

Paid parking returning to Harrah's-Harveys

Harrah's and Harveys at Stateline will be charging for parking starting June 16.

It will be similar to what took place last summer.

Paid parking will run this summer on days and nights during major special events and peak holiday periods. Parking rates be \$20 for self-parking and \$25 for valet parking. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. Total Rewards loyalty members rated Platinum and above will continue to self-park for free. Complimentary valet will also be available for all Total Rewards loyalty members rated platinum and above.

Casino officials are hoping to improve the parking experience for guests.

Effective dates include all days/nights when there is a concert or special event scheduled including concerts/events at Harveys Outdoor Arena and major holiday periods, including July 4 and Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

David Burtson – 1948-2018

Longtime South lake Tahoe resident David Burtson died peacefully June 6, 2018, surrounded by friends and family in Modesto.

"Burt" lived in Lake Tahoe from 1956-2014, attended Lake Tahoe schools and worked at Barkley Meat company from 1964-2006.

He was 70 years old, and as a faithful Jehovah's Witness looked forward to a future life on a paradise earth.

Carson City fire at 15% containment, 500 acres

The Voltaire Fire burning in Carson City is 15 percent contained as of Wednesday morning, with 500 acres burned.

The cause of the fire is officially under investigation, however Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong said two campers have been detained on allegations they started the fire by burning poop in a hole at their campsite.

The fire is burning sage brush in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. It is west of the Casino Fandango. Flames are not expected to reach nearby homes, however voluntary evacuations remain for the Voltaire Canyon.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Food available to SLT youth throughout summer

The Bread & Broth 4 Kids Summer Program begins June 20, and will continue every Wednesday through Aug. 22 in South Lake Tahoe.

Any child up to the age of 18 can come alone or with a parent or legal guardian to any of the three distribution sites. At St. Theresa's Church, children can fill up a bag with fresh fruit, cereals, milk, breakfast and nutrition bars, canned meat and more. At the two school sites, prepacked bags will be provided.

Youth are encouraged to bring a backpack or reusable tote bag to carry food home.

Food will only be given to parents who are accompanied by their child(ren).

Distribution locations:

- St Theresa's Church- Grace Hall, 1041 Lyons Ave., 9am-noon
- Tahoe Valley Elementary School, 943 Tahoe Island Drive, 9:30-10:30am
- Bijou Community School, 3501 Spruce Ave., 11am-noon.

Food bags will be delivered to the following child care centers: Apple Seeds Academy, Boys & Girls Club, Child Development Center, Choices for Children, Under the Magic Pine Tree, Foster Family, and Live Violence Free.

For the past three years, Bread & Broth 4 Kids has provided weekend food backpacks for food insecure children in South Lake Tahoe, serving children at all elementary sites and South Tahoe Middle School. Last summer, 1,156 bags of food were handed out to children throughout the South Lake Tahoe community from June-August.

Letter: Questioning Placer County's fire awareness logic

Publisher's note: *This letter was sent to the Placer County Board of Supervisors, and to Lake Tahoe News.*

I just read the email sent out by the North Tahoe Business Association and I am a bit confused by a highlighted section titled "June – Lake Tahoe Basin Awareness Month." I am confused about the cautious statement: "Renewed effort to protect the high fire hazard areas in which residents live."

As a Placer County supervisor are you really worried about the high fire hazard areas or the residents who live in high fire hazardous areas? If you're worried about the residents, then why are you continuing to push for the development of the Martis Valley West Project which puts more lives in a known hazardous wildfire area? As a Placer County supervisor you really should be worried about the residents after all these are the people that your collect taxes off of to fund your highly wealthy ounty.

The highlighted section also noted that most fires start from campfires and tossed cigarette butts. Skipping beyond the once proposed campground located at the top of Brockway Summit that Placer County supported, please remember that the Gondola Fire which occurred at Heavenly Valley Ski Area started from a tossed cigarette butt from their gondola. I am sure with your continued push to make sure the Squaw to Alpine gondola project happens that you've already approved putting signs in all of the gondolas stating, "Throwing a cigarette butt out this window could burn down the Granite Chief Wilderness."

Please rethink your direction and make sure that articles published like the "June – Lake Tahoe Basin Awareness Month" reflect the actions already and being taken by the Placer

County supervisors.

Sincerely,

Jim Sajdak, Tahoe City

Carson sheriff: Campers burning poop started fire

By Sam Gross, Reno Gazette-Journal

Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong said two campers started the Voltaire Fire Tuesday evening after they attempted to burn poop in a hole at their campsite.

The fire, currently burning just west of the Casino Fandango, has prompted voluntary evacuations for homes in Voltaire Canyon.

"We really don't believe that there is significant fuel to get to those houses," Furlong said. "But that's a challenge right now because it's night time and it's become pretty large."

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Survey: Most would choose

their dog over partner

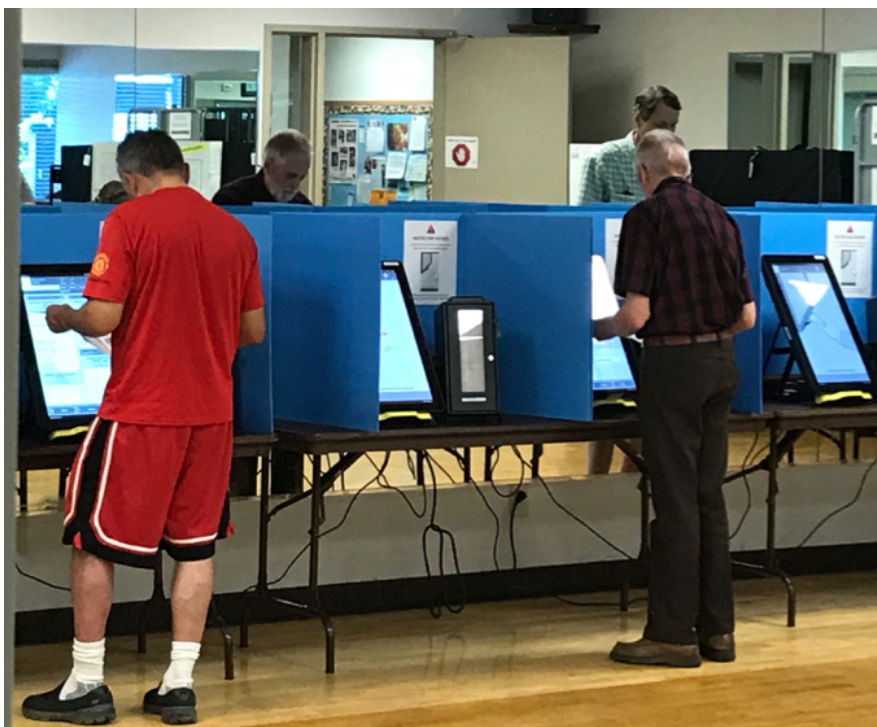
By CBS

Love is no match for man's best friend. According to a survey, an overwhelming number of adults would dump their partner if they didn't like their dog.

A survey of 3,500 dog owners conducted by dog-walking service Wag!, found that 86 percent of respondents would end a relationship if their boyfriend or girlfriend couldn't get along with their dog.

[Read the whole story](#)

Rice, Engels win DC Commission primary



Voters on June 12 cast ballots at Kahle Community Center. Photo/LTN

Updated 11:05pm:

By Susan Wood

Douglas County Board of Commissioners will see two new faces come November for seats representing the lake and the valley.

Deputy constable and Round Hill General Improvement District board member Wesley Rice has 52.69 percent of the vote amounting to 4,420 ballots cast in Lake Tahoe's District 4 seat to be vacated by Nancy McDermid. His opponent, Janet Murphy – an engineer-turned-government consultant, brought in 3,968 votes at 47.31 percent.

"I'm very pleased. We fought a clean campaign. We were very respectful. I just came out and said why we were the best choice, and the people responded," Rice told *Lake Tahoe News*. Screaming could be heard in the background of the phone call, as he attended an election party with his friends.

The Republican candidate will face undeclared Kristi Kandel, a real estate consultant, in November during the general election.

Rice plans to approach his race with Kandel with a continuation of his principles and much talk of the role of vacation home rentals at the lake. He believes they differ, something Rice would like to stabilize since the "pendulum has swung" from rare intervention to overbearing enforcement. He cited the \$1,000 parking citation the city of South Lake Tahoe handed down.

The shocker for the June 12 primary was the race for the valley's District 2 seat – with political newcomer John Engels beating incumbent Steven Thaler. Engels garnered 52.57 percent with 4,445 votes over Thaler's 47.43 percent with 4,011 votes.

Engels will appear on the November general election ballot unopposed.

“It’s been a lot of work. One common denominator we’ve encountered throughout the campaign – all told me they wanted to maintain the rural character of our area,” Engels told *LTN*. “Look at what’s happened to the lake – all that congestion.”

Engels ran on shying away from the county’s seemingly pro-growth stance he said his opponent has supported.

The growth of Douglas County is matched by its political activism.

Despite having less population than neighboring Carson City, Douglas touts more active voters. Its 33,442 voters amount to about 4,000 more people practicing their civic duty. The capital city houses about 7,000 more people than Douglas.

Active voting is a relative term. Traditionally, the primaries don’t pull the kind of numbers that general elections do. But this year elections officials witnessed a spike in activity compared to most.

California’s primary staged a week ago pulled in at least a 40 percent turnout, with El Dorado County coming in at a strong 48.3 percent. Nevada’s last primary in 2016 brought out 34.5 percent registered voters. This year’s stands at 39.72 percent.

County Clerk Kathy Lewis, the registrar of voters, expected a greater return compared to two years ago. Nevada has accelerated the process with procedures and protocols to spur the voter turnout.

With early voting starting a few decades ago, Nevadans wanting to cast their ballot as soon as they get it may do so. This year brings the first primary in which seniors ages 65 and older as well as the disabled may elect to have a permanent

absentee ballot, without the elections department needing to ask.

Landslide for Coverley in DCSO sheriff race

Updated 11:12pm

By Kathryn Reed

Douglas County Sheriff Ron Pierini's heir apparent, Dan Coverley, will be the next sheriff.

Coverley is a captain, having spent 21 of his 23 years in law enforcement with Douglas County Sheriff's Office.



Dan Coverley

He pulled in 53.79 percent of the vote, with 6,954 votes. The next closest of the three other contenders was DCSO Capt. Joe Duffy with 3,173 votes, or 24.54 percent.

Coverley will not face a runoff in November. To be a clear winner he needed 50 percent of the vote plus one.

"It's very humbling to think there are that many people and that much support. They put their faith in me so I will have

to work to deliver my best,” Coverley told *Lake Tahoe News* on election night. “We will work closely with Sheriff Pierini to have a smooth transition.”

Early on Pierini endorsed Coverley, who has most recently been working at the Tahoe substation.

The vacancy comes about because Pierini is calling it quits. He has been sheriff since he was appointed to the position in 1997. In December he will wrap up his fifth four-year term.

Other challengers in the June 12 primary were David Brady with 15.25 percent, 1,971 votes; and Dean Paris with 6.42 percent, 830 votes.

Website tries to provide travel options in Tahoe

A **website** launched by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Tahoe Transportation District, and visitor organizations provides a hub of easy-to-access information about a range of travel options in the Tahoe basin.

The goal is to increase public awareness of travel options for people to get to, from, and around the Tahoe basin and encourage more people to walk, bike, use transit, take water shuttles, and choose off-peak times to drive to better manage congestion on the region’s roads.

The website is a one-stop-shop for travel options throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin, providing links to transportation services and ways to travel to and from Tahoe from neighboring metropolitan areas such as Sacramento, Reno, and San

Francisco.