

SUP event benefits SLT Cancer League

Stand Up to Cancer is an opportunity to help the South Lake Tahoe Cancer League.

The Sept. 12 event is supported by SUP Paddle South Lake Tahoe. The \$50 fee includes lunch. The event is from 9am to 3pm.

Meet up at El Dorado Beach. Boards are \$15 to rent. Registration begins at 9am and paddling will begin sometime after. The course will be right off the beach and after paddling a lunch will be provided courtesy of Lake Tahoe Hard Rock.

The South Lake Tahoe Cancer League is an all volunteer nonprofit organization that offers grants and rides to our local cancer patients.

Letter: Yacht club assists at Bread & Broth

To the community,

On Aug. 10, South Lake Tahoe Yacht Club (SLTYC) member Tina Miranda was volunteering for the first time at a Bread & Broth dinner and she was very moved by her experience.

"Everyone was so appreciative, grateful and very thankful," she said. "The dinner guests make it very easy to want to serve them."

Joining Miranda, were fellow SLTYC members Barbara Marsden, Ann Ezekiel Jones, Catherine Kornegay and Kevin Kornegay.

The SLTYC is an active group that enjoys many social activities on and off the waters of Lake Tahoe and supports the community by sponsoring summer bi-weekly beach cleanups and annual B&B Adopt a Day of Nourishment dinners. Their \$250 sponsorship donation and all of the helpful support throughout B&B's dinner on Aug. 10 demonstrates their spirit of service to the community.

"This is a fabulous experience," commented Catherine Kornegay. "It is amazing how quickly large nutritious meals can be served. The dinner guests are very appreciative of this service. My impression is that this is a brief respite and a moment to visit with others in a safe and friendly environment." T

Thanks to the SLTYC, Bread & Broth provided another great meal and food to take home for those struggling with hunger.

For more B&B information, go **online** or find us on Facebook.

Carol Gerard, Bread & Broth

\$5K could be made available to all Nev. students

By Trevon Milliard, Reno Gazette-Journal

Jennifer Evans has three children and they have all attended private school since her oldest started kindergarten nine years ago.

She changed that last week, putting her children in Gardnerville public schools.

The single mother and full-time nurse couldn't afford to pass up the state's offer, which is being extended to every Nevada parent: Pull your child from public school after at least 100 school days of enrollment and the state will pay you \$5,000 a year per student.

Read the whole story

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Lavish Green and Black Star Safari will perform at the final Live at Lakeview concert in South Lake Tahoe on Aug. 27 starting at 4:30pm.
- The El Dorado County senior nutrition program's home-delivered meal service is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals from 10:30am-12:30pm one day each week. For more information, call 530.621.6160.
- Here are the El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra roadwork schedules from Caltrans for the coming week.
- The 13th annual Tour de Tahoe – Bike Big Blue cycling event is Sept. 13.
- El Dorado Winery Association donated nearly \$3,000 to the Food Bank of El Dorado County from a portion of the tickets sales generated by the annual Passport event.

Deal reached in management of Truckee River

By Associated Press

Water officials have finalized a deal regarding the Truckee River after decadeslong disputes over how the waters should be managed.

The *Reno Gazette-Journal* reports Truckee Meadows Water Authority directors have agreed to sell up to 2,750 acre-feet of water rights to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The long-pursued Truckee River Operating Agreement could now be implemented by next year.

The agreement was signed by the tribe, federal government , Nevada and California in 2008 but lawsuits have stalled its progress.

The sale of the water rights will allow the dismissal of the remaining lawsuits, including a suit filed in 1973 against the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.

The agreement has been designed to permanently replace an inflexible water system and will allow more storage in upstream reservoirs for use during drought.

Best U.S. home sales since 2007 show market momentum

By Sho Chandra, BloombergBusiness

America's housing market has been heating up this summer.

Purchases of previously owned homes unexpectedly rose in July for a third straight month to reach the highest level since February 2007, figures from the National Association of Realtors showed Thursday. The gain was driven by stronger sales of single-family houses even as the share of first-time buyers shrank.

A limited number of available properties is keeping prices elevated, giving homeowners the financial flexibility to trade up as their housing equity improves. The data and a recent report showing the strongest rate of residential construction since 2007 are consistent with the Federal Reserve's view that the industry is making progress.

Read the whole story

Study sees dying wildlife, bigger fires if drought lasts

By Ellen Knickmeyer, AP

The carcasses of salmon, trout and more than a dozen other newly extinct native species lie in dry streambeds around California.

Exhausted firefighters in the Sierra Nevada battle some of the biggest wildfires they've ever seen. And in Central Valley farm towns, more and more parents hear the squeal of empty pipes when they turn on water taps to cook dinner.

A report by the Public Policy Institute of California nonprofit think-tank paints that distressing picture of California for the next two years if the state's driest four years on record stretches further into the future.

Written by water and watershed experts working at the policy center, at UC Davis, and elsewhere, the report urges California to do more now to deal with what researchers project to be the biggest drought crises of 2016 and 2017 – crashing wildlife populations, raging wildfires and more and more poor rural communities running out of water entirely.

A separate study published Thursday in the journal of the American Geophysical Union warns that climate change is making drought the new normal in California.

By the 2060s, climate models show California in a condition of semi-permanent drought, broken only by short, hard rains, researchers said.

Already, higher temperatures from climate change have made the current drought at least 15 percent worse, they said.

So far, of all the sectors dealing with the current drought, California cities are doing relatively well thanks to the lessons of past droughts, researchers said in the analysis by the Public Policy Institute of California.

Meanwhile, farms have been able to turn to pumping well water to make up for having half as much surface water for irrigation as normal.

With California wildlife, by contrast, "we're really looking at widespread crisis" if the drought continues, Ellen Hanak,

director of the think-tank's water policy center, said in an interview Wednesday.

California's fresh-water habitats and forests, along with their wildlife, have experienced the most severe impacts of the drought so far, the study concluded.

Lack of water means 18 species of native California fish, including most native salmon and steelhead trout, face an immediate threat of going extinct in the wild, the report said.

Greatly reduced water deliveries to bird refuges and rice fields – the flooding of which provides crucial habitat – means there is dangerously little room and food for the 5 million migratory birds that fly through the Central Valley each year and a high risk of deadly disease for the birds, the study said.

For California's environment, officials should be thinking more strategically about how best to use what water is left for wildlife, and preparing "conservation hatcheries" to safeguard native fish species that are on the verge of extinction in the wild, it said.

Hanak also called wildfires a tremendous risk as overgrown forests dry in the drought. Fire and forest agencies already are working to reduce the overgrowth that contributes to making those fires bigger and harder to control, researchers said.

After the environment, rural communities have been hardest-hit by the drought, the study said. As of last month, more than 2,000 domestic wells were reported to have gone dry, mostly in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada. More than 100 small public-water systems around the state have been cited as needing emergency water supplies.

State and federal efforts to help those communities have been

increasing but remain stop-gap, the study concluded. It urges the state to do more to track areas in need of help and come up with longer-term water supplies to replace wells that have likely gone dry for good.

The study advises against counting on El Nino, a sporadic weather pattern that can bring strong storms, to break the drought. State water officials similarly have tried to temper public hopes for a wet El Nino year.

El Nino is historically associated with wetter winters in California only half the time, and climate change makes that even more uncertain, the state Department of Water Resources has said.

Virginia City saloon owner denied gambling license

By Kimberly Pierceall, AP

A California man who bought two saloon casinos in Virginia City will be forced to sell them after Nevada regulators said he was unfit to be involved in the state's gambling industry.

The Nevada Gaming Commission unanimously denied Vincent Michael Malfitano a license Thursday and barred him from being the casinos' landlord.

The small casinos that employ 25 people aren't expected to be closed immediately, and the commission left open the possibility that Malfitano and his casino manager could come to a short-term arrangement by the agency's next meeting to keep the doors open, allowing Malfitano time to find a buyer.

Casino manager Bruce Dewing, with Dewing Gaming, said they would make every effort to keep the saloons open.

"They're the heart and soul of Virginia City," he told commissioners of the two casinos and its employees, urging them to keep the properties open.

Malfitano said after the hours-long meeting that the commission made the wrong decision. He told commissioners he was dismayed that his integrity was questioned.

"That's difficult to listen to," he said.

He bought the Delta Saloon and Bonanza Saloon in October 2014.

Commission members said it was an issue of character, integrity and honesty as well as Malfitano's business acumen.

Malfitano, a former dentist, owns Cypress Meadows Assisted Living in Antioch.

The commission took issue with Malfitano's omission of several lawsuits against him and a citation when he was handcuffed by police during an argument at his assisted living business with the spouse of a former employee.

Commission members were also concerned with Malfitano's handling of finances in past business dealings and his casino loan.

His attorney argued Malfitano was not a criminal.

Gaming Commission Chair Tony Alamo argued that criminal behavior was not a requirement for denial.

"I don't want you anywhere near gaming," Commissioner John Moran said.

The commission unanimously affirmed an earlier Gaming Control Board recommendation.

“There is a reason why the most grueling and painful process you can go through is to get a gaming license in Nevada,” Commissioner Pat Mulroy said.

Volunteers sought for Markleeville Creek Day

Alpine Watershed Group needs volunteers to participate in the 16th annual Markleeville Creek Day on Sept. 12 from 9am-2pm.

This is a community work day that focuses on stabilizing stream banks, removing invasive weeds and other environmental restoration projects.

This year's projects include:

- Willow planting and stream bank stabilization in Hope Valley
- Invasive weed removal, stream bank stabilization, and native garden planting in Grover Hot Springs State Park
- Great Sierra River Cleanup
- Carson River riparian plantings
- Storm drain stenciling in Markleeville.

Participants will meet at the Markleeville Library Park at 9am. Groups will then head out to their desired work sites. Participants of all ages are encouraged to attend, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring work gloves, sunscreen, lunch and sturdy shoes. After restoration activities there will be an ice cream social at Library Park.

If interested in attending, sign up online.

TOCCATA wrapping up summer concert series

TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will finish the 2015 Tahoe Summer MusicFest with a concert series in September.

The concert series commemorates the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy and features Verdi's "Requiem" (selections) and Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto" with guest artist Elizabeth Pitcairn performing on the legendary Red Stradivarius Violin.

The concert will open with with soloists Joy Strotz, Anna Helwing and Irina Kasimova, sopranos; Liudmila Mullin, mezzo soprano; Michael DeWayne and Chris Nelson, tenors; Stuart Duke and Chris Langton, baritones, and includes the 70 voice Tahoe Symphony Orchestra Chorus. The "Requiem" is composed in seven sections, but only five will be performed. Maestro James Rawie, TOCCATA's Founder and Artistic Director, will conduct all performances.

The concerts are:

- Sept. 16, 7pm in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Carson City (3597 N. Sunridge Drive)
- Sept. 18, 7pm at St. Theresa Catholic Church in South Lake Tahoe (1041 Lyons Ave.)
- Sept. 20, 3pm at Cornerstone Church in Incline Village (300 Country Club Drive)
- Sept. 22, 7pm at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Reno (1138 Wright St.).

Tickets for all concerts are available at the door or **online**. General admission is \$30 adults and \$25 for seniors.

Youth/students under age 23 with valid ID are \$5 for seating 15 minutes prior to concert time, and under 18 are free admission. Preferred/reserved seating is \$40 and \$15 for youth/students.

For more information, call 775.313.9697 or email ToccataTahoe@gmail.com.