Goose with arrow spotted on South Shore



A goose with an arrow through it continues to survive at Lake Tahoe. Photo/Jenny Sweatt

The Lake Tahoe goose with an arrow through it that was first seen in March was spotted again April 30.

Several volunteers with Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care tried to rescue it Thursday to no avail. It was last seen on the South Shore.

Anyone who sees it is asked to call 775.315.0353 so care can be provided.

South Tahoe wellness

challenge – basketball

South Lake Tahoe Recreation Department is offering a program for community members to participate in called the Monthly Wellness Challenge. The May Wellness Challenge is basketball.

Extended hours at the rec center allow for pick-up games. Drop in basketball hours are being offered Monday-Saturday from noon-5pm.

Each month a different activity will be offered for community members to experience such as weight lifting, lap swimming, cardio machines, basketball, ping pong, climbing the traversing wall, and more. Included each month will be information on general fitness tips to increase product knowledge and safety. After paying the daily use fee, participants will track the amount of time spent in the recreation center weight room from May 1-31.

Participants may sign up for the program with front desk personnel. Staff will post participant's progress on a display in the weight room to inspire participants. At the end of the month the person with the most time logged is crowned the winner for that month.

For more information, call 530.542.6056.

ZCTC offering youth tennis instruction

Expect to see more kids running around the courts at Zephyr Cove Park this spring and summer. This is because the Zephyr

Cove Tennis Club is launching an after school tennis program for students in grades 1-6 as well as a summer session.

The instruction is available to any student currently in first through sixth grade – no matter the school they attend. A tennis pro and volunteers will be leading youngsters through a variety of drills with the goal of getting them to be proficient enough to play on their own. For experienced players it will be about refining their strokes.
The first session is the weeks of May 11 and May 18 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:20-4:45pm. Cost is $50 per player. The second session is the weeks of June 8, June 15 and June 22 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon-1:30pm. Cost is $100 per player.

Space is limited and online preregistration is required. For more information, contact Bob Beut at 530.314.3588.

Zephyr Cove Tennis Club is partnering with Douglas County Parks & Recreation Department to offer a free weekend of tennis for youngsters. The June 20-21 event is for ages 8 and older. It will be from 11am-12:30pm each day. Attend one or both days.

Space is limited and preregistration is required. To register or for information, call Kahle Community Center at 775.586.7271 or Douglas County Community Services at 775.782.9828.

No prior experience is necessary and all abilities are welcome for all of the events. There will be a limited number of rackets available to borrow. Players should be dressed in athletic wear so they can easily run around and tennis shoes that won’t leave black skid marks. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and hat.

Meet outside the clubhouse (next to Zephyr Cove Library) 10 minutes prior to the start of each program.

Bike race to affect street parking

The Amgen women’s bike race will impact parking on some South Shore streets.

There will be no parking on the following streets between May 7 at 5pm and May 10:

· Pioneer Trail from the intersection of Highway 50 in the Stateline area to the city limits by Black Bart Avenue;

· Keller Road from Pioneer Trail to Saddle Road;

· Tamarack Avenue from Pioneer Trail to Blackwood Avenue;

· Blackwood Avenue from Tamarack to Spruce Avenue;

· Spruce Avenue from Blackwood to Glenwood Way;

· Glenwood Way from Spruce Avenue to Pioneer Trail;

· Al Tahoe Boulevard from Pioneer Trail to Highway 50;

· Montreal Avenue from Heavenly Village Way to Chonokis Avenue;

· Chonokis Avenue from Montreal Avenue to Rocky Point Road;

· Rocky Point Road from Chonokis Ave to Pine Hill Road;

· Ski Run Boulevard from Pioneer Trail to Saddle Road;

· Saddle Road from Ski Run Boulevard to Keller Road.

Graffiti artists marring national parks

By Louis Sahagun, Los Angeles Times

Andre Saraiva is an internationally known graffiti artist. He owns nightclubs in Paris and New York, works as a top editor of the men's fashion magazine *L'Officiel Hommes* and has appeared in countless glossy magazines as a tastemaker and bon vivant.

Two months ago he showed up on the decidedly un-fashionista website Modern Hiker, along with a photo of a boulder he tagged in Joshua Tree National Park. Since then, Saraiva, who lives in France and is known by his fans as Mr. Andre and Mr. A., has been scorned by American nature lovers and thrust into a highly charged debate.

Saraiva is of a new generation of graffiti artists who regard nature – not just the built environment – as their canvas. They tag national parks, then post photos of their work on the Internet.

Those acts infuriate outdoor enthusiasts, many of whom are otherwise fans of graffiti art.

Read the whole story

Dogs off-limits from South Tahoe marsh

The annual seasonal dog closure at the Upper Truckee Marsh begins May 1.

The purpose of the three-month closure is to keep dogs out of critical breeding habitat for special, threatened and endangered species such as yellow headed blackbirds.

El Dorado County sheriff’s deputies enforce the seasonal dog prohibition and California Tahoe Conservancy staff also monitor for compliance of the South Lake Tahoe property.

Beginning Aug. 1, dogs will again be permitted access to the Upper Truckee Marsh, provided they are on leash. The Conservancy-owned Cove East property, west of the river, remains open for year-round, leashed dog access.

Golf tournament benefits Truckee High athletes

The Truckee Wolverine Boosters Club is hosting its third annual golf tournament on May 31 at the Golf Club at Gray’s Crossing.

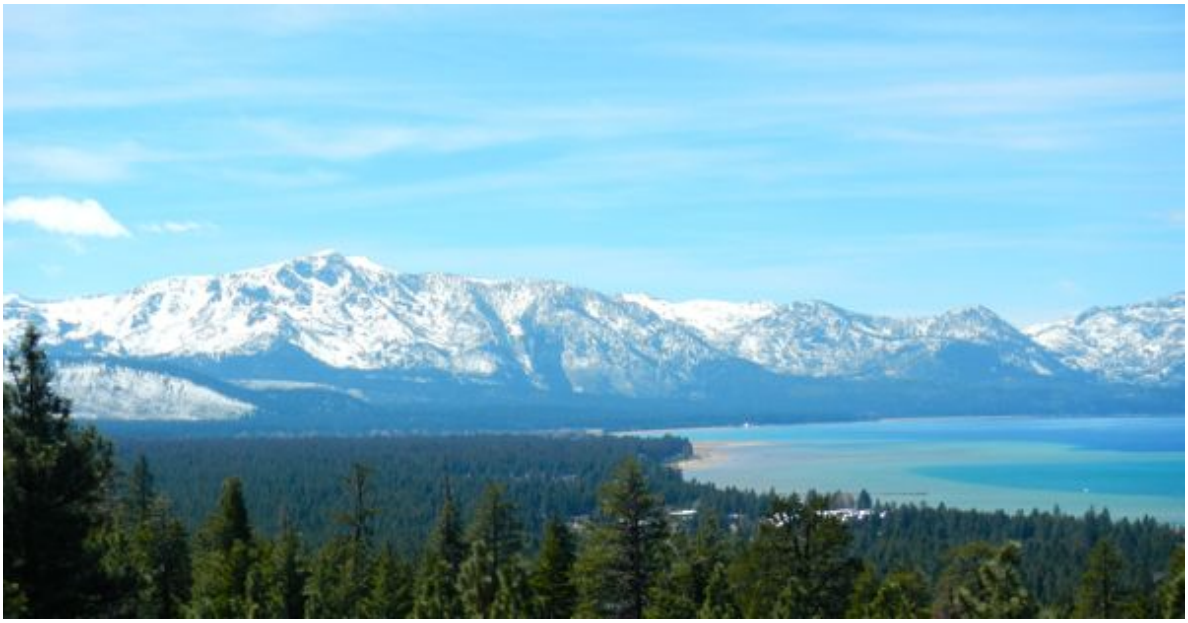
It will be a four- person scramble format and the cost is $125 per person. Check in at 9am, with a shotgun start at 11am.

This event includes raffle prizes, silent auction, putting contest, closest to the pin and long drive contest.

Sign up online at or call Sharon Fereira at 530.582.9181 or email truckeehighboosters@yahoo.com.

All proceeds benefit the Boosters Club and the students of Truckee High School.

Van Sickle provides beauty steps from casinos

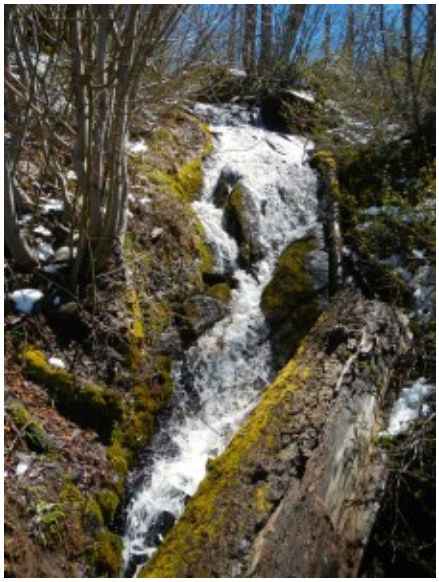


Mount Tallac from the vista point at Van Sickle Bi-State Park. Photos/Kathryn Reed

By Kathryn Reed

STATELINE – Immersed in a kaleidoscope of blues and greens, the landscape is mesmerizing. Perched on a slab of granite, its an unobstructed view of the hues of Lake Tahoe that complement the pale blue sky. Wispy clouds dance in the sky. Pines hover overhead, with branches dangling down as though to hug all those who enter the forest.

While Van Sickle Bi-state Park is always beautiful, it is even more so without many people accessing it. A few people were out Sunday – mostly walkers, plus a dude on a fat mountain bike.



The waterfall at Van Sickle.

Signs of winter and spring dotted the trail April 26 with remnants of the previous day's snowstorm and wildflowers starting to bloom.

It was the long dream of rancher Jack Van Sickle, who donated more than two-thirds of the land for the 725-acre park to the state of Nevada, to have his property be enjoyed by the masses. His old barn still sits on the land underneath the Heavenly Mountain Resort gondola line.

The park opened in summer 2011.



The path hooks up with the Tahoe Rim Trail.

With how fast the waterfall if flowing, it would be hard to know this is year four of a drought. Now there are symbols on the signposts directing people to the falls, which are about 1.5 miles from the trailhead.

The gates open today. Vehicle access is from California near the intersection of Montreal Avenue and Heavenly Village Way. A footpath is accessible from there or it’s possible to park at Harrah’s and walk out the back entrance and get onto a trail on the other side of the road.

Collapsible bike helmet folds into laptop bag

By Kate Bratskeir, Huffington Post

A bicycle helmet funded on Indiegogo aims to make commuting to

work even more convenient – and a lot less bulky.

“The Morpher” is designed to fold flat, making it easier to carry around than a traditional helmet. And while cyclists will still deal with its heft, it beats having to lug around a helmet and a bag all at once.

British inventor Jeffrey Woolf came up with the concept after commissioning a survey to learn about the helmet-wearing habits of those who rely on bike rentals, like New York City’s CitiBike and Boston’s Hubway. Of those he surveyed, 92 percent reported not wearing a helmet when riding their temporary bike. Eighty-four percent believed they were risking their lives by forgoing head protection, and 83 percent said they go without the helmet due to “lack of portability.”

Read the whole story

Lack of snow redefines rock skiing

By Veronica Rocha, Los Angeles Times

A group of filmmakers poked gentle fun at California skiers who were recently photographed skiing on an anemic patch of snow on the state’s drought-ridden mountains, by promoting a new sport: rock skiing.

In the film from Happy United and Groove Guild, a skier and a snowboarder donning winter gear are seen climbing a steep, rocky mountain, then leaping off. The pair ski down the sharp rock edges, landing in gravel instead of snow.

Jumping off boulders, the snowboarder and skier appear to

navigate every turn and twist with considerable skill despite the lack of snow.

Read the whole story