Play suspended at ACC

Today’s final round tournament coverage of the American Century Championship has moved to NBCSN and will continue until the tournament’s conclusion this evening.

The tournament is currently experiencing a weather delay because of thunder, lightning and rain.

Mark Rypien and Jeremy Roenick currently share the lead with 64 points, with Annika Sorenstam in third place with 62 points. Play will resume with the leaders playing the 16th hole at Edgewood Tahoe.

Device could change communication in backcountry

By Axie Navas, Outdoors

Wouldn’t it be nice to communicate directly with the other members of your party without having to rely on shaky cell service or WiFi?

Thanks to goTenna, a new communications device that launched Thursday, you can. The rugged off-the-grid tool pairs with your iPhone or Android via BlueToothLE to enable users to send and receive text messages (160 characters max) and share their GPS locations. It’s a bit like a super walkie-talkie with a range of up to 50 miles, depending on terrain.

The big bonus: it only costs $150 per pair, with no subscription fees. Field radios or sat phones can cost 10 times that.

Read the whole story

Nominees sought for Blue Ribbon Awards

Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 7th annual Blue Ribbon Awards.

The awards focus on businesses and individuals that have made significant contributions to the South Shore economy and community through their unique programs, exceptional customer service, entrepreneurship and otherwise.

The following categories are open for nominations:

Geotourism: Providing an authentic Tahoe experience

Tourism: Innovative program, promotion or product for our visitors

Experience: Business providing compelling and captivating experiences

Entrepreneur: An innovative individual who assumed the risk of starting a new business

Customer service (business): An individual who consistently provides quality service

Customer service (public agency): Quality service from a public employee

Small green business (less than 100 employees): Business that is minimizing its impact on the environment

Large green business (more than 100 employees): Business that is minimizing its impact on the environment.

Nominate a business or individual by going online clicking the Blue Ribbon Awards banner on the homepage. The nomination period closes Oct. 3. Winners will be announced Nov. 13.

Nevada at high risk for significant earthquake

By Jaime Hayden, KRNV-TV

A new federal earthquake map is shaking things up a bit for about one-third of the United States, including Nevada. The U.S. Geologic Survey updated its national seismic hazard maps for the first time since 2008.

Nevada is one of 16 states considered to have the highest risk for earthquakes. So there is a 2 percent chance our state could experience very intense shaking over a 50-year lifespan.

But experts say Northern Nevada's risk has not changed much in the last decade.

"A couple iteration's ago, this map showed us a lot of changes in our Reno, Carson, Tahoe area, so we've kind of settled down on that hazard," said Nevada Seismological Laboratory Director Graham Kent.

Read the whole story

Star gazing event at Spooner Lake

There will be a laser-guided tour of starry wonders with professional star gazer and astronomy instructor Gigi Giles at Spooner Lake.

Participants will be able to peer through high powered telescopes and astronomical binoculars at an elevation of 7,000 feet while learning various aspects of astronomy and space science.

The event is July 25 from 8:30-10pm. Meet in the upper parking lot. Spooner Lake is located at the intersection of highways 50 and 28.

The event is free, but there is a $10 parking fee; Nevada residents receive a $2 discount.

Blaze damages South Tahoe T-shirt shop



A fire July 20 burns part of Mountain Mike's T-shirt

shop. Photo/Provided

A fire at Mountain Mike’s T-shirt shop in South Lake Tahoe early this morning forced the evacuation of some people staying at the Highland Inn.

South Lake Tahoe Fire Chief Jeff Meston told *Lake Tahoe News* the fire likely started in the air conditioning unit of the store and then spread inside. He said the fire was knocked down quickly.

Investigators will continue to work the scene to determine the exact cause. The extent of damage or dollar amount are not yet known.

The fire that started before 7am July 20 sent smoke into some of the hotel rooms. Those guests are expected to be able to return to their room later this morning. No one from the hotel was available for comment.

Highway 50 was closed in both directions. It is expected to reopen by 7:40am.

— Lake Tahoe News staff report

Then and now: Squaw Valley’s evolution

Squaw Valley wasn’t always a world-class ski resort. Like most, it had humble beginnings.





Somewhat blurry frames from my ancient home movies (before Super-8) filmed about 1950-52 show what the resort was like back then. Also pictured, at left, are me and my sister getting off the chairlift.

In the early 1950s there was the single original chairlift based at the original Squaw Valley Lodge main building. That main building burned down in 1956.

According to the *San Mateo Times* dated Aug. 30, 1956, “The main building housed the dining room, lobby, bar and shops. … It was destroyed in less than an hour. A truck from the Tahoe City Fire Department, nine miles away, was the first to arrive at the scene. … Other fire trucks from nearby Truckee, Kings Beach and Forest Service firefighting stations arrived a short time later. They pumped water from the lodge’s swimming pool to prevent surrounding buildings from burning.”

Squaw Valley succeeded in hosting the 1960 Winter Olympics less than four years later.

The aerial tram was constructed in 1967.



The tram being built in the 1960s. Photo/Squaw Valley Ski Resort



Squaw Valley village looking toward the mountains. (The opposite view of photo 2.) Photo/Bill Kingman

Squaw Village is looking to expand its current village.

– Bill Kingman

Underwood blows away Lake

Tahoe audience



Carrie Underwood brings her unique country persona to Harveys on July 18. Photos/Kathryn Reed

By Kathryn Reed

STATELINE – From sultry to raunchy to melancholy to edgy – Carrie Underwood's vocal delivery is as expansive as her lyrics.

On Friday she was a bundle of energy that charged the crowd at Harveys Outdoor Concert Series. So many in the audience were singing right along with her.

With multiple hits year after year, it seems like Underwood has been part of the country music scene for decades. But the 31-year-old wasn't discovered until she won "American Idol" in 2005.

Her first album "Some Hearts" debuted that same year. It was at the top of Billboard's Country Albums chart for 27 weeks

and has sold more than 7 million copies.

Her songs and persona have grown up in the last seven years. Just look at her album covers – they are like a photo album of her going from innocent vocalist to diva.

If you missed Underwood live on July 18, check out the "Somethin' Bad" video where she and Miranda Lambert sizzle. Lambert, who played Tahoe in 2011, has the song on her latest album.

While Underwood didn't sing "Somethin' Bad", it was piped through the speakers just before she took the stage.

Underwood is a definite crossover artist – able to sing pop ballads and rock hits. Not many other country artists could pull off Guns N' Roses' "Paradise City" – though, she did sing it at the 2013 CMA Music Festival.



Many fans were dancing throughout the night.

Her seven-member band, though, looks like they would fit in well behind a rock star, or that they could have been mistaken for athletes participating in the American Century Championship. Providing the robust sounds were two bass guitarists, two guitarists (one who also plays fiddle), a keyboardist and drummer. The steel guitar whined like a jilted lover. A backup singer also accompanies Underwood.

While she didn't interact much with the audience, she did comment on how gorgeous Tahoe is.

She explained how Randy Travis was an inspiration growing up. When she heard his song “I Told You So” she thought a woman should sing it. They have performed it as a duet, but Friday it was all Underwood crooning the lyrics of the love song.

Underwood co-wrote eight of the 14 songs on her fourth and latest album, “Blown Away”.

“Two Black Cadillacs” is a not so subtle story about what happens to a man when his wife and mistress get together.

Underwood seems to have aced songs in which women have been wronged.

What had the full house singing the loudest was “Before He Cheats”. Though, it was clearly a chorus of women belting out: “I dug my key into the side of his pretty little souped up 4 wheel drive, carved my name into his leather seats… I took a Louisville slugger to both headlights, slashed a hole in all 4 tires… Maybe next time he’ll think before he cheats.”

There’s a reason the 7-year-old song is still her best hit — it resonates.

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Notes:

The lineup for Harveys Outdoor Concert Series:

• July 20 Zac Brown Band

• July 25 Train

• July 30 Journey, Steve Miller Band

• Aug. 2 Lady Gaga

• Aug. 3 Boston, Doobie Brothers

• Aug. 8 Aerosmith, Slash

• Aug. 14 Bruno Mars

• Aug. 16 Sammy Hagar and Friends

• Aug. 24 Rascal Flats, Sheryl Crow

• Aug. 29-30 Eagles.

Letter: Elks help dish food at Bread & Broth

To the community,

“The community needs help and we’re here to help them,” said Roger Barragan, trustee chairperson for the Tahoe/Douglas Elks Lodge No. 2670.

He and three fellow Elks Lodge members Jeanne Barragan and Don and Dee Young were the sponsor crewmembers representing the Tahoe/Douglas Elks Lodge at Bread & Broth’s July 7 evening dinner.

This was the second Adopt A Day sponsorship for the Elks Lodge this year and their generosity continues later this month with a third AAD sponsorship on July 27. Bread & Broth is extremely grateful to the Elks Lodge for so earnestly embracing the goal of the B&B program to feed the less fortunate of the Lake Tahoe South Shore Community.

With the continued support of donors like the Elks Lodge No. 2670, B&B is feeding over 150 needy guests at our Monday full course evening dinner at St. Theresa Church Grace Hall and a soup/pasta meal on Fridays at Lake Tahoe Presbyterian Community Church.

“Great experience,” said Dee Young. “More folks should come and enjoy the dinner.”

Bread & Broth really appreciates the enthusiasm and hard work of the Tahoe/Douglas Elks Lodge No. 2670’s sponsor crew and their Lodge’s financial support of B&B’s meal program.

Carol Gerard, Bread & Broth

West Shore roadwork delays through the fall

Dilapidated sections of Highway 89 in Meeks Bay will be repaired starting Monday in conjunction with a Caltrans water-quality improvement project.

Work started in May on a $20 million project from Meeks Creek to just north of Emerald Bay, about a seven-mile stretch of the highway.

The project also calls for an asphalt overlay of the highway. Sections of the existing roadway are in need of repair prior to the resurfacing. Delta Construction was awarded the $923,000 contract to do that work.

The pavement work, scheduled for Scenic Drive in Rubicon Bay to Meeks Creek, will be Monday through Thursday from 6am-5pm. It will require one-way traffic control. It’s expected to be completed in mid-August.

Work on the water-quality project is taking place from 6pm-6am Monday through Friday. It will continue into mid-October. It will be finished in fall 2015.