

Calif. lawmakers approve drone trespassing crime bills

By Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California lawmakers advanced legislation Monday seeking to rein in the use of privacy-invading drones, passing one bill to prevent the use of drones by paparazzi and another making it a trespassing violation to fly drones over private property without permission.

In the state Senate, lawmakers voted 40-0 to approve AB856 by Assemblyman Ian Calderon, D-Whittier, classifying drone use to take pictures or video on private property as an invasion of privacy. "This bill will make paparazzi accountable for the breach of private property boundaries," said Sen. Bob Wieckowski, D-Fremont, who carried the bill in the Senate.

Meanwhile, the Assembly voted 43-11 on AB856 by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, which would create a trespass crime for operating a drone less than 350 feet above ground over private property without consent.

Assemblyman Mike Gatto, D-Glendale, who presented Jackson's bill, said it makes sense to extend property rights upward as drones become more popular.

"If you drive on someone's property with a car, you're trespassing. If you're looking on someone's property to break in, you're trespassing. It makes no sense that a drone should be able to look in your window and the operator should not be guilty of the same trespass," Gatto said.

Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, was among several Assembly lawmakers who worried the proposal would harm a growing industry and stifle innovation. She has a drone manufacturer in her district, she said.

“Don’t regulate an industry out of business,” Grove said.

Other lawmakers suggested the state should wait for federal regulators to develop policies.

Gatto said the bill would not affect businesses because the bill maintains a drone corridor and only targets “people up to no good.”

Both bills return to their house of origin for another vote.

EDC looking into broadband for the area

As part of an effort to begin a countywide strategic planning initiative to formulate a long term sustainable broadband strategy, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is planning a workshop to examine the state of broadband service in the county and its impacts on businesses and residents.

The workshop is Sept. 1 at 5pm at 330 Fair Lane in Placerville.

Participating in the workshop will be representatives from Valley Vision, Tahoe Prosperity Center, and the Sierra Economic Development Corporation. Key to this discussion will be an analysis to determine what Internet service is currently available and where there are gaps, to identify related community goals and ultimately, to produce a strategic roadmap of how to best close gaps in service and achieve community objectives.

ZCTC to host tennis social

The final tennis mixer of the season at Zephyr Cove Tennis Club is Sept. 9.

The theme of this Hump Day is logo wear – as in players wearing as much club apparel as they can. And for those who don't have any or need more, the pro shop has shirts, jackets, vests and jackets for sale.

The event is open to non-members as well. It's an opportunity to play casual tennis, have fun, eat dinner and socialize. The tennis is adult doubles round robin for all ability levels. Play starts at 5:30pm.

The mixer costs \$10 for club members, \$15 for non-members, and \$5 for spectators (meal only).

Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert, as well as beverage of choice. No advance sign-up is required.

Reeling in the fun – and Kokanee – on Lake Tahoe



Capt. Andrew Lubrano, center, shows Mike Zamarripa and Logan Daniels of Reno the basics of fishing Kokanee salmon. Photos/Kathryn Reed

By Kathryn Reed

CAVE ROCK – “He just gave us the fin and swam away.”

That’s Capt. Andrew Lubrano’s way of saying the fish won that round, time to put some new bait on the hook and cast the line out again.

There was a lot of that going on last Sunday. There were also two happy fishermen who went home to Reno with nine Kokanee salmon. Five per person is the limit.

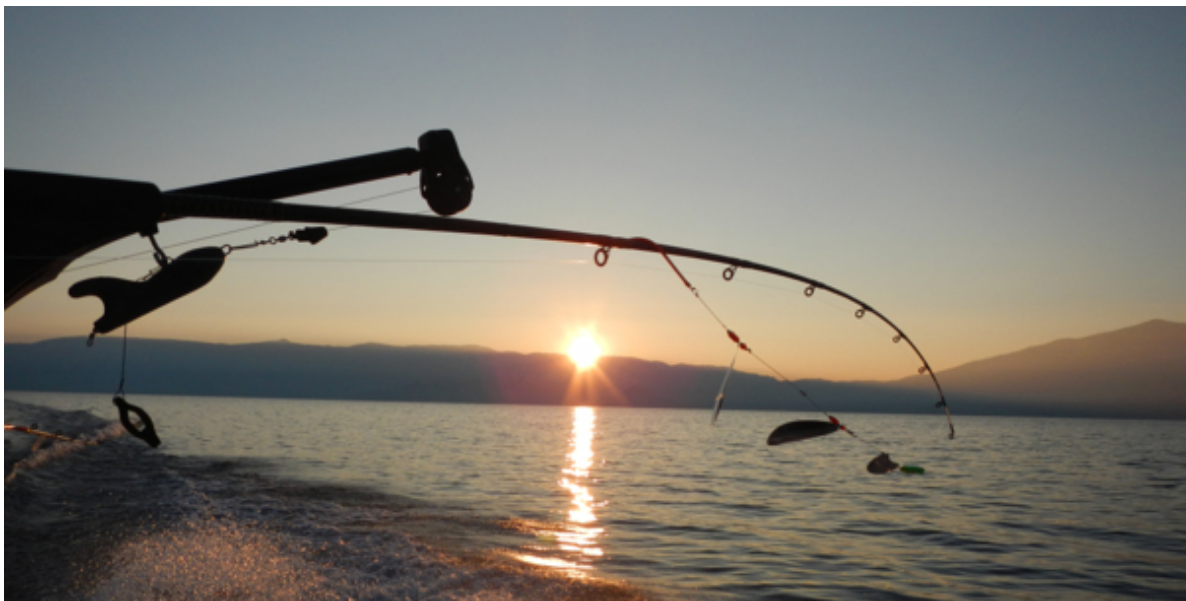
Trolling near the Cascade area of the South Shore, other boats are doing the same thing. They are all close to the mouth of Taylor Creek, where these salmon will soon make their way upstream to spawn. They will have changed color from blue-green to fiery red, and their jaws will change to be more

protruding. One of the fish caught last weekend was already was starting to have its jaw transform.

Now is the time to catch these salmon that call Lake Tahoe home. Normally they are biting between July and the end of September, though they started to do so later this summer.

Lubrano operates Nor-Cal Charters; with three boats in his fleet. The 22-year-old has been fishing on Lake Tahoe since he was 5. He got his captain's license at age 18 and started the business a year later. Today he is getting his master's in education administration from Sierra Nevada College, with the goal of being a fishing captain on a seasonal basis.

Once October rolls around it will mostly be mackinaw at the other end of the line. Rainbow and brown trout start biting as it gets cooler. Lake Tahoe is one of the few places where fishing is allowed year-round.



The day starts early for fishing charters at Lake Tahoe.

Changing the ecosystem

Lubrano said he and other captains believe the drought is contributing to a less robust fishing season because fewer nutrients were carried into the lake with the

decreased runoff.

Kokanee aren't native to Tahoe.

"Kokanee were 'accidentally' introduced into Lake Tahoe in 1944 from holding ponds that overflowed at the old Tahoe City Fish Hatchery. Three years after their accidental introduction, the salmon returned to Tahoe City to spawn," Lisa Herron with the U.S. Forest Service told *Lake Tahoe News*. "Knowing that the Kokanee would survive in Lake Tahoe, it was decided that the hatchery would do a yearly planting of fingerlings in the tributary streams. These plantings began in 1949. Today, California Department of Fish and Wildlife continues to plant fingerlings in Taylor Creek to maintain a healthy population."

Between 1963 and 1965, California and Nevada officials introduced mysid shrimp to Tahoe with the belief this would be a food source for the Kokanee and in turn would be a boon to the sport fishing industry. Instead, messing with the ecosystem had the opposite affect.

"This freshwater shrimp has been known to prey on other zooplankton; however, due to the limited food sources in Lake Tahoe, this large omnivorous shrimp increased predation on native zooplankton and led to the near-extinction of the zooplankter *Daphnia*, an important prey species for Kokanee," according to the Tahoe Environmental Research Center. "Ironically the introduction of mysis did not only fail as a food source, it also significantly reduced an important natural prey species. This highlights the need for a science-based component when conducting ecosystem management."



Logan Daniels and Mike Zamarripa show off their catch.

Reeling in the fun

Rods dot the back of the vessel. Eyes are on the lines that have disappeared about 250 down in water that is about 400-feet deep. Lubrano points to one and has either Mike Zamarripa or Logan Daniels reel it in.

“Keep steady pressure. If it pulls hard, slow down, but never stop,” Lubrano says as the men reel in what they hope is a fish at the end.

Lubrano tells the fishermen not to pull on the line because with the Kokanee having such soft lips it will just rip them.

Corn is used as bait – and just one kernel.

“More corn doesn’t mean more fish. If it did, we would use the whole cob,” Lubrano says.

Zamarripa is the last to land a fish, but then comes on strong. It was his line, though, that got the most bites.

Fishing is all about the peacefulness for him. On this particular day there was plenty of that.

The three men talk about different fishing shows. There's camaraderie among those who fish – even if they've just met.



Kokanee salmon are likely to be biting through September.

Life on the lake

Leaving Cave Rock about 6am it was chilly and the sun was not up. This is one of the few boat ramps at Tahoe that is able to accommodate the cadre of fishing boats because of the lake level. They are lined up waiting for the ranger to unlock the gate.

Soon the ball of yellow came over the mountains and illuminated the lake like a spotlight. Smoke from the fires burning throughout Northern California made it so it was hard to see land at all ends of the lake.

By 8:30am five Kokanee were in the bucket.

And by this time the world beyond fishermen started to come to life on the lake – water skiers, paddleboarders and kayakers.

Still, the peacefulness ensued and the lines continued to be

dropped and reeled in until it was time to let the fish swim in their own serenity without a hook in the water.

Opinion: California's high fuel taxes and bad roads

By Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee

A cogent – and perhaps unanswerable – question punctuates the political machinations over raising billions of new dollars to repair California's deteriorating highways.

How is it that California motorists are paying some of the nation's highest fuel taxes, but the highways they use are among the nation's worst?



Dan Walters

Including federal gas taxes, Californians are paying just under 61 cents a gallon, the fourth highest in the nation. That doesn't include another dime a gallon in "cap-and-trade" carbon fees that, if added, would make California the highest-taxing state.

Meanwhile, data from the Federal Highway Administration place California's highways as among the worst in physical condition.

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Security paper shortage has counties scrambling

By Melody Gutierrez, San Francisco Chronicle

SACRAMENTO – A particular security-enabled paper used to print all vital records in California is in short supply after the Ohio business that produced it suddenly closed, forcing some counties to ration the number of birth and death certificates people can buy.

County registrars say the only other company capable of producing the specific type of paper required by state law is in Canada, and they are working to at least temporarily contract with that company.

Lawmakers say the paper shortage has raised a question of whether some of the security features required by state law for vital records are outdated. In the meantime, counties say they are scrambling to meet the public's needs for the documents.

Counties are also working to have the plates used to produce the paper for vital records sent to them from the now-closed Ohio business, Sekuworks LLC, to ensure that fraudulent copies of crucial identity documents can't be produced. Sekuworks representatives could not be reached for this story.

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Kings Beach man accused of firing weapon in Truckee

A Kings Beach man was arrested in Truckee on Wednesday after allegedly firing gunshots into the air. He may also be responsible for starting a small brushfire.

Officers were notified of a man carrying a gun in the Meadows area of Glenshire on Aug. 26.

“Once the suspect was located by police, the suspect started running, and at one point, fired gunshots into the air. Officers were able to take the suspect into custody without any gunshots being fired by police or without further incident. At no point where the gunshots directed at police or witnesses in the area,” officers said in a statement.

While apprehending Frederick Santos-Coy, 24, a small fire was discovered in the area.

The connection of the fire to Santos-Coy is still under investigation, but Truckee officers does not believe there are any others suspects related to the fire.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Tahoe Paradise Resort Improvement District's board is meeting Aug. 27 at 6pm at the park. Dogs and motorized boats are on the agenda.

• Barton Health and Lake Tahoe Community College have collaborated to provide Fit Program for the community to get fit and stay fit. For more info, go **online**.

• Kenneth Spielvogel from Barton Women's Health will discuss identifying gynecologic malignancies, the latest screening tools and technology to identify cancer on Sept. 2 from 6-7pm at Lake Tahoe Community College. The talk is free.

• There will be a blood drive Oct. 16 from noon-5pm at the South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation center.

• The State Historic Preservation Office, Nevada Site Stewardship Program is putting on a stewardship workshop Sept. 12 from 9am-3pm at the Bureau of Land Management Carson City Office. To reserve a seat, RSVP by Sep.1 to Rayette Martin at ramartin@shpo.nv.gov.

N.J. court ruling may not stop spread of sports betting

By J.D. Morris, Las Vegas Sun

Efforts to open legal sports books outside Nevada suffered a major setback Tuesday when a federal appeals court denied New Jersey's attempt to bring betting on athletics to its casinos

and racetracks.

Still, the possibility remains that sports books will eventually spread to other states – just on a longer timeline than if New Jersey had been victorious this week.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that New Jersey violated the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act in its latest stab at allowing sports books within its borders. The law restricts sports betting to a handful of states, and although limited forms of wagering are allowed elsewhere, Nevada is the only one where patrons can bet on individual games.

Read the whole story

Name of Incline drowning victim released

The youth who drowned at Sand Harbor over the weekend has been identified as Cameron St. Hilaire.

He was at the Incline Village beach Aug. 22 when he went under just before noon. People on the beach pulled the 15-year-old to shore and started CPR. He was flown to Renown Medical Center in Reno where he died.

Cameron was in the 10th grade at Carson High School in Carson City. Grief counselors have been at the school this week.

Donations are being collected to help with memorial service expenses. To donate, go **online**.

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