

CalFire firefighter dies in crash near Squaw

An off-duty CalFire firefighter died Sunday from injuries she sustained in a car crash near Truckee.

Kristin Jane Snook, 35, of Los Gatos was involved in a five-vehicle pile-up at 6:35pm March 11 on Highway 89 between Truckee and Squaw Valley.

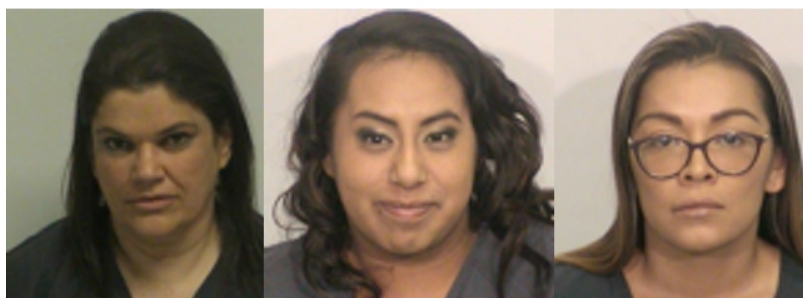
According the California Highway Patrol, Snook lost control of the vehicle, crossed into oncoming traffic, struck a Ford F150 pickup head-on, which sent her vehicle back to the southbound lane, where it was hit by three other vehicles.

Snook died at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno two days later.

Two other people sustained minor injuries.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

3 women accused of prostitution in Stateline



Brenda Fee, Claudia Bernal and Monique Lopez face prostitution charges.

Three women were arrested at a Stateline casino this month on charges of prostitution.

Brenda Mary Fee, 51, of South Lake Tahoe, Claudia Lizbeth Bernal, 23, of Incline Village, and Monique Marie Lopez, 30, of Sparks were apprehended March 12.

"They are escorts. There is no company associated with them," Sgt. Pat Brooks with Douglas County Sheriff's Department told *Lake Tahoe News*. "The legitimate ones are regulated," he said of escort services.

Prostitution is legal in parts of Nevada, but not Douglas County.

The department's Street Enforcement Team and TRINET task force conducted the sting operation.

"DCSET investigators were on scene at an undisclosed Stateline casino hotel room when the female escort arrived to perform her services. The female escort was detained after offering sexual services for money," investigators said in a statement.

The location of the arrest is not being released for investigative reasons, Brooks said.

— *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Appeals court dismisses Dugard lawsuit alleging federal parole failure



Phillip and Nancy Garrido are in prison for the abduction of Jaycee Lee Dugard.

By Bay City News Service

A divided U.S. appeals court on Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit filed by kidnapping victim Jaycee Lee Dugard against the federal government for failing to supervise her captor when he was on parole from another kidnapping in the years before she was abducted.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said by a 2-1 vote that Dugard could not sue over the alleged failure to supervise Phillip Garrido in the three years before she was kidnapped in 1991 because she was not a “specifically identifiable victim” at the time.

Dugard’s lawsuit claimed that if federal parole officials had

supervised Garrido properly, they would have revoked his parole and sent him back to prison for numerous instances of drug use and other violations, thus making him unable to kidnap her.

Dugard, now 35, was kidnapped at age 11 by Phillip and Nancy Garrido on the morning of June 10, 1991, as she walked to a school bus stop outside her home in Meyers.

Read the whole story

Easter bingo to benefit TVES 4th-graders

The Kiwanis Club of Tahoe Sierra's 12th annual Easter Ham Bingo is March 19 at 5pm at Grace Hall at St. Theresa Catholic Church in South Lake Tahoe.

One ham will be given away for each game.

Cards are 25 cents per card/per game. Games continue until 8pm.

Coffee and popcorn will be provided. Hot dogs and sodas will be available available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit Gene Matteucci's fourth-grade class at Tahoe Valley Elementary School for the Sutter Fort Project.

Ganong 6th at World Cup Finals

By USSA

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland – Steven Nyman (Sundance, Utah) scored his fourth-straight downhill podium – an American record – finishing second at the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Finals to wrap up the season Wednesday.

“I skied really, really well today,” Nyman said. “I nailed the top ... but the last turn I was a little too shallow and didn’t carry the speed I needed too and that’s where Beat (Feuz) got me and took the lead.”

Switzerland’s Feuz won the race, finishing just 0.08 ahead of Nyman – or just 2.39 meters, which is about the length of a downhill ski. Canada’s Erik Guay was third – his best downhill result of the season. Travis Ganong (Squaw Valley) was sixth, while Andrew Weibrecht (Lake Placid, N.Y.) was 21st. Peter Fill finished 10th, but scored just enough points to become the first Italian to win the overall World Cup downhill Crystal Globe.

Nyman, who finished sixth in the overall downhill standings, finished the 11-race downhill season with four-straight podium finishes: third Jeongseon, second Chamonix, third Kvitfjell and second in St. Moritz. Wednesday’s result not only motivates Nyman for next season, but most importantly the 2017 World Championships on the same course in St. Moritz, and the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in South Korea.

“To have four podiums in a row, I’m really fired up and ready to carry that momentum into next season,” said Nyman, who became the first American skier to podium in four-straight World Cup events. Previously, two U.S. athletes had three-straight podium finishes, including Daren Rahlves in 2003 and

2006; and Bode Miller in 2008.

In the women's downhill, Austria's Mirjam Puchner scored her first World Cup downhill victory. Switzerland's Fabienne Suter was second, just 0.13 back, and Italy's Elena Curtoni was third. Stacey Cook (Mammoth Lakes) was 11th and Laureenne Ross (Bend, Ore.) was 15th.

Lindsey Vonn (Vail), who won five downhill races this season but suffered a season-ending left tibial plateau fracture on Feb. 27, was presented with her 20th career Crystal Globe following the women's downhill race Wednesday.

"I felt like I had a really great year – nine wins – and to be able to still take home one Globe at least, even though I had to end my season early, it means a lot," Vonn said. "I worked so hard and was so close – I was leading four titles when I got hurt – so to still have at least one (Globe), that was huge and I'm pretty excited about it."

Squaw, Warren Miller looking for local videos

Warren Miller Entertainment, Head and Squaw Valley-Alpine Meadows are looking for user-generated videos showcasing his or her skills as a skier/snowboarder or as a cinematographer/editor. Submissions are not limited to ski or snowboard footage. Video edits that demonstrate and amplify the mountain lifestyle are welcome as well.

The grand prize will include a ski and boot package from Head and an invitation to film with Warren Miller at Squaw Valley-Alpine Meadows during the 2016-17 season. The winning video

will also be presented on-screen before every Warren Miller film tour screening in 2016.

Voting will be tiered and open to the public until the third and final round. At the end of the third round on Aug. 26, the four videos with the most votes will be put before a panel of judges including Jeremy Jones, JT Holmes, Jonny Moseley and representatives from Warren Miller Entertainment, Head and Squaw Valley-Alpine Meadows.

The submission period ends May 20.

More info is available **online**.

Council tweaking fees throughout S. Tahoe



Rates at Bijou Golf Course are likely going up this summer. Photo/LTN file

By Kathryn Reed

It can cost more to file an appeal with the city of South Lake Tahoe than what the original fee or fine was. The City Council wants to change that policy.

At Tuesday's meeting the four (Councilman Hal Cole was out of town) directed staff to bring back a code amendment that would redefine how appeals are handled. This includes the possibility of having the appeal fee reduced or abolished if the applicant were to "win" their case. Appeal fees might also have more of a sliding scale based on what the original fee was.

Hilary Roverud, assistant director of Community Development, said a couple appeals a year is normal, but none has come forward since the price was raised last year to \$3,000.

This was all part of a larger discussion March 15 about the master fee schedule. Annually the council reviews the fees. A vote on the fees will be at the next meeting.

Going forward the fees will be tied to a consumer price index, which is currently at 1.0318 percent.

"We recommend not changing the recreation fees at this time," Mark Carlson, assistant city manager, told the council. He said this is because of the condition of the facilities and based on participation. If the rec center is overhauled, that would be the time to look at a different fee structure, he said.

However, it will cost more to play a round of golf at Bijou Golf Course. The fee for nine holes will be \$18 instead of \$15. Going down, though, is the price of a season pass for youth.

While staff proposed keeping the campground fees the same, Councilman Tom Davis successfully lobbied his colleagues to

consider raising them for summer 2017. This will be discussed further when the whole schedule comes back for a vote.

His reasoning is that if it sells out each year, even with conditions less than ideal, the demand is such that people will pay a few more dollars per night. He wants that added revenue dedicated for campground improvements. It is estimated the needed upgrades just to the bathrooms would cost \$1 million.

The city has been hesitant to make substantive improvements to Campground by the Lake because the land is owned by El Dorado County and negotiations are under way regarding that parcel's future.

Davis left the room while the remaining three discussed airport hangar fees because he rents one.

The assistant city manager said the city is significantly below market when it comes to the cost to rent a hangar for non-aviation use. The goal is to get the price to 75 cents per square foot. The first increase will be to get the cost halfway there.

Carlson said the city is likely to need a couple more hangars for transient aircraft. If the added expense for people using them for storage doesn't get them to leave, it's possible the city will have to ask some people to move.

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In other news:

- Councilman Austin Sass is looking into having a debate or forum between proponents of the loop road and those who are against it, namely the people seeking to put it on the ballot.
- **Mid-year budget** adjustments were approved.
- Chad Donnelly, SnowGlobe producer, was granted \$4,500

in reimbursement for the additional transit for this past year's music festival. The council denied his request for \$9,231.40 for garbage disposal. The vote was 3-1, with Councilwoman JoAnn Conner believing the city gives him enough already, especially with the three-day event generating more cash via additional ticket sales.

Opinion: Acts by Calif. politicians have backfired

By Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee



Dan Walters

When Gov. Jerry Brown unveiled a criminal sentencing reform measure last month, he cited the “unintended consequences” of a law he had signed nearly 40 years earlier.

Brown said he didn't foresee that the 1977 law, setting rigid sentences for felons, would remove “incentives for inmates to improve themselves” and discourage them from working toward earlier release through rehabilitation.

The “determinate sentence law” that Brown signed reflected the political angst that sharply rising crime rates were creating in the 1970s.

Read the whole story

Millennials rank their dream jobs

By Jenna Wortham, New York Times

When the National Society of High School Scholars asked 18,000 Americans, ages 15 to 29, to rank their ideal future employers, the results were curious. To nobody's surprise, Google, Apple and Facebook appeared high on the list, but so did the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Agency. The Build-A-Bear Workshop was No. 50, just a few spots behind Lockheed Martin and JPMorgan Chase. (The *New York Times* came in at No. 16.)

However scattershot, the survey offers a glimpse into the ambitions of the millennial generation, which already makes up more than a third of the work force.

By 2020, it will make up half.

Read the whole story

Crews rescue couple stuck

near Castle Peak

By Matthew Seeman, KRNV-TV

Search and rescue crews on Monday rescued a couple who became stranded in rural back country near Castle Peak, according to California Highway Patrol.

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office asked CHP Helicopter 20 to perform a search and rescue at about 4:30pm March 14, CHP said in a statement.

A couple had called 911 for help near Castle Peak north of Interstate 80.

[Read the whole story](#)