

Turmoil in daily fantasy sports spreads

By J.D. Morris, Las Vegas Sun

The ongoing debate about whether and how the daily fantasy sports industry should embrace regulation doesn't center entirely on major operators FanDuel and DraftKings. Turmoil related to smaller sites has added fuel to the fire, too.

FanDuel and DraftKings together control the vast majority of the daily fantasy market, and they were the subjects of a major industry scandal last fall when allegations of activity tantamount to insider trading ushered in a wave of public scrutiny. But two recent instances of small websites shutting down, leaving players without access to their funds, also have led some experts to call for strong regulation of the industry.

In January, the site FantasyUp said it was closing, telling users it did not have the funds necessary to process all of their withdrawals. That called into question whether customers who were owed money by the site would ever be able to recover their money.

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Executive coach to teach leadership workshop

Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is kicking off its workshop series Level Up on March 23 with executive coach

Alexis Robin.

She will be teaching an interactive leadership workshop titled Step Up and Lead: Skills to Succeed in Business.

The workshop will focus on the leadership competencies individuals need to be able to move from staff to leader, lead their own business or level up their performance within their existing leadership role. Topics will include competencies of highly effective leaders, managing expectations, and leadership styles for different situations. Attendees are encouraged to bring their leadership challenges to the workshop as time will also be allocated to work through real life situations.

It will be from 2-5pm at the chamber conference room. Cost of the workshop is \$20 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members.

To learn more and register call 775.588.1728.

Free gardening classes in Reno

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension has teamed up with Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space to offer Gardening in Nevada: The Bartley Ranch Series.

Classes are free and run 6-8pm every Tuesday through March 29 at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, 6000 Bartley Ranch Road in Reno.

The classes are taught by cooperative extension horticulturists and experts, and certified master gardener

volunteers.

The next three classes are:

- March 8: Landscape Gardening for Wildlife – Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Becky Colwell discusses cover food, nesting, and water and shelter needs of backyard wildlife, along with how to attract wildlife such as butterflies, birds and earthworms.
- March 15: Designing a Water-Efficient Landscape Using Native Plants – Cooperative Extension Horticulture Specialist Heidi Kratsch shares how to use the natural environment and physical characteristics of local native plants to create a soothing and aesthetically pleasing landscape.
- March 22: Growing Succulent Succulents – Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Liz Morrow discusses the vast selection of succulents well-suited for our area, as well as their growing conditions, care and maintenance.

For more information, call 775.784.4848 or email mastergardeners@unce.unr.edu.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



This bobcat was seen on
Chinquapin Drive on the
South Shore on Feb. 25.
Photo/Gregg Wike

- Lake Valley Fire Protection District will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on March 27 at 9am at Tahoe Paradise Park in Meyers. The Easter Bunny will be there, too.
 - Raley's in Incline Village has voluntarily stopped offering plastic bags to customers.
 - Type 1 Diabetes support group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm in the board room at Barton Memorial Hospital. All ages and those with Type 2 are welcome. For more info, contact ryan@tahoetype1.com or call 408.775.4945.
 - Tahoe Keys Organic Snowman Making Contest is March 5 from 11am-1pm. Teams of 2-8 people will compete. The \$25 fee benefits Bread & Broth 4 Kids. The contest is at the Keys Pavilion, 356 Ala Wai Blvd., South Lake Tahoe. Cost for spectators is \$1.
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Reno getting its retail mojo back

By Jason Hildago, Reno Gazette-Journal

Just a few years removed from the worst recession in its history, Reno is starting to get its mojo back. This includes garnering interest from franchise and corporate retail stores that are eyeing communities expected to see big growth in the coming years.

New store openings in the last year in Reno-Sparks include a nice mix of retail establishments such as Nordstrom Rack and Lululemon as well as national food franchise Dunkin Donuts and regional chain Roberto's Taco Shop.

After falling off the radar screen for many companies during the recession, companies that are giving the Reno area a look today are liking what they see, said Carl Gerhardt, a franchise consultant who works with FranNet and mentoring group Senior Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

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Reno's Ford in top 30 in GS

By USSA

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia – David Chodounsky (Crested Butte, Colo.) came out of the 58th start position to finish as the top American in 26th at the Audi FIS Ski World Cup giant slalom Friday. Tommy Ford (Reno) continued his string of top 30s, finishing 27th in the weekend opener, which replaced the

canceled event from Garmisch.

“First run, I’m happy,” Chodounsky said. “I started in the back and felt like I skied well ... aggressive. But then I completely over-skied the second run. It skied so much easier that I thought it would.”

Alexis Pinturault of France made the course look real easy, winning his fourth-straight World Cup giant slalom by 0.47 over Austria’s Philipp Schoerghofer. World Cup overall and giant slalom leader Marcel Hirscher of Austria was third. Hirscher increased his overall World Cup lead to 293 points over Norway’s Henrik Kristoffersen, who finished fourth Friday. Pinturault’s victory moved him into second in the overall World Cup giant slalom standings, just 91 points behind Hirscher.

Brennan Rubie (Salt Lake City), Ryan Cochran-Siegle (Starksboro, Vt.), Tim Jitloff (Reno) and Kieffer Christianson (Anchorage) did not qualify for the second run.

Nevada rate of uninsured kids drops

By Jason Hildago, Reno Gazette-Journal

Nevada no longer leads the nation in uninsured children.

The Silver State posted the largest improvement nationwide in reducing its rate of uninsured kids from 2013 to 2014, a report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found.

An estimated 100,058 or 14.4 percent of Nevada children did not have health insurance in 2013, a rate that ranked 51st –

or dead last – among all states and Washington, D.C., that year. By 2014, however, Nevada improved to 48th as its rate fell to 10 percent or about 69,300 uninsured children. The 4.4 percentage point reduction also represented the biggest improvement in the nation, according to the report, which was done by the University of Minnesota and uses the latest numbers available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Read the whole story

Kings Beach prepping for Snowfest Parade

The annual Kings Beach Snowfest Parade will be March 12 from 11:30am-12:30pm along Highway 28 starting at Secline Street and ending at the Coon Street roundabout.

It will feature creative entries from 29 community nonprofit organizations, government agencies, service groups and local businesses.

The announcer's stand will be in front of the King Building on Highway 28 at the Bear Street roundabout. The parade will take place snow, rain or shine.

Motorists should be aware that Highway 28 in Kings Beach will be closed between Highway 267 and Fox Street for the parade.

Before and after the parade there will be various events including the North Tahoe Public Utility District Pancake Breakfast, Dress-Up-Your-Dog Contest, Snow What? Snow Building Contest, Chili Cook-Off, an after parade party at the Grid Bar

& Grill and more. The Snowfest queen raffle drawing will take place at Steamer's Beach Side Bar & Oven starting at 3pm.

For a complete schedule of Snowfest events, go **online**.

Winter storm barreling toward Tahoe

A winter storm watch has been issued by the National Weather Service in Reno for the Lake Tahoe Basin from Saturday evening through Monday morning.

The storm will start with rain, which is expected to change to snow by late Saturday night.

Accumulations at lake level are expected to be between 6 and 12 inches, with 1 to 3 feet of snow above 7,000 feet.

High winds will also be part of the storm, with ridge gusts of more than 100 mph.

A mix of rain and snow is forecast for much of next week.

Temperatures will be dropping, with the highs on Sunday and Monday not much above freezing.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

SLT's top cop blasts Calif. marijuana initiative

By Kathryn Reed

Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act is a misnomer, according to South Lake Tahoe Police Chief Brian Uhler.

He believes proponents of this ballot measure came up with the name as a way to mislead people. Uhler contends the initiative does the opposite of what the title says.

It will likely be before California voters in November.

Uhler spoke March 1 to the South Lake Tahoe Drug Coalition about the proposed legislation. He had nothing positive to say about it.

It will allow anyone to grow marijuana at their residence without oversight from local government officials. Today, South Lake Tahoe has an ordinance allowing indoor grows, but they must be permitted which entails having the electrical and other safety issues be monitored. The act would negate the local regulations.



South Lake Tahoe Police Chief Brian Uhler on March 1

speaks about a marijuana
initiative he wants
defeated. Photo/LTN

The act would also allow felons to get a marijuana business license. The proposal does not add dollars to the state's general fund.

Proponents say the act will "legalize marijuana for those over 21 years old, protect children, and establish laws to regulate marijuana cultivation, distribution, sale and use, and will protect Californians and the environment from potential dangers. It establishes the Bureau of Marijuana Control within the Department of Consumer Affairs to regulate and license the marijuana industry."

Uhler's contention is that children will not be protected because marijuana businesses will be allowed near schools as long as they are at least 600 feet away. He also believes the language regarding advertising is a joke.

The initiative says, "Any advertising or marketing placed in broadcast, cable, radio, print and digital communications shall only be displayed where at least 71.6 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older, as determined by reliable, up-to-date audience composition data."

Uhler's belief is that definition means plenty of children will still be hearing and seeing adds for marijuana, even possibly on billboards because more adults are on the roads than kids.

The new level of bureaucracy the act will create is where the bulk of the money will go. For 10 years \$10 million will go to a public university to research and evaluate the effects of the act, for five years \$10 million will go to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, \$2 million

annually is earmarked for UC San Diego for medicinal cannabis research, and \$3 million for five years will be allocated to the California Highway Patrol to establish and adopt protocols to determine whether a person is driving while impaired.

A CHP officer at Tuesday's meeting said the agency already has such a program and questions whether the money will actually be forthcoming.

If any money is left, it will be divided among youth education-prevention, environmental restoration, and local law enforcement.

Uhler stressed there is no money in the act for additional law enforcement officers on the street.

The UC San Francisco Center of Tobacco Control Research and Education said the act "is written primarily to create a new business and only include minimal protections for the public that are unlikely to prevent public health harms caused by the burgeoning marijuana industry."

Members of the local drug coalition expressed a desire to educate the public about what the act really does, which the police chief stressed is the opposite of what the name implies.