

Founder of Miaplaza to give talk at SNC

Johannes Ziegler, founder and CEO Miaplaza Inc., will give a talk at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village on Feb. 15.

In 2004, Ziegler started Miaplaza Inc., focused on “social networking for everyone.” Initially, the company partnered with traditional media conglomerates to help them transition to more interactive customer relationships. When Facebook took over the general social networking space, Ziegler led Miaplaza Inc. through a radical transformation into a company focused on interactive online educational platforms for children.

The free talk is from 11:45am-12:45pm in room TCES 139/141.

Truckee enlists residents' input on recreational pot

Truckee is hosting a series of workshops to discuss how the town wants to regulate all things cannabis.

Because the use of marijuana was legalized last November, the town will be making changes to its zoning regulations, permitting processes and taxation practices.

Officials want to know what residents think about cannabis regulations.

The community workshops are Feb. 9, March 9, April 13 and May 11; 6-8 each night at the airport.

An **online survey** is being used to gather input, too.

Kings Beach open house to focus on future

North Tahoe Business Association is hosting an open house on Feb. 16, 5:30-7pm at North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach.

This is an opportunity for community and business people to network and provide input on how to make Kings Beach a better place to live, work, play and visit at interactive stations.

NTBA is a nonprofit, member-based organization founded in 1979 that works to improve economic vitality and quality of life in the communities of North Lake Tahoe.

RSVP by Feb. 13 to info@NorthTahoeBusiness.org or call 530.546.9000.

Nev. law enforcement targeting distracted drivers

Between now and Jan. 30, law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada will be joining forces to cite distracted drivers.

Nevada law states that any use of a handheld electronic device—cell phone, mp3 player, GPS device, etc.—while driving is illegal.

Research has found that using a cell phone behind the wheel makes a driver four times more likely to get into a serious crash. Additionally, when sending or receiving text messaging behind the wheel, a driver's eyes are off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, equivalent to driving the length of a football field at 65 mph.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Lake Tahoe Democrats are meeting Jan. 25, 6pm at Round Table Pizza at the Y in South Lake Tahoe. The agenda includes what other Democratic groups in the basin are doing, how to coordinate efforts, an update on the El Dorado County Central Committee, and goals for the future.
- TOCCATA-Tahoe Symphony Orchestra is having two fundraisers – Feb. 11 at Genoa Golf Course and Feb 18 at a private home in Incline Village. For tickets and more information, go **online**.
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is accepting nominations until March 31 for the Best in the Basin awards. The program annually recognizes and showcases projects that demonstrate exceptional planning, implementation, and compatibility with Lake Tahoe's environment and communities. More information and nomination forms are available **online**.
- Zephyr Cove Library will be having a Broken Heart Hunt and Love Bug Craft event for children on Feb. 4 from 2-4pm. Children will craft little love bugs for Valentine's Day and will go on a hunt in the library for the other half of a broken heart.

Douglas County residents asked to take survey

The Douglas County Board of County Commissioners will meet in early February to update the strategic plan.

The commission is seeking input now via an **online survey**. The survey will be open until Feb. 2.

Douglas County's strategic plan is the framework for which the commission prioritizes fiscal needs and public services in Douglas County.

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- Valhalla Tahoe invites artists to submit a proposal for consideration for the 2017 season. Submissions are due Feb. 6. For more info, go **online**.
- Hard Rock Lake Tahoe is celebrating its second anniversary on Jan. 28 starting at 3pm with cake and Champagne on the casino floor.
- Miriam Gomberg (Art by Mimi G) will have her first solo exhibition and sale of her paintings with the theme of women and burlesque on Feb. 25 from noon-6pm at Natasha's World Jewelry, 5136 Meadowood Mall Circle, Reno.
- The Douglas County Public Library is showing "Pete's Dragon" (rated PG) on Feb. 4 at 2pm in the Minden Library

meeting room. The movie and popcorn are free.

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- Warren Miller's "Here, There & Everywhere" will be shown Feb. 11 at 6pm at South Tahoe High School as a fundraiser for the ski team. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased **online** starting Jan. 23.
 - "Groundhog Day" (rated PG) will be shown all day for free at the Minden Library on Feb. 2. It will be played on a loop from 10am-4pm in the meeting room. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the day. The Minden Library is located at 1625 Library Lane.
 - North Lake Tahoe Fire is hosting a blood drive Feb. 16 from 9am-5pm at the main fire station, 875 Tanager St., Incline Village.
 - David Baughman, 51, of Placerville has been appointed warden at California State Prison Sacramento by Gov. Jerry Brown. He has been acting warden since 2016.
 - Pickleball at South Tahoe Rec Center now has designated times: Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-9am, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4pm, and Saturdays from 11am-2pm. Basketball hours are Saturdays from 2-5pm.
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- Tahoe Rim Trail Association will begin accepting applications on Jan. 25 for two through hikes of the Tahoe Rim Trail. These are 15-day, 165-mile, guided and supported backpack trips. Dates are July 22-Aug. 5 and Aug. 26-Sept. 9. Cost is \$1,745. Register **online**.
 - El Dorado County Connections – One Stop is hosting a free employer forum on Feb. 8 at 1pm at 3047 Briw Road in Placerville. For more information, call 530.573.4330.
 - Lake of the Sky is showing “11th Hour” produced by Leonardo DiCaprio on Jan. 27 at 7pm.
Leading experts in climate change discuss the impacts that are occurring worldwide because of the rising temperatures. It is free at Unity at the Lake, 1195 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.
 - World champion magician Joel Ward is at The Loft showroom in South Lake Tahoe now through Jan. 31.
 - On Jan. 24 Placer County supervisors are expected to declare a state of emergency because of the January storms.
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- The Community Action Council of El Dorado County is seeking an individual or agency to represent the interests and concerns of low-income people living in El Dorado County, with special attention on housing, nutrition and low-income program needs. The deadline to submit an application is Feb. 17. Contact Star Walker at 530.621.6255 or 7star.walker@edcgov.us.

- Placer County Air Pollution Control District is seeking grant applications for the annual clean air grant program. More information is **online**.

- Smart & Final and the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation made a \$2,500 donation to Tahoe Youth & Family Services and Lake Tahoe Unified School District.

- Truckee Town Manager Tony Lashbrook is retiring effective July 15.

- Reno was the second windiest city in the U.S. in 2016, behind Nashville, according to CoreLogic.