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This past Saturday's Great Yuba Pass Chili Cook-off attracted visitors from far and wide. In what has become an annual group outing/adventure, the people pictured above rode their snowmobiles over groomed trails from Truckee in order to attend to the event. For more information about, and pictures of, the gathering turn to page X.

Part One of a Two-Part Article

## Retaliation and Recall: How Today's Political Polarization is Playing Out in North-Northeastern California

By Stephen Kulieck

American elections are not for the faint-hearted. Scorched-earth tactics have been campaign tools as long as candidates have run for office, nationally and here in California.

Lest you think the harsh and combative politics of recent presidential elections is unprecedented, the 1876 race for the nation's highest office is remembered as the dirtiest and most divisive ever waged.

The mudslinging between the campaigns of Republican candidate Ohio Governor Rutherford B. Hayes and Democrat candidate New York Governor Samuel J. Tilden saw the former called a vile thief and the latter a diseased drunkard. The hotly disputed election ended in a virtual dead heat and was marred by backroom deals, stuffed ballot boxes, and intimidation and violence against newly enfranchised black voters. Hayes was declared president in a compromise that perpetuated decades of racial segregation in the South.

A half century later at the height of the Great Depression, the heads of Hollywood's biggest movie studios used slickly produced, deceptive "newsreels" to derail the 1934 campaign for California governor of Upton Sinclair, the noted author, reformist, and the Democratic Party nominee who pledged to end poverty in the state.

The famous quote attributed to President Harry Truman couldn't be more apt: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic, today's politics here in Northeastern California—and an area further up referred to as the "North State"—have become a blistering boiler room, with local elected officials threatened and recalled for carrying out their duties.

Like the destructive wildfires of last summer and fall, the fierce political fights have not struck Sierra County as they have our neighboring communities.

But Sierra County officials have taken notice of the near-escalating controversies.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist [to realize] how very tribal it's become in this country," Sierra County Board of Supervisor Chair Lee Adams told The Mountain Messenger. "I'm glad things are as calm as they are here in Sierra County."

Schools have been a particular battleground with people strongly divided on masking and other COVID-19 policies, noted James Berardi, superintendent of the Sierra-Plumas Unified School District and the Sierra County Office of Education. Like other school boards, the Sierra County's board was tasked by the State of California with putting into effect and enforcing in-class mask mandates, "not a very popular opinion in the county," noted Berardi. "A very large group of Sierra County citizens don't want masks for their kids," he said.

(Note: Starting next week, the statewide schools mask mandate will cease. Here in Sierra County, schools will provide but not require masks, leaving it to the personal preference of parents and their children.)

"The bottom line is, the pandemic has been a trying time, politically and socially," said Berardi.

Just last month, the current climate of anger and polarization played out in our region in unprecedented ways. The battlegrounds in February were locally elected boards that govern schools and counties.

**Tahoe Truckee Unified School District:** The board of the school district educating students in the Truckee and northern Lake Tahoe area in February convened solely via online streaming after a group of 10-15 people disrupted a January meeting when opposing in-class masking and refusing to wear masks themselves at the meeting as required.

When one school board member went out to her car

after the meeting, "somebody followed her out and she felt threatened and unsafe," Kelli Twomey, coordinator of district communications told The Messenger. Truckee police were called.

TTUSD is comprised of 12 elementary, middle, and high schools with an enrollment of just over 4,100 students. Twomey said the sole reason for the district's then in-effect masking policy was to prevent COVID-19 transmission among students and teaching staff. "If staff get sick from someone not following the guidelines, they can't teach students."

**Nevada County Board of Supervisors:** The current political strife in Sierra County's neighbor to the south, Nevada County, is difficult to ignore. A recall attempt is being made against all five members of the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The effort has already sparked an altercation between recall backers and county officials.

In late January, the county Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Office suspended in-person services for security reasons and the safety of its employees. Three recall supporters were legally barred via a temporary restraining order from visiting the office for the entire month of February after entering the facility unmasked and demanding to know the recall status.

Last week, the temporary order against two of the supporters was dropped when Superior Court Pro Tem Judge Angela L. Bradrick ruled that their actions while disruptive did not support a continuing Workplace Violence Restraining Order. Bradrick, however, extended the restraining order against the third supporter who had "forcefully" pushed her way into the closed office after being told she could not enter.

Regarding the third party, the judge said "that we made our evidentiary burden for the standard in the code section," County Counsel Kit Elliott told The Messenger. In its ruling, the court found "by clear and convincing evidence" that the party in question "engaged in unlawful violence or made a credible threat of violence" with

See **Recall**  
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## VANDALISM INCIDENT SHOCKS QUINCY

By Duncan A. Kennedy

QUINCY — The town of Quincy was shocked on the morning of Sunday, February 27th, by a horrific act of vandalism done to a beloved town icon. The iconic "Bear Dance" mural on the corner of Main Street and Bradley Street was defaced the previous night, and although the alleged culprit was quickly located, the town is still reeling from the event.

Plumas County's Sheriff's Office received a report of vandalism in Quincy at about 11:12 PM on the evening of Saturday, February 26th. Dispatch sent out a sergeant and deputy to investigate and found that the mural located on the side of the former Quincy Drug building, across Main Street from the site of the now-destroyed Pizza Factory, had been defaced with large, haphazard splotches of white paint. The damage was fresh, and a suspect was quickly located nearby cov-

ered in similar splotches of white paint.

As a result, the Plumas County Sheriff's Office arrested Kayla Henderson, 29, considered to be a known transient who has run afoul of local law enforcement recently. Henderson was arrested on charges of violating her probation and resisting a peace officer and has subsequently been charged with vandalism as well. District Attorney David Hollister announced these details in a March 4th interview, where he said that Henderson's situation is difficult to work with due to significant mental health issues. She remains in the Plumas County Jail.

The mural in question is a well-known landmark in downtown Quincy. It depicts a Maidu man, seemingly in Indian Valley, wearing a bear pelt. On the left side, a caption reads as follows:

"Long before the white

man came to this land the Maidu performed the Bear Dance (Weda) each Spring. This ceremony, which is performed to this day, is a spiritual and social gathering. It honors the creation, the World Maker and the earth while paying homage to the grizzly bear and rattlesnake. Prayers are said at sunrise and everyone is asked to speak their heart. This mural is dedicated to the Maidu and the spirit of harmony that the Bear Dance evokes"

This mural was painted by the late Robert Pfenning (1954 – 2009), an artist who was an active community member in Quincy for almost 30 years.

### Irish Feast & Live Music by Juliet & Homer



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### Sourdough Jack Sez...



## Katie's Sightings

Taken with permission from [northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com](http://northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com)

KATIE O'HARA KELLY

Last week my friends and I drove down to the Spenceville Wildlife Preserve in the foothills and spent the day hiking on the trails within the approximately 11,900 acres of the area, ranging in elevations from 200 to 1200 feet above sea level, owned and operated by the California State Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) since the 1960s.

It was a gray, cloudy day, with beautiful even light on the spring-green, grassy hillsides of graced with blue oaks. The wildflowers were just starting to flourish and the trees were leafing out! It was gorgeous and peaceful!



The CDFW allows cattle to graze freely in the reserve. The following information from their website <https://wildlife.ca.gov> explains this policy.

### "Management on the Hoof"

"Have you ever wondered why there are livestock on some CDFW ecological reserves? We use them as a management tool to control unwanted plants. Many of the grasses and broad-leaved weeds you see in the Central Valley were introduced into California in the nineteenth century. These plants (which may be called "non-native," "introduced," "alien," or "exotic") came from Europe and Asia. They made their way to California in the hair and guts of livestock or in their feed. Non-native plants found the climate and soils of California very hospitable. Few of their natural enemies found their way to California, so non-native plants became firmly established and now overrun our natural lands. Perhaps you have heard of some non-native grasses such as ripgut brome, Italian ryegrass, or foxtail barley, or their broad-leaved compatriots which include yellow star-thistle and tumbleweed (AKA Russian thistle

California native species and natural land suffer a variety of problems due to non-native plants. One problem arises because non-native plants grow in dense stands, whereas our native plants are often more widely spaced. Small critters such as lizards and kangaroo rats need bare ground to run away from predators, but the dense grasses slow them down and make them more vulnerable to predation. Another problem occurs because non-native plants tend to start growing earlier in the season than most natives. The non-native plants deplete precious moisture from the soil, causing the native plants to die before they bloom. In addition, non-native grasses also make natural lands more vulnerable to wildfire because they leave behind so much dry fuel after the rainy season ends.

We can't hope to eliminate most non-native plants because they are so widespread and so firmly established. Instead, we try to minimize their impacts through management. That's where the livestock come in. Cattle, sheep, and in some cases, goats, are used to graze back the non-native plants beginning early in the growing season. Timing of livestock grazing is critical to ensure that native plants have a chance to complete their life cycles before the growing season ends. We determine the grazing seasons for each area and each year based on annual rainfall as well as the type of non-native plants and native species present. Livestock grazing is not appropriate in all circumstances. For example, livestock may do more harm than good in areas that are moist year-round, such as springs.

How ironic that livestock, which facilitated the invasion of non-native plants into California, are helping us to keep them under control 150 years later."

### Spenceville Wildflowers!

We were a bit early for a big show of wildflowers, but as we hiked toward Fairy Falls the wildflowers became more abundant. To our delight we came across one slope ablaze with hundreds of California Poppies! Such beauty! Here are a few of the wildflowers we saw. Enjoy!



California Poppies - *Eschscholzia californica*

N.B. Once again, we do not have the space to include all of the excellent, color photographs shown in Katie's blog. To see images she provides there of Common Fiddlenecks (*Amsinkia intermedia*), Red Maids (*Calandrinia menziesii*), Butter and Eggs/Johnny Tuck (*Tryphysaria eriantha*), Caterpillar Phacelia (*Phacelia cicutaria*), Blue Dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*), and Popcorn Flowers (*Plagiobothrys nothofulvus*), you simply have to point your internet browser to <https://northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com>.

If you do, you will also see pictures of birds residing at the wildlife preserve plus Katie's exposition about galls, that is, abnormal plant growths produced by plant mites and lice, aphids, gall midges (small flies), and gall wasps (*Cynipids*).

## Roxanne Alexander Tervort (1955 - 2022)

Roxanne "Rocky" Louise Alexander Tervort died on February 23, 2022 in Truckee, California at the age of 67. She was born on January 29, 1955 to Kenneth Martin and Elsie Marie Alexander in Loyalton, California.

She is survived by her mother Elsie, her siblings Suzanne, Rebecca, Kenneth, Kathy, Christopher, Erin, Karin, and Nicholas; and by her grandchildren Kaydie and Hunter. She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth, her husband Daniel, and her sons Glenn and Wayne.

Rocky grew up in Loyalton with her eight brothers and sisters and made her mark as a fun and adventurous girl who loved horseback riding.

While attending Loyalton High School, Rocky spent time as a foreign exchange student in Mexico. After graduation, she married Danny Tervort in the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and worked as a security guard at the Sierra Pacific Mill in Loyalton.

While they began their journey in Loyalton at the Lucky Hereford Ranch, they eventually set out to live in a variety of Nevada towns such as Green Gulch Ranch, Beawowe, Battle Mountain, Eureka, Tonopah, Fish Springs, Carlin, Ryndon, and Elko. During this time she became a mother and also had a career with the United States Postal Service. Happily for her, her friends, and her family, she moved back to Loyalton in 2019.

Throughout her life, Rocky remained an adventurer who enjoyed hunting and fishing. She was also known as a kind soul who looked out for others, such as through her creation of quilts, scarves and gloves for patients at the skilled nursing facility, and numerous gifts for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to the Kenneth Martin Alexander Loyalton High School Scholarship. The Kenneth Martin Alexander Scholarship was established in honor of Rocky's father and benefits graduates of the high school who enroll in any further training or education.

Mail tax-deductible donations to:

The Kenneth Martin Alexander LHS Scholarship  
316 California Ave. #362  
Reno, NV 89509

## Poetry Corner

### We Pulled a Rose in Summer Time

By Elizabeth Curtis Holman

We pulled a rose in summer time  
Beside True Lover's Gate,  
Our lips sent up so sweet a chime,  
That twilight lingered late;  
Now look how is the year grown old!  
How leafless hedge and tree,  
'Tis said that even love grows cold,  
So here is rosemary.

*This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on February 20, 2022, by the Academy of American Poets.*

*About this poem:* "We Pulled a Rose in Summer Time" appeared in the Connecticut Magazine V, no. 2 (February, 1899).

*About this poet:* Elizabeth Alden Curtis Holman was born on August 12, 1879 in Hartford, Connecticut. Known for her translations of selections of the Rubaiyat, her poems were published in the Crisis, the Connecticut Magazine, and other literary venues. In addition to being a poet, she was also the plaintiff of a 1914 United States Federal Court case on forced institutionalization, as two physicians and her first husband had her involuntarily committed to a mental asylum. She won the abduction case against these three men and was awarded \$4,000 in damages (\$112,459.20 in 2022) and remarried soon afterwards. The details of her life after that, including her eventual death, are unknown.

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## On the Shelf

By PAUL GUFFIN

### What's New on the Shelves of the Downieville Library

We here at the library have been spending a lot of time lately cataloging, carding, and shelving books that have been donated. Here they are: new-to-us fiction books!

- Borreguita and the Coyote*, by Verna Aardema (easy reader)
- Saving the World*, by Julia Alvarez
- Hidden Latitudes*, by Alison Anderson
- Chains*, by Laurie Halse Anderson (juvenile)
- Giraffes Can't Dance*, by Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees (easy reader)
- The Hit*, by David Baldacci
- The Cat Who Brought Down the House*, by Lilian Jackson Braun (mystery)
- The Cat Who Robbed a Bank*, by Lilian Jackson Braun (mystery)
- The Cat Who Talked Turkey*, by Lilian Jackson Braun (mystery)
- Love Monster*, by Rachel Bright (easy reader)
- A Pussycat's Christmas*, by Margaret Wise Brown (easy reader)
- Blood on the River: James Town 1607*, by Elisa Carbone (juvenile)
- The Empty Mirror*, by James Lincoln Collier (juvenile)
- Four to Score*, by Janet Evanovich (mystery)
- Fortune and Glory*, by Janet Evanovich (mystery)
- One Thousand White Women*, by Jim Fergus
- The Smallboat of Great Sorrows*, by Dan Fesperman
- A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest J. Gaines
- The Hungry Tide*, by Amitav Ghosh
- Travellers in Magic*, by Lisa Goldstein (short stories)
- The Prize*, by Lars D.H. Hedbor (juvenile)
- Yoga Bear: Simple Animal Poses for Little Ones*, by Sarah Jane Hinder (easy reader)
- The Lost Girls of Paris*, by Pam Jenoff
- Stand Up, Yumi Chung!*, by Jessica Kim (juvenile)
- Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse*, by Leo Lionni (easy reader)
- Who's Hiding at the Beach?*, by Katharine McEwen (easy reader)
- The Memory of Running*, by Ron McLarty
- Indian No More*, by Charlene Willing McManis (juvenile)
- Winnie-the-Pooh's Storybook Collection*, by A.A. Milne (easy reader — 5 books)
- Dinosaurumpus!*, by Tony Mitton (easy reader)
- The Disobedience of Water*, by Sena Jeter Naslund
- Her Fearful Symmetry*, by Audrey Niffenegger
- Faithless: Tales of Transgression*, by Joyce Carol Oates (short stories)
- Sudden Mischievous*, by Robert B. Parker (mystery)
- 10 Little Ninjas*, by Miranda Paul (easy reader)
- The Secret Orphan*, by Glynis Peters
- Taking Liberty*, by Ann Rinaldi (juvenile)
- Shock Wave*, by John Sandford (thriller)
- Drowning Ruth*, by Christina Schwarz
- B Is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC*, by June Sobel (easy reader)
- I, Q: Book 2 - The White House*, by Roland Smith (young adult)
- The Tree People*, by Naomi M. Stokes
- You're the Detective!*, by Lawrence Treat (juvenile)
- The Whale in My Swimming Pool*, by Joyce Wan (easy reader)
- Cat Nap*, by Toni Yuly (easy reader)

**Next week:** New-to-us non-fiction books. Stay tuned...



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## Sports

By TESSA JACKSON



Loyalton High School's Skiing and Snowboarding Coach, Cali Griffin, (center) with her snowboarders Dyson Powers (left) and Meilani Meurer (right) at Mammoth Mountain during preparation for the State Championship competition being held there this week.

More women's sports news this week! ESPN just announced they are bringing Fantasy WNBA basketball to their platform for the 2022 season. While Fan Duel and DraftKings have had daily WNBA fantasy for a few years, this is going to be the first season-long fantasy game dedicated to a women's sports league. I've said in the past that this is one big step that should be made toward making women's basketball more popular. While I love basketball with or without fantasy, I definitely watch more when I have a fantasy team and it makes it more exciting; I know at least one person who is going to sign up for it!

This is just a small amount of good news for WNBA players considering everything that's happening in Russia. Most WNBA players play overseas in the offseason, several of them in Russia. While the max salary for the WNBA is around \$220,000 (with the average being \$130,000) in Russia the athletes can make up to \$1 million in a season. Phoenix Mercury All-Star center, Brittney Griner, was among those players; and, while trying to leave the country (the date is not exactly known, but Russia made the announcement on Saturday March 5th) she was detained by Moscow police for allegedly having a vape cartridge containing hashish oil in her bag. There hasn't been any news about when Griner could be released. This is an absolutely terrifying situation, on top of a lot of players losing their livelihoods for who knows how long.

I'm definitely feeling privileged when I jump from Russia into this next topic: March Madness begins next week. Sunday Selection is this Sunday, the 13th, the First Four will be tipping off on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 15th and 16th, and the first round begins on Thursday, March 17.

It is hard sometimes to enjoy something when you are feeling bad about things going on in the world, however, this is the position we find ourselves in.

# PEACE

## Here Back East

By LENNY ACKERMAN

### Conversations III

Last Friday after exercise class, I headed over to Aioli's, my favorite sandwich shop. I was looking forward to more than just my usual lunch of chicken salad on a Greek salad. I planned to interview Melanie, the owner, the behind-the-counter master of the universe, as she has an interesting life story and I wanted to learn more about it. I was hoping to write something about her in these pages.

But, by the time I got to the restaurant at noon, the first-come-first-served line was out the door and Melanie was "in the weeds" as they say. I finally made my way over to her and she cheerfully advised me to be patient and have my lunch. She would try to come over to my table during a lull.

So, I found myself a seat next to a group of ladies. I noticed they were all in tennis gear. They assembled more tables together as their number increased in a steady flow, each carrying their lunch over from the counter. I was focused mostly on my salad and was almost done when one of the women near me asked me if they could use my table. I glanced over at Melanie. She had customers three deep at the counter. I turned back to the ladies, tipped my hat, and said, "of course!"

However, as is my custom being a lawyer, I made it a negotiation. "I will happily give up my table if you agree to let me interview you for a column I am writing." The women looked at me quizzically and whispered to each other. The one closest to me said, "Sure, but don't get too personal." "Certainly not," I responded. I was now looking for an interesting hook for a column about the tennis ladies who lunch at Aioli's in West Palm Beach, Florida. It might be a challenge, or it might be journalistic gold. You never know until you scratch the surface.

The first thing I learned is that they had all just finished a grueling three hours of tennis in 80 degree heat and humidity. I was impressed. I asked each one where they were from. They were forthcoming and enthusiastic, considering they were probably eager to enjoy their lunch and had little interest in my entreaties. The states represented included Michigan, Georgia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, plus an international contingent from Ireland and Canada. A geographically diverse group of women all brought together by their shared passion for tennis. And they had history—their group had been playing together for 20 years. In fact, two of the women were mother-daughter doubles teams.

As I started to inquire further, one of women offered up that she was originally from Long Island. "Where?" I asked. "East Hampton," she responded. I was taken aback. I decided to have a little fun. "Do you know Lenny Ackerman?" I asked. She looked at her friends before responding, not sure where this line of questioning was headed. "He is a lawyer in town," I added. "Yes, I do know who he is. He is my parents' attorney," she said carefully. I debated how long I should carry on with the charade. I concluded the longer it went on the more embarrassing it might be for all parties.

"I am Lenny Ackerman," I confessed, grinning. The table erupted in laughter. "Oh my gosh," she said, "what a small world!" She was incredulous that she would meet her parents' attorney at a tiny restaurant with her tennis group, so far from her hometown. She and I had an animated discussion about the people we knew in common, and I am certain that after I left she called her parents to let them know who she just happened to bump into at Aioli's. Conversations with strangers can yield unexpected results. No matter how far we may roam there are connections everywhere, if we take the time to find them.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Sierraville Public Utility District  
PO Box 325, Sierraville CA 96126  
Pump Station Replacement Project**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Pump Station Replacement Project will be received by Sierraville Public Utility District at the office of Acumen Engineering, 10775 Pioneer Trail, Suite 214, Truckee California 96161 until 2:00 pm local time on April 14, 2022, at which time the Bids will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of construction of an approximately 590 square foot CMU pump station, installation of piping, valves and pumps, installation of power equipment including owner supplied stationary emergency generator, site grading and related work.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated on the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Acumen Engineering, 10775 Pioneer Trail, Suite 214 Truckee, California 96161. Prospective bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. Questions regarding the Bidding Documents shall be directed to Acumen Engineering at 530-550-8068.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office at the location and hours mentioned above. The Bidding Documents are also available at [www.CIPLIST.com](http://www.CIPLIST.com)

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 am local time on March 30, 2022, at the Sierraville School located at 305 South Lincoln Street, Sierraville, California. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are notified that Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources.

Prospective Bidders shall be licensed Contractors in the State of California and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under the Contract. Each Bidder shall have a Class A General Engineering California Contractor's license.

Owner: Sierraville Public Utility District  
By: Lee Wright  
Title: Board President  
Date: February 28, 2022

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022

**IMMUNIZATION CLINICS: CALL FOR APPOINTMENT**  
Fee: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. TB Test \$10.00 per person

- Loyalton March 16th 2pm – 4pm at the Health Department
- Loyalton March 23th 2pm – 4pm at the Health Department

**SENIOR CENTERS BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: (No Fee)**

**FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS: (No fee) by appointment only**

**PERINATAL SERVICES: (No fee) Information on having a healthy baby, pregnancy testing and services for pregnant women, including childcare, transportation, prenatal care and childbirth education.**

**STD/HIV/AIDS INFORMATION AND TESTING SERVICES: (No fee) Confidential testing services including oral Rapid HIV Testing (Results on the same day.)**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Please call (530) 993-6748**

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**WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN): (No fee) A nutrition program for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, have recently delivered a baby, and/or children under five years of age. Available: breastfeeding support, nutrition and health education, referrals to health care and vouchers for healthy foods.**

- Loyalton March 16th Please Call for an Appointment
- Downieville March 24th Please Call for an Appointment

*Low wage, working families (and migrants) are welcome to apply.*

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider*

Information on these or other services, Please call Sierra County Health Department at (530) 993-6700.

**ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL**

# Sheriff's Log

By Jen Henneke

## Monday, February 28

10:15 - In Quincy, someone was arrested for a Sierra County warrant.  
15:32 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.

## Tuesday, March 1

02:32 - In Loyalton, there was a confidential investigation.  
08:59 - In Downieville, there was an investigation for someone driving on a suspended license and some outstanding warrants.  
12:01 - In Calpine, someone requested information pertaining to the handling of a stray cat. Sergeant Crawford informed the caller that the SCSO does not have the capabilities to handle stray cats. Next time there is a stray cat, give it some food and water. It's pretty basic.  
14:23 - Near the Sierra/Plumas county line on Harriot Lane, there was a possible hit and run causing damage to a fence.  
14:46 - On HWY 49 just south of Yuba Pass, a large boulder was in the road. CalTrans was notified to remove the boulder.

## Wednesday, March 2

02:16 - In Sierraville, an ambulance was requested.  
10:08 - In Sierraville, an employee was overdue. The employee was then located.  
11:27 - In Sierra City, a 911 call complaining about the jail phones not working at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility. A 911 call is a bit extreme for a complaint that SCSO can't remedy.

## Thursday, March 3

09:02 - In Downieville, the phone system at the school was being tested.  
09:34 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.  
10:12 - In Downieville, there was a fire burning at the Western Sierra County transfer site.  
12:52 - In Sierra City, someone possibly cut down some trees illegally. With so many trees, it must have been obvious to notice trees missing.  
13:55 - In Sierraville, a pest control company accidentally set off a burglary alarm.  
14:46 - In Downieville, someone was littering and shooting guns near a public recreational area. The individual was contacted and given a verbal warning to clean up the area and find a new location to go shooting.

## Friday, March 4

07:28 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance helped someone get back upright.  
10:25 - In Loyalton, there was a report of a battery.  
12:57 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested.  
13:43 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance was requested again.  
14:00 - In Sierraville, there was a structure fire.  
17:16 - In Verdi, a resident was scammed for \$300 off of Facebook Marketplace.  
17:27 - In Loyalton, one person was arrested for false documents, drug paraphernalia, methamphetamines and under the influence of a controlled substance. The other individual was arrested for parole violations.

## Saturday, March 5

00:15 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance lifted someone up.  
02:05 - At mile marker 33 on HWY 49, a vehicle was abandoned in the middle of the road. CHP and CalTrans were notified. That's odd.  
04:06 - In Sierraville, an ambulance was requested.  
04:49 - In Loyalton, Eastern Plumas Health Care Ambulance helped another person upright.  
09:41 - In Downieville, there was a reckless driver around town.  
15:14 - In Downieville, someone needed assistance at the Downieville Grocery Store.  
18:28 - In Camptonville, there was a non-injury crash.  
20:00 - In Sierra City, an ambulance was requested.

## Sunday, March 6

16:21 - In Loyalton, a warrant was issued for someone that failed to appear. All you had to do was show up. Now you are in big trouble.

Total 911 Hang Ups with Static: 2

Total Reports: 34

## PLUMAS-SIERRA CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plumas-Sierra Cattlewomen are again happy to offer scholarships to this year's graduating seniors and to last year's recipients who are continuing their studies and again meeting the qualifications. The amount of the scholarships will be determined by the number of applicants, proceeds from the previous year sale of tickets for our Brand Quilt and the generous support of our communities.  
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1. The applicant must have been a resident of Plumas or Sierra County for one year.
2. If the applicant is from a farm or ranch family, he or she may enroll in any course of study at a college or vocational school.
3. If the applicant is from a non-farm or ranch family, he or she must enroll in agriculturally related programs.

Application packets further outlining qualifications are available now at your high school or at our website: [plumassierracattlewomen.org](http://plumassierracattlewomen.org)

### Contact information:

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Loyalton, CA 96118 Portola, CA 96122  
dkgoicoechea@psln.com abitoftbeach@gmail.com

## SIERRA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON MAY 13th – 16th, 2022 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

On February 1, 2022, I, Van Maddox, Sierra County Tax Collector, was directed to conduct a public auction sale by the Board of Supervisors of Sierra County, California. The tax defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Tax Collector's power of sale.

The sale will be conducted at the Internet auction website Bid4Assets.com, on May 13-16th, 2022, as a public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the minimum bid as shown on this notice. Research the property prior to bidding. Due diligence research is incumbent on the bidder. All property is sold as is. The winning bidder is legally obligated to purchase the item.

Only bids submitted to Bid4Assets.com via the Internet or their off-line bidding process will be accepted. Please call toll-free 1-877-427-7387 for more information regarding off-line bidding after November 1. Computer workstations are available at some public libraries during library hours for those who need them. Bidder registration must be completed and a refundable deposit of \$2,000 by wire must be received by Bid4Assets by Monday, May 9th, 2022. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. A California transfer tax will be added to and collected with the purchase price and is calculated at \$.55 per each \$500 or fraction thereof. Full payment and deed information indicating how title should be vested is required by 5 p.m. PT on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. Only wire transfers will be accepted.

The county and its employees are not liable for the failure of any electronic equipment that may prevent a person from participating in the sale.

The right of redemption will cease on Thursday, May 12th, 2022, at 5 p.m. and properties not redeemed by that time will be offered for sale. If the parcel is not sold, the right of redemption will revive.

If properties are sold, parties of interest, as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale proceeds.

More information may be obtained by reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov), thoroughly reviewing the Bid4Assets.com/Sierra website which will be updated on February 22, 2022, or by calling the Tax Collector at 530-289-3286 if unable to access the Internet information.

### PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The suffixes used in conjunction with the parcel number are as follows:

0 = Surface and mineral interests

The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Sierra County, California, and are described as follows:

### SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION NO. 2022-012 Exhibit A

Item No.	APN	Assessee	Acreage	Assessed Value	Minimum Bid
1	006-140-010-000	Bolding, Patricia & Flath, Roger 10 Miwok Court, Pike	5.09	65,553	10,500.00
2	017-021-045-000	Weir, Kevin 34 Zolinger St., Loyalton	0.10	60,000	14,100.00
3	023-070-021-000	Miller, William Thomas Acreage, Verdi	15.16	44,240	8,700.00
4	023-070-070-000	Miller, William Thomas 1020 Arbor Ln, Verdi	42.98	390,894	40,000.00

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Van Maddox, Sierra County Tax Collector

Executed at Downieville, Sierra County, CA on February 18, 2022

Published in The Mountain Messenger March 3rd, 10th and 17th, 2022

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

Van Maddox, Sierra County Auditor Treasurer Tax Collector, would like to remind all taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the 2nd installment of 2021-22 Secured and many Supplemental property taxes is Monday, April 11, 2022.

You can view and pay your secured and/or supplemental bill through the County website – all you'll need is your parcel number. Visit the county website, [www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov), and select Online Payments. Payments made online will be charged a convenience fee by the third-party service provider, Point and Pay, Inc.

Payments may also be mailed to the Sierra County Tax Collector at P.O. Box 376, Downieville, CA 95936 and must be postmarked by April 11, to avoid late penalties. Payments may also be made in person at the Tax Collector's Office, Suite 14, Courthouse, in Downieville, CA between the hours of 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

If you have questions about the payment status of your bill, please call the Tax Collector's office at (530) 289-3286 or email them at: [collector@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:collector@sierracounty.ca.gov).

# At the Firehouse

By VICTORIA TENNEY

**ALLEGHANY:** February 23rd—Mutual aid response to Pike City for a person who was ill - cancelled. February 27th—Responded, as requested by the Sierra County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), to a welfare check and found all was well.

**DOWNIEVILLE:** February 21st—Four Medical Urgent Care incidents. February 23rd—Responded for seven Medical Urgent Care incidents; COVID-19 testing and vaccines at the Community Hall. February 24th Responded for a Medical Urgent Care; EMS Training. February 25th The ambulance responded to Sierra City, as requested by the S.C.S.O., for a stand-by, then cancelled. February 26th—The ambulance responded to Sierra City, as requested by the SCSO for a stand-by, then cancelled. February 27th—The ambulance responded to Sierra City for a person who was ill; responded for a motorcycle down, and the injured person was airlifted to the hospital in Marysville.

**LOYALTON:** February 22nd at 12:16 AM—Possible hazardous materials exposure, Loyalton. February 24th at 9:14PM—Woman in labor, Loyalton. February at 11:38 AM—Lift assist for patient returning home, Loyalton.

**PIKE CITY:** February 23rd—Responded for a person who was ill - cancelled.

**SIERRA CITY:** February 25th—Responded, as requested by the SCSO, to stand-by, then cancelled. February 26th—Responded, as requested by the SCSO, to stand-by, then cancelled. February 27th—Responded for a person who was ill.

**SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT: (CALPINE, SATTLEY, & SIERRAVILLE):** February 24th—Cross-training with U.S.F.S. in Sierraville; fire training at Station #82 in Sierraville. February 25th—Responded for a vehicle fire near Hwy. 89 & Sagehen.



## DOWNIEVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE — PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is given that the Downieville Public Utility District is soliciting sealed bids to construct:

### STORAGE TANKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Copies of the contract documents for the Project, including the instructions to bidders, bid forms, public works construction contract, and plans and specifications, are available in electronic (pdf) format at no cost to the Contractor. Contractors may review and download project documents at the following location: [www.sauerseng.com/Downieville.html](http://www.sauerseng.com/Downieville.html). Bidders must comply with the Instructions to Bidders and will be responsible for acquiring and complying with requirements of all Addenda which will be posted electronically at the same location.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM on April 14, 2022 in the Boardroom in the Sierra County Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA 95936.

Mailed bids, or bids delivered prior to the date of the bid opening, must be delivered to the offices of Sauers Engineering, Inc., 105 Providence Mine Road, Ste 202, Nevada City, CA 95959. Bids delivered to Sauers Engineering must be at the office of Sauers Engineering by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the bid opening.

Bids delivered by hand on the day of the bid opening must be received at the bid opening location between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the date of the bid opening. Any bids received after that time will be returned unopened and rejected as non-responsive.

Prospective Bidders shall be licensed Contractors in the State of California and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under this Contract. Each Bidder shall have a Class A General Engineering California Contractor's license.

The Downieville Public Utility District is an Equal Opportunity Agency

Questions regarding the bidding process shall be directed to:

Dean Marsh, P.E. at: [dean@sauerseng.com](mailto:dean@sauerseng.com)  
Cc: Richard J Melim, P.E. District Engineer at: [rmelim@northyuba.net](mailto:rmelim@northyuba.net)

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**S&P 500 Market Movers - 3/9**

- Top Gainers**  
1. Match Group, Inc. (MTCH) - \$99.61 (+13.58%)  
2. Caesars Entertainment (CZR) - \$78.53 (+11.80%)  
3. Tapestry, Inc. (TPR) - \$35.90 (+10.70%)
- Top Decliners**  
1. Halliburton (HAL) - \$34.48 (-6.32%)  
2. Phillips 66 (PSX) - \$79.00 (-6.30%)  
3. Schlumberger N.V. (SLB) - \$42.39 (-5.97%)

**NASDAQ Market Movers - 3/9**

- Top Gainers**  
1. Match Group, Inc. (MTCH) - \$99.61 (+13.58%)  
2. Datadog, Inc. (DDOG) - \$141.59 (+11.37%)  
3. Moderna, Inc. (MRNA) - \$142.08 (9.70%)
- Top Losers**  
1. Sirius XM Holdings (SIRI) - \$6.27 (-1.80%)  
2. CSX Corp. (CSX) - \$34.42 (-1.56%)  
3. Kraft-Heinz Co. (KHC) - \$38.26 (-0.98%)

**California Hay Report - 3/4/2022**

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand were moderate. Retail hay prices were steady with tight supplies. Dairy hay prices were steady. According to the NASS crop progress on February 22, 2022, soil was drying out due to windy conditions. Alfalfa producers reported aphid pressure earlier than usual due to the mild winter weather. Some growers began irrigating their fields. Rangeland grass continued to grow, but some producers said the grass was not growing as fast as livestock was grazing it down. Forage quality is expected to decline unless significant rain is received soon. Almonds began blooming and bees were moved into orchards.

	Volume - California		
	This Week	Last Reported (2/21/2022)	Last Year
<b>Tons of Hay:</b>	2725	3050	5925
<b>Bales of Hay:</b>	2100	200	0

Note: The volumes listed above are for confirmed trades only, estimates of tonnage for bids or offers are not included.

	North Inter-Mountain Hay (Conventional)			
	Qty.	Price Range	Use	Age
<b>Alfalfa-Premium (Trade/Per Ton)</b>				
Large Square	200	295	Feedlot/dairy	Old

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News - [https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams\\_2904.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2904.pdf)

**LEGAL NOTICE \*\* LEGAL NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2022001827

The following person(s) is doing business as:  
Scratch, 225 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101  
Scratch Financial, Inc., 225 S Lake Avenue, Suite 250, Pasadena, CA 91101; C4016777; DE  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/15/21.  
/s/ Caleb Morse, COO  
Scratch Financial, Inc.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Sierra County on 01/13/2022.  
Heather Foster, County Clerk  
3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31/22  
CNS-3545792#

**Local Gas Prices - 3/9**

	Regular (87)	Premium (91)	Diesel
<b>76 Chester</b>	\$5.35	\$5.59	\$6.29
<b>Chevron Susanville</b>	\$5.49	\$5.74	\$5.99
<b>Shell Doyle</b>	\$5.29	\$5.69	\$5.69
<b>Chevron Hallelujah Junction</b>	\$5.79	\$6.09	\$6.19
<b>Sierra Energy 7/11 Portola</b>	\$5.54	\$5.94	\$5.89
<b>Chevron Graeagle</b>	\$5.49	\$5.79	\$5.99
<b>Mobil Quincy</b>	\$5.56	\$5.76	\$5.66
<b>Chevron Quincy</b>	\$5.59	\$5.89	\$5.69
<b>Whites's Sierra Stat. Loyalton</b>	\$5.599	-	\$5.999
<b>Sierraville Service Sierraville</b>	\$5.09	\$5.29	\$5.05
<b>Lost Nugget Camptonville</b>	\$5.409	\$5.809	\$5.669
<b>Chevron Nevada City</b>	\$5.89	\$6.19	\$5.79
<b>Nevada City Gas Nevada City</b>	\$5.299	\$5.499	\$5.699
<b>ARCO Grass Valley</b>	\$5.29	\$5.69	\$6.09
<b>Chevron Truckee</b>	\$5.99	\$6.29	\$6.49
<b>Shell Truckee</b>	\$6.49	\$6.79	\$6.99

Prices courtesy of gasbuddy.com and phone calls to stations.

**Commodity Prices**

	Mar 2. USD	Mar. 9 USD	Weekly Change	Yearly Change
<b>Gold USD/Troy Oz.</b>	1,928.09	1,983.69	2.88%	14.55%
<b>Silver USD/Troy Oz.</b>	25.22	25.56	1.33%	-2.52%
<b>Lumber USD/1000 BdFt.</b>	1,418.70	1,345.00	-5.19%	36.56%
<b>Live Cattle USD/100 Lbs.</b>	139.60	138.60	-0.72%	16.69%
<b>Milk USD/Hundredweight</b>	22.24	22.57	1.48%	38.64%
<b>Wheat USD/Bushel</b>	1,058.50	1,110.00	4.87%	70.57%
<b>Corn USD/Bushel</b>	739.000	739.750	0.10%	35.05%
<b>Coffee USD/Pound</b>	230.45	230.45	0.0%	80.16%
<b>Lithium USD/Ton</b>	66,741.22	78,113.87	17.04	600.00%
<b>Aluminum USD/Ton</b>	3,569.00	3,364.00	-5.74%	57.09%
<b>Nickel USD/Ton</b>	26,489.00	48,201.00	81.97%	200.57%
<b>Coal USD/Ton</b>	400.00	415.00	3.75%	366.29%
<b>Crude Oil USD/Barrel WTI</b>	109.27	109.02	-0.23%	67.65%
<b>Propane USD/Gallon</b>	1.53	1.60	4.58%	72.04%
<b>CRB Index Index Points</b>	307.44	328.76	6.93%	61.33%

# Elements

### Night Sky:

Keep looking up! — Collin O'Mara-Green

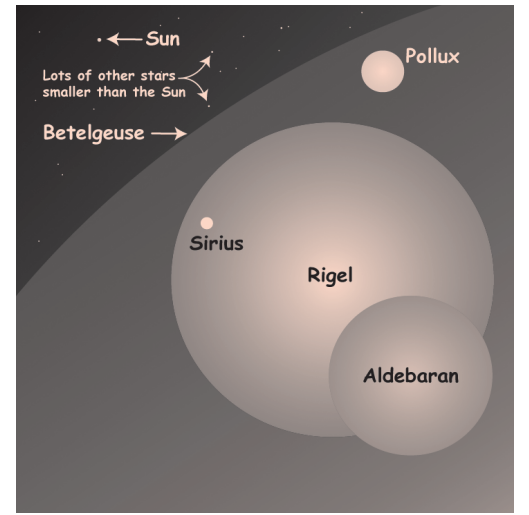


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### Sun & Moon

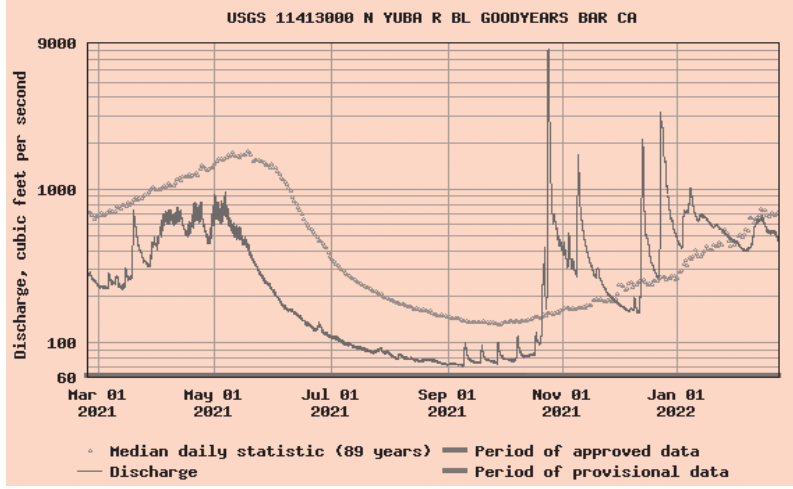
Date:		Thu. 3-10	Fri. 3-11	Sat. 3-12	Sun. 3-13	Mon. 3-14	Tue. 3-15	Wed. 3-16
Sun	Rise:	06:20 PST	06:19 PST	06:17 PST	07:16 PDT	07:14 PDT	07:12 PDT	07:11 PDT
	Set:	18:03 PST	18:04 PST	18:05 PST	19:06 PDT	19:07 PDT	19:08 PDT	19:09 PDT
Moon	Rise:	10:46 PST	11:32 PST	12:26 PST	14:24 PDT	15:27 PDT	16:33 PDT	17:39 PDT
	Set:	01:32 PST	02:29 PST	03:20 PST	05:05 PDT	05:44 PDT	06:18 PDT	06:47 PDT
	Illumination	56.3%	65.8%	74.8%	83.0%	89.9%	95.3%	M

Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/> using Calpine as a reference point. M = Moon does not pass the meridian on this day.

### Local Road/Trail/River Conditions

### Water Flow on the North Yuba River

March 9, 2021 - March 9, 2022



### Last Week's Weather

Courtesy of the Grubstake Saloon

Date	Hi	FE	Lo	FE	Precip.	Snow
Mar. 1	70	+12	32	-4		
Mar. 2	68	+7	31	-6		
Mar. 3	61	M	39	+1	0.05	
Mar. 4	51	-6	31	-5	0.47	Trace
Mar. 5	41	-4	26	+1		
Mar. 6	51	+14	26	+3		
Mar. 7	56	+13	27	+1		

Forecast Error (FE) is found by subtracting the forecasted temperatures from the day's recorded value. M = Missing.

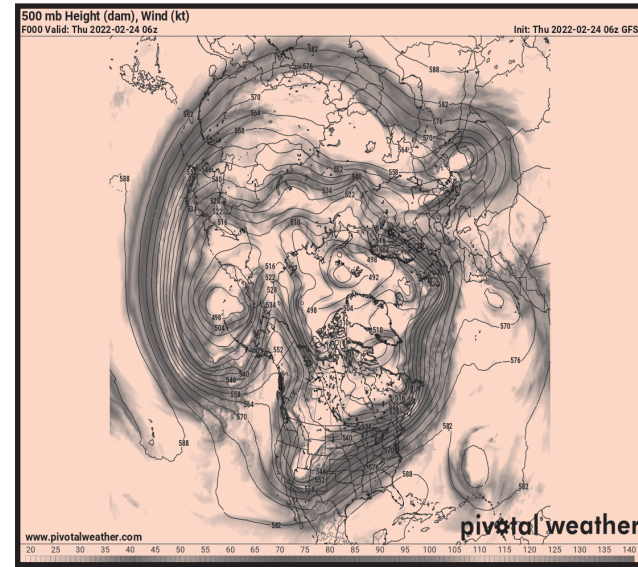
#### Seasonal Precipitation

July 1 to date	47.09
To-date last year	25.16
Yearly average	65.28

### 7-Day Local Forecast

Towns	Info	Thu. 3-10	Fri. 3-11	Sat. 3-12	Sun. 3-13	Mon. 3-14	Tue. 3-15	Wed. 3-16
Downieville	High/Low (°F)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Cloudiness (%)	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	Wind (mph)	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph
	Humidity (%)	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	Change of Precip.	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Loyalton	High/Low (°F)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	Cloudiness (%)	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	Wind (mph)	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph
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Source: < https://www.weather.gov/wrh/wxtable> [National Weather Service WFO STO 1:55 AM PST Thursday Feb. 24, 2022] M=Missing



### Jet Streams: March 10

Source: <https://www.pivotweather.com/model.php>

# Game Corner

		9		3			7
	1		6		5		
5	4		8			9	
	6			2		5	1
		7	9				8
8			3		9		
		2	1		3		
4			7	2		6	
	8			5			4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: P equals S

XO IKKF QGMMGVBCY HYQYMGVYP  
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 XYZBG. BV'P G QYCYM-VMYQZBQH  
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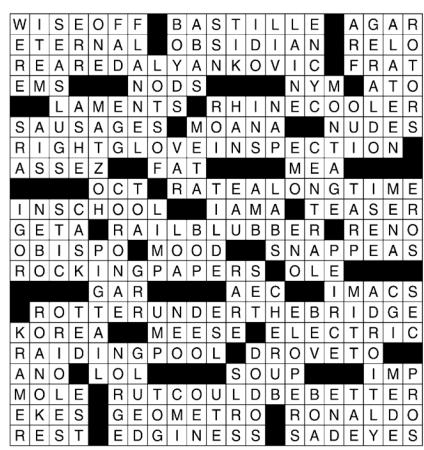
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### Last Week's Answers

5	7	9	6	4	3	2	1	8
3	8	4	9	2	1	7	5	6
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8	3	5	2	6	4	1	7	9
4	9	7	3	1	5	6	8	2
6	2	1	7	9	8	5	4	3
7	5	6	4	3	2	8	9	1
9	1	3	5	8	6	4	2	7
2	4	8	1	7	9	3	6	5

### CryptoQuip

When he got asked to use a special off-menu topping, the nice McDonald's worker replied "For your fries only."



### ACROSS

- 1 Competitor
- 6 Least hilly
- 14 Spring birds
- 20 Adult insect stage
- 21 Irish moss or nori
- 22 Insect's egg capsule
- 23 Steady job, say
- 25 Money, slangily
- 26 Egg on
- 27 See 110-Across
- 28 One — kind
- 30 Israeli politician
- 31 Weizman
- 33 Catholic liturgy
- 35 Steak/lobster combo dish
- 39 Leave behind
- 41 Aquarium shop supply
- 42 Endowing organization
- 45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill
- 50 Swimmer Gertrude
- 51 "The night before ..."
- 54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
- 55 Pass, as a bill
- 59 "Lady Love" singer Rawls
- 60 Really hate
- 62 Jeans brand
- 63 Recline lazily
- 64 Regulating system
- 67 Main nun abbr.
- 69 Nest egg
- 70 Estevez of "Tex"
- 71 Attractive
- 78 Tesla's Musk
- 79 Volley starter
- 80 Flora and fauna
- 81 GPS display
- 82 Vogue thing
- 83 Uruguay's
- 84 Punta del —
- 85 Good buds
- 85 Campout fuel
- 87 Suffer from hunger
- 89 Like an attention-grabbing actor
- 96 Unrefined petroleum
- 99 Eppie who's known as
- 100 Home-state candidate
- 104 Skillful feat
- 106 Clodhopper

### DOWN

- 1 Grafton's " — for Ricochet"
- 2 "If u ask me ..."
- 3 Singer Sarah
- 4 Bad way for a ship to run
- 5 "Livin' La Vida —"
- 6 (1999 #1 hit)
- 6 Swing to and
- 7 Some jabs in the ring
- 8 "Ciao!" in Chihuahua
- 9 Gets bronze
- 10 Special attention, for short
- 11 Conceit
- 12 Singer Cooke
- 13 Start a golf hole
- 14 Longtime Russian dynasty members
- 15 Large gametes
- 16 "Carmen" composer Georges
- 17 D-Max pickup truck maker
- 18 Appellation bestower
- 19 Neck warmer
- 24 Halley of Halley's comet
- 29 — Schwarz (toy store)
- 31 Clodhopper
- 32 — Dhabi
- 34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)
- 35 Ungodliness
- 36 The Trojans of the NCAA
- 37 Musical beat
- 38 1950s prez
- 40 Losing effort?
- 41 Add-on charge
- 107 Pitcher Hershiser
- 108 Grassy tract
- 109 Deceive
- 110 With 27-Across, makeshift sheds
- 112 Theater area
- 114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?
- 121 California beach city
- 122 Online merchants
- 123 Sharpens
- 124 Appraise
- 125 Sign on a dead-end street
- 126 Start

### CONFORMITY

- 43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"
- 44 Fill to excess
- 46 More itty-bitty
- 47 Redenbacher of popcorn
- 48 Omission of a syllable
- 49 Archbishop Tutu
- 52 Affliction
- 53 Projectile path
- 55 Slips by
- 60 Large artery
- 61 Ho-hum
- 62 Hasty escape
- 64 2000-15 CBS drama
- 65 Prison melee
- 66 Laugh half
- 68 ND-to-LA dir.
- 72 Rockets' gp.
- 73 Actor Gerard
- 74 Chucks out
- 75 Art Deco artist
- 76 Summers, in Somme
- 77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle
- 82 Warty hopper
- 84 Very risky
- 85 Hit sketch show since '75
- 86 Tattooing tool
- 88 Outmoded TV adjunct
- 90 Aviator's name
- 91 A, in Berlin
- 92 Classic Chrysler
- 93 Heat-attached patches
- 94 Prefix with natal
- 95 Mutt's threat
- 97 Adaptable truck, in brief
- 98 Stun with sound
- 100 Pro — (perfunctory)
- 101 Opera songs
- 102 Osso bucco meats
- 103 "Kukla, Fran and —"
- 104 Carpentry peg
- 105 — nous
- 109 Stallion-to-be
- 111 Iterate
- 113 Samantha Bee's station
- 115 Southern Sioux
- 116 Thai tongue
- 117 Lucy of TV's "Elementary"
- 118 1940s prez
- 119 Really little
- 120 July hrs.

## From the Woods — Clay Allen, Part 7

I have another rattler story. After Calamity died, I quit killing the rattlers because she wasn't running around them. I was up at Wabina Summit in the area where the doe and I had the incident. I was cross-countrying to my next job and I would go about one eighth of a mile with my Cat, then I hike back and take my pickup an eighth of a mile past my Cat. I would leap frog it. It might take me a half a day to move my Cat that way.

I was going across this grassy meadow, it wasn't very big and I look down off the Cat and there it is a good 4-1/2 foot snake. He is right alongside my Cat and he is keeping up with my Cat just going through the grass. A snake actually stays on top of the grass, they float on top of the grass, and he is cooking along. I stop my Cat and he goes in front of me and I see him heading across this meadow to this Red Fir.

This Red Fir is about 3-1/2 foot through and it is a pretty nice tree, but it goes up about five feet off of the ground and it forks into two big trees. I jump off of my Cat with my shovel to get this snake, and I am looking around this tree and I go all the way around that tree and I think where is that rattler? I am looking, and then I look up and over my right shoulder and I see him right in the crotch of that tree. I am six inches away from him and I am looking him eye to eye in that tree!

I am thinking there he is, but he didn't strike, he just got up in the tree to get away from me, he wanted to get away and I went all around that tree looking for him. He could have got me, if he was in the strike mode, he would have got me! I left him alone and went back to work.

I had a job at Volcanoville, it was in the early 80s. It takes 30 years to make a merchantable tree. These trees grew really good, but they burned up in that Trailhead Fire in 2016. It burned all the plantations I did in there, and I had to go in and repile all the dead burned trees. Had to pile all those dead trees

I had worked on in about 1984, and it was sad. I have had this dream ever since I started piling brush 35 years ago that we would have a statewide drought and everything I ever done was lost. I told that to Carl B., he's a Forester for SPI. When I started piling brush it was for Southern Pacific Land Company and then it merged with Santa Fe Pacific, then SPI bought them out. All three companies have kept me piling for them. I feel fortunate for this

I had a rattler up out of Graniteville where I was working a unit. I was sitting on the other side of the road from where I was working and I was eating my lunch in the pickup. I was looking in my rearview mirror and this rattler was coming down off of the bank of the road and he is headed like is going underneath the back of the pickup. I got out of the pickup and he saw me, so he headed back up the bank where he had come from.

I got back in the truck and started eating. I looked up by the top cut of the road by a little manzanita bush and he had stuck his head in the fork of it and he laid there and watched me eat my lunch. They are smart, they are really smart. People don't think that they are smart, but they really are pretty smart. I have seen them pull Houdinis out there in order to get away from you, they are a very smart animal.

At the bottom of Cherry Hill I went back on this old road. There was this old rock wall where a cabin once stood, and there was this old hole where maybe there was an old bottle dump or something in there. I angled my brush rake to clean the hole out in order to come back there and dig bottles later. When I did three rattlers came out of there.

One of them went to the right, and Calamity was just sitting right there and one of them went up behind her and she didn't see it and I am glad she didn't. The big one was about

a 4-1/2 footer and I had peeled him from about his waist all the way to his rattles and I took his hide right off. From his waist up to his head he still had skin on. He came out of that hole and he looked me right in the eyes as though to say, "Why did you do that?" He actually made eye contact with me, that snake looked me right in the eyes. They are smart, intelligent, but they can be mean.

On one job I made this pile of oaks that the slashers had slashed ahead of me. I kept shoving on this pile and getting it bigger and bigger and I kept gathering all this slash and it was a massive Cat pile I had built up. I went in there with my last shove of oaks with my rake and I backed out. This little fawn came walking out from in front of my brush rake and his eyes were big. He had gotten caught up in them oaks in a hole where it didn't squish him, he had gotten tangled up in them oaks, but they saved him from getting squished. I felt like hell because he was scared and to see something come out of the front of your brush rake like that is pretty rare. You could see the fear in his eyes!

I had a bear when I was up near Bear Trap Springs, a place called Mobley Springs out past Bloody Run Creek. It was a massive brush field with big brush and I am out there, and I look out about 200 yards and the brush is just blowing over. I didn't think much of it, but then I realized there isn't even a wind here now. It was a bear and he was coming and he was mowing that brush down at 200 yards away. He just kept coming and coming and coming and headed right straight for the Cat and charged right up to the brush rake on that Cat and then I finally see him. Then he took another 90 degree turn away from the Cat. That is when I really see him. He was really plowing brush going away. He or she was a really big bear and he or she was really pissed.

## The Elusive Lola Montez

I recently came across an article in The Union newspaper, written by former Nevada City mayor Steve Cottrell, entitled "Conflicting history: Sometimes the stories don't match the history books." Cottrell states "These days, storytelling versus history can usually be sorted out with an internet search or visit to the Searls Historical Library. Despite such readily available resources, however, the new owners of the National Hotel claimed during their 2020-21 renovation that Lola Montez had been a guest there. Truth is, Lola left Nevada County in the spring of 1855 to be part of a gold rush then underway in Australia, and the hotel didn't open until the following August... There's no indication she ever returned here, so the promotional use of Lola's name and image, suggesting she had once been a hotel guest, is an example of storytelling, not history. But we have written about that in the past, so there's no need to rehash Lola myths today." In doing my research on Sierra County history, I too have found out that many of the county's stories don't match what is written in historical documents - and in the following case, I will also focus on Lola Montez (1821-1861), the famous dancer and actress best known for her erotic "Spider Dance" and other controversial antics.

Lola Montez does appear to have visited Downieville in 1853. A Grass Valley correspondent for the Sacramento Daily Union wrote on July 20, 1853 that Lola Montez was preparing to "go to Nevada [City] and to Downieville..." Historian Bruce Seymour places her in Downieville in 1853 as well. Many famous performers graced the stage in Downieville in the 1850s, including Lotta Crabtree and Edwin Booth. Author David Yeadon wrote that Edwin Booth and Lola Montez were showered "with gold dust after each tumultuous performance" in Downieville.

As Cottrell stated, Lola

Montez left for Australia in 1855. She returned to San Francisco the following year, performing at places like that city's Metropolitan Theatre and the Forrest Theatre in Sacramento - but did she ever return to visit Grass Valley, Nevada City, and Downieville?

The October 17, 1856 edition of the Nevada Journal of Nevada City states "Lola Montez is under a two months' engagement to perform in the principal interior towns of the State. Hope to see her this way as soon as our new Theatre is completed." However, neither Steve Cottrell nor I have been able to find any Nevada County newspapers from that year that definitively state Lola Montez made it back to Nevada County. Now things start to get more confusing.

The Times-Picayune newspaper, all the way in New Orleans, Louisiana, of October 17, 1856 states Lola "is at her old home in Grass Valley." However, it is possible that this claim was speculative, the writer presuming that since Lola was "home" in California, she must've been in Grass Valley.

Years later, Fariss and Smith's book "An Illustrated History of Plumas, Lassen, and Sierra Counties" published in 1882, states the following occurred in Downieville in 1856: "Lola Montez, countess of Landsfelt de Heald, the wonderful spider dancer, made her appearance on the boards of the National theater, creating a profound sensation in the susceptible breasts of the population. She was greeted with crowded houses, and so strong was the impression left behind by this Teutonic beauty that her name was immortalized in the christening of a lofty peak, Mount Lola." Historian James J. Sinnott repeated this claim in his history book about Downieville as well. However, I have not found any Sierra County newspapers from 1856 that state Lola Montez was in Downieville in that year, and the

Fariss and Smith book is full of inaccuracies in general.

Another piece of text which suggests Lola Montez visited Nevada County in 1856 comes from Bruce Seymour's biography on the actress. He states "After her Australian tour Lola Montez returned to Grass Valley in September 1856 to sell her house in Grass Valley. She 'was scheduled to reappear at the Forrest Theatre in Sacramento on 20 September but she sent word from Grass Valley that she was ill..."

However, a footnote on this quote is not provided, making it unreliable. Many years after the sale of the house, the Daily Alta newspaper of February 21, 1886 shared the life story of Lola Montez, stating "She first appeared in Grass Valley at the old Alta Theatre in 1853, and was well so pleased with the town and its liberal people that she took up her there until the Spring of 1855. She returned the following year for a few weeks' visit, and then sold her cottage, at the corner of Mill and Walsh streets, to S. D. Bosworth, now Postmaster at that town, and the present occupant of the cottage."

The house of Lola Montez in Grass Valley did sell in 1856 - but it doesn't necessarily mean she was present for its sale, since in that same year, she was not present for the auction of her gold and diamond jewelry collection. Lola Montez left California soon after for good, spending her time between Europe and the state of New York, where she passed away in 1861 from the tertiary effects of syphilis.

As one can see - being a historian can be difficult! Who knows if Lola Montez was actually in Nevada and Sierra Counties in 1856?

I am always open to feedback and suggestions for my history articles. If you have a comment or a subject to propose, please email me at corypeterman3@gmail.com, thanks!

## 90 YEARS AGO

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### Man Kidnaps Wife, Stirs Countrywide

If a man hasn't a perfect right to kidnap his wife, whose wife has he a right to kidnap? Or if what you want does not come to you, go and get it apparently is the way S.H. Van Gilden reasoned last Monday when he wanted his wife to share his life with him at the Yuba River Fish Hatchery at Indian Valley, where he is employed. His wife objected to living at a fish hatchery, a line of work Van Gilden has followed for the past year, and the pair became somewhat estranged as a result. Mrs. Van Gilden, with her two children, preferred living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Shebley of Sacramento.

Van Gilden is a new employee of the Yuba River Hatchery and, having become settled, he was desirous of having his family with him. So going to Sacramento, he induced his wife and children to go for a ride with him in his car, ostensibly to take some kodak pictures. But Van Gilden did not stop to "shoot the scenery." Having obtained his precious cargo, he stepped on the gas, with Indian Valley as his destination. Stopping at Roseville to replenish his gas supply, his wife took advantage of the opportunity to telephone her father that she was being taken to the mountains against her wishes. Shebley appealed to the police and the rumor was spread that Van Gilden was seeking a lonely spot at which to murder his family. A big stir was created, which ended only when Deputy Sheriff Stanley McCormick went to Indian Valley in response to a telephone message and had a talk with the principals of the

affair. He offered to bring Mrs. Van Gilden to Downieville until arrangements for her return to Sacramento could be made, but she decided to stay at the hatchery, and returned to her parents the following day. The reports that went out over the telegraph wires were probably greatly exaggerated, although Van Gilden may have talked somewhat irrational as a result of a stress of feeling.

### Downieville Woman has Unusual Pet

"Some like 'em hot, some like 'em cold, some like 'em in the pot nine days old." And so, it is with everything - tastes differ. Pets are chosen from all kinds of animals and birds. Some time ago Downieville had a pet bear; now there is still another strange one. Mrs. Ernie Farrell has a pet crow, and he is a well-trained one, besides having the unusual capacity of speech. Jim and his nestmate were raised by hand by an Oakland woman until he was a year or so old, when he became annexed to the Farrell household, where he has been a pet for the past year. When Mrs. Farrell puts forth her hand saying, "Come to mamma, Jim," he jumps onto her hand, saying "Bad boy! Bad boy!" He will put his head down to be scratched when told to do so and apparently enjoys the scratching. He will say, "Well, well, well!" and laughs just like his former owner.

Jim is a good catcher - never misses a thing that is thrown to him. Given a bottle with a cork in it, he will work steadily and undauntingly until it is removed. A box of matches is soon opened by him, and all the matches taken out, one by one. He eats everything but grain; is very

fond of raw meat and candy. He steals food from the table and runs away like the bad boy he calls himself. Mrs. Farrell says he spent last summer at their Gold Lake Summit camp. He was turned loose to go where he pleased and never attempted to go away. His plumage grew sleek and glossy, with a large tail six or eight inches long. His favorite perch was a bush overhanging the water where he could swoop down easily and grab a tender frog, or on occasions a short snake.

### Sierra City Man Injured In Car Accident

John Romano, old resident of Charcoal Flat, near Sierra City, had a narrow escape from serious injury and possible death last Sunday afternoon when the steering gear on his car broke, causing the vehicle to leave the road and turn over. Although badly bruised, Romano managed to crawl out from under his car. After working with it for some time, he succeeded in getting it back on its wheels and drove it home, the car not being badly damaged. The mishap took place at the point where the rock crusher was installed while the highway was being surfaced and the car landed on the short incline road built from the highway down to the crusher.

### Mailman's Plane Lands In Sierra Valley

Landing in a snow-covered field Monday evening about 7 o'clock, a Boeing mail plane stuck its nose in the snow and soft earth and came to rest rather suddenly, with only minor injuries to the more delicate parts of the machine. The pilot, Ray Little, was uninjured.

Little had encountered a snowstorm on the higher Donner

Summit and turned north, hoping for better conditions over Yuba Pass. But while he ran out of the snowstorm, he encountered heavy fog over the Pass and, being reluctant to cross the range with such poor visibility, he turned back and made a landing just outside of the Sierraville town limits. Little circled low a number of times in an effort to locate a suitable landing place. At first, he thought of making a landing on the main street of the town but changed his mind after descending to where he could get a better view. Rising again, he circled some more.

Unable to land on main street, he circled over a large field covered with snow but free from obstructions, and having decided to try his landing luck there, dropped a flare to light his descent. Turning the plane, he cut the motor preparatory to the landing. Closer and closer he came - he touched - a three-point landing; a three-point landing for 150 yards. At the 151-yard mark it became a one-point landing, for the wheels of the plane, becoming bogged down in the snow and soft earth, resulted in forcing the plane over on its nose, in which position it came to rest.

The landing was observed from town, the suddenly-created landing field being about a quarter mile west of town. The population of the little town, which had witnessed Little's antics, hurried to his assistance, but found him uninjured. He was engaged in turning off the gas supply so as to prevent a fire, which gave the impression to those first upon the scene that he was hanging head downward.

Fred Small, a Sierraville young man took the mail to Reno

the plane was carrying, and parts necessary to the repairing of the plane were sent for from San Francisco. Tuesday a plane from San Francisco carrying the parts for the crippled plane passed over Downieville and was seen by many people here. It was expected the plane would be able to leave Sierraville under its own power within two or three days.

### Diadem Mine Will Start Operations

After several years of idleness, the Diadem Mine, located near Forest, is to resume operations right away, according to word received from Forest this week. A small crew will be used at first to do the preliminary work. Power will be taken by a transmission line from the Bald Mountain Mine. The Diadem Mine, which has a most interesting history and numbering some notable people among its owners, principal among which was Tod Sloan, the famous jockey, only recently became sufficiently free of legal difficulties to be handled. It produced considerable jewelry ore from a limited space and with a small amount of development work during previous operations. The resumption of operations at this mine will mean much for Forest and the good news has had a stimulating effect upon the people of that town.

### Worst Winter Since 1922, Says Pioneer Resident

An old-time resident of Northern Sierra County, who is publicity shy, has some interesting information in a personal letter to this paper. He was not writing for publication and did not want his name to appear, but some of the facts therein contained will make

interesting reading, so they are passed along.

The man lives alone in his cabin, many miles from his nearest neighbor. He says in part, "It has so far been the severest winter that we have experienced since 1922, and I have been practically alone to look after numerous places in this vicinity and endeavor to prevent them from being wrecked by the immense burden of snow that accumulated on them during the big storms. "Including buildings, flumes, gates, bridges, etc., on my own and on other people's property, I have 26 different places where the snow had to be shoveled in order to save them. I venture to say that I can yet shovel snow 'with the best of them,' but when it comes to making these hard trips from place to place on skis, I confess that I am not equal to the emergency now, like I used to be in my younger days.

"I presume that some of my good friends may think that I have passed to the 'Great Beyond,' but truly, my delay in answering their kind letters has been unavoidable. I have been to town only four times this year and my mail, both incoming and outgoing, is usually delayed for two or three weeks at a time, so I really haven't known what was transpiring in the 'outside world.' Got three Messengers at one time, but the contents of even the oldest was news to me. There has been 11 feet of snow here, with 274 inches for the season."

Thus, do some of the hardy miners, descendants of the '49ers, of the mountain districts live - oftentimes alone, fearless, confident, contented with their lot.