Human trafficking presentation in S. Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe Police Department and Live Violence Free are partnering for a community presentation on human trafficking on May 18 at 6pm at Sierra Community Church.

Author John Vanek will be the featured speaker. Vanek is a leadership, collaboration, and anti-human trafficking consultant and speaker working with law enforcement agencies, non-governmental and community-based organizations, academic institutions and private sector companies.

Vanek is a nationally recognized authority on human trafficking and the response to modern-day slavery. He managed the San Jose Police Department Human Trafficking Task Force from 2006-11.

Some material may not be suitable for children.

Work on I-80 to cause delays

Expect delays on Interstate 80 east of Colfax as work on the Truck Climbing Lane project resumes.

Lane closures will be required to construct a freeway lane cross-over in order to complete the replacement of the Cape Horn Bridge.

Caltrans will utilize both lane closures and “rolling block” escorts of traffic by the California Highway Patrol through closure zones to construct a “cross-over” that will shift westbound freeway lanes to the east in order to allow the

structure replacement work to continue on the west side of the Cape Horn Bridge. The cross-over work is anticipated to take place in the project's construction zone, weather permitting, from 6pm April 30 to 6pm May 2.

Motorists are encouraged to plan for delays and adjust their travel time accordingly.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

· Olympian David Wise has published the children's book "Very Bear and the Butterfly."

· Unity at the Lake is having an open house April 28 from 2-5pm. It is now located at 870 Emerald Bay Road, upstairs in suites 204-207, South Lake Tahoe. For more information, call 530.544.2266 or email unityatthelake@sbcglobal.net.

· Janet Jackson will be at Harveys in Stateline on Aug. 10 at 7:30pm. Tickets range from $69.50 to $149.50.

· A record high temperature of 71 degrees was set at South Lake Tahoe on April 25. The old record of 68 set in 2001.

· South Lake Tahoe Fire Department is asking people to take **this survey**. It will be posted until May 7.

Candidates’ forum for Douglas County offices

On May 3, the non-partisan Good Governance Group of Douglas County will have its 2018 candidates’ forum featuring individuals running for Douglas County offices.

This free event will be at the Carson Valley Inn, in Minden. Doors will open at 5:30pm to give candidates and voters a half hour to mingle before the program begins. Libations will be available from the in-room no-host bar during this time.

Voters of all ages and political affiliations are invited to attend and participate. The program will feature formal Q&A sessions for sheriff and county commissioner candidates, as well as an opportunity for other candidates to introduce themselves and state the reasons they are seeking election or re-election.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

· South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club is hosting a forum for the four candidates from for the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors District 5 seat. It will be April 26, 6-8pm at the CCC in Meyers.

· The Truckee EAA offers a pancake breakfast and free airplane rides for youth 8-17 on the second Saturday of every month. Donations requested for breakfasts, flights are free. The next event is May 12, 8-10am at the Truckee airport. RSVP to yecoord1073@outlook.com.

· Tahoe Vista boat launch opening day is tentatively set for May 18.

· The Mountain Housing Council of Tahoe Truckee annual housing meeting will be in Kings Beach on April 28 starting at 9am at North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. Topics will include impact fees and new housing options. For info and to RSVP, go **online**.

· Valhalla is hosting Afro-Brazilian movement and rhythm workshops with SambaDa on July 17 and July 18. Go **online** to register.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

· North Tahoe Public Utility District is hosting a get-together May 1 at 5:30 at North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach to offer tips on ways to prepare irrigation systems and landscaping for summer. The district will talk about rebates that are available as well.

· Bass Camp presents music DJ/producers Claptone, along with Dirtybird Recording artists Justin Jay and Dateless, on May 4 at Cargo Reno. **Advance tickets** are $25, plus taxes and fees. Must be at least 18 to attend.

· At the April 24 meeting the Truckee Town Council will be a request to use funds generated by Senate Bill 1 for the 2018 and 2019 slurry seal projects.

· Placer County Board of Supervisors is accepting applications from young people who wish to serve as one of 18 members of the Placer County Youth Commission for the 2018-19 term. For more info, go **online**.

· Here are the **El Dorado-Tahoe** and **Sierra** roadwork schedules for the week from Caltrans.

Drug take-back event in Truckee

There will be a free medication take-back day in Truckee and on April 28 at the Gateway Shopping Center from 9am-1pm.

This is an opportunity to drop off unneeded or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications safely, effectively, and anonymously. Put pills into a zip-lock bag.

There are also permanent drug bins at the Truckee Police Department and the Placer County Sheriff's Office-Tahoe station.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

· Registration is open for the 35th annual Tahoe Tennis Classic at Zephyr Cove Tennis Club on July 26-29. More information is available **online**.

· The Nevada Department of Agriculture urges horse owners throughout the state to vaccinate against West Nile virus. WNV can cause severe illness in a horse's brain, spinal cord and nervous system.

· Placer County planning commissioners on April 26 are scheduled to consider a conditional use permit for Verizon to install 75-tower disguised as a tree near Brockway Golf Course in Tahoe Vista.

· South Lake Tahoe Earth Day Festival is April 28 from 10am to 3pm at Bijou Community Park.

· The California Natural Resources Agency released a final report that recommends adding 37 miles of the upper Mokelumne River to the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The study report is available for review **online**.

Work along Hwy. 28 about to resume

Work on Highway 28's share-used path, highway safety, accessibility, and water quality is expected to resume April 30 and continue through the fall.

Daytime and nighttime single lane closures will take place on Highway 28 from the southern end of Incline Village to three miles south of Sand Harbor State Park throughout the summer.

Motorists should anticipate delays of up to 20-30 minutes with one-lane flagger controlled closures. A majority of the work will occur Sunday night through Friday afternoon.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

· Physiatrist Gregory Burkard Jr. has joined Barton Health as an interventional pain and sports medicine physiatrist, which a physician that treats a variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, muscles, joints and more.

· Douglas County Library in Minden will host South Lake Tahoe author JoAnn Conner on May 8 at 5:30pm. She will discuss her books and sign copies of “Heartwood” and “The Mountain.” The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane.

· The law offices of Adam Spicer and Lacey Van Etten are now at 2269 James Ave., South Lake Tahoe.

· Grammy Award-winning country artist Steve Wariner will perform at the Red Dog Saloon in Virginia City on May 18 at 7pm. Tickets are $40 and available **online**.

· South Lake Tahoe was voted No. 3 on Travelocity’s list of the 2018 Best Small City Road Trip Destinations.