

Trump's environmental scorecard

By Christopher Solomon, *Outside*

Perhaps you've heard that Donald Trump is running for president, and that he has strong opinions on issues like immigration and terrorism. Chances are, though, that you don't know much about his positions on issues that *Outside* readers often care about, like public lands, the environment, conservation, and climate change. These topics usually aren't in the forefront of any presidential race, and that's certainly been true this year.

We reached out to Trump's staff in the weeks before the first presidential debate. The campaign asked us to provide specific questions, saying that Trump's oldest son, Don Jr.—a frequent surrogate for Trump—would get back to us with answers. After that initial exchange, we didn't hear anything—if we ever do, we'll let you know—so we tried the next best approach: assembling Trump's views from speeches, interviews, and statements made on social media. There are a few surprises, a few non-surprises, and a few contradictions that may leave even some of Trump's supporters scratching their heads.

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New fault line discovered

along Salton Sea

By Barrett Newkirk, Desert Sun

Scientists say they've discovered a new fault line running along the eastern edge of the Salton Sea parallel to the San Andreas Fault.

The announcement, published this week in the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, follows a recent rash of almost 200 small earthquakes at the Southern California inland sea and heightened concerns about the "Big One."

Valerie Sahakian, a researcher with the U.S. Geological Survey and lead author of the study, said the newly named Salton Trough Fault has no connection to the recent quake swarm and the timing of the announcement is coincidental.

The research was a joint effort by seismologists from UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, where Sahakian studied, and UNR.

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Forum slated for STPUD candidates

There will be a forum Oct. 19 for South Tahoe Public Utility District candidates.

It will be an opportunity for the public to hear statements

from the four candidates on the November ballot: Kirk David, Nick Exline, Kelly Sheehan and Randy Vogelgesang. Two seats are open.

Each candidate will be allowed to give an opening statement, answer questions posed by the audience and then provide a closing statement. The 6pm forum is anticipated to last 90 minutes.

The district board room is located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

Haase sets core values as Stanford basketball coach



Jerrod Haase, a South Tahoe High alum, is in his inaugural season as the Stanford men's basketball coach. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

By Vytas Mazeika, Bay Area News Group

Stanford men's basketball practice began Sunday. But whatever drills first-year coach Jerod Haase put his players through at Maples Pavilion, it's unlikely to compare with the two-day Navy SEAL camp from a couple of weeks ago in South Lake Tahoe.

For example, the Cardinal hit the pool on Day 2 before sunrise for a couple of hours.

"It was about 30, 33 degrees outside," junior guard Dorian Pickens said. "We were swimming in the pool and we had our hoodies on, and one of the tasks is we had to go underwater

and take the sweatshirts off and pass them to the teammate, meanwhile treading water. They had to put them back on and we had to do it in a certain amount of time.”

Haase, who grew up in South Lake Tahoe, took advantage of a Navy SEAL training program once during his four-year stint at University of Alabama at Birmingham to teach teamwork and leadership in tough situations.

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Gaming board refers proposal on money laundering to staff

By Richard N. Velotta, Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Nevada Gaming Control Board will refer a proposal to strengthen money-laundering regulations for sports books to its staff to determine if it would create additional burdens on its tax and audit divisions.

The board on Thursday conducted a workshop on a proposed regulation that was unusual in that it was generated by petition from a licensee. Board members were concerned that the proposal urged in a petition by Mesquite Gaming was motivated by competitive reasons.

Representatives of Mesquite Gaming told regulators they wanted them to close a loophole involving sports wagering payouts in excess of \$10,000 from satellite books that commonly exist in rural locations.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe



Christine
Vuletich

- Christine Vuletich, Douglas County assistant county manager and former finance director for South Lake Tahoe, has been hired to be assistant county manager for Washoe County.
- Truckee Community Theater presents “The Odd Couple” on Oct. 21-23. Details and tickets are available **online**.
- The South Lake Tahoe pool will be closed today through Oct. 9 while the dome is put back on.
- Ryan Sommers is the permanent North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District fire chief. He was appointed interim chief in February after Michael Brown retired. Sommers has been with the NLTFPD since 1991 when he began as a seasonal volunteer firefighter.
- Vail Resorts is spending \$100 million this season across all of its properties. New for the three Tahoe resorts is EpicMix Time, which allows guests to access real-time lift line wait times.

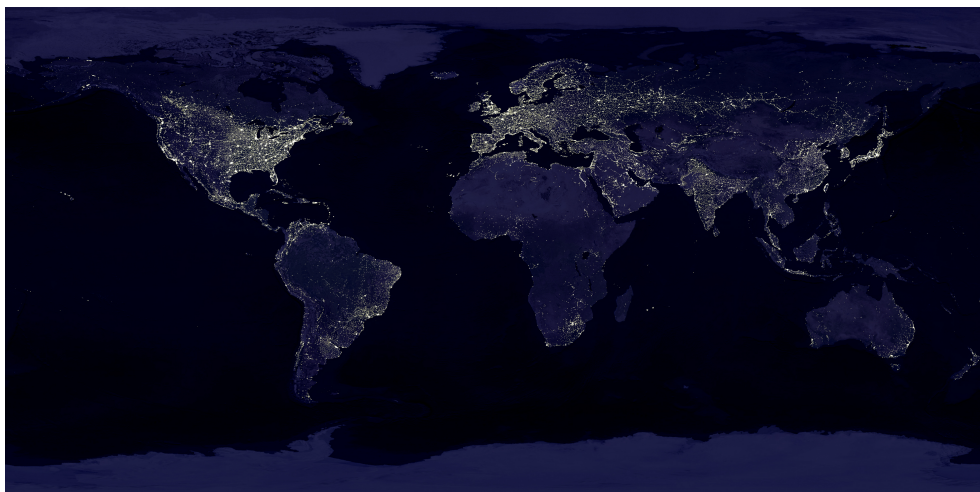
Star Guide: How bright is your night sky?

By Tony Berendsen

If you're a star gazer, you may be interested to know how to measure the darkness of your night sky? Maybe you'd even like to become a citizen-scientist and make a measurement from your backyard contributing data to the Globe at Night campaign?

The darkness of the night sky is actually measured as the brightness of the night sky; the brighter the sky, the fewer stars you can see at night.

During the day the sun's bright light obscures our view of the stars. Then, during twilight as the sky dims, planets and stars begin to appear as sky brightness fades. The brightness of the sky at night depends on a variety of natural and human light sources. Atmospheric conditions such as clouds and haze can affect brightness too. Even the stars themselves contribute to sky brightness. If we removed all other sources of light, the sky at night would not be completely dark.



The night sky is impacted by light pollution.

Photo/NASA

Beside the occasional light of the moon, it is human caused light that obscures the stars from nighttime view. We call this light pollution. It's most prominent in urban areas, but exists in rural areas with poorly designed lighting. When outside lights are pointing up instead of shielded and reflected to the ground scattered light brightens the sky. It is true that just one poorly designed light can locally outshine the shimmering majesty of a billion stars in our galaxy.

"Globe at Night is an international citizen-science campaign to raise the awareness of the impact of light pollution," according to the National Optical Astronomy Observatory. If you take part in sky brightness measurements through the program, you will be contributing to a worldwide map of the sky brightness from the surface of our planet documenting the loss of our view of the stars across the planet.

The program asks people to become citizen-scientists and to collect sky brightness measurements during specific times of each month of the year. For October this year measurements are made from Oct. 21-31.

To make and report a measurement, go **online** and follow the instructions on what to observe and how to report. Constellations are used to identify the area of the sky to be measured. If you aren't constellation savvy a star gazing app or star chart from *Astronomy* magazine or *Sky and Telescope* can be very helpful.

There are several methods for measuring sky brightness, Globe at Night uses comparative star charts. Some additional methods are **Sky Quality Meter**, the **Bortle Scale**, and recently an app that works with iPhone – **Dark Sky Meter** pro.

As a traveling outreach astronomer I see the Milky Way in dark

sky locations many times during the year. When I'm home in Reno, I can see our galaxy from my backyard. But that could change with one poorly placed light adding too much brightness to my neighborhood.

How many stars can you see from your backyard citizen-scientist? How bright is your night sky?

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Tahoe climbers summit 26,906-foot peak

By Priya Hutner, Tahoe Weekly

Adrian Ballinger and Emily Harrington returned home two weeks from the day they left Tahoe after attaining their goal to summit Cho Oyu, the mountain known as the Turquoise Goddess, in record time.

Speaking from his home in Squaw Valley, Ballinger had been home less than 48 hours, where he'd returned from the top of the 26,906' peak five days prior.

Admittedly exhausted, Ballinger was bright, positive and upbeat. He was on a high, overjoyed and elated that the trip was a smashing success. All of the prep, all of the training and all of the logistics favored the team on their whirlwind adventure.

"It was an amazing summit day. It was warm and sunny, there were very few climbers on the mountain and we got to ski the whole way down," said Ballinger.

Kings Beach improvements nearing completion

Once curb, gutter and concrete pavement is completed this week on Highway 28 in Kings Beach, grinding and paving at the east end will begin.

This is expected to start Monday between the Char Pit and Beaver Street, and finish Thursday. Lanes will be temporarily shifted through the work zone. One-way alternating traffic control through the work zone will be in place intermittently, however two lanes of traffic (one lane in each direction) will be open by 3pm each day. Chipmunk south will be closed during this work, and a detour will be in place via Coon Street and Brockway Vista.

Paving on the west end of the project site was finished last week.

Daytime underground storm drain and curb and gutter work will continue on Chipmunk Street north of Highway 28 between 7am-5pm during the week. Chipmunk Street north will be closed intermittently to through traffic between the highway and Minnow for approximately another three weeks.

Saturday work at the east end, including Chipmunk north, will continue during the dayt this weekend and possibly next weekend.

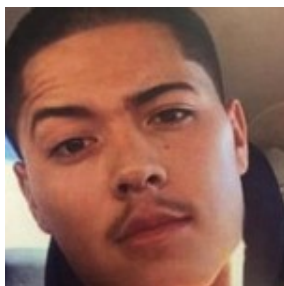
Overlay paving on Salmon and Chipmunk and the remaining speed humps on Rainbow and Fox Streets will be done during the

middle of October.

Missing teen's car found near Truckee

By Marcella Corona , Reno Gazette-Journal

Authorities found the car that belonged to a missing 19-year-old Barstow man, who disappeared last year on his way to start a new landscaping job in Truckee, according to the Barstow Police Department.



Daniel
Gallardo

Daniel Gallardo Jr., was reported missing on Oct. 28, 2015, by his family in Barstow, which is why the city's local police department is leading in the missing person investigation, Barstow Detective Leo Griego said Thursday.

On Wednesday evening, Griego confirmed Gallardo's car was recently found two miles north of Truckee.

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