Boreal ski season not quite over

By Examainer

A sizable patch of snow visible from nearby Interstate 80 may appear to be just winter leftovers to passing motorists.

But for skiers and snowboarders, the snow represents one more day of shredding. Boreal Mountain Resort will open for one final day of operations on June 15 for skiers and snowboarders to enjoy a lift-accessed terrain park.

This marks the fourth summer in a row Boreal has offered this unique experience for the public.

Boreal will spin the Castle Peak Quad from 10am to 2pm, providing access to Woodward Tahoe's on-snow summer terrain park.

The Woodward Tahoe terrain park, normally reserved only for the snowboard and ski campers of Woodward Tahoe, will be made available for the public to experience.

"This is a great opportunity to show off the great summer park Woodward Tahoe is providing for campers," said Jon Slaughter, Boreal & Woodward Tahoe marketing director. "We've been moving snow since early spring to build Tahoe's only summer terrain park."

Lift tickets will be available for purchase for $25 for all ages. Riders with an anytime 2013-14 Boreal season pass may access the terrain park for free.

Nearly 20 tons of trash hauled out of Pine Nuts



By the time volunteers were done, this area in the Pine Nuts was bare dirt. Photo/Provided

Illegal dump spot and trash were cleaned up this month by the Pine Nut Mountains Trail Association.

This year for the annual event group staged at the BLM kiosk and staging area called “Single Tree” on Pine Nut Road No. 2 near the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

With a huge amount of help from the Sierra Stompers 4-wheel drive club, about 39,320 pounds of garbage were removed from the Pine Nut Mountains in one day. This weight total is from the scales at the Douglas Disposal Transfer Station.

Douglas Disposal, V&C Construction, Bings Materials,

Pizza Factory in Gardnerville Ranchos along with many locals helped.

Ham radio experts to teach rookies

The Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society is putting on a field day June 23 for people to learn about amateur radio.

It will be at the northwest corner of Wedge Parkway and Whites Creek Lane, across from the South Valleys Library in Reno starting at 11am.

The goal for the day will be to make radio contact with as many other hams as possible.

For information, contact Peter DeBay, KE7VSR, at (775) 225.1653 or peterdebay@aol.com.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• South Tahoe High School's class of 1973 will be having its 40-year reunion July 26-27. For more details, email STHSclassof1973@gmail.com or call either Sue Jack Detweiler at (650) 208.2235 or Mike Buffo at (775) 690.7580 .

• The El Dorado County Air Quality Management District has more money in the Chimney Smoke Reduction Incentive Program. This is better known as replacing fireplaces. Go online for more info.

• CrossFit athletes will meet in South Lake Tahoe June 15-16

to compete in the fourth annual Fittest of the Sierra to benefit global projects.

• Joe Locurto has joined the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as program coordinator of the state Conservation Districts Program.

• Magic Dan will be at the South Lake Tahoe library (1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.) on July 26 at 2pm.

Then and now: Developing Kahle Drive



Kahle Drive in 1963. Photos/Bill Kingman



Kahle Drive in 2013.

“Kelmont East” was a grey tri-level apartment complex in 1963 on Kahle Drive at Stateline between Highway 50 and the lake.

Over the years, the Kahle Drive intersection at Highway 50 (behind camera) included the Stateline Medical Center, a small casino, and a local favorite watering hole and dancing spot called The Glass Crutch. Across the state line, there was a Kelmont West (or “Kelmont Arms”) apartments on Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe, which was the scene of a shooting and multi-hours police stand-off in the 1970s.

Kahle Drive today on the left side of this photo has several side-streets and is mostly residential, cornering the Lakeside Inn and bordering the 4-H Club complex. On the right side is U.S. Forest Service land including the popular Lam Watah Trail crossing Rabe Meadow and taking you to Nevada Beach. Rabe Meadow once was the site of an airport, and in the 1970s very nearly became another huge casino/hotel.

Even some concrete foundations (not quite as extensive as today’s “hole”) had progressed.

An easy walk along the trail today (new parking lot near the stoplight) includes several pictorial reader boards which detail the history of the meadow, its Washoe heritage, the airport, the casino, and how it was rescued.

Kahle (pronounced “kail”) was land-owner Oliver Kahle. The Douglas County services building (courtroom, jail, DMV, etc/) and Kahle Community Center and Park of today occupy the area of his historic Oliver’s Club Casino which was razed in the 1960s.

— Bill Kingman

Heat in Lake Tahoe keeps breaking records

By Kathryn Reed

Hot. That's the word of the day. It's the word for the last five days. It will probably be the word for today, too.

Sunday is expected to be the sixth consecutive day South Lake Tahoe has recorded a record high.

The following is data from the National Weather Service in Reno:

- June 8 – high 88, previous record was 83 in 1996
- June 7–high 88, previous record was 83 in 1996
- June 6 – high 85, previous record was 83 in 1996
- June 5 – high 85, previous record was 82 in 2002
- June 4 – high 83, previous record was 82 in 1996.



Roni Davis and Brenda Knox on June 8 stay cool paddling along Lake Tahoe. Photo/Kathryn Reed

"It's pretty unusual to set record temperatures six days in a

row," NWS in REno meteorologist Zach Tolvy told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Records are breaking throughout California and into Nevada.

People have been flocking to Lake Tahoe this weekend to escape the more oppressive heat in other parts of Northern California where the mercury has been in the triple digits.

Once in Tahoe, the beaches have been a popular destination. Many people are venturing onto and into the water to cool off. Others can be found at the waterside eateries.

The temps in the basin are about 18 degrees above normal. Normal, though, should return on Monday.

But before that happens, thunderstorms are expected to roll through the basin and into western Nevada today, and linger into Monday.

"The biggest danger will probably be the wind," Tolvy said. The Weather Service typically does not issue lake wind advisories with thunderstorms, but suffice it to say being on the lake as the storms come in is not advisable.

Gusts could exceed 60 mph today. It will be breezy most of the week.

The lake was pretty choppy Saturday afternoon – especially for those in human powered watercraft.

The thunderstorms are expected to be widespread and arrive midmorning to early afternoon, with some sticking around until the evening. Tolvy said they could be heavy in spots and are expected to be widespread.

Dry lightning will precede the rain, but is not seen as a serious fire threat.

For those hiking, remember lightning can strike far from where

the thunder and/or rain are and standing on a slab of granite is not the best place to be.

Valhalla theater season starts in July

“The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)” is a zany comedy that is coming to the Boathouse Theatre on the South Shore.

It will be July 5-7 and July 11-13 at 7:30pm, and on July 13 at 2pm.

Written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield, the Bard meets the Three Stooges and it’s a worldwide phenomenon, earning the title of London’s second-longest-running comedy after a decade at the Criterion Theatre.

For details and tickets, go online or call (530) 541.4975.

Editorial: Obama needs to stop eavesdropping

Publisher’s note: ***This editorial is from the June 6, 2013, New York Times.***

Within hours of the disclosure that federal authorities routinely collect data on phone calls Americans make,

regardless of whether they have any bearing on a counterterrorism investigation, the Obama administration issued the same platitude it has offered every time President Obama has been caught overreaching in the use of his powers: Terrorists are a real menace and you should just trust us to deal with them because we have internal mechanisms (that we are not going to tell you about) to make sure we do not violate your rights.

Those reassurances have never been persuasive — whether on secret warrants to scoop up a news agency's phone records or secret orders to kill an American suspected of terrorism — especially coming from a president who once promised transparency and accountability.

The administration has now lost all credibility on this issue. Obama is proving the truism that the executive branch will use any power it is given and very likely abuse it. That is one reason we have long argued that the Patriot Act, enacted in the heat of fear after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by members of Congress who mostly had not even read it, was reckless in its assignment of unnecessary and overbroad surveillance powers.

Based on an article in the *Guardian* published Wednesday night, we now know that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Agency used the Patriot Act to obtain a secret warrant to compel Verizon's business services division to turn over data on every single call that went through its system. We know that this particular order was a routine extension of surveillance that has been going on for years, and it seems very likely that it extends beyond Verizon's business division. There is every reason to believe the federal government has been collecting every bit of information about every American's phone calls except the words actually exchanged in those calls.

Articles in the *Washington Post* and the *Guardian* described a

process by which the N.S.A. is also able to capture Internet communications directly from the servers of nine leading American companies. The articles raised questions about whether the N.S.A. separated foreign communications from domestic ones.

A senior administration official quoted in the *Times* online Thursday afternoon about the Verizon order offered the lame observation that the information does not include the name of any caller, as though there would be the slightest difficulty in matching numbers to names. He said the information "has been a critical tool in protecting the nation from terrorist threats," because it allows the government "to discover whether known or suspected terrorists have been in contact with other persons who may be engaged in terrorist activities, particularly people located inside the United States."

That is a vital goal, but how is it served by collecting everyone's call data? The government can easily collect phone records (including the actual content of those calls) on "known or suspected terrorists" without logging every call made. In fact, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act was expanded in 2008 for that very purpose.

Essentially, the administration is saying that without any individual suspicion of wrongdoing, the government is allowed to know whom Americans are calling every time they make a phone call, for how long they talk and from where.

This sort of tracking can reveal a lot of personal and intimate information about an individual. To casually permit this surveillance — with the American public having no idea that the executive branch is now exercising this power — fundamentally shifts power between the individual and the state, and it repudiates constitutional principles governing search, seizure and privacy.

The defense of this practice offered by Sen. Dianne Feinstein,

D-Calif., who as chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee is supposed to be preventing this sort of overreaching, was absurd. She said on Thursday that the authorities need this information in case someone might become a terrorist in the future. Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, the vice chairman of the committee, said the surveillance has "proved meritorious, because we have gathered significant information on bad guys and only on bad guys over the years."

But what assurance do we have of that, especially since Ms. Feinstein went on to say that she actually did not know how the data being collected was used?

The senior administration official quoted in the *Times* said the executive branch internally reviews surveillance programs to ensure that they "comply with the Constitution and laws of the United States and appropriately protect privacy and civil liberties."

That's no longer good enough. Obama clearly had no intention of revealing this eavesdropping, just as he would not have acknowledged the killing of Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen, had it not been reported in the press. Even then, it took him more than a year and a half to acknowledge the killing, and he is still keeping secret the protocol by which he makes such decisions.

We are not questioning the legality under the Patriot Act of the court order disclosed by the *Guardian*. But we strongly object to using that power in this manner. It is the very sort of thing against which Obama once railed, when he said in 2007 that the surveillance policy of the George W. Bush administration "puts forward a false choice between the liberties we cherish and the security we provide."

Two Democrats on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Ron Wyden of Oregon and Mark Udall of Colorado, have raised warnings about the government's overbroad interpretation of its

surveillance powers. “We believe most Americans would be stunned to learn the details of how these secret court opinions have interpreted Section 215 of the Patriot Act,” they wrote last year in a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. “As we see it, there is now a significant gap between what most Americans think the law allows and what the government secretly claims the law allows. This is a problem, because it is impossible to have an informed public debate about what the law should say when the public doesn’t know what its government thinks the law says.”

On Thursday, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R- Wisc., who introduced the Patriot Act in 2001, said that the National Security Agency overstepped its bounds by obtaining a secret order to collect phone log records from millions of Americans.

“As the author of the Patriot Act, I am extremely troubled by the F.B.I.’s interpretation of this legislation,” he said in a statement. “While I believe the Patriot Act appropriately balanced national security concerns and civil rights, I have always worried about potential abuses.” He added: “Seizing phone records of millions of innocent people is excessive and un-American.”

Stunning use of the act shows, once again, why it needs to be sharply curtailed if not repealed.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority board at the June 13 3pm meeting will vote on whether $75,000 should be spent on keeping SnowGlobe on the South Shore. Here is the agenda.

• Bryan and Stefanie Bough completely renovated the old Alpine Realty building on Second Street into Etch Salon. It is South Lake Tahoe's only Paul Mitchell Focus Salon.

• Todd Borg, author of the award-winning Owen McKenna Tahoe Murder Mystery Thrillers, will discuss his newest book and writing methods on July 31 at 6pm at the South Lake Tahoe library. The event is free.

• Michael Jordan will not be at the annual ACC celeb tournament next month in Tahoe.

• Here is the roadwork schedule for Caltrans for the week for El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra.

STPUD, Chateau developers resolve water line issue

An agreement regarding the water lines has been reached between South Tahoe Public Utility District and Tahoe Stateline Ventures, the developers of the Chateau project.

The issue was discussed at the June 6 STPUD board meeting and the board unanimously approved it.

“The district’s inspection of the existing sewer lines built in 2007, showing them to be in good condition, helped to achieve an acceptable agreement to all, since any repair obligations to TSV were taken off the table,” STPUD General Manager Richard Solbrig told *Lake Tahoe News* after the meeting. “TSV has agreed to provide as-built drawings to the District. Once these drawings are submitted and accepted, dedication of the existing lines to the district will occur.”

The issue of who owns the water lines was first publicly discussed at last month’s board meeting.

Solbrig said when the next phase of the water line along Highway 50 is put in that will require a future dedication.

In other action:

Ad hoc committees from STPUD and the South Lake Tahoe City Council will meet to discuss water service for the T.J. Maxx building.

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