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MAMMOTH MANIA

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN WONDERING "JUST WHAT IS ALL THE ACTIVITY SOUTH OF THE DUBLIN HILLS?" WELL, THERE'S FOSSILS IN THEM THAR HILLS, AND FOUR STUDENTS FROM SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY LAST SPRING FOUND A BIG ONE, A MAMMOTH ONE IN FACT.

TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING, FOR ABOUT THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS THE SONOMA STATE GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BRINGING STUDENTS TO THE SHOSHONE AREA. DURING ONE OF THESE FIELD CLASSES, DR. G. D. WOODARD NOTICED SOME LARGE BONES IN ONE OF THE WASHES OUT ON THE DESERT. THIS LAST SPRING HE WAS DISCUSSING THESE BONES WITH ONE OF HIS STUDENTS, BARRY JAMES, AND SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT PLOTTING THESE BONE FRAGMENTS ON A MAP WOULD BE A GOOD TWO UNIT INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT FOR EASTER BREAK. BARRY INVITED JOHN SCHMIDT TO COME ALONG AND DO SOME ADDITIONAL MAPPING OF THE ANCIENT LAKE BED. TWO OTHER STUDENTS, WILLIAM FELLER AND DALE DELL'OSSO, ALSO CAME ALONG FOR THE EXPERIENCE.

THE FOUR STUDENTS DROVE OUT TO THE DESERT, PICKED A LIKELY LOOKING PARKING SPOT AND STARTED WANDERING LOOKING FOR BONE FRAGMENTS IN THE WASHES. ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AFTER GETTING INTO THE FIELD, THE FIRST BIG BONE WAS FOUND. OBVIOUSLY THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT SPOT.

THE NEXT SIX DAYS WERE SPENT SEARCHING OUT BONE PARTS ON THE SURFACE, MARKING THEM IN PLACE, AND PLOTTING ON A MASTER MAP. ON THE EIGHTH, AND WHAT WAS TO BE THE FINAL DAY, THEY PICKED UP, BAGGED, AND LABELED ALL THE FRAGMENTS. ONE OF THE LAST PIECES BAGGED WAS A FRAGILE ROUND OF TUSK. SINCE THE PIECE SEEMED TO GO DOWN BELOW THE SURFACE, THEY STARTED DIGGING OUT FROM THE PIECE A FEW FEET AND DUG DOWN TOWARD THE TUSK. WELL, THAT PIECE JUST KEPT GOING DOWN. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY HAD REMOVED ENOUGH OF THE OVERBURDEN TO EXPOSE THE JAW AND TOOTH STRUCTURE. SINCE MAMMOTHS HAD TEETH UNLIKE ANY OTHER MAMMAL, THEY WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE WITHOUT DOUBT THAT THE FOSSIL WAS A MAMMOTH.

LUCKILY FOR THE STUDENTS, DR. WOODARD, A NOTED PALEONTOLOGIST, WAS BY THIS TIME CAMPED NEAR BY. THEY ASKED HIM TO COME BY THE SITE AND VERIFY THE FIND. DR. WOODARD WAS, OF COURSE, IMPRESSED SINCE TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, THIS WAS THE FIRST COMPLETE MAMMOTH FOUND IN THE DEATH VALLEY AREA.

THE FOUR STUDENTS MANAGED TO STRETCH EIGHT DAYS FOOD AND MONEY TO LAST TEN DAYS. THEY REMOVED THE LOWER JAW, A RIB, SEVERAL TOE BONES, AND PART OF THE UPPER SKULL TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO S.S.U. FOR STABILIZATION OF THE BONE AND TO PUT ON DISPLAY, THIS WAS ONE OF BARRY'S WORST NIGHTMARES EVER, HE HAD FINALLY FOUND A FOSSIL TOO BIG TO BRING HOME IN ONE TRIP.

FURTHER WORK ON THE BONES AT S.S.U. HAS DETERMINED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MAMMOTH; CAMEL, ANTELOPE, BISON, HORSE, AND RODENT BONES WERE UNEARTHED. THE MAMMOTH WAS ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN IT DIED. THIS WAS BETWEEN 100,000 AND 300,000 YEARS AGO. FURTHER WORK CONTINUES ON THE DATING PROCESS TO GAIN MORE ACCURACY ON THE DATES.

SINCE LAST EASTER, THE STUDENTS HAVE PROCEEDED TO CONTACT THE BLM (WHOSE LAND THE REMAINS ARE ON) FOR APPROPRIATE PERMITS, LINED UP VOLUNTEERS, GOT DONATIONS OF MONEY AND MATERIALS, AND IN GENERAL TRIED TO ARRANGE FOR THE EXPEDITION TO MOVE AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. ALL PAPERWORK, AS WELL AS FINANCING, HAS BEEN DONE WITH STUDENT LABOR AND HELP. THIS, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, IS THE FIRST TIME A MAJOR EXPEDITION HAS EVER BEEN COMPLETELY STUDENT RUN. FACULTY MEMBERS ARE ON SITE, BUT ONLY AS OBSERVERS.

THE FIRST WORKERS ON THE PROJECT ARRIVED ON SITE ON DECEMBER 24, AND THE LAST TO LEAVE WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 1. IN THIS FIVE WEEK PERIOD THEY WILL REMOVE THE COMPLETE MAMMOTH AS WELL AS OTHER FOSSILS FOUND ON SITE. THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING PROJECT WITH SMALLER GROUPS COMING DOWN TO THE AREA OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE ANY AND ALL OF YOU TO COME OUT AND VISIT AN ACTIVE DIG SITE. PLEASE COME BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. TOURS ARE ON THE HALF HOUR, AND DONATIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF SHOSHONE AND TECOPA FOR THEIR COOPERATION, DONATIONS AND SUPPORT. Y'ALL C'MON OUT NOW! JOHN SCHMIDT, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR.

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

VESPER SERVICE 7:00 P.M.
MID-WEEK SERVICE 7:00 P.M.
(WED.)

GOOD NEWS

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

1.56 ACRES TECOPA HOT SPRINGS, HWY FRONTAGE, RESIDENCE, BATHHOUSE, TWO WELLS: TERRIFIC POTENTIAL FOR A HOT SPRINGS TRAILER PARK. A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

1/2 ACRE - TECOPA HGTS. - WITH WATER HOOK-UP - LOT HAS BEEN LEVELED - ON BOB WHITE WAY (PAVED ROAD).



2-1/2 ACRES PAHRUMP VALLEY, CA. 14x65 MOBILEHOME WITH 8x12 ADDITION, GUEST HOUSE, FRUIT CELLAR, GARAGE, BEAUTIFUL GARDEN, TREES, ETC. PRIVATE WELL - WATER APPROVED BY COUNTY.

10 ACRES, RANCH SITE, ACCESS ROAD, GOOD SOIL, GOOD PRICE, PAHRUMP VALLEY, CA.

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WE ARE PREPARED TO DO OUR VERY BEST TO SERVE THE REAL ESTATE NEEDS OF THIS AREA INCLUDING BOTH THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PROPERTY YOU WISH TO SELL AND THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR PROPERTY TO PURCHASE. AS USUAL WE HAVE SOME VERY INTERESTING PROPERTIES LISTED INCLUDING UNDEVELOPED LAND, RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

WE ARE SERVING THE AREAS OF OWENS VALLEY, DEATH VALLEY, TECOPA, SHOSHONE, PAHRUMP VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, PAHRUMP VALLEY, NEVADA AND THE AMARGOSA VALLEY, NEVADA.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BUYING OR SELLING PROPERTY IN THESE AREAS IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT US AND WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN BUYING OR SELLING PROPERTY AT THIS TIME, BUT WOULD LIKE GENERAL INFORMATION ON PROPERTY VALUES, DEVELOPMENTS, OR OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING REAL ESTATE IN THE ABOVE AREAS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL AS IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE TO SHARE WHATEVER INFORMATION I HAVE WITH YOU.

FULFILLING YOUR NEEDS IS OUR PLEASURE

CALIFORNIA VOLCANO VIGIL ON! MAMMOTH LAKES AREA RUMBLES FROM QUAKES! THESE WERE THE HEADLINES IN LARGE AREA PAPERS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH. FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR LOCAL READERS WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE WRITE-UPS, AND FOR OUR OUT-OF-STATERS WHO DON'T REALIZE THIS AREA IS JUST OUTSIDE OUR COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO SHED A BIT OF INFORMATION ON THE STORIES. THE MAMMOTH LAKES REGION HAS BEEN HAVING TREMORS QUIVERING EVERY TWO OR THREE MINUTES WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY INDICATE AN ANCIENT VOLCANO RUMBLING TO LIFE. THEY ARE COMPARING IT TO MOUNT ST. HELENS. AN OLD VOLCANIC CRATER, THE REMAINS OF A STUPENDOUS ERUPTION 700,000 YEARS AGO, LIES FIVE MILES BELOW THE EARTH'S SURFACE. IT ROSE TEN INCHES BETWEEN 1975 AND 1980, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY AFTER FOUR EARTHQUAKES HIT THE AREA IN MAY 1980. INTEREST IN THE VOLCANO GREW LAST THURSDAY, JAN. 6, WHEN A SERIES OF TREMORS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MEASURING 5.5. AND 5.6. ON THE RICHTER SCALE, ROCKED THE AREA. OF THE QUAKES REGISTERED EVERY TWO OR THREE MINUTES, MOST OF THEM ARE OF A MAGNITUDE LESS THAN ONE, BUT EVERY HALF HOUR OR SO THEY GET ONE OF ABOUT A MAGNITUDE OF 2.15 TO 3. ---NEWS PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR BIG STORIES, BUT THIS IS ONE THAT WE CAN DO WITHOUT!

DOROTHY LEHMANN CALLED HER AUNT, ALICE HULL, ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, TO WISH MRS. HULL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. WHAT MAKES THIS SO GREAT, IS THE FACT AUNT ALICE WAS 100 YEARS OLD THAT DAY! MRS. HULL LIVES IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA. MAY WE EXTEND OUR BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ALSO.

MY THANKS TO DALLAS SCHULTZ AND FLOYD IRELAND FOR INSTALLING MY NEW TV IN TIME FOR ME TO SEE THE ROSE BOWL ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

AA MEETINGS
SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7 PM

'AS-IS CAFE'
TECOPA HOT SPRINGS RESORT

NEW RECREATION HALL, STATELINE, NV
FOR INFORMATION, CALL ---
702-372-5528 OR 702-372-5612

HOURS: 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
CLOSED 1 PM - 3 PM, MON. - FRI.
(CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS)
JOHN AND VERGIE OSINSKI

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO SGT. JACK GOODRICH OF THE INYO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. WHO WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED FROM THE RANK OF DEPUTY. SGT. GOODRICH WILL SOON BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN INDEPENDENCE WHERE HE WILL BE WORKING WITH LT. BILL LUTZE OF THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF INYO COUNTY. THE MOVE WILL BE MADE IN APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS.

FOR SALE: MOBILE HOME, 14X60 IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. TWO BEDROOMS AND ONE BATH. 10X60 AWNING, AND FULL SKIRTING. ALSO A 9X10 METAL STORAGE SHED. MOBILE HOME MUST BE MOVED FROM PRESENT LOCATION. \$14,500. CALL THE GOODRICHES AT 852-4313.

AEROBICS DANCE CLASSES: LEETA BOHANNON WILL BE STARTING AEROBICS DANCE CLASS THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY FOR YOUNG AND OLD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL LEETA BOHANNON AT 852-4213 IN EVENINGS.

THE TECOPA HOT SPRINGS RESORT HAS BEEN DOING SOME EXPANIND RECENTLY. THEY NOW HAVE 21 ADDITIONAL SPACES ON THE UPPER LEVEL. THE FOUR NEW BATHS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW ADDITION, WILL BE OPENED THIS WEEKEND. THIS NOW MAKES A TOTAL OF 70 SPACES ON THE UPPER LEVEL.

CORA MC NEIL HAS RETURNED TO THE TECOPA HOT SIRINGS RESORT AFTER HAVING GONE BACK TO CHESTER, CALIFORNIA UPON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND IN DECEMBER. CORA WILL BE BACK SELLING CHANCES ON THE AFGHAN SHE MADE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RAFFLE TO BE GIVEN AT THE FEBRUARY FLEA MARKET AT INYO COUNTY PARK.

SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL DENNER ANNOUNCED THE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER AT A RECENT DVHS ASSEMBLY. THIS MONTH'S HONOREES WERE JIM THRAILKILL, A SOPHOMORE, AND JOE WEBER, A SEVENTH GRADER. CONGRATULATIONS, BOYS!

MRS. RICHARD (CLORISE) SAXEY OF TECOPA WAS RECENTLY VISITING IN ARIZONA WHEN SHE SUFFERED FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS AS SHE SPILLED BOILING WATER ON HER LEGS. DUE TO CLOTHING CLOSE TO THE SKIN, THE BURNS WERE VERY SEVERE. SHE IS NOW OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.

WE WELCOME C. W. PARMETER OF TECOPA TO OUR LIST OF BREEZE SUBSCRIBERS.

DOVIE GREER HAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA FROM MT. HOME, ARKANSAS WHERE SHE HAS LIVED FOR A NUMBER OF MONTMS. HER PRESENT ADDRESS IS: 1506 OAK DRIVE, SPACE 133 VISTA, CALIFORNIA 92083. DOVIE HAD GONE TO ARKASAS TO BE NEAR HER DAUGHTER AS SHE WAS HAVING HEALTH PROBLEMS. WE HOPE THIS MEANS ALL IS GOING WELL AGAIN.

STATISTICS: THE BUREAU OF LAND MANGEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING 16.5 MILLION ACRES IN CALIFORNIA. APPROXIMATELY ONE-SIXTH OF THE STATE IF CALIFORNIA WERE A SEPARATE NATION, IT WOULD RANK EIGHTH IN THE WORLD IN OUTPUT OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AHEAD OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS SWEDEN, CANADA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, AND INDIA.

AGRICULTURE POURS MORE WEALTH INTO CALIFORNIA EACH YEAR THAN ALL THE GOLD EVER MINED IN THE STATE. WITH ONLY 3% OF THE NATION'S FARMS, CALIFORNIA PRODUCES 10% OF THE CASH FARM RECEIPTS.

