

K's Kitchen: Light, refreshing summer salad

By Kathryn Reed

It seems like I can live off salads for most of the summer. This particular one I keep making over and over.

The greens and beets are available at farmers' markets. I have been using a mixed blend that is available at the Tuesday market in South Lake Tahoe. Using arugula or spinach would be just as yummy.

Using different colored beets just adds to the look, but won't change the taste. What I love about this recipe is using the microwave to cook the beets. It is so much faster than the oven and then it doesn't heat up the whole house.



Beet Salad with Avocado and Feta

3 medium beets, trimmed

1 tsp lemon rind, grated

1½ T fresh lemon juice

¼ tsp pepper

1/8 tsp kosher salt

1 large shallot, thinly sliced

2 T olive oil

4 C salad greens

1 avocado, sliced

$\frac{1}{4}$ C feta cheese, crumbled

Individually wrap beets in parchment paper. Put in microwave for 3 minutes, turn, and cook for 4 more minutes. When cool, peel and slice in to bite-size pieces.

Combine lemon rind, juice, salt and pepper, and shallot. Gradually add oil. Whisk together.

Add beets to greens. Toss with dressing. Top with avocado and feta.

Liberty Utilities rewards students with money

Liberty Utilities gave scholarships to several high school and community college students living within the utility's service territory. This is the fourth consecutive year that Liberty has provided these awards.

Winners include:

- South Tahoe High School – Kimberly Fisher
- Loyalton High School – Hayden Ketchum
- Coleville High School – Kiera Elam
- North Tahoe High School – Makenzie Clauss
- Portola High School – Marcela Cardenas

- Truckee High School – Olivia Yale
- Lake Tahoe Community College – William Tovar.

Each high school senior received \$500, and the community college student received \$750.

Barton offers childbirth class for parents

Barton Health is offering a one-day intensive childbirth preparation class on July 9.

Parents are invited to attend childbirth classes at approximately 28 to 32 weeks. Learn about preparing for the hospital, when to check for admission, pre-term indicators, relaxation/breathing techniques, the birthing process, labor positions, and pain management.

Sign up **online**. Call 530.543.5549 or emailfit@bartonhealth.org for more information. Coast is \$20 per couple.

The class is from 9am-4:30pm at 1077B 4th St., South Lake Tahoe.

Calif. voters face full plate

of initiatives Nov. 8.

By David Siders and Jim Miller, Sacramento Bee

California voters will confront a smorgasbord of policy questions on the November ballot, with initiatives ranging from marijuana legalization and the death penalty to gun control and taxes qualifying by the Thursday deadline.

The Nov. 8 ballot includes the largest number of measures – 17 – since 2000, when 20 measures qualified, according to the California secretary of state's office. The most all time was in November 1914, when 48 measures appeared.

Only the Legislature can add more measures to the ballot now, and it will have little time to do so after returning from its summer recess in August.

Read the whole story

'Pinocchio' auditions on the South Shore

Tahoe Arts Project is bringing the Missoula Children's Theater back to Tahoe the week of July 11.

Auditions for the production of "Pinocchio" are July 11 at the South Tahoe Middle School multipurpose room from 10am-noon. Plan to stay for the full two hours.

Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition. Among the roles to be cast include Pinocchio, Blue Fairy, Jiminy Cricket, the Fox and

Cat, Candlewick and Crew, Urchins, School Kids, Puppets and Toys. No advance preparation is necessary.

Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities. All students in grades 1-12 (at least age 5) are welcome to try out.

Auditions are free and if cast there will be a fee of \$50 per child to participate in this weeklong theater program. A limited number of Rehearsals are 10am-2:30pm each day.

"Pinocchio" will be presented on July 15 at South Tahoe Middle School at 3pm and 5:30pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors.

California's tough gun laws getting stricter

By Jonathan J. Cooper, AP

SACRAMENTO — California's gun laws, already some of the strictest in the nation, will get even more stringent next year.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed onto much of the gun-control agenda advocated by legislative Democrats, who are clamoring to crack down in the wake of high-profile mass shootings including last year's terrorist attack in San Bernardino.

The Democratic governor signed six bills Friday requiring gun owners to give up magazines holding more than 10 rounds and to undergo a background check before they can purchase ammunition, among other measures.

While he vetoed five bills – including a one-gun-per-month purchase limit – he endorsed the most ambitious pieces of the Legislature’s gun control push over the roar of gun-rights advocates frustrated by the increasing weight of restrictions.

“Independence and freedom and liberty in California has been chopped down at the knees and kicked between the legs,” said Sam Paredes, executive director of the advocacy group Gun Owners of California.

Brown’s actions are consistent with his mixed record on gun control. Some of the enacted bills duplicate provisions of a November ballot measure by Democratic Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom. Some of the vetoed measures also appear in Newsom’s initiative, giving voters a chance to overturn Brown’s veto and protecting the initiative from becoming moot.

“My goal in signing these bills is to enhance public safety by tightening our existing laws in a responsible and focused manner, while protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners,” Brown wrote in a one-sentence message to lawmakers.

The state’s move to tighten laws further comes amid years of gridlock at the federal level, which spawned a tense clash in Washington last week as Democrats camped out on the floor of the U.S. House and shouted down Republicans.

“Strong gun laws work. ... What we’re doing in California is a better job of keeping guns out of dangerous hands,” said Amanda Wilcox, a spokeswoman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, whose daughter was killed by a shooter using a high-capacity magazine.

Brown’s action will require people who own magazines that hold more than 10 rounds to give them up. It extends a 1999 law that made it illegal to buy a high-capacity magazine or to bring one into the state but allowed people who already owned them to keep them.

In an attempt to slow gun users from rapidly reloading, the governor signed a bill outlawing new weapons that have a device known as a bullet button. Gun makers developed bullet buttons to get around California's assault weapons ban, which prohibited new rifles with magazines that can be detached without the aid of tools. A bullet button allows a shooter to quickly dislodge the magazine using the tip of a bullet or other small tool.

People will be allowed to keep weapons they already own with bullet buttons, which are often referred to as "California compliant," but they'll be required to register them.

Brown also endorsed a bill requiring ammunition sellers to be licensed, buyers to undergo background checks and transactions to be recorded. It's the Legislature's second attempt to regulate ammunition sales after a judge struck down a 2009 law as too vague.

He also opted to require a background check before a gun can be loaned to someone who isn't a family member.

The governor vetoed an effort to expand a 6-month-old program that allows courts to temporarily restrict gun ownership rights for people suspected of being dangerous. He decided against restricting all firearm purchases to one per month, a limitation that already applies to handguns.

For the third time since 2012, he vetoed a bill requiring gun owners to report a lost or stolen firearm to authorities within five days.

"I continue to believe that responsible people report the loss or theft of a firearm and irresponsible people do not; it is not likely that this bill would change that," he wrote in a veto message.

California is one of six states to get the highest grade from the pro-gun control Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Associated Press writer Don Thompson contributed to this report.

SnowGlobe promoter wants \$3M 10-year deal

By Kathryn Reed

SnowGlobe promoter Chad Donnelly wants South Lake Tahoe to pay him \$3 million over 10 years to keep bringing the three-day music festival to town.

For about a year he has been talking to staff about a long-term contract. The current three-year agreement ends after this year's event in December. Just prior to the June 21 council meeting he let staff know the particulars he'd like in the contract.

City Manager Nancy Kerry revealed some of the specifics at the meeting. It was councilmembers Tom Davis and JoAnn Conner who gave the OK to have the item placed on a future agenda. They are two of the more fiscally conservative members.

"I want to review the contract. Not sure I want to sign a contract for 10 years. I want to see the details. Also would like to know the economic impact on our community. I still support SnowGlobe, but need additional information," Davis told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Conner told *LTN*, "SnowGlobe has a huge impact on our community. I believe the constituents should have an opportunity to give input; the council should not make this decision on its own."



SnowGlobe promoters want to secure a long-term contract with South Lake Tahoe. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

Some of what Donnelly wants:

- 10-year contract
- 3 additional events, presumably in the summer
- \$30,000 in cash – just for SnowGlobe
- \$45,000 in in-kind contributions are that hard costs like transportation, garbage and security
- \$90,000 a year contribution to his management company.

The total comes to about \$300,000 a year, according to city staff – or nearly \$3 million over the course of a 10-year contract.

Under the current contract Donnelly receives \$25,000 in cash and about another \$25,000 in services.

Donnelly did not return multiple calls.

An issue for the city to consider is after this year the concerts will be on a brand new grass field. Construction of that field is under way near the current community ball field at Lake Tahoe Community College. It will be dirt for this year's SnowGlobe – or snow on dirt. Grass will be planted next spring.

“That is why I would not recommend a 10-year contract. We would want to wait until after the first year or even second to see how the field responds to such large impacts of people and equipment,” City Manager Nancy Kerry told *Lake Tahoe News*. “We will likely require a larger deposit on the real grass. If they get a contract extension, they will be responsible to restore the grass to the same condition. We will be able to tell if there are divots or any real depressions.”

Big trucks would not be allowed on the turf. Platforms are put down on the synthetic field and would be on the grass, too, to prevent wear and tear from smaller vehicles.

The event brings about 15,000 people to town, many who attend all three nights. Donnelly in the past has said SnowGlobe brings between \$6 million and \$10 million to the local economy. That includes both sides of the state line.

What the council will have to decide is if the return on investment is worth it. And then the electeds must also decide if they want to rely on Donnelly's numbers to make that decision or if they would find another source.

Letter: Valhalla play is a

must-see

To the community,

Summer in South Lake Tahoe is already known for its outdoor entertainment – great beaches, hiking trails, kayaking, mountain biking, and more. I don't often hear talk about South Lake Tahoe as a theatrical hub, but that really should change.

On June 30, I had the pleasure of attending the opening night of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," part of this year's Valhalla Tahoe Art, Music, & Theatre Festival. I'll get straight to the point, it was phenomenal. The caliber of the production, from the acting to the set design, to the setting at the Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, was as impressive as the best productions I have attended in New York City and San Francisco.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" takes the audience through three acts of hilarity and deliciously uncomfortable dialogue. The cast, which includes Briana Biller, Ginger Nicolay-Davis, Troy Matthews, and Mark Williams, are grippingly convincing in each of their roles and work seamlessly together in this stream-of-consciousness style play set as the after party to a faculty gathering at an East Coast university.

During one intermission, after a laughter-filled, and then shocking act, one audience member commented to me that she has a habit of falling asleep in movies and even during high action television shows, but during this play could not even blink. I could not agree more. Except between laughing and gasping, I hardly took a breath during the entire show.

My sincerest congratulations go to the cast, the crew, and director Rae Matthews for this stunning & wickedly funny production. It is truly a must see in South Lake Tahoe this month for locals and visitors alike.

Go get your tickets!

Jamie Orr, South Lake Tahoe

Major SLT timeshare changing ownership

The parent company of Caesars Entertainment is about to have a larger role in Lake Tahoe.

Apollo Global Management LLC is acquiring Diamond Resorts International Inc. for nearly \$2.2 billion. Apollo is paying \$30.25 per share.

Diamond Resorts operates the timeshare Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort at Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe.

“We look forward to bringing Apollo’s resources to bear and working with the Diamond Resorts’ team to continue to grow and enhance their business,” Apollo partner David Sambur said in a statement.

Apollo and TPG own Caesars. The Caesars unit known as Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., which includes Harrah’s Lake Tahoe and Harveys in Stateline, is in chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Man charged in South Lake Tahoe bank robbery

Updated 8:45pm:

A South Lake Tahoe man is behind bars for allegedly robbing the El Dorado Savings Bank in South Lake Tahoe on Friday afternoon.



Gabriel Evans

Gabriel Antonio Evans, 36, was arrested at his residence in the 3000 block of Riverside Avenue at 7:45pm July 1.

Due to Evan's past violent criminal history, the SWAT team was called in to make the arrest, according to officers.

No weapon was displayed. The amount of money taken is unknown. Nor is it known if has been recovered. The robbery happened just before 1pm Friday at the Al Tahoe Boulevard branch.

This is the **second bank robbery** this week on the South Shore.

"We have not made a connection between that bank and this bank robbery at this point," Police Chief Brian Uhler told *Lake Tahoe News*.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*