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# Vietnam Vet Admits He Killed Man After Fight At Feather River Lodge

OROVILLE — A Vietnam veteran who killed an Oroville man while raking a mountain lodge area with fire from a semiautomatic rifle pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in Butte County Superior Court Wednesday.

George Langevin, 34, was charged with the killing of James Doane, 34, who died the night of Aug. 6 in the parking area of the Grandview Lodge on the Feather River Highway, 25 miles northeast of Oroville.

In withdrawing pleas of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, Langevin gave this account of what occurred:

Doane interferred with a friendly scuffle Lan-

gevin was having with David Lemley, struck him in the eye, kicked him when he was down and threatened to kill him.

Langevin retreated to a van he was living in when he heard gunshots and saw muzzle flashes nearby. He returned what he thought was hostile fire in an automatic response, firing 37 rounds. Three shots hit Doane, who was in the line of fire.

Langevin said he had no intention of killing Doane.

Public Defender Don Blake said the guilty plea was negotiated with Deputy District Attorney Mike Ramsey with the understanding the prosecution would recommend a six-year prison sentence plus two years for use of a firearm.

# Oroville Mercury Register

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## Possible Shootout Is Resolved

By **BILL SHORT**

**CONCOW** — A man arrested after a two-hour armed standoff here last night will probably be charged with delaying justice, Undersheriff Dick Stenberg said today.

What could have been a bloody shoot-out was resolved coolly without any shots being exchanged because deputies waited quietly for the right moment without over-reacting, Stenberg said. "They did it just right."

Jailed on an old warrant charging non-support was Bruce Bryan Bausell, 28. Additional charges of obstructing officers would probably be sought today, Stenberg said.

The drama began at 8:49 p.m. when deputies received a call from Sarah Bausell, 27, that her ex-husband was drunk and threatening to cause trouble at her mobile home, 13036 Concow Road.

As deputies began to converge from Paradise and Oroville, a second call in-

dicated—Bausell—also was threatening to shoot any officers who arrived. The deputies and a CHP officer offering to assist parked about 400 feet away and walked in to watch, but they did not confront Bausell.

They had information over the phone that Bausell had guns in the home and was holding his wife and two children, ages 6 and 8, hostage. Officers took up positions around the mobile home and waited in a dark rain. A sheriff's dispatcher talked to the man on the phone.

Finally, about 10 p.m. Mrs. Bausell walked outside and was rushed quickly away to safety by deputies. She told them she didn't think Bausell would harm the children, although she was afraid for herself.

She was still afraid today and didn't want to press charges against Bausell, Stenberg said.

At 10:55 p.m. officers watched in the dark as

Bausell walked to his car in the driveway, put two weapons and the children in the car, started it, and walked back inside. He may not have known the officers were there.

Sgt. Perry Reniff and deputy Larry Estes quietly moved up and got ready and when Bausell came back with an armload of clothing, they grabbed him. There was a brief struggle, the officers said, but Bausell did not attempt to hit them and they did not have to use force, they said.

Inside the running car officers found two loaded weapons, a 30 caliber M-1 rifle and a 12-gauge shotgun, they said.

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# Paradise Post

4-1-1983

## A storm over Concow plans

### *Many map protests for Tuesday power plant hearing*

Concow residents are making waves about a planned \$4 million hydroelectric project to tap the waters of Concow Reservoir.

Environmental concerns are at the crux of opposition to the project, a joint venture by the Thermalito and Table Mountain irrigation districts.

More than 100 angry property owners and residents met to formulate a solid front.

Key to the controversy is a decision by TID directors to establish a minimum level of 500 acre feet of water in the reservoir. An acre foot approximates 320,000 gallons.

No previous minimum had been set, according to TID Manager Jim Schmidt, who said the action was taken to ease fears the project's water needs would harm the lake fishery.

But Bud Bishop of Concow isn't satisfied. He and others plan to protest the project at a 7:30 p.m. public hearing Tuesday at TID offices, 410 Grand Ave., Oroville.

Bishop contends the lake will be drained in places, killing fish, trees and other plant life.

"We don't want to see the lake drained because it's good fishing for everybody,"

Bishop says. "It's one of the best lakes in Northern California to fish in."

But Schmidt says the project's controllable water draw will not harm the fishery. The environmental assessment will be reviewed at next week's hearing.

"When they're talking about drawing the lake down," Schmidt says, "that's something that's been going on for 60 years."

The lowest water levels result in late summer and under normal weather patterns, Schmidt says, "may never go that low."

But if the minimum level were met in drought years, he says, "We're going to have to shut down the plant" until the supply was replenished.

Schmidt contends the project's most outspoken opponents are property owners fearful of downgraded land values.

"Every lakefront property owner is going to fight the thing," Schmidt says, "because they're worried about the value going down."

But the primary purpose of the lake, he adds, is as a storage reservoir providing water for TID's 7,000 customers.

The project could be operational by 1985, Schmidt says, at a site near the Jordan Hill-Concow Creek crossing. It would draw water from the reservoir into a ditch, then on a mile-long route to a point 585 feet above the creek.

Water would drop through an underground penstock to the powerhouse, with the outflow channeled back into Concow Creek.

Schmidt estimated the project could eventually generate as much as \$2 million in the sale of hydroelectric power.

# Feather River Bulletin

5-4-1983

## Indian Day

# *Moccasins, drums speak to students*

On Sat., May 14, the first annual Indian Day of Plumas County will be held at Pioneer Elementary School in East Quincy. Five Plumas County organizations are co-sponsoring Indian Day, whose theme is "Moccasins and Drums Speak."

They are: the Title IV Indian Education Program, Helym Maidu Nesen Cumbel (People of Our Land) from Portola, the Indian Education Project (2264), Roundhouse Council from Greenville, and Northern Valley Indian Health.

The day's events run from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. These include the Society of Native American Dancers from Oroville, arts and crafts and other exhibits, Indian films such as "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" and "The Dawn Horse" and "Bryan Beavers," a local storyteller, "hands on" bead and leather work for young people (where they will make and get to keep their creation), a lecture/slide presentation on local Indian history by Chuck James, and food, including Indian tacos provided by the Portola High School Indian Club.

For more information call Donna Waller at 832-5242 or

James Henry at 284-6866. All residents of Plumas County and neighboring communities are invited to attend. Come hear and see the Moccasins and Drums Speak.



# Feather River Bulletin

5-11-1983

## ***American Indian Day to be honored May 13-14***



Two local events are held to honor May 13, which President Reagan has declared American Indian Day. Northern Valley Indian Health will have an open house at their clinic in Greenville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Five local Indian organizations (Title IV Indian Education Program of PUSD, Northern Indian Indian Health, Roundhouse Council, Helym Maidu Nesen Cumbel (People of our Land) from Portola, and the Indian Education Project (2264) from Greenville) will be presenting "Moccasins and Drums Speak" at Pioneer Elementary School in East Quincy on Sat., May 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This first annual Indian Day in Plumas County will include events as the Society of Native American Dancers, arts and crafts and other exhibits, local storytellers, "hands on" bead and leather work for the young people (What they make they keep), a lecture/slide presentation on local Indian history, and plenty of food as Indian tacos from the Indian Club at Portola High School.

Also to be shown all day are a variety of Indian films which include "I Heard the Owl Call My Name," "The Dawn Horse," "Bryan Beavers," "Arrow to the Sun," and a special film called "Windwalker." "Windwalker" is perhaps a first in films about Indian people. It is entirely in Indian languages with one non-Indian actor, Trevor Howard. The story is about a Cheyenne family before contact with the non-Indian culture. All the films are free.

For more information contact James Henry at 284-6866 or Donna Waller at 832-5242. Come out to help honor American Indian Day and hear the Moccasins and Drums Speak.



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## Swift Shift

From E-Z Livin'  
To Hard Times  
Without A Move

By Al Liddle  
Special to The Bee

YANKEE HILL, Butte Co. — Tom Pirtle hasn't worked in seven months, but his family has only been on Hard Times a few weeks.

The Pirtles tell visitors they can remember clearly when it was E-Z Livin.' There's no trace of bitterness in their voices when they tell tales of the old days, however, because they're talking about the names of dirt roads leading up to their Yankee Hill-area homes.

William T. "Tom" Pirtle, his wife, Jo, and their daughters, Nikki and Joy, live in a dome home on 7.5 acres in the foothills. His parents, William L. and Frances Pirtle, reside in a mobile home next door.

E-Z Livin' Road was once the only dusty thoroughfare that ran by their property. Recently, a new road running closer to the two homes was built and the clan suggested several names for it to the county Public Works Department.

The family was notified July 14 of the name that public works thought appropriate: Hard Times Lane.

"We wanted 'Rocky Top,' but they (public works) said there were too many roads with similar names," Frances Pirtle said. Referring to the name that stuck, she said, "My son thought it up. He's having a struggle — he's out of work."

Jo Pirtle said she wanted a name that would conjure up images of the whistling and rustling pines that grace the top of their mountain.

She said E-Z Livin' Road was inspired by the theme song of a "terrible" country-western show once broadcast from Sacramento.

Tom Pirtle, a 42-year-old welder who would probably be described as easy-going by anyone's standards, said he didn't suggest the name in a fit of self-pity.



photo by Al Liddle

Tom Pirtle finds his life has reached a new crossroad which is coincidentally descriptive of the fact that he has been unemployed for seven months.

# The Chico Enterprise Record

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## Museum dedication on Sunday

**OROVILLE** — The Butte County Historical Society will dedicate the restored Oregon City rural school house at 2 p.m. Sunday as a museum, historical site and community park.

Refreshments will be served and commemorative plates of the school house will be sold.

The schoolhouse is located on Oregon Gulch Road off of Cherokee Road on Table Mountain. Camp stools and folding chairs should be carried and persons are asked to wear clothing suitable for outside comfort.

Members of E Clampus Vitus, Pair-O-Dice Chapter 7-11, who have been active participants in the restoration work as part of their own historical preservation program, will be recognized.

The Golden Feather Union School District donated the building and grounds to Butte County Historical Society for restoration as a museum.

Talks about old Oregon City and the school district will be given by James Lenhoff, past president of the society, and Gertrude Bartley, chairman of the restoration project.

Betty Brekke, a Paradise artist, will present the society with an oil painting painted for the society of Table Mountain in the springtime.