Price Long of Markleeville died Sept. 10 in a Carson City hospital. She was 75.

Mrs. Long had lived in Markleeville since 1961. She was born May 7, 1916 in Los Angeles to Lester T. and Lela Ennis Long.

She graduated from Belmont High School in Los Angeles in 1934 and from Stanford University, Palo Alto, in 1939.

Before coming to Alpine County from Southern California, she had lived in South Carolina.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and a member of the Alpine County Historical Society, past

member of the Alpine County School Board and the University Women's group.

She is survived by her husband, Marion "Bill" Long of Markleeville, whom she married in Reno in 1946; two sons, Jim Long of San Clemente, Calif. and Bob Long of Madison, Wis., and two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Alpine County Historical Society, Markleeville, Calif. 96120.

Alpine County hit by budget crunch

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by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

In an effort to keep deficit spending from their books, Alpine County supervisors approved a bare-bones final budget Tuesday and told some department heads to start stumping for donations.

The smallest California county doesn't have two pennies to rub together, and is hoping to scrape through fiscal year 1992 without going into debt.

If it means closing the county libraries or cutting back on health services, the county will grit its teeth and do it, the supervisors agreed.

The board approved the \$4.5 million preliminary budget presented in June, which pared every governmental department.

"There's no sense opening up a can of worms when the worms can't even be fed," said supervisor John Brissenden, who argued that the board should not consider any last-minute appeals by department heads anxious about their budgets.

The board did grant some aid to a few departments; however, most of them were allowing department heads to move funds around within their budgets and not any bot-

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Alpine County
Supervisor**

tom-line increases.

Librarian Diane Brigham and emergency medical technician supervisor Lyn Mangianeli were both told to see what kind of donations they could drum up before they came back to ask for any more assistance from the county.

Mangianeli did receive a \$2,000 addition to his allowance for radios for volunteers and operational costs, after he told the board some volunteers could not respond to calls because their radios were inoperable.

Brigham was dismayed by the board's refusal to consider hiring any part time workers to keep the libraries in Markleeville and Bear Valley open when she or the one library worker in Bear Valley

were sick or on vacation.

"Would you ask the assessor's office to rely on volunteers?" she asked the board.

"That's a completely different situation," answered supervisor Eric Jung of Bear Valley. "We need the assessor's office to bring in revenues."

The county will do without a nurse practitioner at the emergency clinic this year, which saves the county \$18,500 but which effectively eliminates services such as the "well-baby" program where babies receive vaccinations and preventative care.

"I think it's very important for this community to have a clinic," said supervisor Don Jardine. "Our citizens are aging and it's a hardship for many of them to go to Gardnerville."

However, budget constraints kept the nurse's post unfunded.

This debate was made somewhat surreal by the \$150,000 budget set aside for Tobacco Education.

The Tobacco Education program, funded by a state-imposed tax on cigarettes, cannot be used for any other use, including a pub-

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lic health nurse, said administrative coordinator Jeanne Lear.

"Alpine County gets about \$900 a year to use for something like that," she said, confirming that the funds must be used for educational purposes alone or to sponsor "healthy activity," such as Jazzercise classes or sports events.

The county is appealing this budget to the California Legislature.

Other county departments which will have to do with little this winter are the juvenile justice commission and the probation department.

Paul Wallace, the part-time probation officer, who handles both juvenile and adult probation for the rural county, told the board he cannot supervise all his people on less than three days a week.

The board was sympathetic but said it could not afford to increase his budget.

They gave the juvenile justice

system \$300 to act as a buffer while the program waited on state grants.

The public works department did receive \$1,000 to buy a carbon monoxide monitor to comply with a state-mandated "wellness and safety in the workplace" program. The monitor will act like a smoke alarm to notify public works employees about air quality in their garage area, where diesel engines warm up in the cold winter months, potentially contaminating the indoor air.

After the budget was finalized, the county was left with a contingency fund of approximately \$78,645.

The contingency fund of fiscal year 1991 was \$214,117, which was overspent as the county waited for state funds, some of which still has not been received.

"We've got a cash flow problem," Lear said, pointing out dropping revenues in sales tax, room tax, and state grant funds.

Alpine grand jury looks at alcohol prevention funds

by MIKE TAUGHER
R-C News Service

More than \$23,000 earmarked for drug and alcohol prevention programs in Alpine County had to be returned to the state of California because it was not spent, according to a recently released grand jury report.

More troubling was that the money had to be drawn from the county's contingency fund instead of the general fund into which the state's check was originally deposited.

With the unexpected expenditure, Alpine County's contingency fund was cut in half.

"All we can assume is that it was spent someplace other than where it should," said grand jury member DeAnn Wickenberg.

Nearly \$60,000 in fiscal year 1989-90 was given to Alpine County's mental health department, where it was supposed to be used for drug and alcohol prevention programs.

At the end of the year, the county was supposed to refund what was not spent. A state audit determined that amount to be \$23,248.

But the money could not be found in the general fund.

"Unanswered at this time is: 1) what happened to the original \$23,248? and 2) why did the money have to come from the contingency fund if the monies were unspent?" the grand jury wrote in its final report, released Aug. 22.

According to minutes of a May meeting of the Board of Supervisors, county auditor Barbara Ryan apologized for the problem and explained she is monitoring the funds very closely this year.

Wickenberg noted that the money should have been put in a special fund in the first place.

The grand jury recommended that some underused social programs be discontinued and budgets for emergency services be

increased.

The grand jury's investigation into the missing mental health funds was part of a larger look into the county's health and social services departments during which it was found that several problems addressed by the last grand jury, which met during 1988-89, had not been corrected.

Those problems included a need for review of the health department's facilities and services, a need for monitoring the South Tahoe Public Utility District's exportation into Alpine County of effluent as a public health issue, and a disregard and lack of enforcement of anti-smoking ordinances.

Those grand jury also found:

- A county health facility in remote Bear Valley in which vaccines are stored illegally in a refrigerator also used to store food.

- While some county assessments remain inaccurate, the assessors' office has improved

significantly under a new assessor.

The grand jury recommended:

- The Greater Avenues for Independence program (GAIN) be discontinued because of a lack of participation and a lack of employment opportunities in the county.

- The Up With Kids program for at-risk teenagers should be discontinued because of a lack of participation.

- An opinion poll of county seniors should be conducted so

"unwanted activities can be discontinued to cut costs in a 'heavily over-funded project.'"

- A budget should be established for the search and rescue team. "With no budget to purchase radios, standard safety equipment and protective gear, members are in danger of becoming victims themselves."

- A feasibility study should be done to consider forming a community service area or district on the east slope that could help fund fire and emergency medical ser-

vices.

- "Because the county contributes a sizeable portion of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce annual revenue, the county should exercise their right to review the Chamber of Commerce budget."

The grand jury also launched a major investigation into parking lots in Bear Valley, where it was found that the county has been "remiss in insuring that the amount of parking has kept pace with development."

Tiny county has small pool of jurors

In a county of 1,100 residents widely scattered over rugged terrain, it can be difficult to get the 19 jurors who make up a normal-size grand jury.

In fact, the 1990-91 Alpine County grand jury had only 16, and this year's grand jury, which technically began its term July 1, has only 14 members.

"We need five more," said DeAnn Wickenberg, who serves as grand jury secretary. "We have a hard time getting jurors."

Three members of last year's grand jury are holdovers to this year. By law, one may only serve on two consecutive grand juries.

The Alpine County grand jury will accept new members at any

time during the year, but the sooner to the beginning of the term a juror joins, the better.

According to the 1990-91 Alpine County grand jury report, the county also has difficulty keeping an adequate list of prospects for jury trials. It recommends the county raise trial jurors' per diem from \$10 to \$25.

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Remember when?

* **HAND INJURED.** Pete Mayo, a well-known Washoe who works on the wood driver for Longabaugh, met with a gunning accident in Diamond Valley last Saturday afternoon. He was crawling through the fence and pulling a musket after him, when the gun was discharged. The load of shot entered the palm of his right hand and came out near the wrist. Dr. Young was called to Woodfords the same evening to dress the wound. The bones of the second and third finger were torn out, but the doctor says Mayo will not lose the entire use of his hand.

Alpine supervisors approve boundaries

County redistricting complete

by LEE ANN FLEMING
Staff Writer

Political boundaries, fire protection, and the beleaguered budget topped the agenda in Alpine County Tuesday.

The board of supervisors Tuesday passed a first reading of the rural California county's new political boundary map.

The map is a compromise solution between two proposed redistricting maps submitted by volunteers Wilma Rule and Jack Francis.

The five districts are split among a total population of 1113.

The supervisors and their revised districts are:

•District 1 — Don Jardine, with the eastern portion of the county including Markleeville;

•District 2 — John Brissenden, with Hope Valley and the western portion of the Woodfords area;

•District 3 — C. Ann Wade, with the Dutch Valley area and the Washoe Tribe;

•District 4 — Eric Jung, with Bear Valley;

•District 5 — John Bennett, with the northernmost portion that runs to Nevada border, including the eastern portion of Woodfords.

Wade's district has the most people, with 239.

The district was left somewhat disproportionate in order to maintain the Washoe Tribal community in Woodfords in one district.

The other districts are split into: District 1, 229 residents; District 2, 216 residents; District 4, 201 residents; and District 5, 228 residents.

Current voting registration

leaves District 3 with the smallest number.

Voters, according to County Clerk Karen Keebaugh, add up to: 156 in District 1; 144 in District 2; 70 in District 3; 136 in District 4; and 124 in District 5.

A second reading on the ordinance specifying boundaries will be held on Oct. 15.

The status of a cleanup on U.S. Forest Service land near Markleeville was the focus of a letter submitted to the board during public comment by resident Nancy Thornburg.

The Musser and Jarvis Creek drainage area, near the Thornburg subdivision, is full of dead wood that should be removed because of fire damage, she told the board.

Efforts by local officials and U.S. Forest Service fire management officer Mike Dondero to prod the USFS into cleaning up the area have been unsuccessful, she said.

Board members agreed with both Thornburg and Dondero that the area needed cleanup and that the board would do what it could to help push forward the area in the USFS priority.

The board approved the final budget resolution which will be sent to the state.

The total countywide budget, including road funds, comes to \$6,214,999.

The board will hold a special hearing in November on their decision to not fund a nurse practitioner for primary care in the county health department, as mandated by the state.

California is delinquent in sending both sales tax and room tax funds back to Alpine County, as well as re-alignment funds promised to the county to pay for increases in health care and other services, according to county administrative coordinator Jeanne Lear.

California resident objects to 'unwarranted air of superiority'

by NANCY THORNBURG

Ms. Fleming's ill-conceived column (Oct. 3) reflects not only a flaming ignorance of California law but also an unwarranted air of superiority in regard to growth and development in Nevada vs. California.

I would like to take issue with several points she attempted to make.

First, the laws in California. (I do not presume to know much about Nevada law, but I have had personal experiences with referendum and initiative in California.) Referendum is a process whereby a law which has been passed by government (state, county, city) can be "referred" back to a vote of the people for their approval or

disapproval. Thus, if the government passes a law which the majority of voters dislike, the voters retain the power to throw the law out. Initiative, on the other hand, is a process whereby the voters can "initiate" a law if their legislators fail to do so.

If a majority of voters approves the initiative, it becomes law. Because the California Legislature has deteriorated to the point where it is no longer responsive to the wishes and welfare of the people but rather to special interests, lobbyists, pressure groups, and money, the people have taken to using the initiative process. Unfortunately, it is being overused and, in some instances, abused. Referendum, by contrast, has been rarely used, I believe, which is

perhaps too bad as it probably wouldn't hurt if about half the laws passed by the California Legislature were tossed out. Neither of these processes can be utilized for redress in regard to administrative decisions made by government, decisions such as the Genoa Lakes development or the construction of a youth facility. These processes apply only to laws.

Secondly, California does indeed provide for the creation of general improvement districts, and they exist throughout the state. Even little Alpine County has one, and we are looking at the creation of more as the state makes off with more and more of our locally generated tax dollars.

Third, California was a nice

place to live 30 or 40 years ago. I was born in California and remember. But it has been overwhelmed by the horde of "refugees" from other states and countries seeking what used to be "the good life"—good education, good roads and transportation systems, jobs, affordable housing, and business opportunities.

All these are, in many areas, "down the tubes" as a result of California's inability to plan for and control growth and development.

Some of those who have fled the California mess in pursuit of what has been lost there and who have landed in Carson Valley are, perhaps, trying to warn you of what they have seen and experienced, to tell you that they see the

same patterns emerging here and that they hope Carson Valley won't go the way of the Santa Clara valley and Contra Costa County. Perhaps their warnings and the best of their ideas should be at least listened to.

Fourth, east slope Californians have far more in common with Nevadans than they do with fellow Californians. From logical, geographical, economic, political and social standpoints, the state line should have been drawn at the Sierra summit.

Since 1875, when my husband's grandfather came to Alpine from Pennsylvania, this family, like most east slope families, has been far more tied to Nevada than to California. Nearly every dime we spend (other than what California

forcibly extracts from us) is spent in Nevada. We go to Nevada to shop for food, hardware, drugs, medical care, entertainment, and services of all kinds.

Our television news comes out of Reno. We utilize—and pay for—the ability to send our kids to your high school and our garbage to your dump.

Whether you approve or disapprove, do not underestimate the interest many east slope Californians have had for many years in redrawing the state boundary and becoming citizens of Nevada.

Nancy Thornburg is a life-long resident of Alpine County and director of the Markleeville Museum.

Kirkwood Ski Games scheduled Oct. 19-20

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The Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation (KSEF) will hold its second annual Ski Games Oct. 19 in Minden.

Boys and girls 6 to 18 years of age are eligible to participate in the Saturday event, which will be held between 1 and 4 p.m. on the Douglas High School football field.

Participants will have an opportunity to try their skills at different stations that feature a variety of exercises such as karate flexibility, gymnastics, football soccer and running ski gates.

The emphasis is on fun; non-competitive, non-pressure event, according to organizer Ray Dicius.

"It's a fun, education type of format with the idea being to promote fitness as a lifestyle," said Dicius, director of the KSEF program.

Last year's inaugural ski games attracted 80 youngsters.

There will be no awards from a competitive standpoint, but several prizes will be given away at the end of the event.

The price of admission will again be one can of food, which will be donated by KSEF to the Ronald McDonald House in Reno.

KSEF will host a similar event in Alpine County on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Diamond Valley Elementary School.

Changing season

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Aspens cut a golden swath through the green pines of Hope Valley this week as they put on their annual autumn show. Warm

days and beautiful scenery make the forest a good place to picnic for the next few days. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

Tennis teams end season on winning note

R/C 10-20-91
by PRISCILLA DEVANEY

The Douglas High School tennis teams, both girls and boys, ended their regular seasons with encouraging wins on Tuesday.

The boys team played at home in Lampe Park and beat the Hug Hawks, 8-4. The girls team was a 7-5 winner at Hug.

Both the wins were not only won by one player but by complete teamwork.

In the boys' singles, exchange student Fabio Raffaelli defeated both of his opponents by 8-0 scores. Sophomore Trevor

Steenbakkers beat his first opponent with the score of 8-3, and he beat his next opponent, 8-1. Senior Jeff Foster won his match with a 6-2 score. Sophomore Gregg Palmer beat an opponent with the upset of 8-3. Sophomore Fredrick Sender won with the score of 8-2 and sophomore Justin Kolbe lost 8-4.

In doubles, junior Dave Comstock and senior Gary Chandler were surprised by Hug's No. 1 doubles team with a 8-4 loss. Freshman Chad Palmer and sophomore Austin Willis lost 8-3. Freshmen Cassidy Gorrell and Kris Butler won their first match with the score of 8-3, but lost their

second 8-2.

Butler's previous partner, sophomore John Oatley, had earlier been lost for the season with a broken thumb.

The girls also ended their season with a smile by defeating the Hug Hawks.

The singles played well and contributed to the overall win.

Sophomore No. 1 Kim Hood lost to her opponent by an 8-3 score, but she came back to win her second match, 8-2. Senior Carol Kelly was defeated by her opponent by an 8-1 score, but recovered with an 8-6 win in her next match. Sophomore Jenni Burr lost both of her matches by 8-4

scores and freshman Diana Higuera defeated both of her opponents by scores of 8-5 and 8-0.

In the doubles, senior Krystal Briggs and sophomore May Weimer came through with an 8-2 victory. Sophomore Nicole Posnien and freshman Veronica Pendoia, lost their first match by the score of 8-2, but came back later and won 8-3. Senior Keri Callison and freshman Amber Howard won their match 8-2.

Coach Gail Wilcox, commented on teamwork from her girls squad.

"We have real team effort on our team, and that's what counts."

Alpine Children's Center has openings for kids

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by EDIE VEATCH
Special to the R-C

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The Alpine Children's Center has openings for school-aged children. The center is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. adjacent to Diamond Valley School in Woodfords.

The cost of child care is \$2 per hour. On school holidays and summer vacation days, there is maximum of \$15 per day, or \$220 per month. Drop-ins are accepted.

The ACC school-ages child development program offers a safe and healthy environment for children who would otherwise be left home alone.

Tuesday through Friday a time is set aside for children to work on their homework. The staff works with the Diamond Valley School teachers to get homework assignments. Photocopies of assignments are kept on hand for children who don't have their homework with them.

If staffing and transportation allows, once a week five children are taken to Alpine Ceramics in Markleeville to work on special projects. Children rotate continually as space becomes available.

Wednesday is hobby model day. A staff member or an older child helps the children who need

to have model instructions read to them, or holding a piece together. Models are provided by the center.

Children at the center have an opportunity to help with food preparation.

They learn to measure, and recipes. There is a cooking project daily.

We have a computer available that children may sign up for a time to use. They can do math, spelling, and reading games, or they can create their own posters, letterhead, or greeting cards.

The mornings and afternoons offer outdoor play or use of the school gym in the winter months. Team sports are offered during the summer months.

The center offers the State Child Care Food Program. Children receive breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; snack at 9:30 a.m.; lunch at noon; snacks at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Alpine Children's Center does not discriminate because of race, color, creed, sex, or emotional or physical handicaps.

Parents are always welcome at ACC. Parents are asked come and meet the staff and learn more about the programs. The afternoons are better to observe the school age children participating in the programs.