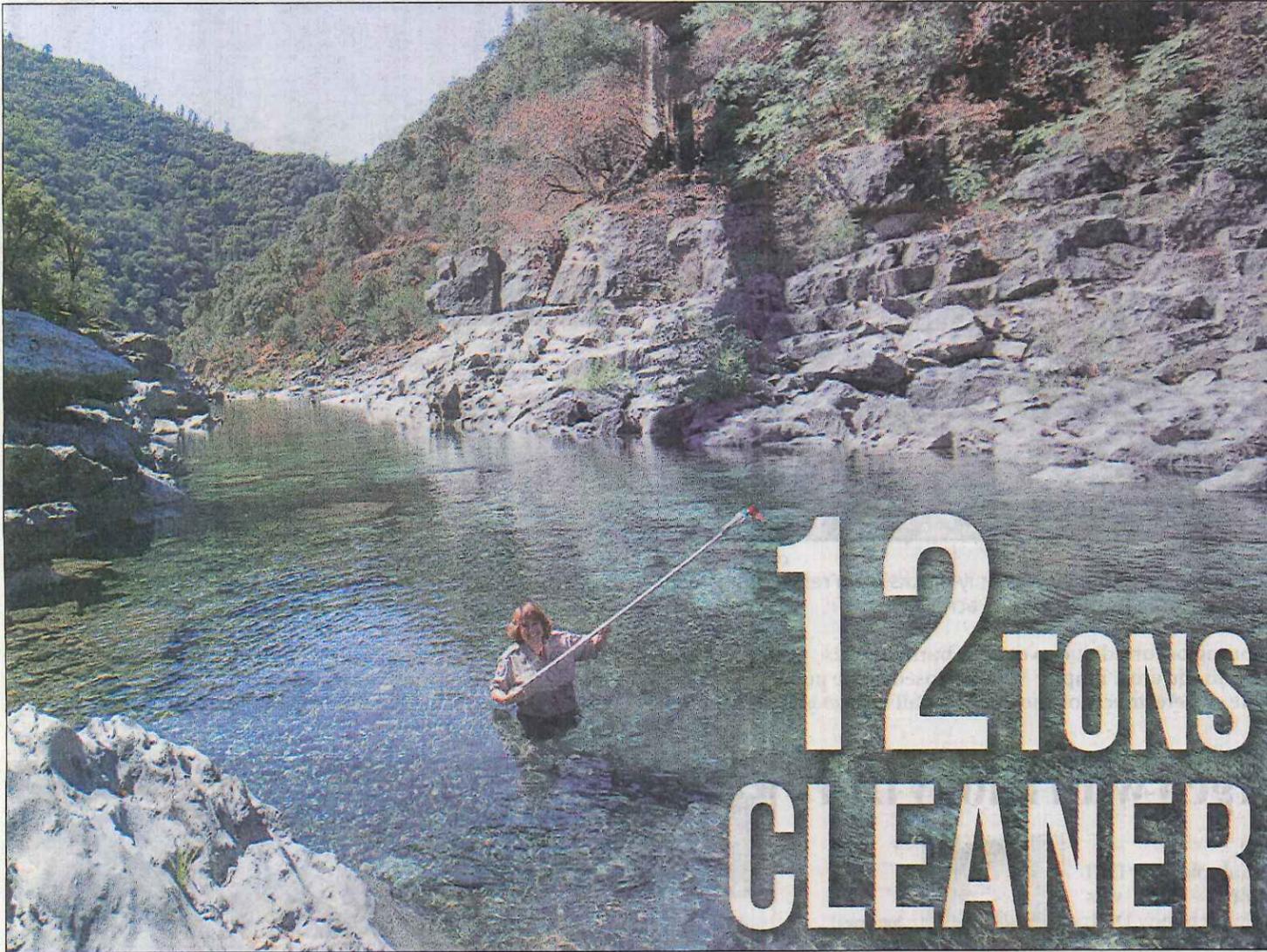


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COURTESY • ERIC PEACH, PROTECT AMERICAN RIVER CANYON

Auburn State Recreation Area staff member Mary Tober picks up trash from the American with an 8-foot grabber.

Safe, bowling pin among items found in cleanup

BY MICHAEL MOTT
OF THE AUBURN JOURNAL

Sierra waters are 12 tons cleaner today thanks to over a 1,000 volunteers' dedication and drive.

You read that right: 12 tons. This year's Great Sierra River Cleanup spanned rivers, lakes and streams of the Sierra Nevada region, including the American River and canyons near Auburn.

The cleanup also expanded this year to include Highway 49 from the American River confluence to Auburn, said Eric Peach, a director of Protect American River Canyons.

Some of the more interesting items included dentures, bowling pins, full beers, a gun, cappuccino machine, cassette tapes, a dynamite-explosive safe, a bowling ball and a spear.

Brittany Covich, spokesperson

PRELIMINARY CLEANUP RESULTS:

1,058 volunteers
25,562 pounds waste removed
25,373.1 pounds of trash
189.2 pounds of recyclables
64.95 river miles cleaned
Source: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

son for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy which coordinated the event, said while the trash didn't break a record, that's a good thing.

"It's a little lower than usual, but that's the ultimate goal of this - to see less trash in the river," Covich said. In a release, she noted the Sierra region is the primary source of water in California, with over 60 percent of the state's water supply originating here.

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COURTESY • SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

Over 12 tons of trash and recycling were picked up by volunteers.



COURTESY

Internal fruit symptoms of HLB.

Citrus pest found in Placer

No cure for 'citrus greening disease'

A small insect that can carry a devastating citrus tree disease has been found in Placer County.

The Asian citrus psyllid can carry a disease called Huanglongbing, also known as HLB or citrus greening disease. It will kill any tree it infects and at this time there is no cure, other than prevention.

State inspectors confirmed the presence of the insect after a Lincoln resident called the California Department of Food and Agriculture's tip line on Sept. 8. Specimens were collected from four trees that day. The trees were found to be infected by HLB and were destroyed the following day.

Agricultural inspectors from the Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's office and the state has begun an inspection of citrus trees in the area.

"While the find is of grave concern, it has not affected Placer County's robust citrus industry," said Josh Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner. "At this point, the pest has only been found on four backyard trees in a small area of western Lincoln and we've hopefully stopped its spread."

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Foresthill fire watch is born with online cameras

BY MICHAEL MOTT
OF THE AUBURN JOURNAL

Foresthill High's mascot is the Wildfires. Many residents have memories of fires long extinguished.

So it was no surprise to Scott Dondelinger when his new live camera of the Foresthill region, designed to spot wildfires, started getting thousands of hits.

Dondelinger began live



Cooler weather brings early taste of fall

BY CAROL GUILD
OF THE AUBURN JOURNAL

Cooler temperatures and breezy winds are expected for the next few days - just in time for the autumnal equinox on Thursday.

Normal temperatures for this time of year are about 87

Kansas man charged with felony DUI

An alleged traffic violation turned into something more for Jon David Keil, 37, of Topeka Kansas, who was arrested by Auburn police officers at around 1 a.m. Sunday at Interstate 80 and Foresthill Road on suspicion of driving under the

influence.

With multiple prior DUI convictions, Keil was charged with felony DUI, as well as for driving with a license suspended for DUI.

Keil remained behind bars as of Monday with a \$190,000 bail.



Jon David Keil was charged with felony DUI.

~ Staff report

CLEAN: Region is home to over 500 species

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“The energy our Great Sierra River Cleanup volunteers invest each year shows just how important the watersheds of the Sierra are,” said Jim Branham, executive officer for the conservancy.

Volunteers also spread California poppy seeds to bloom in spring of 2018. So where once there was trash, now will be flowers.

Many children and volunteers came to help. That included students of Sacramento’s Grant High School’s Latino Outdoors club to cleanup along the American River, as well as Placer Land Trust, Clovis Boy Scout Troop 257 and Bridgeport Elementary School.

The cleanup also kicks off the Sierra Nevada Watershed Protection Week, which was created by Assembly Member Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) last



Volunteers at Protect American River Canyons’ cleanup along the American River.

COURTESY • THERESA BURGESS, SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

year as a way to bring attention to challenges the Sierra region is facing.

The Sierra Nevada region provides habitat for over 500 species, is a popular recreation resource and stores much carbon, which helps in climate change, according to the conservancy.

Challenges loom, however. Abandoned mines continue releasing toxins like mercury into Sierra streams. Many forests in the region are overgrown

and at risk for large wildfires, which in turn release millions of tons of greenhouse gases. The drought has led to an increase in insects and disease, and the death of around 7.4 million trees, the conservancy said.

Covich encouraged everyone to pack out what they pack in, and volunteer with other community groups like Protect American River Canyons and Placer Land Trust.

FIRE: Social media, cell phones help spot fires

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“You can’t blame people

near residences, fighting

accurate, real-time data of



COURTESY • PSCO

K-9 sniffs out 17.5 pounds of pot

Placer County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Chase was asked to assist the California Highway Patrol in Truckee recently with his partner, Deputy Josh Buckley. CHP needed a K-9 to sniff for drugs and Chase positively signaled to search, which revealed 17.5 pounds of marijuana. CHP made the arrest. “Good boy, Chase!” posted the sheriff’s office.

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 HIGH 87° Mostly sunny RealFeel: 89°	Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.
 LOW 62° Mainly clear RealFeel: 61°	
TONIGHT	
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