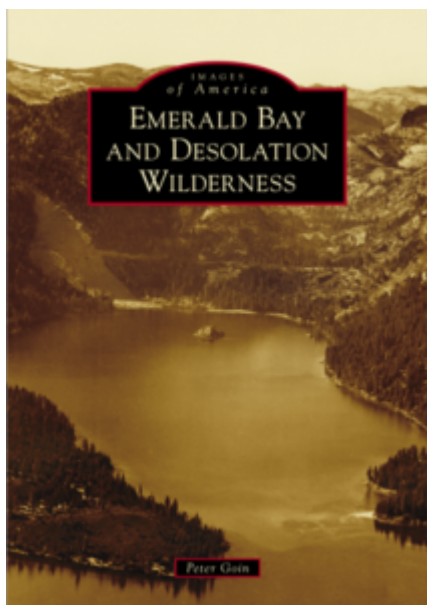


LTN Book Review: Book about Tahoe not great

By Kathryn Reed

It's hard to believe a picture book about Lake Tahoe could be disappointing. But "Emerald Bay and Desolation Wilderness" by Peter Goin (Arcadia Publishing, 2018) was just that.

Many of the pictures are repetitive and few are ones I have not seen before.



It would even be hard for me to recommend this to someone wanting to learn about the history of the area because the redundancy and the poor quality of so many of the black and white photos. While Goin can't be faulted for the photos especially since many date back to the early 1900s, he did choose them.

Clearly for some people there will be historical information that might not be known, so the book could be educational.

One of the photos I found most interesting was of the slope above Emerald Bay prior to the slide in 1955. That scar is still such a focal point along Highway 89.

The book is divided into chapters about Emerald Bay, Fannette Island, Vikingsholm, Cabins and Retreat, Emerald Bay Camp, "Rose Marie" the Movie, and Desolation Wilderness.

Had the book been produced by one of the area historical societies it would have been easier to recommend just to

support their cause. As a private individual simply using photos procured from elsewhere just adds to a reason to say this book should only be thumbed through at the library if you really want to see it.

Opinion: Mexico's next president likely to defy Trump

By Luis Gómez Romero, The Conversation

President Trump has long blamed Mexico for the flow of Central Americans seeking to enter the United States' southern border.

Migrants just cross Mexico like they're "walking through Central Park," Trump once claimed.

In truth, Mexico is aggressive in enforcing U.S. immigration policy. In 2014 President Enrique Peña Nieto implemented a robust deterrence effort, the Southern Border Program, to deter migration across Mexico's border with Guatemala.

Between 2014 and 2015, Mexican deportations of Central Americans traveling to the U.S. – primarily Guatemalans, Hondurans and Salvadorans – more than doubled, from 78,733 in 2013 to 176,726 in 2015. During the same period, U.S. border agents detained half as many Central American migrants at the border.

That compliant attitude is about to change. Mexicans elect their next president – and 18,000 other elected officials, from mayors all the way up to senators – on Sunday, July 1. It is the biggest and most expensive election in Mexico's

history. And Trump's draconian new immigration policies, which include detaining children and criminally prosecuting migrants, have taken center stage in the presidential race.

Mexico's four presidential candidates argue over many issues, from corruption to the economy. But they all agree on this: Mexico can no longer maintain its policy of helping enforce U.S. immigration laws.

Nobody's piñata

Presidential front-runner Andrés Manuel López Obrador is an outspoken Trump critic who recently denounced separating migrant families as "arrogant, racist and inhuman."

He is widely expected to win on Sunday. The 64-year-old leftist has led the four-way race for months and currently has 49 percent of voter support, according to the latest polls.

López Obrador launched his presidential bid on April 1 with a rally in Ciudad Juárez, the northern Mexico city where thousands of migrants cross into the U.S. each year. In a fiery speech, López Obrador promised that, with him as president, Mexico would reassert itself as a "free, sovereign and independent" nation and would not be the "piñata" of any foreign power.

An early critic of President Peña Nieto's Southern Border Program, López Obrador has accused the Mexican government of committing human rights violations in its persecution and deportations of Central American migrants.

On his watch, Mexico would still "pay special attention" to its southern border, López Obrador says, but it would no longer do Trump's "dirty work." López Obrador wants Mexico to respect existing laws that protect the human rights of migrants and guarantee that asylum-seekers can find refuge in its borders.

Ricardo Anaya, the right-of-center second-place candidate, has also attacked Nieto's policy of detaining and deporting Central American migrants. Anaya says his country must be a "moral authority" on immigration, treating Central Americans in Mexico as justly and humanely as Mexican immigrants would like to be treated in the U.S.

The changing face of migration

Illegal immigration to the U.S. has changed radically over the past two decades.

The number of Mexicans apprehended crossing illegally has plummeted, from more than 1.6 million in 2000 to 130,000 last year.

Central Americans, driven by endemic violence and pervasive poverty, now make up a bulk of all people caught trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. In 2017, U.S. Border Patrol agents there arrested 303,916 migrants. Just over half of them – 162,891 people – were from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Mexico has thus become a major transit country for migrants.

It is also, increasingly, their final destination. Mexico saw 12,700 asylum requests from Central American refugees, up from 8,800 in 2016 and 3,400 in 2015. Only the U.S. received more Central American asylum-seekers, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency.

Rather than welcome Central Americans, Nieto's administration in 2014 accepted \$90 million of American funding to better secure its borders. His government has ruthlessly persecuted migrants who journey through the country.

Mexico detained 40,920 Central American migrants between January and April 2018 alone. Nearly 35,000 were deported.

In 2016, the Obama administration recognized Mexico for

“absorbing” so many Central American migrants. Trump has expressed no such gratitude.

The high cost of appeasing Trump

In 2016, Peña Nieto’s advisers invited both U.S. presidential candidates to visit Mexico.

Clinton declined the invitation. Trump, whose 2016 campaign was fueled by promises to build a “big, fat, beautiful” border wall, accepted.

In a joint press conference on Aug. 31, 2016, Peña Nieto emphasized his country’s contribution to U.S. immigration enforcement. The border, Peña Nieto said, represents a “shared challenge” and a “great humanitarian crisis.”

Trump was subdued at that event. But he ridiculed the Mexican president at a campaign rally later the same day, insisting that Mexico would indeed pay for a border wall.

“They don’t know it yet,” he told supporters in Phoenix, “but they’re going to pay for it.”

Peña Nieto never recovered from this diplomatic disaster. According to the newspaper El Universal, 88 percent of Mexican citizens were offended by Trump’s visit – and by Peña Nieto’s polite, submissive behavior. The Mexican president’s approval rating plunged to below 25 percent and never bounced back.

His party has paid the price. José Antonio Meade, the presidential candidate for Peña Nieto’s Revolutionary Institutional Party, has been stuck in third place throughout the 2018 election season.

Another Mexican revolution

López Obrador, a savvy career politician, has benefited from Peña Nieto’s mistake.

Even the choice of location for his campaign launch, Ciudad Juárez, sent a powerful message that López Obrador's attitude toward Trump would not be one of deference.

Juárez is not just a border city – it's a symbolic place in Mexican history. It was the bulwark where Mexico's only indigenous president, Benito Juárez, in 1867 fought back a French invasion and re-established a sovereign Mexican government. Juárez was also home to key moments in the Mexican Revolution, which began in 1910.

López Obrador closed his campaign on June 27, four days before the election as required by Mexican law. At a massive rally in Mexico City's Azteca stadium, he promised 100,000 supporters that he would "transform" their country.

Like so many of López Obrador's lofty campaign commitments, his immigration plan is short on details. But it's clear Trump has already lost his power of intimidation south of the border – even if, to paraphrase his own verbal jab, he doesn't know it yet.

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Shooting leaves 1 dead in SLT, 1 in custody

A shooting in South Lake Tahoe late Saturday afternoon left one person dead and another in jail.

The incident started after 5pm June 30 in the Tahoe Verde mobile home park on Julie Lane. Residents were told to shelter

in place for more than two hours.

South Lake Tahoe police officers have not provided many details other than to confirm one dead, one in custody. The suspected shooter is from South Lake Tahoe.

Details about the victim have not been released. What led to the exchange of gunfire has also not been released.

Police brought out the heavy military style equipment as they tried to get the man to surrender. He had been holed up in a house outside the park.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

USFS making changes in Incline Village

The U.S. Forest Service has released the draft decision notice and a finding of no significant impact for the Incline Management Plan Project.

The draft selects alternative 2 as the proposed action. This would bring the land up to NFS standards for stream and habitat management, vegetation management, dispersed recreation management, and road and trails standards.

Project-specific roads and trails proposals include adopting and rerouting of existing trails; replacing and/or upgrading road and trail stream crossings; installing BMPs, interpretive and wayfinding signs; creating a new trail near the former Incline Lake bed, and resource protection barriers.

Restoration activities would include removing the dam

diversion ditch that connects Third Creek to the former Incline Lake bed; restoring stream channels and aquatic species habitat throughout the area; revegetating with native vegetation species areas that are degraded; restoring damage to wetlands, which resulted from water diversion activities; repairing erosion along the Franktown Ditch; developing a plan for future white bark pine management; and reducing tree density in meadow and wetland areas through forest thinning and restoration of Aspen communities.

The purpose of the Forest Plan amendment is to change the management area designation of approximately 400 acres west of Third Creek from general forest to backcountry.

The documents are **online**.

Nev. marijuana sales have another strong month

By Wade Tyler Millward, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Days before the first anniversary of recreational marijuana sales in Nevada, the industry has given the state a present.

Data from the state Department of Taxation show the amount of tax revenue from marijuana has exceeded state projections for the first year – two months ahead of time.

The state collected \$6.55 million in marijuana tax revenues in April, bringing the total since recreational sales become legal to \$55.53 million, according to the department Thursday.

Read the whole story

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Mark Cooley of Reno has created a logo for Lake Tahoe Humane Society.

- Truckee Police Department and Truckee Fire Protection District have updated the town's evacuation guide. It is available **online**.

- Work to repair Barker Pass Road on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe should be done by mid-July. U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit construction crews, supported by local contractors, are working to replace pavement in two locations at the top of the popular off-highway vehicle, Tahoe Rim Trail and Pacific Crest Trail access road. The road closure begins just beyond the Blackwood Canyon Bridge, but the road to the campground is open.

- As part of the Libraries Rock summer reading program, the staff at the Zephyr Cove Library will teach children how to make musical instruments out of household items on July 19 from 2-4pm. All crafting supplies will be provided by the library.

- At the Ski California Maintenance and Operations Conference at Squaw Valley, Kevin Schmidlin of Sierra-at-Tahoe and Curtis Kezich of Heavenly Mountain Resort were named Lift Mechanics of the Year. Lift Operations Person of the Year was Brandon Swartz of Heavenly.

Arrest made in death of S. Lake Tahoe cyclist

A South Lake Tahoe man on Friday night turned himself into law enforcement in the hit-and-run death of a cyclist earlier in the week.

Joseph Chesler, 33, faces charges of involuntary manslaughter and hit-and-run death. Bail was set at \$125,000. The sport utility vehicle Chesler is believed to have been driving at the time has been impounded.

The body of Trevor Martin Bright, 33, of South Lake Tahoe was found by construction workers June 27 when they arrived to work on Highway 50. It is believed he was killed on June 26.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Gaming numbers positive throughout Nev.

May was a good month for most Nevada casinos, with the statewide win up 5.3 percent over 2017 to \$1.04 billion.

Four out of the last five months Nevada casinos have collectively topped \$1 billion.

Stateline casinos were up a modest 1.14 percent, while the North Shore posted a 25.1 percent increase.

Slot machines and baccarat were what helped the casinos, according the state Gaming Control Board.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Letter: Changing the lineup at SISLT

To the community,

The 60th installation of Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe Foundation officers combined a patriotic 4th of July theme and America's signature game, baseball, in a lighthearted ceremony at Harvey's convention center on June 27. It began with photographs of the club's 1964 fundraising baseball game between Soroptimist and Rotary of South Lake Tahoe, followed by clips from the legendary Abbott and Costello film "Who's on First." The tables were decorated with cups of peanuts and Cracker Jack; the installing officers in baseball shirts and hats.

New officers included pinch hitter, Lee Moisio (director), third base coach, Liz Palmer (director), Ccenter fielder, Hanna Bernard (delegate), left fielder, Jenn Lukins (delegate), right fielder, Vicki Gonzales (alternate delegate), short stop, Aletha Nelligan (treasurer), third base, Ellen Palazzo (recording secretary), second base, Cathy Donovan (corresponding secretary), first base, Annie Davidson (vice president), catcher, Liz Beispel (president elect), pitcher, Pam Barrett (president) and umpire, Cheryl Chambers (parliamentarian).

This is Pam's second term as president following a highly

successful first term. In addition to a successful wine tasting, Pam took up the Regional Governor's philanthropic challenge to each club to provide 100 dresses to young girls in poor countries all over the world. Pam challenged her members to exceed the goal and they did – providing 207 handmade dresses. Each dress bears a small emblem indicating that the wearer is sponsored by a caring woman and is a warning to would be traffickers. The dresses are distributed by members as they travel around the world.

Linda Mendizabel, SISLT

Warning: Fireworks are illegal in Tahoe basin

Hi this is Sallie from South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue reminding everyone not to use personal fireworks this coming 4th of July.

Not only are fireworks illegal in the entire Tahoe basin, but numerous fires result from their use, not to mention the severe injuries they may cause to the users.

The South Shore area provides the locals and visitors a world-class fireworks display on the evening of July 4 at 9:45pm. This display is visible over the lake from the South Shore beaches on both the California and Nevada sides.

South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue wishes you a safe and sane 4th of July celebration.

– Sallie Ross-Filgo