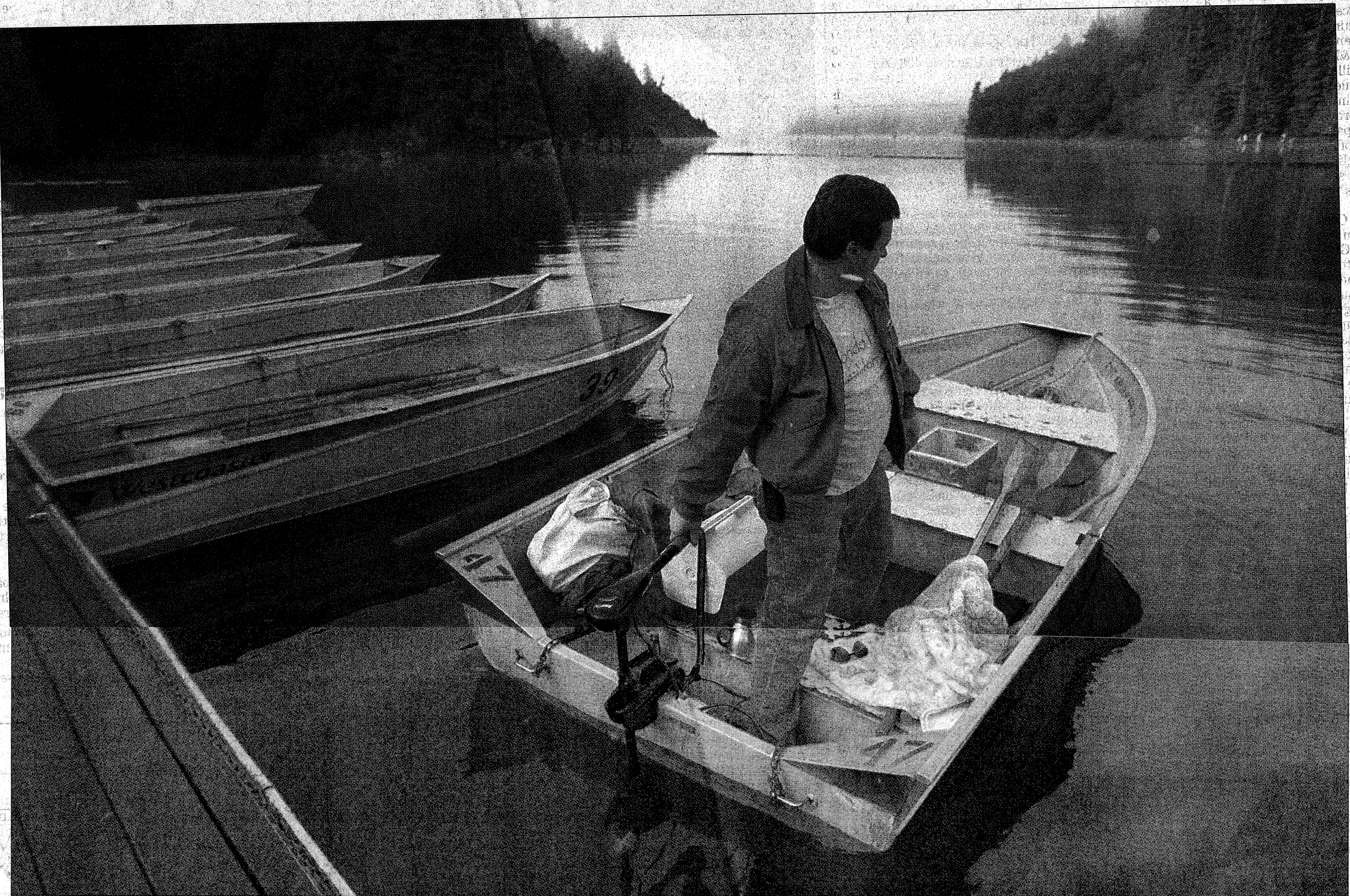


FISHERMAN'S PARADISE



Bill Lovejoy/Sentinel photos

Equipped for a day of fishing, Ken Taylor of Boulder Creek sets a course for the heart of Loch Lomond Saturday morning.

Loch Lomond opens for recreational use

SENTINEL STAFF REPORT

The county's own mountain lake opened for recreational use Thursday. By Saturday morning there were plenty of anglers out enjoying the beauty of Loch Lomond.

FELTON Gino Rossi, there with his grandson Eric Navaroli, 14, said they are both regular visitors to the lake. "I don't care whether I catch a fish or not, I love this place," said Rossi.

The canyon that holds Loch Lomond was originally settled by the Zayante Ohlones. The land passed through a succession of owners, including Addison Newell. The City of Santa Cruz purchased the land and developed the reservoir in the late 1950s. The recreation area opened in 1963.

The land around Newell Creek was logged heavily through the early 1900s, and is still re-establishing itself. The forest is dominated by young coast redwoods, with lesser numbers of Douglas firs.

As Loch Lomond is a drinking-water reservoir, no swimming or water sports are allowed. Gasoline engines on boats are not permitted.

The state Department of Fish and Game stocks the reservoir with rainbow trout every few weeks from March until July. Fishing enthusiasts will find largemouth bass and catfish as well.

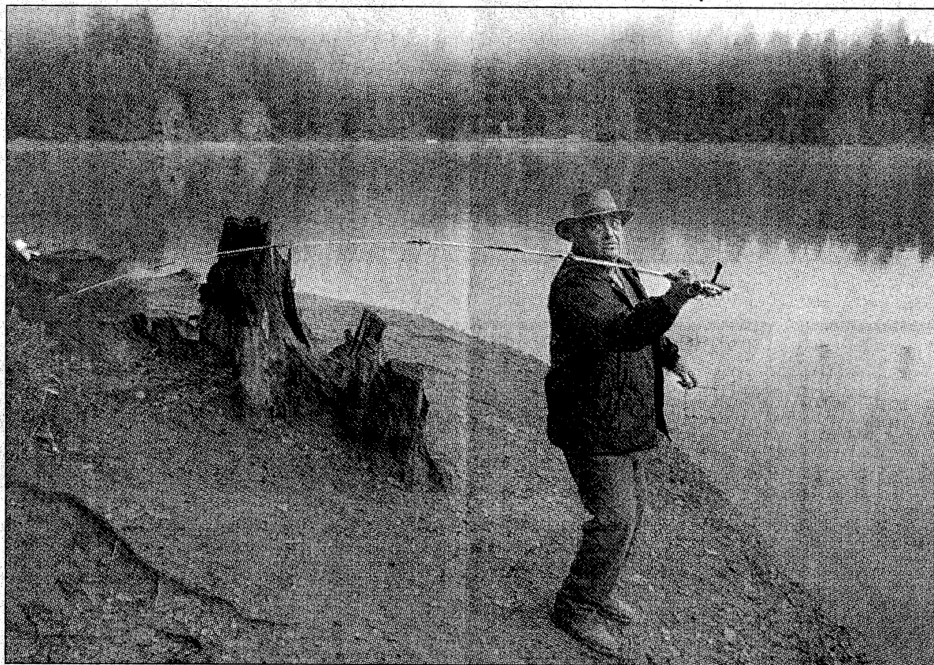
The reservoir rents boats on a first-come, first-served basis, and bait and licenses are available at the park store. Hiking trails and picnic areas are available as well.

If you go

DIRECTIONS:

Take Graham Hill Road toward Felton and turn right on East Zayante Road. Turn left on Lompico Road and left again on West Drive. Turn right on Sequoia drive and follow to the entrance.

HOURS: March, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April, 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; May, August, September, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; June, July, 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.



ABOVE: Gino Rossi of Santa Cruz shows good form early Saturday morning at Loch Lomond. **RIGHT:** Paul Mosso of Santa Cruz thought he caught the big one, but it turned out to be just a snag.

