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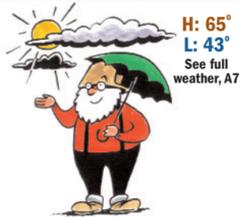
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**NEWS BRIEFS**



**Kris Kristofferson to perform in Grass Valley**

Legendary singer/songwriter Kris Kristofferson will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building. Kristofferson is best known for the musical hits "Me and Bobby McGee," "Help Me Make It Through the Night" and "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down." His recent album, "Closer to the Bone," was released last September.

Tickets are \$45 for general admission; VIP tickets are \$65 and include reserved seating, parking and one drink coupon. For more information, visit [www.TheCenterfortheArts.org](http://www.TheCenterfortheArts.org) or call (530) 274 8384.

The Vets Building is at 255 S. Church St., Grass Valley.

**See Jane host Soiree Into Action fundraiser**

The women who host the KVMR talk program and The Union column "See Jane Do" will hold a Soiree Into Action fundraiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

See Jane Do's team of Jesse Locks and Elisa Parker was recently invited to partner with The White House Project, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that trains women to take the lead and run for office, on its annual EPIC Awards, set for April 7, in New York City. That event celebrates women in leadership.

Thursday night's fundraiser will help with travel costs. It's at Nevada City Winery, 321 Spring St., downtown Nevada City. Donation of \$10 suggested.

**Traffic delays on Retrac Way start today**

Extended traffic delays will be in effect from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Retrac Way, a quarter-mile west of Shire Court, to replace a culvert over the Nevada Irrigation District canal, the Nevada County Department of Public Works Road Maintenance Division warned.

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**NEVADA CITY**



Nevada City Police Department's new hires are, from left, Monica Blancarte, Lisa Stambaugh and Shane Franssen.

## New police officers sworn in tonight

BY MICHELLE RINDELS  
Staff Writer

While other police staffs are issuing pink slips, a federal stimulus grant is pinning the badge to two new Nevada City officers and adding a new clerical staff member.

One new recruit is the first full-time female police officer in the city's history.

The \$510,000 rural policing grant was a lucky strike for the small force — 213 of the 1,253 applicants nationwide won the money. Of 42 applications from California, nine won.

"I just put forth what I thought we needed, and I really feel very fortunate," said Nevada City police Chief Lou Trovato.

**"I figured there was a need. I saw an opportunity, and they gave us the award."**

— LOU TROVATO,  
Nevada City police chief

Grass Valley Police Department did not apply for this specific grant, called "Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs," which focused on small towns and sparsely populated counties.

"It didn't fit us," said Grass Valley

police Capt. Rex Marks. "The way I interpreted the grant announcement, we wouldn't have met the requirements."

Instead, he applied for four other grants last spring. GVPD won two, for a total of about \$314,000, Marks said.

Nevada City's crime rate is low, with 23 incidents of violent crime in 2008. Most were aggravated assault (The Union's police blotter frequently reports fights at downtown bars), three were robbery and one was forcible rape, according to Department of Justice statistics.

But the awards were not based on crime rates, officials said (see accompanying story.)

Asked whether NCPD — which

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**ELECTION 2010**

## Horne, Diaz have biggest campaign funds

BY DAVE MOLLER  
Senior Staff Writer

With campaign war chests starting to fill for Nevada County races, Assessor candidate Sue Horne and incumbent Clerk-Recorder Gregory Diaz have emerged with the biggest stockpiles.

Horne, a former supervisor for the southern county, has raised \$23,979 so far in cash and goods in her race for Assessor, according to county election documents. Her opponent, real estate broker Rolf Kleinhans, has raised \$12,260 so far.

Horne's larger contributions include \$2,500 from Forest Springs LLC of Grass Valley and \$1,000 from its owner, Damian Burt. Other large contributions included \$2,000 from Quality Metal Fabrication of Auburn and \$1,000 from money manager Kenneth Meyers of Grass Valley.

Contributions of \$100 or more must be listed for those candidates who expect to spend \$1,000 or more, according to Senior Clerk-Recorder Assistant Beth Goodrich.

Kleinhans' \$12,260 included \$4,000 from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee, based in Los Angeles. He also received \$1,000 from stockbroker John Wallace of Santa Monica, and \$500 from Nevada City real

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**GRASS VALLEY**

## Jobs creation seen as key to revitalizing Hills Flat area

BY KYLE MAGIN  
Staff Writer

Business vacancies have stripped the area around the Idaho-Maryland Road and East Main Street intersection of jobs and revenue and Grass Valley took a step to rebuild the 20-acre plot Tuesday night.

Business owners and City Council representatives talked about the need to brand and

redevelop the area, hoping to create jobs and stimulate the economy in the mostly industrial sector. The council unanimously approved a study on the area, dubbed the Hills Flat Business District, which outlines plans to reinvigorate it.

"We're looking at creating a business district there in an attempt to attract some new developments and primarily to create some jobs," said

Community Planning Director Joe Heckel.

He said the creation of a Hills Flat Business District — named for the longtime lumber

company — could help to forge an identity for the area and assist with planning in the future. He also said the city could assist in finding grant funds to help clean

up some environmental contaminants in the area and in using redevelopment dollars to refurbish the area's streetscapes.

One of the important roles a business district could take on would be in marketing and advertising the area jointly. The idea of organizing businesses in a common interest is commendable, said Grass Valley Downtown Association chief Howard Levine.

A removal of redevelopment restrictions could help to create jobs in the Idaho-Maryland/ East Main Street area, said Hills Flat general manager Jeff Pardini.

"The more restrictions we can take off, the better we all will be and the more business we can add," Pardini said. Past restrictions have hampered business growth there, he said.

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## A wild ride: 2 arrested after high-speed chase

BY LIZ KELLAR  
Staff Writer

A convertible stolen from Nevada County was taken on a ride to Foresthill that included a police chase through Auburn and speeds reaching to 130 mph, police said.

Two men were arrested by sheriff's spokeswoman Dena Erwin said.

"The owners were unaware it had been stolen," Erwin said. Evan Myles Bogovich, 19, of Folsom, allegedly was behind the wheel of a stolen Nissan



Evan Bogovich Kyle Wiley

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