Hit Men All-Stars at Harrah’s Tahoe

Hit Men All-Stars on Oct. 23 at 7:30pm at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe. Tickets are $37.50.

For more South Shore Room information, show times, ticket prices and reservations, call 800.786.8208 or purchase tickets online at www.SouthShoreRoom.com.

Unity at the Lake Healing Circle

Unity at the Lake Healing Circle on Oct. 5 at 6:30pm at Regan Beach in South Tahoe. (In case of inclement weather, location will at the Star Tahoe Bldg., 2489 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Ste. 27 – please call to confirm location.)

Join us as we affirm and align in consciousness with the Truth that we are already whole. Bring a healing request to share in this powerful and prayerful ceremony. Bring a lawn chair. Love offering.

For more info, call (530) 544.2266 or visit www.unityatthelake.org.

Unity at the Lake concert-workshop

Unity at the Lake's "Sing the Steps to Oneness" with Elaine Silver is Sept. 17 from 7-9pm at the Star Tahoe Bldg., 2489 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Ste. 27, South Lake Tahoe.

Enjoy a special concert/workshop featuring Silver, a seasoned performer, touring musician and recording artist. She utilizes energies of the heart, body, mind and spirit, as well as some refreshing humor and a sprinkling of magic, for a deeply sacred experience.

The program teaches affirmative prayer using music and song.

Refreshments will be served. Suggested love offering $15-20.

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Unity at the Lake Healing Circle

Unity at the Lake Healing Circle at Regan Beach on Sept. 13 from 6:30pm.

Join us as we affirm and align in consciousness with the truth that we are already whole.

Bring a healing request to share in this powerful and prayerful ceremony. Bring a lawn chair. Love offering.

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Unity at the Lake’s World Day of Prayer

Sept. 9 from 8am-4pm is Unity at the Lake’s World Day of Prayer at the Star Tahoe Bldg., 2489 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Ste. 27, South Lake Tahoe.

It is an all day silent prayer vigil. People may come by anytime during the day to sit in the presence of love and send it out to the world. Experience the dynamic and vibrant flow of open minds and hearts by joining with thousands of others in prayer. Join us in affirming throughout the day:

We are living expressions of Divine light flowing forth into the world. Then come together for an inter-faith prayer and blessing ceremony at 5:30pm at Regan Beach. We’ll bless the Earth and all her waters (we invite you to bring some water from your favorite sacred water spot). We will also be unveiling Unity at the Lake’s new Peace Pole.

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Firewood permit sales in

Nevada about to begin

Permits will go on sale Sept. 11 for the Nevada Division of State Parks' annual wood sale. The sale starts at 8am at a new location: the main lobby of the Richard H. Bryan State Office Building located at 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City.

Permits are $50 per cord – cash or check only– and are limited to two cords per address/family. Approximately 200 permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The sale will end at 11am or once all permits are sold.

The wood consists of a mixture of pine and fir, some seasoned and some green. Most of the wood is approximately 18 inches, although some odd sized and large rounds are possible.

The pick-up schedule will run from Sept. 18 through Oct. 4. Available wood amounts and scheduling will vary by location.

There are three available pick-up locations: the North Canyon area near Spooner Lake; the vicinity of Hobart Reservoir via Lakeview Road in Carson City; and the Van Sickle Bi-State Park on the South Shore.

Trailers are allowed, though four-wheel drive vehicles are required for the Hobart Reservoir pick-up location and strongly encouraged for the other locations.

Call Joy Elwood for more information, (775) 684.2793.

Concussions at prep level

treated seriously, but still pose a concern

By Chris Gabel, Reno Gazette-Journal

Connor Talbott waved his hand in front of Bishop Manogue quarterback and teammate Zach McElroy's face following a particularly brutal hit last season. There was no response.

Coaches and trainers arrived at McElroy's side moments later, and the junior eventually came to. He was loaded onto a gurney and placed in an ambulance, but not before he gave a thumbs up to his concerned teammates.

All told, it was a 20-minute ordeal on the Douglas Tigers' field. McElroy doesn't remember a second of it.

"I remember getting the play from Coach, running out to the huddle and calling it. And that's about it," he said. "I don't remember the hit at all."

McElroy had suffered a concussion.

Read the whole story

Video game obsession may lead to lucrative career

By Mark Glover, Sacramento Bee

Parents who have been riding their kids about playing too many video games might want to reconsider.



That gaming obsession might be the ticket to a college degree and a high-paying job.

The Washington, D.C.-based Entertainment Software Association said last month that 300 American colleges, universities, art and trade schools will offer degrees in video game design, development, programming and art during the 2010-11 academic year.

That’s a nearly 20 percent increase over 2009-10, and California leads the way with 50 institutions of higher learning offering game-related degrees – including the Art Institute of California-Sacramento and Sierra College in Rocklin.

Read the whole story

Opinion: State park fee is just a scam

By Patrick Dorinson

We all love our parks, but parks aren’t really what this initiative is about.

This is about ballot-box budgeting, plain and simple, which allows Sacramento lawmakers to continue the fiscal shell game they are playing with voters. It tests us to see just how far they can go before we cry “uncle.”

Proposition 21 is an illustration of all that is so wrong with Sacramento "politics as usual" by allowing legislators to engage in budgetary sleight of hand, diverting all of the state's current budget allocation away from parks, and use it for entirely different purposes.

You thought Prop. 21 would add money to the general fund parks budget? Think again. Instead of adding to the parks budget, this measure is likely to have the effect of taking away the general government revenue from parks.

The vehicle tax will become the main funding source for state parks, which eventually could end up as a budget reduction.

Read the whole story

Patrick Dorinson is a political communications strategist and commentator in Sacramento.

Poor communications during Angora Fire lead to changes elsewhere

Publisher's note: ***The actual number of structures lost in the Angora Fire was 254 houses.***

By Dana M. Nichols, Stockton Record

SAN ANDREAS – Calaveras and Alpine counties are pioneering a microwave-based communications network for public safety agencies that will speed the work of law officers on their beats and patch the communications gaps that have hindered inter-agency cooperation during major disasters such as the

2007 Angora Fire near Lake Tahoe.

The planned network will cross the crest of the Sierra Nevada in places where there are no phone lines, beam signals into remote canyons that are emergency radio dead spots, and allow officers to run license checks and other queries from terminals in patrol cars.

Eventually, it is expected to serve as a model for a $50 million network that will link virtually all California and western Nevada emergency agencies from Lake Tahoe north.

The effort is the brain child of Clay Hawkins, a former Calaveras County Sheriff's Department captain who is the county's chief assistant administrative officer, and Robert Levy, the undersheriff in Alpine County. Levy saw first hand what a communications meltdown means when he arrived with five Alpine patrol units to assist evacuations and traffic control at the Angora Fire in June 2007.

"This fire was so bad, everybody threw everything they had at it," Levy said. "We got up there, and there was no communications."

Read the whole story