

Arsonist Torches Oceano 'Hideaway'

An arsonist apparently walked to the Oceano hideaway of the late Bert Schievink Saturday and deliberately torched the cabin where the "hermit of the dunes" once dwelled in solitude.

State Park Rangers and California Division of Forestry officials said Bert's former home and a nearby storage shed were engulfed in flames when the fire was discovered about 5 p.m. Both were completely destroyed, along with hand-made furniture within the abode. Loss was estimated at about \$3,000 or more.

Here, in this isolated wooden dwelling, Bert Schievink lived alone for 34 of his 70 years before he

died last August 21 of cancer. At his request his body was cremated and the ashes were scattered near the cabin.

The place where Bert lived was situated on state-owned land, in a hard-to-find pocket within the massive sand dunes. The cabin and out-buildings were surrounded by willows and other foliage and could not

be reached directly by car. Fire trucks were drawn near the site by a "black column of smoke," but halted outside the enclosure, unable to penetrate heavy growth, officials said.

Before his death Schievink gave the buildings to a long-time friend, Harold Guiton of Oceano, who removed Bert's personal effects and was still

formulating plans to preserve the cabin.

Guiton said vandals have repeatedly pried doors and entered the buildings, strewing debris around the clearing. He said he's secured the cabin against intruders but on a recent visit discovered damage again. Guiton said he was not surprised when he arrived in time to see the buildings finally consumed by fire.

Sturdy and snug, Bert's cabin was a two-room affair, about 10 by 16 feet in size. It was built of redwood and other used lumber, much of it retrieved from the sea.

The composition roof was flat and low to the ground. Sheet metal encased one side and heavy doors were of the same material. There was no electricity at the site and heat came from wood.

While the ashes were still warm at the Schievink place, another fire erupted on the sand dunes about a mile and a half south. This consumed only beach grass but also was "definitely of an incendiary nature," according to Park Rangers and California Division of Forestry officials Dick Caddy and Doug Sparling.

An unusual device used to set this blaze was retrieved and is being checked by arson investigators. It is of metal, shaped like a small rocket and appears to be a flare which can propel fire in several directions at the same time.

Caddy said there may be no link between the two fires but investigation is continuing into both blazes.

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Nation's Weather

By United Press International
A pair of storms swept through the central and southwest states today, dumping several inches of snow on the ground and causing hazardous travel.

One storm moved northeastward out of the southern Plains Sunday, dropping 13 inches of snow on the town of Anthony in south central Kansas. Nine inches fell at Wichita, Kan., and 7 inches at Table Rock in extreme southeast Nebraska.

Snow fell today in Iowa, eastern Nebraska and northwest

Missouri as it continued to move toward the Great Lakes region.

Four inches of snow fell at Omaha, Neb., and Des Moines, Iowa, during the night. Heavy snow warnings remained in effect for much of Iowa and for central and southern Wisconsin. Travelers advisories extended into Lower Michigan.

Another storm dumped snow on the southern portions of the Plateau and Rockies. New snow amounts included 5 inches at Flagstaff, Ariz., and Cedar City, Utah, 4 inches at Bryce Canyon, Utah, and 2 inches at Prescott, Ariz., and Delta, Utah.

U.S. Hi-Lo

By United Press International
Temperature and precipitation table for the 24-hour period ending at 4 a.m. Pacific time, as prepared by the National Weather Service in San Francisco:

	High	Low	Pcp.
Arroyo Grande	58	35	...
Pismo Beach	68	47	...
Santa Maria	56	30	...
Santa Barbara	62	35	...
Albuquerque	48	29	...
Anchorage	17	15	.08
Atlanta	65	57	1.72
Bakersfield	54	33	...
Bismarck	25	22	...
Boise	40	24	.23
Boston	42	30	...
Brownsville	82	51	...
Buffalo	37	29	.02
Charlotte	60	50	.38
Chicago	32	32	.40
Cincinnati	54	48	.18
Cleveland	40	32	...
Dallas	50	32	...
Denver	31	21	.03
Des Moines	32	29	.44
Fairbanks	-9	-20	...
Fresno	53	30	...
Helena	16	02	.06
Honolulu	83	71	.01
Indianapolis	40	36	.24
Lincoln	22	20	.16

Kansas City	32	31	.57
Las Vegas	60	42	...
Los Angeles	58	46	...
Louisville	63	53	.10
Memphis	66	40	.19
Miami	78	72	...
Milwaukee	32	31	.32
Minneapolis	32	28	...
New Orleans	77	63	.47
New York	45	38	.04
North Platte	22	03	...
Oakland	57	43	...
Oklahoma City	32	19	.33
Omaha	32	28	.26
Palm Springs	65	35	...
Paso Robles	54	29	...
Philadelphia	48	38	...
Pittsburgh	43	38	.14
Portland, Me.	38	11	.02
Portland, Ore.	47	35	.07
Rapid City	27	11	.01
Red Bluff	55	36	...
Reno	32	11	.05
Sacramento	55	38	...
St. Louis	40	36	.29
Salt Lake City	43	29	.05
San Diego	60	48	...
San Francisco	55	49	...
Seattle	42	33	.03
Spokane	29	03	.05
Thermal	68	41	...
Vancouver	41	33	...
Washington	52	38	.02
Winnipeg	-14	-04	...

GUADALUPE SCHOOLS

The Guadalupe Union School District Board of Trustees meets Tuesday, beginning at 8 p.m., in the district meeting room, 918 Obispo St., Guadalupe.

died 8/21/74 2,000 In A Riot In Lakewood

LONG BEACH (UPI) — About 2,000 juveniles and young adults were involved in a bottle and rock throwing melee at Lakewood Country Club Sunday night after they were ejected during a rock concert.

A club security guard, Peter Avilla, 26, South Gate, suffered a fractured skull when he was struck in the face with a beer bottle.

About 50 law enforcement officers from Long Beach, Norwalk and Lakewood were called in and after rocks, bottles and chunks of concrete were hurled at a patrol car.

The windshield and red light of the patrol car and several windows of the club were broken.

Sheriff's officers said the crowd began getting out of hand shortly after 10 p.m. during a performance of a rock group called The Whiz Kids.

A deputy said liquor was being sold to nearly