

Electricity rates likely to drop this fall

Publisher's note: *The decrease is only for Nevada customers.*

By Bill O'Driscoll, Reno Gazette-Journal

Electricity and natural gas customers of NV Energy are in line to catch another break on rates, this one set for next fall.

The utility today filed its annual deferred energy cost adjustments with state regulators which, if approved, would mean average reductions of 10.2 percent for electricity and 4.6 percent for natural gas starting next fall.

Read the whole story

Fresh Ketch winemaker dinner

Martin Ray Winemaker's Dinner March 10 at 6:30pm at Fresh Ketch in South Lake Tahoe. Cost is \$65 per person. Make your reservations at (530) 541.5683.

Winemaker dinner at PlumpJack

PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn hosts Napa Valley-based winery Morlet Family – Luc Morley on March 11 for a winemaker dinner. Guests have the chance to mingle with winemakers and taste

their wines.

‘Wall of White’ author at Squaw Creek

Squaw Valley Institute hosts author Jennifer Woodlief of “A Wall of White”, the story of the avalanche at Alpine Meadows Ski Area during the 1982-83 ski season, on March 11 at 6pm at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley. Cost for lecture is \$10.

‘Bike Tour Eurasia’

Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village hosts a “Bike Tour Eurasia” presentation March 4 at 5:30pm, as two of the college’s graduates shed light on their six-month, 7,000-mile bike trip across Eurasia using digital images.

Ted Gaines in South Lake Tahoe

Assemblyman Ted Gaines, R-Roseville, community meeting March 30, 6:30-8pm at Lake Tahoe Community College, Aspen Room, 1

College Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

Squaw skier first at Freeride World Tour

The third stage of the Freeride World Tour was Monday on Silverado at Squaw Valley USA. With its playful terrain, the riders put up a show for the hundreds of cheering locals, pushing the limits with a best of two run format.

Local Squaw Valley skier and Freeride World Tour wild card Jaclyn Paaso was without a doubt the biggest crowd pleaser. She took a massive cliff jump at the bottom of the face, faster and higher than most of the men, challenging them for the second heat.

Three out of the four winners today (Windstedt, de Le Rue, Paaso) have scored enough points to climb to the top of the overall Freeride World Tour Ranking 2010, before the final stage Nissan Xtreme by Swatch in Verbier, March 20.

Official results from the Nissan Tram Face, Squaw Valley USA:

Men Ski

- 1- Henrik Windstedt (SWE)
- 2- Aurélien Ducroz (FRA)
- 3- Reine Barkered (SWE)

Women Ski

- 1- Jaclyn Paaso (USA)

2- Ane Enderud (NOR)

3- Ingrid Backstrom (USA)

Men Snowboard

1- Xavier de Le Rue (FRA)

2- Matt Annetts (USA)

3- Ryland Bell (USA)

Women Snowboard

1- Shannan Yates (USA)

2- Aline Bock (GER)

3- Susan Mol (USA)

Cities struggle to deal with infrastructure needs



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Mayor and Council:

Darin Dinsmore of Sustainable Community Strategies was kind enough to pass along study results from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The study can be accessed [here](#).

As you proceed with your City Council meeting on March 2 that includes a discussion of city public infrastructure needs, the report confirms a lot of things we know.

1. 77 percent of cities responding to the survey report their infrastructure budget for 2009 have been adversely impacted by the global economic crisis.

2. 59 percent of cities responding identify the lack of funding to meet infrastructure needs as a serious challenge.

3. Most cities expect to benefit from government stimulus package over the long term – if they get them, I suppose.

4. 51 percent believe their infrastructure budget will increase by less than 5 percent over the next five years from stimulus funding.

5. 79 percent agree that current federal and state practices must be reformed to give greater decision-making power over infrastructure investment.

6. Most cities (62 percent) agree that climate-friendly technologies represent an “enormous economic opportunity” for their city.

If the city of South Lake Tahoe is to increase investment over time to needed public infrastructure (e.g. roads, storm drainage, fire stations, erosion control, etc) it will need to first keep the state of California from taking local funds to balance the state budget. We will need to generate new revenues through vigorous economic growth programs and strategies that are environmentally friendly and grow the local economy. Creating new retail opportunities to keep local people shopping locally, adding to and diversifying our economic base by creating areas of tech and green technologies in cooperation with schools and our community college [i.e. job training] and other government and private sector partners, and helping and assisting local businesses to expand with

incentives, sound and rational land use policies, and regulatory relief will result in more local jobs and more money locally to make infrastructure improvements. In addition, new sources of funding may be needed to make the investment required in ways that minimize the impact on local residents.

We shall overcome!

I appreciate Mr. Dinsmore forwarding this report to us.

Dave Jinkens, South Lake Tahoe city manager

Anton Mizerak and Micahel Mandrell in Truckee

Mount Shasta keyboardist, harmonica and tabla player Anton Mizerak and Celtic guitarist Michael Mandrell will present an evening of Celtic, world fusion and transformational healing music on March 6 at 7:30pm.

Michael Mandrell is known for his transcendent guitar playing. His latest CD "Notes from Celtistan" has been featured on Public Radio International's Echoes with host John Diliberto.

Michael Mandrell's blend of Celtic, Jazz and New Age music demonstrates just what a six and 12 string guitar can do in the hands of a real master.

Anton Mizerak lives in Mount Shasta and writes his music in nature, believing that our organic experience of sun, wind, water, snow and earth, transmitted through music, can be a valuable nurturing and healing experience. Anton plays keyboards and harmonica. His music has been featured on the

nationally syndicated music shows "Echoes" and "Soundacapes". His latest CD series "When Angels Dream" has been a top seller with healers and massage therapists.

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Tickets \$10 advance; \$15 at the door.

Caregiving class in South Tahoe

Caregiving is a difficult and often challenging role that one can undertake, and taking the opportunity to share information and feel connected to others who are providing care is a vital step to perform this task to the best of your ability. Take the opportunity on April 8, 2010 from 5:30-7:30pm at the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center, 3050 Highway 50, South Lake Tahoe to become connected and rejuvenated at your local support group.

Refreshments will be served. Free respite care is available to qualified caregivers. Pre-authorization is required for respite services. Questions? Contact Penny with the Alzheimer's Association at (530) 541.2304 or the Family Caregiver Support Program at (530) 621.6251 or (530) 621.6151.