

Tahoe Legends 10K/5K Run

Tahoe Legends 10K/5K Run is June 16 at 8am starting in the Lake Tahoe Community College parking area.

The 5 kilometer and 10 kilometer runs snake through rolling hills, forests and meadows on single track trails and bike paths. Competitors start at LTCC and finish on the track at the South Tahoe Community Sports Complex.

The Tahoe Legends Challenge also pits local fitness clubs in head to head competition for the Fast and Fit Trophy.

Go online to register.

Lake Tahoe Summer Track & Field Camp

Lake Tahoe Summer Track & Field Camp is July 16-20 at South Tahoe Middle School.

It's open to ages 8-14 or third- to eighth-graders.

For more information or to register, go online.

Easter egg hunt comes a day

early in South Tahoe

The South Lake Tahoe Optimist Club will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt on April 7 at Lake Tahoe Community College.

The hunt begins at 11am sharp.

A bonnet contest and costume parade are part of the festivities.

This free event is for infants to age 11.

Free books for youth at library in Zephyr Cove

Douglas County Public Library, Lake Tahoe branch is celebrating National Library Week April 9-14.

Join Miss Carol at the library for a special storytime on April 13 at 3:30pm. Children of all ages may bring a favorite book to share. Every child will receive a free book courtesy of the Leadership Lake Tahoe Children's Book Drive.

Upscale bus shelter designed for Tahoe City

At the east end of downtown Tahoe City between the Lighthouse Shopping Mall and the State Campground a unique bus shelter is

slated go in this spring.

Tahoe City architectural design and engineering firm, Gary Davis Group has donated the design, engineering, and specifications for a proposed Lighthouse Bus Shelter.

“The idea for the striking design came from both the views of Lake Tahoe and South Shore’s mountainous peaks, as well as a reconfiguring of the existing two Tahoe City bus shelter’s design and materials,” the company said in a press release.

Not all bottled beers are the same

By Josh Noel, Chicago Tribune

If you spend more than a few minutes picking out your beer, you’ve probably seen the words on a label or two: bottle-conditioned.

But what is it? And why do some well-loved breweries swear by the practice (Sierra Nevada) while others don’t touch it (Lagunitas)?

First of all, bottle-conditioning – also known as refermentation – is quite simple. It amounts to bottling beer while still flat with a last-minute addition of yeast and sugar. In the bottle, the yeast eats the sugar, creating carbon dioxide – better known as bubbles. (The process can also take place in a can, but is less common and more difficult to pull off.)

Suspect in 1980 S. Lake Tahoe murder case behind bars

By Kathryn Reed

A nearly 32-year-old South Lake Tahoe murder case may have been solved with the arrest of a 50-year-old Carmichael man.

Andrew Sanford was booked into the Sacramento County Jail in the death of Richard Swanson on March 28. Sanford, who would have been 19 at the time, was a resident of South Lake Tahoe then.

Swanson was a 16-year-old South Tahoe boy working at the Shell station that used to be at the corner of highways 50 and 89 at the Y. The station was robbed and Swanson left for dead.



Richard Swanson was 16 in 1980 when he was killed at the now defunct Shell station at the Y in South

Lake Tahoe.

For years the case went nowhere. That changed in 2006.

Ron and Sharon Swanson made a heartfelt plea to the City Council at the time asking them to allocate more resources to the police department so the person responsible for their son's Aug. 14, 1980, death would be caught and justice served.

Then Police Chief Terry Daniels and Mayor Kathay Lovell met with the Swansons to talk about what could be done. The council approved additional resources.

When Chuck Owens retired from the department he was hired by Daniels to work the Swanson case, with money allocated by the council.

Even though today's council stopped the allocation, current Police Chief Brian Uhler saw the need to keep the investigation going. Tips were coming in.

The El Dorado County District Attorney's Office in Placerville will be handling the case. Most likely that is where the case will be tried, much like the Jaycee Lee Dugard case, even though both crimes were committed in the basin.

Trish Kelliher with the DA's office did not return a phone call.

Assisting with the case was the FBI. They have been working it more diligently since the Swansons, who now live in Tuolumne County, pleaded for officers to reopen the case.

"It's good to have a milestone here with an arrest," FBI agent Chris Campion told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Neither Uhler nor police Lt. David Stevenson had details on what the suspect has been doing with his life for the past 30-plus years. It's also not known if they knew each other.

“We don’t want to really get into any details that might be discussed as part of the trial because of our desire to have a successful prosecution,” Uhler told *Lake Tahoe News*.

From this killing the local Secret Witness program was formed. The seed money was always to go to the person who helped solve the Swanson murder.

“This case and the Jaycee case were really the two cases that shook this community to the core. It really changed how we thought about this community. They were just two kids,” Lovell told *Lake Tahoe News*. She has been on the Secret Witness board for the past 15 years.

The Shell station also has a history for her family. Her brother owned it before the killing took place and had worked there as a teenager, much like Swanson did.

“It was very eerie for us to have it happen,” Lovell said.

Campion said for now details about what led to the arrest are not being released.

Haase has been dribbling toward success since he was a

kid in S. Tahoe

By Steve Irvine, Birmingham News

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Jerod Haase, the youngest of Carol and Gary Haase's five children, played the bass guitar and stand-up string bass while growing up in South Lake Tahoe. He played it well enough, in fact, that a high school music teacher suggested he could get a music scholarship.

Carol Haase's laughter while telling the story must have been similar to the laugh she enjoyed upon first hearing that suggestion.

She knew her son had talent, playing alongside him in a Christian folk music group that consisted of Carol Haase and her children. But she still followed the laughter with a polite smile and a thought.



Jerod Haase

"I'm thinking 'Right, that's not going to happen.' " By that time – actually long before – Jerod had chosen the passion that would lead him not only to college but also throughout life. In fact, it was love at first bounce for the freshly minted UAB men's basketball coach.

The introduction to basketball came when Jerod was in third grade and he followed his brother to a basketball camp.

"I dribbled the ball one time and I just fell in love with it," Haase said.

Since that day, his life has been filled with basketball. His parents put up a basketball goal behind the house and the youngest two Haase children and their friends wore it out. Jerod was part of a state championship team as a senior at South Tahoe High, played on a University of California team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16, started on three Roy Williams-coached Kansas teams that were a combined 89-13, and was an assistant coach at premiere programs Kansas and North Carolina.

It's a path, though, that could have taken a different direction. The oldest three Haase children – Mara, Karin, and David – were accomplished at cross country skiing and cross country running. All three competed on cross country ski teams in college.

Carol Haase figured the youngest two would follow the older three. But Steven veered first and Jerod was close behind.

In South Lake Tahoe, a tight-knit community with a population of about 21,000, both brothers stood out on the court.

"I had a camp that went third through 12th grade, which, at the time, was one of the largest high school camps out there in California," said Tom Orlich, one of the most successful prep coaches in California, who was then the head coach at South Tahoe High. "It was kind of a feeder camp to our school. The kids came up through the system and that's how we knew Jerod. He was always ahead of his time as a basketball player and had to play against older kids."

Steven came through first and made his mark. He was his team's MVP his final two years at South Lake Tahoe and his steal and off-balance 3-point prayer at the buzzer to beat archrival Reed High in a zone championship game is one of the biggest moments in the school's basketball history.

"He has a way of bringing that shot up when we're together," Jerod said of his brother, who went on to play basketball for

the Air Force Academy.

At the time, Jerod was a 5-foot-6, 140-pound freshman who began that season on the junior varsity and was sitting on the bench when his brother hit the shot to win “the best game I’ve ever seen – bar none.”

Read the whole story

STHS students sweep congressional art competition

For the fourth consecutive year South Tahoe High School has had winners in the California Fourth District Congressional Art Competition and the second consecutive year where STHS students have swept the competition.

Winners are:

First place – Sandy Robles (STHS 12th grade) – “The Beginning of Life”

Second place – Colton McHugh (STHS 10th grade) – “Regrowth”

Third place – Isabella Wulfsberg-Gesmundo (STHS 11th grade) – Untitled

Honorable mention – Nicholas Ballachey (STHS 11th grade) – “Imagination”

The panel judged entries from art and photography students throughout the congressional region, which includes El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, and Modoc counties, as well as parts of Butte and Sacramento counties.

The winning entry from each congressional district will be displayed for one year in the Cannon Tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol and the artist will be invited, along with one guest, to the unveiling of the exhibit and a reception in Washington, D.C., in June.

Beacon and Eggs combines avalanches and Easter

Combine an Easter egg hunt with an avalanche beacon search practice session, and the result is the fifth annual Beacon and Eggs beacon search contest at Alpine Meadows.

This event is organized by Alpine's ski patrol and takes place on Easter Sunday, April 8. Not only is it a fun, free event for all ages, but it also raises avalanche awareness and is an opportunity to practice search and rescue techniques.

Avalanche beacons are buried in a 1-acre area at Alpine Meadows and competitors proceed to the buried treasure using their beacons in "search" mode. Competitors work individually or in teams (up to four people) to recover the beacons.

Free registration is at the Beacon & Eggs tent near the top of Subway chairlift (next to the base lodge) from 9-11am. The Le Mans-style start is at noon near the top of the Subway beginner lift, adjacent to the base lodge. Competitors must provide their own beacons, probes, and shovels, and lift ticket.

For additional information and details, call the Alpine Meadows patrol office at (530) 583.4232.