

Study: Nev.-Calif. border susceptible to major quake

By Henry Brean, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Half a dozen seismic faults along the Nevada-California border – including two within 60 miles of Reno and one about 100 miles from Las Vegas – appear primed to unleash a moderate to major earthquake, according to a study.

A pair of scientists from Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich examined the behavior of a system of active faults east of the Sierra Nevada range in California over more than 1,400 years.

They found that six of those faults, from California's Death Valley National Park in the south to Nevada's Pyramid Lake in the north, now carry an estimated stress load high enough to trigger an earthquake of magnitude 7.0 or greater.

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Douglas County hosting stormwater meetings

Douglas County is hosting a series of meetings to discuss stormwater issues specific to geographic areas.

Staff will explain how a stormwater management program and utility fee might work. A presentation will be given at each meeting and will include recommendations from the Citizen's Flood Task Force, examples of how a stormwater management

program could work. Public input will sought, too.

On Aug. 18 the Douglas County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with House Moran Consulting for the implementation of the Douglas County Stormwater Utility.

The meetings are:

- Sept. 12, 6-8pm – Genoa Town Hall, 2287 Main St.
- Sept. 13, 6-8pm – Johnson Lane Fire Station No. 6, 1450 Stephanie Way, Minden
- Sept. 14, 6-8pm – Douglas County Community and Senior Center dining room, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville
- Sept. 19, 6-8pm – Kahle Community Center-Tallac Conference Room. 236 Kingsbury Grade, Stateline
- Sept. 20, 6-8pm – TRE Community Center, 3939 Carter Way
- Sept. 21, 6-8pm – Fish Springs Fire Station No. 9, 2249 Fish Springs Road, Gardnerville.

More information about the Stormwater Management Program is **online**.

Free fishing day in Calif. on Saturday

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's last free fishing day of the year is Sept. 3.

A basic annual resident sport fishing license in California costs \$47.01. On Saturday it will be legal to fish without

one.

All fishing regulations such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect. Every angler must also have an appropriate report card if they are fishing for abalone, steelhead or sturgeon anywhere in the state, or salmon in the Smith and Klamath-Trinity river systems.

The fishing rules and regulations may be found **online**.

Opinion: SLTPD new look, SWAT operations

By Brian Uhler

The officers and staff of the South Lake Tahoe Police Department have undertaken a review appearance of the SLTPD vehicles and have concluded with a new design.



Brian Uhler

The new look depicts our patch, which we are all proud to wear. The background includes a mountain scene which represents our good fortune to serve in such a beautiful place. The old logo was rather generic with just lettering on the doors. I hope you like the new look.

I recently had the pleasure of going with our SWAT team as they served a search and arrest warrant for a man who committed a robbery with a gun. It was impressive to watch our troops in action. In today's times, it is imperative to be in control and present a calm demeanor.

As the officers did their job, there was no yelling or fast, seemingly hurried actions. Instead, the voice on the MRAP armored vehicle's public address system asking for those inside to come out was calm and the officers moved with a deliberate pace. The unfolding of events was methodical and clear to everyone who may have had an opportunity view.



SLTPD has a new logo.

As a police chief who has more than 19 years of serving in a variety of SWAT capacities, I am proud of the SLTPD's team and impressed with their cool nature. The public can be reassured that if things ever get really bad, your police department will handle themselves with professionalism and respect for all concerned—even the suspect(s).

Brian Uhler is chief of police for South Lake Tahoe.

What's swimming in Lake Tahoe's depths?

By Kevin Oliver, KCRA-TV

It had never been done before. But, a Northern California man dedicated to finding Lake Tahoe's deep-water secrets finally recorded video from the deepest points of the lake.

A particular image Chase Petley captured during one of his adventures has researchers scratching their heads.

Petley started his quest to bring back the first video from the depths of Lake Tahoe after driving by the lake and then searching online for underwater images.

When he found nothing, Petley went to work. He built a submersible casing that allows him to drop a GoPro camera a quarter-of-a mile deep to see what lies at the bottom of Lake Tahoe.

[Read the whole story](#)

Nev. may add Green Party candidate to ballot

By Jamie Munks, Las Vegas Review-Journal

A federal judge is considering a complaint by the Nevada Green Party seeking to force the secretary of state to accept supplemental signatures that would allow presidential candidate Jill Stein to appear on the ballot in November.

The Nevada Green Party in June submitted to Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske roughly 8,600 signatures for Stein to appear on the Nevada ballot. But some of the signatures were later deemed invalid, leaving the party short of the minimum requirement of 5,431 valid signatures by June 3.

The party filed an appeal seeking to have 3,000 signatures rechecked and collected an additional 1,200 signatures to gain ballot access, which Cegavske rejected.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe



President Obama was issued a South Lake Tahoe ID card when he was in town.

- Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless is seeking volunteers for this winter. Volunteers must complete a two-hour training. For more info, email Rachel@tahoehomeless.org or call 775.573.0822.

- Gary Romano, author of "July & Winter: Growing Food in the Sierra," will be signing books Sept. 26 at 6pm at Sundance Books in Reno and Sept. 30 at 5:30pm at The Bookshelf in Truckee. Books will be available at the Tuesday farmers' market in South Lake Tahoe and at Sample the Sierra on Sept.

17.

· Tahoe Writers Works, an open workshop for writers of any genre, meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at Bona Fide HQ – 1069 Magua St., No. 4, Meyers. Next meetings are Sept. 13 and 27.

· Red Bull has canceled this month's Donner Downhill. "Due to unforeseen circumstances, Red Bull Donner Downhill scheduled for Sept. 10 will no longer take place. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to have a competitive downhill skate event in the future," Marlene Garcia, with Red Bull, told *Lake Tahoe News*. She would not provide more info.

Guilty pleas in tax fraud case

Three people associated with a West Slope tax return preparation business have pleaded guilty to fraud charges.

Teresa Marty, 56, the owner of Placerville-based Advanced Financial Services, pleaded guilty Aug. 31 to conspiring to file false claims for refund and conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service. On Aug. 24, Pamela Harris, Marty's office manager, and Rebecca Bandera-Marty, a certified tax return preparer, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to file false claims.

Marty, Harris and Bandera-Marty were indicted in June 2013 along with two other co-defendants, Charles and Victoria Tingler. The Tingleers, who were clients, pleaded guilty to filing false claims in spring 2015. They will be sentenced in November.

Marty, Harris and Bandera-Marty admitted that they conspired to file false individual income tax returns claiming more than \$60 million in false federal income tax refunds. Marty and Harris recruited clients by falsely representing that the clients could legally receive sizable tax refunds by filing tax returns with IRS Forms 1099-0ID. AFS prepared false Forms 1099-0ID that reported an amount equal to the clients' debts as income and the same amount as income tax withheld, resulting in significant income tax refunds to which the clients were not entitled. The scheme included clients from 26 states.

Marty is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 4. She faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison, a term of supervised release and monetary penalties. Bandera-Marty is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 16, and Harris is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 4. They each face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a term of supervised release and monetary penalties.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Long: Wants to be a voice for new ideas

Publisher's note: *Lake Tahoe News asked candidates for South Lake Tahoe City Council, Lake Tahoe Community College, Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Douglas County School District, South Tahoe Public Utility District and Lake Valley Fire Protection District a series of questions. We are running the responses in the order received.*



Ted Long is running for one of two seats open on the South Lake Tahoe City Council.

Name: Ted Long

Age: 78

Job/profession: Attorney, lecturer, professor of economics and law

What boards, commissions, or other experience, including volunteering, do you have?: Prior council member, planning commissioner, past president League of California Sacramento division, two time chairmen of LAFCO four-year member, LAFCO and elected to state board, city rep to LTVA, and member of the Eisenhower Foundation, cities and the urban crises panel. Over the past 50 years I have served on over 25 boards and commissions. On the local level I was a past treasurer of the Art League, served on Latino Affairs Committee. Sponsored local soccer season, worked with TRPA on affordable housing and served six years on the El Dorado County Food Bank board.

Why are you running for City Council?: To be a voice for the “little guy” to represent the citizens’ of the city and to provide a voice for new and different ideas.

Why should voters vote for you over another candidate?: My qualifications, the relationships I have created that will serve the city, my willingness to put in the extra time and

the policies I support.

What distinct experience or competency makes you uniquely qualified to lead effectively as an elected official?: See answer 4. I have been an advocate for change and equality for over 50 years.

Public agencies have been under scrutiny the last few years for lack of transparency and accountability. What will you do to ensure both?: Public disclosure and holding public meetings I would like to see a third monthly meeting held to discuss issues and to bring various departments for the public to interact with.

What stands out for you in the current budget that you support and that you would change?: Priority needs to be infrastructure and reestablishing community police and fire departments. We need a review of the recreational facilities for repair and update.

Do you support current legislation for \$15 minimum wage? Please explain: Yes, corporate profits are at an all-time high. The spirit of democracy demands that the wealth be fairly distributed. As we look at other countries we clearly see that employees can receive a livable wage and working conditions while companies grow. I recently completed a tour of German factories and saw fairness work.

Do you support Proposition 55? Please explain: Legislating personal behavior like this has never worked. Probation is the best example. There is already a robust trade in marijuana we need to regulate and tax, the funds committed to raising the standard of living for the poorest.

Describe three attributes for a successful council: Skill (qualifications), concern and availability. A willingness to use the platform to expand the city's relationship with other cities, state and federal officials, like the work I did with the League of California cities.

What are your thoughts about public employee defined benefits?: Public employees deserve a good benefit program, at least on par with private programs. They must also face the problems and issues that confront all employers and have programs they can depend on.

Please explain your position regarding contracting out work normally done by staff: Only when extraordinary requirements would require it.

What is your 10-year vision for South Lake Tahoe?: Roads repaired, economy booming and several new low and work force housing projects under way. We need to develop our relationship with the high tech industries, this will bring real jobs to the area. I propose a committee be formed and visit the Silicon Valley to determine exactly what it will take to get those that can work anywhere do our town.

What one vote in the last four years that the current council made do you disagree with and why?: Mostly the internal bickering and the general attitude that I hear about in their willingness to listen to all views, more then a few have told me that they do not think the council listens. I am proposing a third, non-official meeting each month just to talk and interact on the issues of the day.

How many City Council meetings have you attended this year?: I believe four, I do watch on TV as well.

What do you know about the strategic plan, finances, debt, and goals of the city?: I understand the economic development issues, the refinance of debt and I am not sure what the effects and alternatives are to the abandonment of redevelopment in the state.

Being on the council means working as a team. How will you work with the sitting members for the greater good of the community?: I am very clear that to get something done you need support of others, I will work to earn and deserve that

support. I have demonstrated some ability in being selected as foreman of the grand jury, elected to the state board of LAFCO, two times selected as its chairman and my leadership role with the League of California Cities.

What should be the three main priorities for the council?: Roads, community spirit and affordable housing.

What have you done to make yourself ready to be a council member?: History of involvement, follow local issues.

What role should government have in housing for residents?: A livable home is as important as any other freedom we have. I believe that inadequate or non-existing housing is a key issue in the cause of many of the other problems we have. We provide public support if your home is damaged by natural disaster, why not if you can't afford it?

How can the city partner with the school district to improve high school graduation rates?: To be available to assist, to be a role model. To find mutual areas of interest and to develop them. We must also expand our role with the college. For example if we are successful in making our city the best place for high tech work, then the college might look to courses that support that career.

How can local government support and expand job creation and small local businesses?: By supporting the business community, provide affordable housing and demonstrate and share community spirit. By reaching out, there are thousands that can work anywhere, why are they not here?

If you believe in the one South Shore concept, what would you do to further make this a reality? If you don't believe in blurring the state line, why don't you?: I think it is a reality, we need to work together, we have a lot more in common than that which could separate us, we must remember that with current technology the entire world is a smaller place.

What are your views on:

a: Vacation home rentals: I support private property rights and respect the needs of residence for safe and sane neighborhoods. This issue can be resolved.

b: Loop road: Not sure yet, on the surface I like the idea of a mall or walking space I also want all the residence protected with replacement housing.

c: City streets: High priority, needs work

d: Relationships with other public agencies: My involvement with many as a member and leader demonstrates my recognition of their importance and the need to work together. I consider the post as councilmember an important introduction into other organizations. This is where you build relationships and get support for your city.

e: Recreation: Number two job of the city.

f. TRPA defined commodities: I understand the reason behind them but feel that they slow potential growth and the solving of housing issues. I have seen major shifts in TRPA's view and a willing to work together. Higher quality development means better environmental controls.

g. Transient occupancy tax measure: Support, as long as the funds are spend to address tourist needs and problems.

h. Sales tax measure: Not sure yet, my principal concern is the use of the money.

i. What do you want the additional sales tax money to go to?:
If done, to housing and support a growing economy.

Tell us something about yourself that people may not know: I mean well and want to work for the greater good. I believe that open, honest discussion will lead to solutions. I believe that if something is not working you need to try something

else, not just do it over and over.

How will you be a different council member compared to when you served before?: I believe that I have mellowed and have become more open. I certainly have learned a lot in the past years.

Opinion: Big Foot is worried about California

By Bigfoot (as told to Joe Mathews)

Some people doubt my existence. But, my fellow Californians, I'm one of you.

And as I travel widely, my fears have grown about our home state. My anxiety is not because of all the people who claim to have seen me, but because I'm seeing far too much of all of you.



Joe Mathews

Yes, it's true that there have been a few more sightings of me in Washington state (about 450, according to various Bigfoot trackers) than California (about 400). But every hair on my body calls California home. The most famous pictures of me (the Patterson-Gimlin film of 1967) were taken in the Golden

State. And I've always been proud of the way I bring its disparate regions together, from Bigfoot-themed bars in L.A. to the Bigfoot Discovery Museum in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I bridge Hollywood (which made me famous on TV and in film) and Silicon Valley (Did you see me in Google ads during the Olympics?).

I spend most of my time in the far north of the state—there's a reason Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt counties boast the most sightings of yours truly. I'm particularly loyal to the tiny Humboldt town of Willow Creek, the world's unofficial Bigfoot capital. This Labor Day weekend, as usual, I'll ride down Willow Creek's Main Street in the parade for the annual Bigfoot Days celebration, check in on my artifacts at a local museum, and watch the lawn mower race, the hirsute's answer to the Grand Prix.

Seeing old friends will be fun. But I must confess I miss the solitude I used to enjoy when I had California's wilder areas mostly to myself.

These days I'm encountering so many people in our state's once-remote precincts that I can hardly get a moment's peace. The marijuana-industrial complex is relentlessly pushing into the lightly populated regions I favor; the noise of their trucks—bringing in soil, shipping out the finished product—disturbs my sleep. California's urban housing shortage is forcing more people to build in places near my remote haunts. And that doesn't include the homeless, who don't just live in cities. I can't walk a ridge on state or federal lands without running into a new encampment.

The presence of more people in forests adds to the risk of giant wildfires at a dangerous time. The drought has dried up waterways and turned brush and trees into kindling. And the death of millions of trees there has made some familiar landscapes almost unrecognizable. The erosion is extreme in many wild places, including Bluff Creek, where that video of

me was shot nearly 50 years ago.

I find these intrusions on my wild existence so depressing that lately I've been spending more time intruding on your cities, particularly in settings where I fit in. In the hipster havens of San Francisco and Los Angeles, men are so allergic to shaving these days that if I wear a beanie hat, skinny jeans and custom-made sneakers, no one pays me any attention.

My urban forays have led me to wonder if the incursions into my once-quiet wilderness are my own fault. Californians used to be scared of the woods and wild things like me. I showed up in horror films. "In the 70s, Bigfoot was frigging terrifying—he was a monster who killed people," says my friend Bobby Green, designer-owner of the Bigfoot Lodges in Culver City and Atwater Village in Los Angeles.

But then a more accessible, even cuddly me started appearing in cartoons, funny commercials, and comedies like John Lithgow's "Harry and the Hendersons". And so I've become a cousin to Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny. Compared to the more visceral mythology of video games or Pokémon Go, I worry I'm passé.

Michael Rugg, who runs the Bigfoot Discovery Museum in Felton has written that we seek Bigfoot at three levels. At the level of myth. At the level of biology, as we look to confirm reports of the living thing out there. And at the level of the paranormal, in our search for things that that we're not yet capable of seeing.

That third, paranormal level can be the hardest to take seriously, but it may be the most important. One thing that has always motivated my roaming is the knowledge that I help people recognize that the most important things in our world may be those things that we can't quite understand. And so we must hold to a healthy fear that keeps us from treading too

heavily where we do not belong.

I used to create that fear. I used to be scary; but these days, not so much. Now I run scared.

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