

Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe



Mac

Mac is a sweet happy 3-year-old boy who has been at the shelter for almost six weeks. He is a lot of fun and has good manners, but he is starting to become barky after being in the shelter for so long.

He does well with most other dogs and has lived with cats. He loves to have his tummy tickled. Mac was found abandoned, tied to a tree with Bowie the cat, who has been adopted. His adoption fee has been partially paid.

Mac is neutered, microchipped, tested for heart worm, and vaccinated. He is at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter in Meyers, along with many other dogs and cats who are waiting for their new homes. Go to the Tahoe animal shelter's Facebook page to see photos and descriptions of all pets at the shelter.

There have been only two adoptions in the past three weeks, please share the pet information with anyone who is looking for a new friend.

Call 530.573.7925 for directions, hours, and other information on adopting a pet.

For spay-neuter assistance for South Tahoe residents, go **online**.

– Karen Kuentz

McClintock hosts another raucous town hall

By Anita Chabria, Sacramento Bee

More than 1,700 people turned out Saturday morning at an El Dorado Hills high school to once again let Republican Rep. Tom McClintock know how they feel about GOP policies and his support of President Trump.

Like three other town halls McClintock has hosted in the past month, the majority of attendees were angry and spoke vehemently about recent changes in immigration law, the proposed repeal of the Affordable Care Act and civil rights issues.

But a growing number in the rowdy crowd – about a quarter – were there to show support for the beleaguered congressman, many sporting green T-shirts advertising their allegiance to the State of Jefferson, a conservative movement that advocates for a large stretch of rural Northern California to break from the rest of the state. Those fans said McClintock and Trump are on the right path to restoring affordable insurance, putting education decisions back in the hands of states and securing the nation's borders.

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LTBMU seeks input on OHV grant process

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is accepting public comment for the Off-Highway Vehicle Cooperative Funds grant application submitted to the state.

The OHMVR grants would provide for OHV safety and education information, resource and use monitoring, and site and trail maintenance in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The 30-day grant application comment period ends April 3.

For more information about the grant and how to comment, go **online**.

Project to focus on inspirational women

South Lake Tahoe resident Kerry Gross is embarking on a project to tell the stories of courageous women.

Women Who Dare is a cross-country interview project. Gross is looking for recommendations of inspirational women for inclusion in a forthcoming podcast. Suggestions will be accepted until March 31.

Gross will plan a route across to reaching as many women as possible. Throughout the summer, she will follow this route on

her bicycle, interviewing inspirational women and sharing updates on her blog and Instagram.

For more information and to suggest a woman for the project, go **online**.

Calif. roads some of the poorest in the nation

By Kurt Snibbe, San Jose Mercury News

The governor's office said damage to roads in the first two months of 2017 will cost \$595 million to repair. That is a small portion of the more than \$137 billion the state needs to repair its crumbling transportation infrastructure.

California is trying to climb out of a deep pothole regarding repairing its roads.

The gas tax that supports maintaining its roads is one of the highest in the nation, but California's highways, freeways and city roads are constantly rated some of the worst in the nation.

Recent storms across the state have wrecked more than 350 roads.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Time to load up on Thin Mints and other Girl Scout cookies. Booths sales run until April 2. Girls will be at Safeway and Grocery Outlet in South Lake Tahoe on Fridays from 4-6pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-4pm. Each box is \$5, with about \$4 of that money going to support local, life-changing programming for girls.
 - Barton Palliative Care is now at 1067 Fourth St. in South Lake Tahoe
 - The 4th annual Wildfire Safety Expo will be June 17 from noon to 3pm at the TJ Maxx parking lot in South Lake Tahoe.
 - The second Truckee Town Council Community Workshop Cannabis Dialogue is March 9 from 6-8pm at the airport.
 - Here is the El Dorado-Tahoe roadwork schedule for the week from Caltrans.
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Snow impacts Tahoe schools, roads



Travel on Tahoe area roads will be slick, with low visibility on March 6. Photo/LTN

Snow continues to accumulate on Tahoe-Truckee area roads, which has educators calling for another snow day.

Schools in Lake Tahoe Unified and Tahoe-Truckee Unified are closed on March 6. Douglas County is delayed by 90 minutes and is using main bus stops only. Incline Village schools are on a two-hour delay.

The winter storm warning issued by the National Weather Service in Reno has been extended to 10am Monday. There will be a chance of snow in the basin through Tuesday.

Spring temperatures will return by Wednesday with the thermometer reaching the low 50s.

Donner Summit traffic is being held because of zero visibility. Eastbound Interstate 80 is closed at Highway 20 and westbound is closed at the state line. The Carson Spur and Carson Pass are also closed, as is Highway 89 around Emerald Bay.

For up to date road conditions click on the state icons on the home page of *Lake Tahoe News*.— *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Northstar veteran at helm of ski resort

By Kathryn Reed

Even though Nadia Guerriero is well versed in event planning, a mega-winter pushing 600 inches of snow to date is one event she didn't plan for.

"For so many years the conversation was how to keep our trails open, how to make sure we had enough snow. Now it is where do we put all the snow," Guerriero told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Guerriero is in her first season as chief operating officer of Northstar. This Truckee resort averages 350 inches of snow a season. In 2014-15, 133 inches fell.

This season she and her crew are figuring out how to get it off roofs, how to dig down to access lifts, and how to maintain safety, as well provide a good experience for guests. All this snow doesn't just affect life at work. Employees, like everyone in the greater Lake Tahoe area, have had their own struggles this winter, which in turn can have an impact on the workplace.

Guerriero said the massive amount of snow "has accelerated the learning process in a lot of ways."

It helps that the 43-year-old is not new to the resort. She started at Northstar in 2007 as director of events and conference services. Four years later when Vail Resorts acquired the property she became general manager of the village.

While she didn't work directly with everyone at the resort in

her prior capacities, she at least had an awareness of who they were and what they did. That has helped ease the transition to being the leader.



Nadia Guerriero in her first year as C00 at Northstar has had to deal with more snow than she ever imagined. Photo/Provided

It is her leadership that helped get her the job.

“Nadia’s leadership and dedication to the Northstar community for nearly a decade prepared her well for the Northstar C00 role – it was a natural fit. She executes on her day-to-day responsibilities exceptionally and also dedicates a huge portion of her time to developing high performing teams,” Pete Sonntag told *Lake Tahoe News*. He is Vail Resorts’ vice president in charge of the three Tahoe area resorts. “It’s this extraordinary leadership and commitment to excellence that is sought after in this industry and will help her raise the bar for Northstar and Truckee/Lake Tahoe.”

Guerriero’s immediate goal is to continue to have Northstar be

the No. 1 place in California for families to ski.

She wants to fill in the midweek with more destination visitors. With the recently approved master plan, the resort will be expanding. This could attract more people, too. What the first project will be has not been determined.

Northstar has long struggled to be a year-round destination. Lake Tahoe locales take precedence in the summer. Guerriero knows the lake will always be a priority for summer visitors, but she thinks Northstar can still capture a larger segment of the market. This will in part be accomplished by keeping the village full, having plenty of shopping and dining options, as well as things for kids to do.

"We have available lodging here and need to promote that lodging. We need to make Northstar a real hub to spend a week or two," Guerriero said. "Another big thing to do is be mindful and thoughtful about programming."

She also wants to coordinate transit with the town of Truckee to bring people between the two locations.

Development in the region draws the ire of many when it comes to where workers will live and congestion on roads. Guerriero believes Northstar has a role to play in mitigating both issues.

"Regarding roads and traffic it's been an extraordinary year from weather and visitation standpoint," Guerriero said. Working on the inflow and outflow of traffic, and educating guests are other things the resort is doing. The resort also helps fund regional transit.

"I believe in affordable housing and workforce housing. We are part of the (Truckee North Tahoe) Regional Housing Council," Guerriero said. The resort has pledged \$30,000 to the Housing Solutions Fund.

While Guerriero's job is never ending, she does get to spend time on the mountain. She been skiing since she was 10, having learned at Eldora Mountain Resort near Boulder, Colo. Her mom put her and her sister in lessons – at night – and from there she was hooked.

Today she skis with her husband and daughter.

For now, Guerriero is hoping to be in this position for years to come. Even though the last two Northstar head honchos got promoted to other resorts within the Vail Resorts family, she wants to stay put.

“There are a lot of people in the same role, at the same resort. I hope to get to be one of those,” Guerriero said. “I would love to stay at Northstar. I’m passionate about the resort.”

Opinion: Squaw rotting from the inside out

By Andrew J. Pridgen

A couple weeks ago, the marketing office at Squaw Valley came up with a strange and context-free Instagram rant about silencing the “trolls and haters” on their “corner” of the internet. By way of background, the post was sparked by a number of incidents of questions on the social medias (as well as inquiries to the Squaw front office directly) about the Squaw and Alpine's reticence to open terrain.

Though several dry years in a row have prevented the resorts from turning every lift, a snow year that is shaping up to be

the best, if not most tumultuous, in the Basin this century and perhaps the wettest year in California since '82-'83, has raised questions among longtime Squaw skiers whether the private equity firm-owned resort isn't sandbagging with its terrain accessibility.

By now you may have perused Truckee resident and a former Squaw employee Erik Hurst's critical letter to the front office, which seems to have been the smoking gun. On January 22, Hurst sent an email to Squaw CEO Andy Wirth calling out the front office for a number of transgressions, most notably, a consistent culture of deceit.

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Nev. bill would restrict police from performing immigration enforcement

By Seth A. Richardson, Reno Gazette-Journal

With Republican President Trump set to increase deportations of undocumented immigrants nationwide, a Democratic state lawmaker has plans to restrict how and when local law enforcement can be involved.

Trump has ramped up talks of increasing deportations in recent weeks and directed his administration to more thoroughly enforce immigration laws. As a result, some local lawmakers have called for reducing their cooperation with the federal government.

State Sen. Yvanna Cancela, D-Las Vegas, introduced Senate Bill

223 last week that would limit Nevada cooperation with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection by limiting what police can do in terms of enforcement.

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