

Chamber mixer benefits South Shore charities

The Jan. 14 Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce mixer is all about raising money for Bread & Broth and Christmas Cheer

The 5:30-8:30pm event is at the Riva Grill in South Lake Tahoe.

Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to receive additional raffle tickets.

The cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members; which includes one drink ticket and two raffle tickets.

Nevadans target of phone scam

The latest phone scam in Nevada has people posing as officials from the state Attorney General's Office or U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Callers are trying to collect personal information and money.

These agencies don't actually call people directly asking for money.

The Attorney General's Office number is 775.684.1100 if anyone has questions.

Reno museum to host Sierra Club fundraiser

The Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club is having a fundraiser at the Nevada Museum of Art on the final night of the **Tahoe: A Visual History**.

There will be an optional guided tour. The evening also includes a chef's table dinner prepared as well as entertainment by the Ghost of Mark Twain to honor the lake, the history, and current conservation efforts.

Tickets may be purchased **online**.

USFS work forces ren faire to cancel '16 event

Producers of the annual Renaissance Fair at Camp Richardson on Monday announced via Facebook that the 2016 event is a no-go.

This is because the U.S. Forest Service is overhauling the campground. Work will not be done in time for the late May, early June fair.

The Badger's Den area at Camp Rich was a potential alternative, but organizers said it is not "conducive to development of an event of the quality we are used to bringing to Tahoe. ... For those reason, among others, we've decided that we will skip doing the Valhalla Renaissance Faire in 2016 and

return the show it all its fine glory to Eagle's Nest in 2017."

Climate, El Niño at forefront of meteorologic conference

California State Sen. Pro Tem Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, will be the keynote speaker at Operation Sierra Storm Meteorologist Conference on Jan. 8.



Kevin de León

He will discuss the outcome of the Paris climate conference and highlight results including the long term economic, environmental and cultural impacts and California's role as a leader in addressing climate change.

The annual conference includes scientists, lawmakers and television meteorologists from major market network affiliates throughout the United States.

Alexander (Sasha) Gershunov with Scripps Institution of Oceanography will also speak about this year's El Niño phenomenon on that Friday. Gershunov is affiliated with the Climate Education Partners (funded by National Science Foundation), NOAA's California and Nevada Climate Applications

Program, Department of the Interior's Southwest Climate Science Center.

Gershunov will talk at 8am, followed by de León at 10am at Harveys Cabaret Theater.

RSVP **online** by Jan. 4 at 5pm. There is no cost to attend.

Support for families dealing with mental illness

NAMI Family Support Group is a free, confidential and safe support group of families helping other families who live with mental health challenges by utilizing their collective lived experience and group wisdom.

The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30pm.

Participants will learn best practices for caring for a loved one who is living with mental illness. The meetings are led by family members of individuals living with mental illness.

This group encourages empathy, productive discussion and a sense of community.

Meetings are at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

The 2016 dates are: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

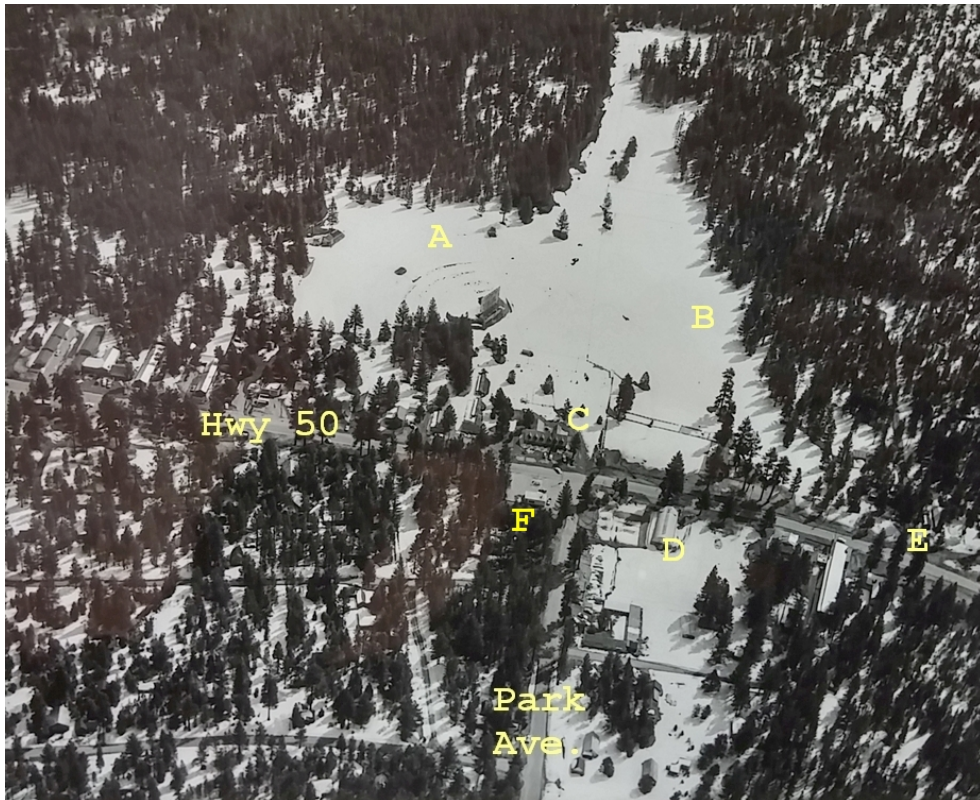
Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Tahoe National Forest's Truckee Ranger District has been named District of the Year by the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region.
- Caltrans District 3 employees provided more than \$16,200 in cash donations and 747 pounds of food for local charities throughout the Sacramento Valley and Sierra regions as well as the Yuba-Sutter Chapter of the Salvation Army. Local charities included Sacramento Loaves and Fishes, Sacramento Food Bank, Food Bank of Nevada County and Christmas Cheer in South Lake Tahoe.
- In 2016 Washoe County Sheriff's Office's search and rescue team will be celebrating 50 years of service.
- According to the latest numbers released by the California Department of Finance, Placer County leads the state in net domestic migration with 3.85 percent. This means more people are choosing to call Placer County home than are deciding to pack the moving van.

Then and now: Changes to the

Park Avenue area



This is the Park Avenue area of South Lake Tahoe in the early 1950s. Photo/Lake Tahoe Historical Society

Defining the markers in the photo:

A = Steve Myers's original Tahoe Drive-In Theatre which moved to Bijou in the mid-1950s. Its curvy driveway leading from Cecil's (C) ultimately became an extension of Park Avenue entering the Crescent V Center. Today that leg is renamed Heavenly Village Way.

B = Jack VanSickle's Crescent V Ranch and Stateline Riding Stables, part of which became Crescent V Shopping Center in 1963.

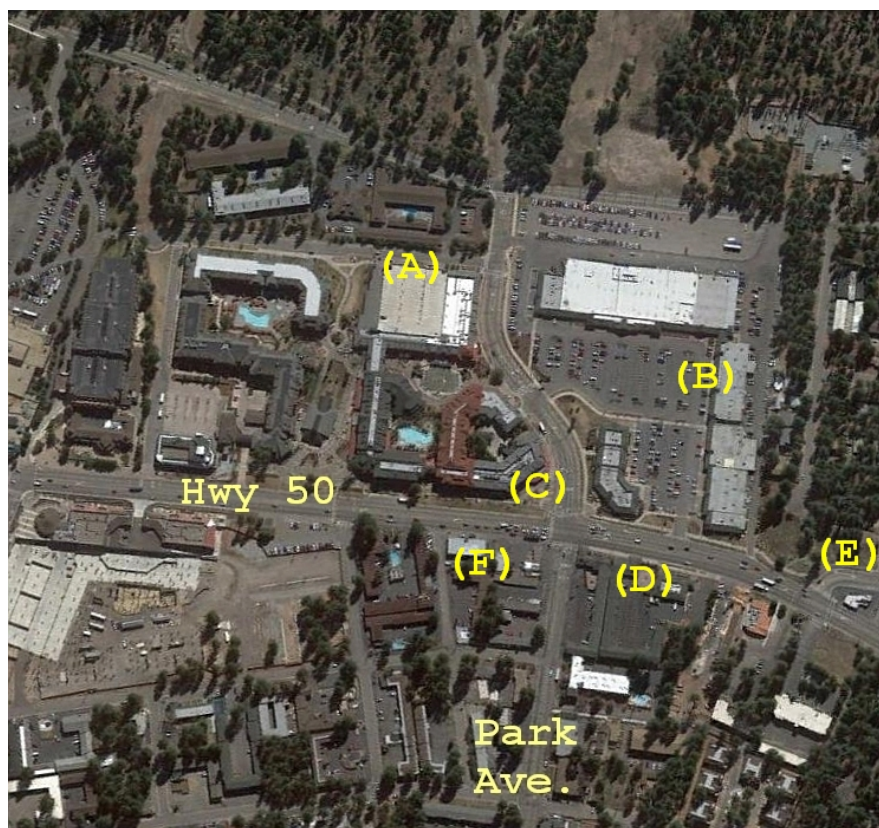
C = The landmark Cecil's Market was razed in 2001 for redevelopment.

D = (Judge) Rudy and Jeannie Buchanan's quonset-hut Lakeside

Theatre was razed in 1962 and rebuilt in 1963 near the Y. Rebuilt again by Office Depot in 1990s, it now is the CVS store.

E = Junction of Highway 50 and Pioneer Trail. There were no traffic signals in this photo, and Highway 50 was two lanes, plus parking.

F = “Brownie” Piedmont’s Flying A service station, South Shore’s oldest surviving gas station, is now Tahoe Tom’s.



An aerial view of the same locations in 2015. Photo/Google Earth

– Bill Kingman

‘Winnie the Pooh’ at Douglas Library

The Douglas County Public Library continues its First Saturday of the Month Family Movies on Jan. 2.

“The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh” will be shown from 2-3:15pm in the library meeting room. The movie and popcorn are free.

First Saturday Afternoon Movies is sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Public Library. The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane.

Environmental cancer causing agents subject of talk

Learn more about environmental cancer causing agents from Roderick Turner, doctor with Barton Pathology, as he gives a talk Jan. 13.

Cancer is caused by changes in a cell’s DNA. Some of these changes may be genetic or inherited from parents, while others may be caused by outside exposures, which are often referred to as environmental factors. Environmental factors can include a wide range of exposures, such as:

- Lifestyle factors (nutrition, tobacco use, physical activity)
- Naturally occurring exposures (ultraviolet light, radon gas, infectious agents)
- Medical treatments (radiation and medicines including

chemotherapy, hormone drugs, drugs that suppress the immune system)

- Workplace exposures
- Household exposures
- Pollution.

The free talk is from 6-7pm in the board room at Lake Tahoe Community College.