Learning from dogs with cancer

By Susan Jenks, New York Times

Peter Way, an engineer in Fort Collins, Colo., was devastated when his black Labrador, Prince, developed melanoma in his mouth shortly after turning 10. “His upper palate was not looking so good, and he was getting worse,” Way said.

On the advice of a friend, he enrolled Prince in a clinical trial at Colorado State University’s Flint Animal Cancer Center, where researchers were testing a subcutaneous delivery method for Interleukin 12, a powerful immune enhancer that is also under study for treating advanced cancers in people.

The drug initially boosted Prince’s ability to fight off the melanoma, giving him eight months before the cancer “came roaring back” and the dog had to be put down. But Way has no regrets.

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EBay planning $412 mil. investment in Nevada

By Daniel Rothberg, Las Vegas Sun

EBay is moving forward with plans to expand its data operations throughout the state, pending the approval of tax abatements at an economic development meeting next week. In two separate applications with Nevada for tax breaks in Clark

and Storey counties, the e-commerce giant plans to invest $412 million, a large portion going to the purchase of servers, and to hire 52 new employees.

EBay's desire to expand its data operations presence in the state has been well-known for some time, but the details weren't previously available. Switch, the Las Vegas data company in the midst of its own expansion, confirmed this year that eBay would be the anchor tenant in Switch's planned $1 billion facility near Reno.

Having a well-known company like eBay, which plans to spend $230 million on its data operations near Reno, could be a stimulus for the region and encourage more investment.

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Nonprofits receive $55,600 from celebrity golf tourney

Thirty organizations shared $55,600 in grants provided from revenues from the 2015 American Century Championship.

Grants ranging from $500 to $7,500 were distributed to Assistance League of Sierra Foothills, Bringing Art to Schools, Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Dorado County, Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe, Bread & Broth 4 Kids, CASA El Dorado, Clean Tahoe Program, Food Bank El Dorado County, H.E.R.O. Scholarship Fund, Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition, Lake Tahoe Educational Fund, Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School, Live Violence Free, Juvenile Service Council of El Dorado County, Kahle Community Center, Kelly Ridge, Kiwanis Coats for Kids, Saint Joseph Community Land Trust, South Lake

Tahoe Cancer League, South Lake Tahoe Police Activities League, South Tahoe Vikings Booster Club, Tahoe Arts Project, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue, Tahoe Prosperity Center, Tahoe Regional Young Professionals, Tahoe Senior Plaza, Tahoe Magic, Tahoe Youth & Family Services, Whittell Booster Club, and Zephyr Cove Elementary School.

The LTVA, in partnership with NBC Sports and American Century Investments, previously directed an additional $51,500 through on-site volunteer organizations and other efforts during tournament week to area high schools, Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe Booster Club, Boys and Girls Club of South Lake Tahoe, and the Gene Upshaw Scholarship.

Gaming association will search for 'rational alternative' to sports betting law

By J.D. Morris, Las Vegas Sun

Calling it a "major shift" in the casino industry's approach to gambling on sports, the American Gaming Association today revealed plans to assemble a group focused on carving out a potential new path for the legal sports betting industry.

The Washington, D.C.-based casino lobbying group said it will create a "broad coalition" charged with figuring out whether there is a "rational alternative" to existing sports betting law.

The association was vague about what that alternative could be but said it may include regulation, strong protections for consumers and “robust tools for law enforcement” to put an end to illegal sports betting.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe



· In addition to the historic Thunderbird boat getting new engines, the bottom of the watercraft is being refurbished this winter with the anticipation of the watercraft plying the waters of Lake Tahoe in spring 2016.

· 968 Park Hotel in South Lake is having a craft beer tasting Nov. 14 at 5pm paired with a show by the Connor Party. Both events are free. Anderson Valley Brewing Company is the featured brewery.

· The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is seeking public comment on its draft status report on the quality of Nevada’s rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs. The draft is **online**. Public comments will be accepted until 5pm Nov. 25.

· The 2016 Nevada Water Resources Association **scholarship applications** are available. Qualified students must be pursuing a degree in water resources. Application deadline is Dec. 4.

Full House Resorts reverses third quarter net loss

By Howard Stutz, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Regional casino operator Full House Resort reversed a third quarter net loss while cash flow jumped 20.5 percent for the Las Vegas-based company.

Full House, which operates casinos in Northern Nevada, Mississippi, Indiana, said Wednesday net income for the quarter than ended Sept. 30 was $2 million, or 11 cents per share. A year ago, the company lost $766,000, or 4 cents per share. Net revenue increased 4.1 percent to $34.3 million.

In Nevada, Full House owns Stockman's in Elko and manages the Grand Lodge Casino at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe.

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Study: Reno is drunkest Nevada city

By Seth A. Richardson, Reno Gazette-Journal

Congratulations Reno, pour yourself a drink for being named the drunkest city in Nevada.

24/7 Wall Street, a financial news and opinion website, listed

the drunkest city in every state Wednesday with Reno topping the chart for Nevada.

The findings showed one in five adults – or 20 percent – engage in binge or heavy drinking in Reno compared with 15 percent of the national population.

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Decorated ski racer to join broadcast booth

By David Wharton, Los Angeles Times

Things could get a little more interesting for NBC's ski broadcasts, with Bode Miller set to make his debut as an on-air analyst.

One of the most successful alpine racers in American history, Miller has a history of speaking his mind and clashing with officials in his sport. He once admitted to competing while still drunk from the night before.

Miller's first telecast is scheduled for early December at a World Cup event in Beaver Creek.

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NDOT finishes drainage work on Hwy. 50



Storm drain improvements on Highway 50. Photo/Provided

More than $1 million in storm drainage work has been completed on the east side of Spooner Summit.

The Nevada Department of Transportation project was designed to enhance storm drainage, preserve water quality and reduce erosion on Highway 50 in south Carson City.

More than 50 storm drains and drop inlets, as well as enhanced roadside slopes and curb and gutters were installed on the highway from the South Carson Street/Spooner junction to Tahoe Golf Club Drive, approximately 4.5 miles up 50.

Some of the drainage systems were from when the highway was built more than 50 years ago. The drainage systems carry storm water into the Clear Creek Watershed on the south side of Highway 50.

EDC schools chief hasn’t worked since DUI arrest

By Diana Lambert, Sacramento Bee

El Dorado County schools chief Jeremy Meyers hasn’t returned to work since he was arrested Thursday for allegedly driving drunk for the second time this year, and the county Office of Education does not have an official explanation for his absence.

Meyers, 45, allegedly had a blood alcohol content of 0.19 percent, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08 percent, according to the CHP. He was arrested after he crashed his truck into a utility box at about 2pm and was suspected of driving while intoxicated.

County Office of Education spokeswoman Dina Gentry said Tuesday she doesn’t have any information about when Meyers plans to return to his duties. She had no information on whether he has contacted anyone at the office about his plans. As an elected official, Meyers can set his own hours.

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