

Letter: Restaurant workers assist at B&B

To the community,

Over the years, Bread & Broth has developed many supportive partnerships with Tahoe South Shore community organizations, businesses, churches and individuals. Every one of these partnerships brings something positive and unique to help B&B ease hunger for those in need. For almost a year now, Tahoe Restaurant Group has been providing resources to support both St. Theresa's B&B's Monday evening dinner program and B&B 4 Kids program.

Tahoe Restaurant Group's Azul Latin Kitchen and Base Camp Pizza have both sponsored an Adopt a Day of nourishment, with the most recent sponsorship on April 4. At the Monday evening dinner, Azul Latin Kitchen staff members jumped right in using their food service skills to provide a great B&B dinner experience for the evening's guests.

"We all had such a positive experience helping those in our community," said Rachel Ervin, who is a bartender at Azul Latin Kitchen. Also volunteering were fellow workmates Josh Setzer, Emerson Fuentes, Lauren Sullivan, Philip Peacock and Natashia Nielson.

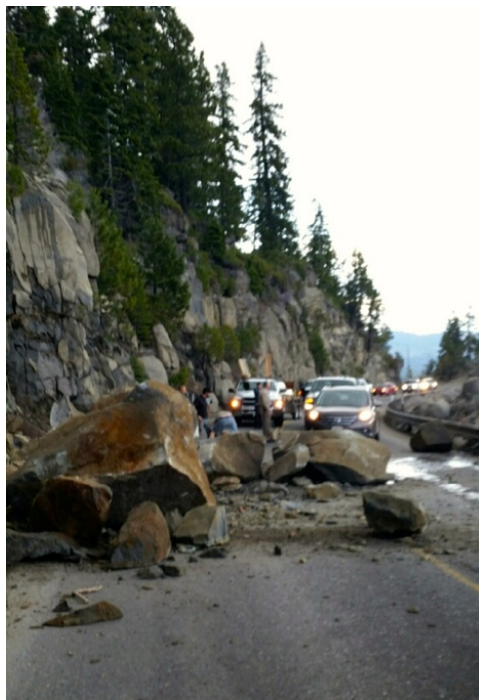
In addition to hosting Adopt A Days, the restaurants have helped tremendously by sending crews of two to three volunteers almost every Monday evening to work the dinner's cleanup detail. Since the inception of the B&B 4 Kids program, the Tahoe Restaurant Group has also been donating the funds collected at Base Camp Pizza's mic night to provide weekend food to the community's food insecure K-8 grade students.

B&B would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Tahoe Restaurant Group and its team member for their partnership

with our program and all that it has done to improve the service we provide to the needy members of our community.

Carol Gerard, Bread & Broth

Rockslide blocks Hwy. 50 near Meyers



Rockfall covers Highway 50 near Echo Summit on April 12. Photo/Julie Threewit

Highway 50 is expected to be open by 8pm Tuesday after large boulders fell from the mountainside.

Julie Threewit of Meyers described it as “significant.” Her 4Runner was barely able to make it past the rock debris. She said two rocks were the size of a small car.

The slide occurred about 6pm April 12 just beyond the split for Echo Road.

“I have great respect for the stretch of highway,” Threewit told *Lake Tahoe News*.

According to the California Highway Patrol, no vehicles were damaged nor people injured.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

La Niña prediction bad news for Calif.

By Eric Holthaus, Slate

With a monstrous and record-setting El Niño on the wane, the implications of its disastrous worldwide consequences are starting to settle in. But there's new evidence that, on its heels, a potentially strong La Niña could emerge later this year—bringing with it a renewed stretch of extreme weather.

Last week, the National Multi-Model Ensemble, a blend of the most reliable seasonal forecasts available, showed the clearest signal yet that tropical Pacific waters will cool rapidly over the next six months, likely ushering in La Niña conditions.

La Niñas are typically bad news for California, and this coming winter shouldn't be any different: All seven components of the NMME are pointing toward a below-normal start to this winter's rainy season there, and continued pressure from global warming will ensure that storing snow will be especially challenging this year too.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The 33rd annual Snow Golf Tournament at Alpine Meadows is April 16. Tee off at 9am. The nine-hole course starts at the top of Summit Express Chair, with the last hole leaving golfers at the base of Alpine Bowl Chair.

• TRYP is having a mixer April 13 from 6-9pm at Fire Break in the Hard Rock Hotel at Stateline and one April 19 from 5:30-8pm at Dockside 700 Lakefront Grill in Tahoe City. Cost is \$10 for non-members.

• There will be a blood drive at South Lake Tahoe Recreation Center (1180 Rufus Allen Blvd.) on April 29 from noon-5pm.

• The Village at Squaw Valley's specific plan's final environmental impact report is available **online**.

• OPEN, a group in town that takes people to medical appointments off the hill, is having a fundraising burger night at Ernie's in South Lake Tahoe on April 19 from 5-7pm. For \$10 people get a burger, fries and a drink. For more info, call 530.541.2665.

SNC to put on 2 months of art workshops

The Fine Arts department at Sierra Nevada College is preparing for its 32nd annual Summer Art Workshops, May 17-July 29.

Each summer, SNC offers a variety of summer workshops given by nationally known ceramists, glass artists, painters, sculptors, printmakers, digital artists, photographers, paper makers, jewelers, and more in which beginners and experienced artists alike can learn new techniques and expand their knowledge.

On Tuesday night at 7pm each week during the workshops free “meet the artist” lectures take place in the Prim Library, immediately followed by an informal reception in the Tahoe Gallery.

Students ages 16 and up, may take workshops for personal enrichment or college credit. **Click here** for the full schedule of offerings and registration.

Ex-USFS, TRPA leader to give talk

Bill Morgan, author of “Morgan’s Tale”, will be giving a talk April 19 at 7pm at Camp Richardson.

Morgan worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a civil engineer for 16 years before transferring to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit where he served as the Forest Service supervisor for nine years. In 1985, after retiring from the

Forest Service, he became the executive director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Morgan will share the stories behind the disasters, decisions, and controversies of these agencies in the 1970s and 1980s.

His book is available at the Lake Tahoe Historical Society's Museum Bookstore and will be at the event.

The talk is free for historical society members, \$3 for others.

Tour of California bike race seeks volunteers

The Amgen Tour of California needs volunteers for the women's and men's stages in Lake Tahoe on May 19.

Locally, 300 volunteers are being sought. Most of the positions consist of a course marshal – a critical role where the individual assists race staff and local law enforcement authorities along the route monitoring pedestrian traffic, road closures, and keeping spectators informed as the race progresses. There are also base area positions available like security and check-in.

No experience is required and those interested in assisting may go **online** for more info. Registrants must be at least 18 or be accompanied by an adult. Interested applicants can contact Mike Frye with the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority at mike@ltva.org or 775.588.5900, ext. 309.

Pot smelling like big business in California

By Ian Lovett, New York Times

After decades of thriving in legally hazy backyards and basements, California's most notorious crop, marijuana, is emerging from the underground into a decidedly capitalist era.

Under a new state law, marijuana businesses will be allowed to turn a profit – which has been forbidden since 1996, when California became the first state to legalize medical cannabis – and limits on the number of plants farmers can grow will be eliminated.

The opening of the marijuana industry here to corporate dollars has caused a mad scramble, with out-of-state investors, cannabis retailers and financially strapped municipalities all racing to grab a piece of what is effectively a new industry in California: legalized, large-scale marijuana farming.

[Read the whole story](#)

Source of Tahoe Keys fuel spill unknown



Crews from CleanHarbors on April 12 get supplies out to absorb any of the remaining fuel. Photo/LTN

By Kathryn Reed

Crews are at the Tahoe Keys Marina today dealing with an oil spill that was reported on Monday.

"We are not able to identify the source and no one has come forward to say that is my oil," Cathe Pool with Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board told *Lake Tahoe News*.

She had a team at the site on April 11 to try to find the source, as well as take samples. Results from the sampling won't be back for about three weeks. There is no obvious gasoline smell, so it could be old gas, diesel or hydraulic fluid.

South Lake Tahoe officials checked the storm drains and found no evidence the contaminant was coming through the network of pipes.

There are no fuel tanks nearby and the boats in the area don't have an obvious leak.

Pool did not have an estimate of how much fuel had been released. A small sheen covers a large area. It could be seen in several of the slips on Monday, but not on April 12.

It is contained to a back channel beyond the marina, close to the professional buildings.

It has not reached Lake Tahoe.

El Dorado County hazmat crews were out early with pads to absorb the spill. According to Lahontan, Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association is taking the lead on the clean up. A boom and skimmer are being used. The TKPOA general manager was not available for comment.

Pool said, "It could be hard to nail this one down" – in terms of the source.

Forum to delve into customers of the future

The Future-Ready South Shore Luncheon & Forum is designed to engage business owners and community members on how to prepare for new and younger customers.

The event will feature keynote speaker Lynn Carpenter, the vice president of marketing for Visit California. She will discuss Visit California's international and domestic marketing initiatives and share with attendees how local businesses can and should leverage the state's efforts. She'll also give insight into tomorrow's visitor and discuss opportunities to attract the changing demographic.

Carl Ribaud, president of SMG Consulting, will speak to cultural shifts in the regional market place and what can be learned from the competitive set.

Jason Broadwater, a creative entrepreneur and president of RevenFlo, will strive to dispel myths about millennials by presenting research on millennial life choices and how that impacts their disposable income available for travel.

The April 26 noon-3pm event is put on by Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce and Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority. Cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. For the full afternoon schedule, speaker bios, and registration information go **online**. Check in is at 11:30am at Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe.