

From the True Love files: **Kathy Johnson**, the superb (and athletic) cosmetologist at the **Profiles Salon**, was busy snipping on Tuesday when **Bruce Bartlett** walked in with a dozen red roses and plopped them on the front desk. Just for the heck of it.

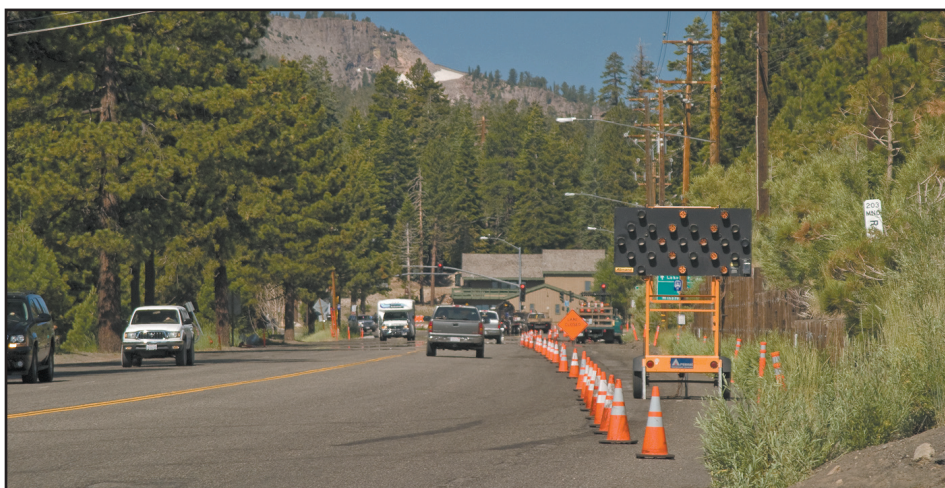
... More True Love: Have there ever been newlyweds as radiant as **Teresa Aragon** and new hubby **Jimmy**? The former Miss Brooks and Jimmy hitched on the shores of Convict Lake last weekend. Yay!... **Jenny Richardson**, spokesperson for the **The Native Plant Society**, takes over the same types of duties for the **Audubon Society**. Hello, **Jenny**, and a job well done, **Roberta**. ...

Book signing Monday at **Spell-binder** features **David Gilligan** the naturalist and a writer. He has taught natural history courses and led exploratory wilderness expeditions for **Prescott College**, the **Sierra Institute**, and **Sterling College**, where he is currently a professor. His work and personal interests have taken him far afield to mountain and northern regions around the globe. His other books include "The Secret Sierra, In the Years of the Mountains," and "I Believe I'll Go Canoeing." ...

Leave it to **Wikipedia** to clear things up: "In modern and local politics, 'gadfly' is a term used to describe someone who persistently challenges people in positions of power, the status quo or a popular position. The word may be uttered in a pejorative sense, while at the same time be accepted as a description of **honorable work or civic duty**." But you knew that, right? ...

Olympic medalist **Jeret "Speedy"**

What's Up, Up Here?



Road workers prepare for paving season. Photo/Cheryl Hogan

Peterson (Boise, Idaho and skiing out of **Bogus Basin**) was praised as a great champion this week as the skiing community reacted to news of his death – a suicide by a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Peterson created the groundbreaking "**Hurricane**," a **five-twist and three-flip** aerial maneuver that won him a silver medal in the **Vancouver Olympics**. ...

Ace shutterbug **Andy Selters** has his brand-spankin' new 2012 calendar out this week at the **Booky Joint**. At some point there might be a signing session there. ...

Friends of the Inyo and MLTPA continue their **summer of stewardship** tomorrow morning at the **Cold-water trailheads**. They'll have bagels courtesy of **Old New York Deli**, plus lunch and raffle prizes for volunteers.

Mammoth Mountaineering is a co-sponsor this week. ...

In these lean times, the **Mammoth Lakes Public Arts Commission** was still sitting on \$234,714 going into its meeting on Thursday. ...

Our neighbor **Walt** says those who compare Washington's debt ceiling debate to a three-ring circus, "is an insult to all three-ring circuses." ...

Our hearts are heavy after learning of the serious illness of **Buster**, the **Hero Labrador** and the companion of **Paul and Jeri Dostie**. ...

For a fun afternoon, enter a team for the third annual **JLA Putting Championships** on Sunday, Aug. 28 at **Sierra Star**. All funds raised will be used to construct a **new bike/skate park in Mono County** and maintenance of the **Volcom Brothers Skate**

Park. Enter at **Wave Rave**, or email **Ken Baer**. ...

Bear Story #1: **Wendi G** got home and the house cat got loose. **WG** leaves front door open to cajole cat back. **Bear** walks into the house. Visiting nabs, the **Coopers from Brea**, saw the whole thing. And thought it great Mammoth fun. Meanwhile, **WG's dogs** freak out and **bear** escapes out the door and up a tree. And this in a condo complex! ...

Bear Story #2: Pals sitting on the deck at **Mammoth Gateway** condos watch bear lumber across a parking lot nearby. Visiting neighbors from Down South begin texting furiously. "See?" said the twenty-something, "I told you I saw a bear nest." ...

Bear Story #3: The Great **Fido** (see p.4.) riding an elevator at a condo complex, arrived at his floor, leashed. Door opens. **Little girl** standing there. She freaks out completely and runs down the hall, latches onto Dad's leg and bawls, "Daddy, Daddy, there's a bear in the elevator!" **Fido** grinned. ...

Tourism wonk **John Urdi** is all over the map. He's going to be playing some serious tennis with **Martina Hingis** (!) in a pro-am in San Diego next Monday. From the **Facebook World**: "So when you see John in town this weekend, make sure he is hydrating, eating **healthy food**, **no alcohol**, and give him your best tennis tip."

... **Rusty Richardson** one of the bar-keeps at **Sierra Star**, had his second-ever hole-in-one at 14 two weeks ago, then he followed that up with another hole in one on the same hole but to a different pin location. Buy that man a drink!

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