Girls basketball clinic

Douglas County Parks and Recreation Department Girls Basketball Clinics for grades 3-8 will be at Kahle Community Center in Stateline March 6 and March 13 from 4-6pm.

Cost: $8 per clinic, payable to the instructor.

Kahle Community Center will offer a girls 3 on 3 basketball league next fall-winter.

For Information, call (775) 588.5309 or email tracyowenchapman@gmail.com.

Lane given 90 more days to come up with plan for the 'hole'

By Kathryn Reed

A bankruptcy judge today extended the time Randy Lane and his partners have to come up with a plan for the stalled would be convention center in South Lake Tahoe.

Lane and John Serpa, the two lead agents of Zephyr Cove-based Lake Tahoe Development Company, filed for bankruptcy in October. They had 120 days to come with a reorganization plan.



The public should know this summer if the Chateau project will resemble these original drawings.

Upon failing to do so, the company asked for an extension of that exclusivity period to July 2.

The court on March 2 said LTDC has 90 more days, or until June 2 to come up with a plan. That plan would then have to be approved by the creditors who are owed $54 million and the judge by Aug. 2.

Between now and then LTDC and Michael Rosenfeld, the investor Lane lined up to pick up the pieces of the muddled $410 million hotel-retail-convention center complex, must give updates about their due diligence to get the project moving. Those reports must be submitted on the first and 15th of each month.

Those reports must contain:

How negotiations are going between all parties;

How much time and money has been spent by the investor on the negotiations and reorganization plan;

Statement by investor he is still interested;

Report on Tahoe Regional Planning Agency permits;

Report on plan progress.

A city official close to the process said, “If Rosenfeld walks way, Randy is done.”

Lane was not immediately available for comment.

OMIF, the largest creditor, and City National, an outspoken creditor, agreed with the judge’s decision.

South Lake Tahoe had supported a 30-day extension.

If Lake Tahoe Development Company does not submit a plan by June 2, the judge said he would not issue another extension.

Speculation is the project will be much different than what permits have been issued for. It’s unknown if the Chateau at Heavenly Village, as it’s been called, will continue to be the working name.

Court: Release Garrido parole records

By George Warren, News10

SACRAMENTO – An appeals court Monday rejected an attempt by state corrections officials to avoid turning over additional documents relating to the bungled parole of Phillip Garrido.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) sought to overturn a Sacramento judge’s order that the department hand over all of Garrido’s parole records as requested by several media organizations under the Public

Records Act.

The CDCR argued publishing the documents could endanger the safety and security of its staff.

Read the whole story

Lake Tahoe ski report, March 2



Winter is supposed to be back in the Lake Tahoe Basin today. Here is the ski report from Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

Bay Area parks money to be spent in Lake Tahoe

By Paul Thissen, Contra Costa Times

Concord will build bocce courts, install playground equipment, resurface tennis courts and make upgrades at Camp Concord with money from the East Bay Regional Park District's Measure WW bond.

Councilman Mark Peterson asked to delay Tuesday's council vote because he wanted to see whether part of the money could be used toward the creation of a downtown ice rink. Councilwoman Helen Allen agreed.

But the council majority overruled them and approved the list of projects, saying the talk of an ice rink was too nebulous to push back a vote on the rest of the projects.

Read the whole story

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



Dale Rise

Dale Rise, president of South Tahoe Public Utility District, had his Monday preliminary hearing pushed back to April 12.

Truckee chiropractor Erinn Tamney Randall, 39, pleaded guilty last month to two counts of arson. In June, Randall set fire to her home and office.

For the third consecutive winter, a wolverine has been spotted near Truckee.

North Lake Tahoe and the Resort at Squaw Creek will host the 2012 Mountain Travel Symposium.

Truckee police Officers Arthur Munoz and Ryan Moreau were recognized last month by the Sacramento Valley chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the California Office of Traffic Safety for their commitment and efforts in the area of impaired driving education and enforcement.

Former South Tahoe High School security guard Larry Brown had his court hearing in late February changed to later this month.

Retirements at South Lake Tahoe Fire Department have created the need to move some personnel around. Mark WyGant and Marty Creel have been promoted to captain; Scott Smith and Bronson Mills are now engineers. Thomas Cunningham has been hired as a firefighter.

South Shore attorney buys Bill’s Casino for $5.22 mil.

By Kathryn Reed

South Shore attorney Mike Laub paid Harrah’s Entertainment $5.225 million for the five parcels that encompass Bill’s Casino at Stateline.

The sale went through Friday.



Bill's is gone; what the new business name will be remains to be seen.

Billâ’s ceased being a casino Jan. 4. It was a slots only gaming facility for the past few years. Named after Harrah’ founder Bill Harrah, the small club nestled on the east edge of Harrah’s Lake Tahoe was a draw for locals and tourists in its heyday. People used to spill out onto the sidewalks because it didn’t have traditional doors.

Like so much of the gaming industry in Northern Nevada, but especially in Lake Tahoe, the influx of Indian casinos throughout California has been debilitating.

Laub, who has a Glenbrook mailing address, has spoken with Douglas County officials about putting a strip club in where the casino was.

It’s zoned for such a business.

Douglas County Manager Michael Brown said Laub has not submitted any plans to the county.

Brown said the county, including the elected commissioners, have jurisdiction over land use issues but cannot deny a business the right to operate just because they may not like the type of establishment.

Commission Chairwoman Nancy McDermid did not return phone calls.

Laub did not return phone calls Monday either. Jacqueline Peterson with Harrah’s Entertainment in Las Vegas said, “I don’t imagine we’re commenting” when asked what the company thought of potentially having a strip club steps from its Harrah’s Lake Tahoe and Harvey’s properties.

Even though Harrah’s and MontBleu have nightclubs inside the casinos, access to them is only from inside the casino. Scantily clad women have been part of their lineup at times, but never have they operated what would be called a strip club.

“We are opposed to it,” Mike Donovan, spokesman for MontBleu, said of a strip club moving in next door. “I don’t think it’s good for the overall market place. An element like that taints the cleanliness of the Lake Tahoe market just a bit. I think it will hurt other aspects of the Lake Tahoe market.”

Lakeside Inn and Casino as well as the Gaming Alliance are also opposed to this type of business going in.

“Douglas County commissioners will hear an overwhelming weight of opposition to this not for moral reasons, but purely for economic development reasons,” Mike Bradford, president of Lakeside Inn, said. “Edgewood Companies is working on a proposal that would turn Horizon into some completely different kind of facility. With a strip club across the street, it would be a disincentive to do that.”

Edgewood Companies officials didn’t return calls. The Minden-based company owns the property Horizon and MontBleu are on as well as the Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course.

Bradford acknowledged that gaming is taking a backseat to the outdoors and that something more inline with what he envisions for the future of the South Shore should occupy the Bill’s property to better complement where the area is going, not where it has been.

No one from Horizon or Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority returned calls.

Mountain bike competition at

Northstar

The 2010 USA Cycling Professional Mountain Bike Gravity Tour (Pro GRT) is having a five-event series this year, with a stop at Northstar-at-Tahoe June 26-27

The Pro GRT will remain a downhill-only series in four states from April to September. Each stop offers series ranking points to top finishers, and overall individual titles for professional men and women. The series also features an Amateur GRT which, like the Pro GRT, will give expert-level category 1 racers the opportunity to compete against each other for an overall series crown.

For more information on the series, visit www.progrt.com.

2010 USA Cycling Pro Mountain Bike Gravity Tour (Pro GRT)

April 24-25: Northwest Cup, Port Angeles, Wash.

May 22-23: Plattekill Gravity Open, Roxbury Bike Park, N.Y.

June 26-27: Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee

July 31-August 1: Trestle Bike Park (Crankworx Colorado), Winterpark, Colo.

Sept. 11-12: Whiteface 5th Annual 5K Downhill – Lake Placid, N.Y.

Lake Tahoe School summer

signups

Lake Tahoe School’s Summer Series 2010 for ages 6â€“14 will be four-day sessions, spanning three weeks: July 12-15, July 19â€“22, and July 26-July 29.

Overnight, full-day and half-day sessions are offered. Children can experience rock climbing, hiking, kayaking, sailing, and whitewater rafting, and more in the outdoors.

Learning Experiences include Science in the Outdoors, Computer Music Workshop, Wet and Wild Watercolor, Rock and Roll, as well as Theater Improv, Needle and Sewing Crafts, and the popular Rockets program, and more.

Each four-day session ranges in price from $200 for a half-day Learning Experience to $1,200 for the Yosemite Overnight Adventure.

Space is limited, and early summer registration discounts are offered. Enroll by April 15 to receive 25 percent off registration.

For more information, callÂ (775) 831.5828, ext. 304.

LTUSD board moves meeting to middle school



Lake Tahoe Unified School District’s board of education meeting on March 2 at 5pm will be at South Tahoe Middle School’s multipurpose room.

A larger room was anticipated to be needed with the subject matter being the budget and how it could affect employees.

The agenda is here.