

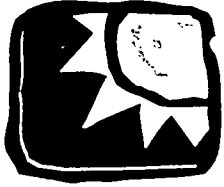
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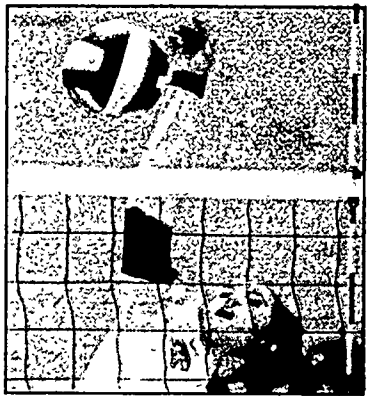
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SPORTS



Tiger steamroller
Douglas volleyball team
overwhelms Northern
3A power Truckee.

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'Perfect Wedding'
Lucille Rao directs
'Perfect Wedding,'
which opens tonight.

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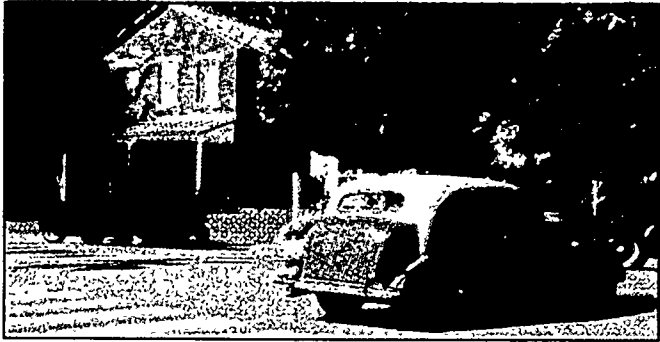
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Members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America leave Genoa for Emerald Bay on Thursday morning.

Antique Chevrolet owners touring Sierra attractions

by Kurt Hildebrand
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About three dozen antique Chevrolets have been touring the east slope of the Sierra this

week.

This tour of the western U.S. was organized by members Tom Meleo and Jim Ferris.

Members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

were in Genoa on Thursday morning preparing for a trip to Emerald Bay.

Member Dick Olson said the

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School board mulls dipping enrollment and staffing

Number of students in district today will set future funding

by Scott Neuffer
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With official count day today, enrollment figures will determine how the Douglas County School District uses the first part of roughly \$1.14 million in emergency federal funding.

The catch? The money must be used for personnel.

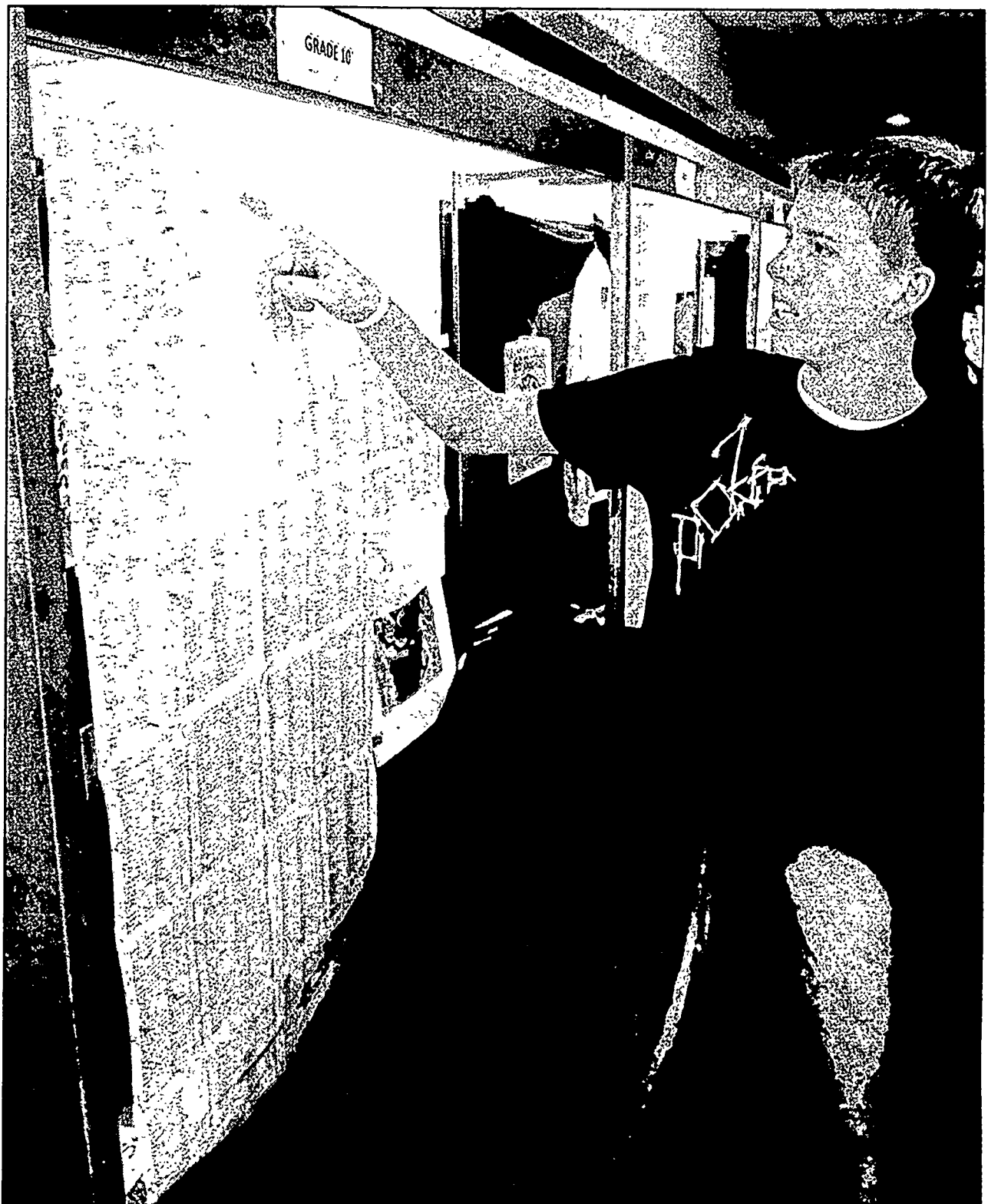
Passed in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 10, the education jobs bill will provide the district \$1,137,280 for "compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to retain existing employees, to recall or rehire former employees, and to hire new employees in order to provide early childhood, elementary or secondary educational and related services."

The one-shot funding can only be used this year and the next fiscal year.

On Tuesday, Superintendent Lisa Noonan presented preliminary enrollment numbers, which were drawn on Sept. 7 and are subject to change. Total enrollment dropped from 6,455 students on count day last year to 6,351 students on Sept. 7, a loss of 104 students, or a 1.6 percent decline.

Enrollment has steadily decreased since the decade's peak of 7,210 students in 2004-05. In fact, Noonan's preliminary figures put enrollment close to 1992-93 levels, when Douglas schools saw 6,328 students. In other words, if Tuesday's numbers don't change much, enrollment has hit its lowest point in 18 years.

"I'm hoping we're beginning to stabilize as a



Jim Grant

Douglas High School students search a list for their homeroom on the first day of school on Aug 23. Today is count day when the number of students attending the district is official, and the state distributes money based on enrollment.

community," Noonan said. "I don't know where the bottom is."

The good news is that the district was prepared for the dip. Last spring, Chief Financial Officer Holly Luna projected 6,291 students for the current year. Noonan's Sept. 7 snapshot revealed 60 students more than projected.

Taking into account not only enrollment, but the upcoming legislative session and threats of a \$3 billion state budget shortfall, Noonan formulated a two-phase plan detailing how to use the emergency funding.

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