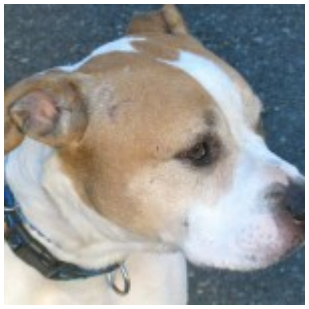
Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe

Luke is a nice 4-year-old pit bull mix who gives the breed a good name. He is very gentle, is house trained, and has great manners.



He loves to go for walks and doesn't pull on his leash. But he is also quite playful, and loves to walk around with a toy in his mouth, which he will gently hand to you or drop for you to throw for him.

He gets along with most dogs, but he would prefer to be your only pet.

Luke is neutered, microchipped, 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.

Call (530) 573.7925 for directions, hours, and other information on adopting a pet.

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

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Chickenfoot, led by Sammy Hagar, will play May 4-5 at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe South Shore Room.

• Beginning March 1, orthopedic surgeon Robert Rupp with Tahoe Orthopedics & Sports Medicine will begin seeing patients at 925 Tahoe Blvd., Stes. 105 and 106, Incline Village. He will continue to see patients at his Zephyr Cove and Carson City offices.

• The El Dorado Community Foundation’s board officers are: President John Black, Vice President Paul Zappettini, Secretary Charlie Stephens and Treasurer Chris Reeg. Maureen Carter is the past president.

• Paradise and McCall real estate companies are not merging after all.

• Truckee has launched a private social network for neighborhoods that allows residents to communicate online in a private, secure website to build stronger communities. More information is online.

TRTA to host outdoor leadership weekend

Tahoe Rim Trail Association’s 4th annual Outdoor Leadership and Guide Training will be at Granlibakken Lodge and

Conference Center in Tahoe City May 18-20.



This training is no longer just for guides. Participants will discover sessions that will increase their confidence and competence in the outdoors.

Regional professionals, along with experienced Tahoe Rim Trail guides will lead workshops in Outdoor Leadership, Risk Management, Trip Planning, Leave No Trace and more. The weekend offers opportunities to network with professional and volunteer guides, as well as participants who share in common pursuits and passions. Participants pay a fee of $250 which includes two nights of lodging, all meals, three days of training, parking, training materials, and conference center facilities. However, there are many other price packages available.

For more information and registration materials, go online or contact Jaime Souza at (775) 298.0231 or jaimes@tahoerimtrail.org.

Opinion: Rogue tactics undermine climate crusade

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As big industries ramp up their campaign to discredit the science of global climate change, researchers who've helped document the threats posed by rising greenhouse gases have paid a steep price.

Some have had their emails stolen. Others have come under attack from industry-funded groups. Still others have been summoned to appear before hostile congressional committees.

Amid this organized campaign of intimidation and dishonesty, it is understandable that some might want to fight back with similar tactics.

Understandable, but not acceptable. If climate scientists and their advocates use deceit in the cause of truth, they will only set back their cause. Sadly, one already has.

Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute, an Oakland-based think tank, has admitted using a false name to obtain internal documents from a pro-industry group in Chicago, the Heartland Institute. Gleick then fed the documents – which reveal individual donors to Heartland and the group's plan to use public schools in a campaign to discredit climate science – to bloggers and Internet sites. Heartland has also accused Gleick of forging one of the Heartland documents, which Gleick has denied.

Gleick, recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius award" and a prolific blogger and writer (including op-eds on water issues for The Bee in 2009 and 2011), apologized three days ago on the Huffington Post for his actions.

"My judgment was blinded by my frustration with the ongoing efforts – often anonymous, well-funded and coordinated – to attack climate science and scientists …" he wrote in his post.

Sorry, Mr. Gleick, but frustration isn't justification for acts that are dishonest and potentially illegal. Moreover, by misrepresenting himself, Gleick has handed red meat to the

attack dogs who so frustrate him. He has also taken himself out of an ongoing political debate that so badly needs strong, credible voices.

Read the whole story

Linear Park upgrades expected to begin in summer

By Kathryn Reed

While the word “park” is in its name, this is not the four-letter word most would use for the stretch of land from Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort to Holiday Inn Express. “Ugly” is what it is.

Linear Park is going to get a complete makeover, with completion likely in 2013. It’s possible a final design plan will be in place in March.

Right now dirt, dead plants and non-working lights line the sides of the bike-pedestrian path that parallels Highway 50 and the gated Tahoe Meadows area.



The dirt and trail along Highway 50

known as Linear Park is about to be upgraded. Photo/LTN

It is the residents of Tahoe Meadows who gave the city the land to create this park. The homeowners owned the land into the first travel lane of Highway 50.

But it was the Washoe who first called this area home – long before white people put gates around it to regulate who could access this lakefront property.

Tahoe Meadows was once a frequent fishing area for the Washoe, who spent their summers at Lake Tahoe. There was a pond nearby that was used to store the fish until the tribe needed them for food.

It is because of this history that it was decided by the now defunct city arts council to erect a statue in that location to honor the Washoe Tribe. The statue on the west end of the park was created by Arnold Aragon. It portrays a typical Washoe woman. Though Aragon, who lives in Schurz, Nev., is Crow and Laguna, he is married to a Washoe woman.

After it was erected in 2000, the original pedestal on which the statue sits began to crumble. In stepped the now-defunct Core 24 Charities, of which this reporter was a member. In 2005, a more durable quartzite pedestal was built. Tahoe Sand and Gravel donated materials.

The arts council had intended to place plaques in a semicircle that would have told the story of the Washoe. Money prevented that from happening.

However, after the revamped pedestal was put in, the city paid for a single plaque to be installed.

Core 24 when it disbanded gave the city more than $20,000 to be used exclusively on upgrades to linear park. After all, the group had worked with the city and South Tahoe Public Utility District to establish a 2-inch water hookup near the old Shell station to supply needed irrigation. The group also planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs around the pedestal that to this day bloom each year.

It won't be until a March City Council meeting that the $20,000 gets placed in the appropriate fund.

At the Feb. 21 City Council meeting the five approved an agreement with Brett Long Landscape Architecture for planning, design and construction support services.

The staff report says, "The preliminary project scope includes improving the existing landscaping, upgrading irrigation and supply, providing bus shelter pads and enclosures, class 1 bicycle trail repair and installing pedestrian lighting."

Councilman Tom Davis wants better lighting than what is on Ski Run Boulevard so pedestrians don't go from dark to light to dark. But it is those types of overhead lights that are proposed.

For one, they meet Tahoe Regional Planning Agency guidelines. They are also more compatible when houses are nearby because of spreading less light.

Nancy Kerry, who was acting city manager for the week while Tony O'Rourke was out of town, said the Tahoe Meadows Homeowners Association is willing to discuss the lighting issue.

The entire cost of the project is estimated between $250,000 and $370,000. The higher cost is if the bike path is revamped.

Long hopes the landscaping could be in place this summer. While native plants will be used, it's likely grass will go in

some areas, along with adaptive accent plants.

When the park was first developed in the 1990s the irrigation system was not adequate and the plants died. People have continuously kicked in the low-level light standards. Now it is just rundown.

Long believes improvements can be ongoing after the initial upgrades are made – like signs and benches.

Fresh Tracks 5K Snowshoe Walk and Race

The Tahoe Mountain Milers Running Club is hosting the Fresh Tracks 5K Snowshoe Walk and Race on Feb. 24 at 10am at Camp Richardson Resort.

The beneficiary is the Eric Nageotte-Lowe Scholarship Fund for the Heavenly Freestyle Team.

Check out the website for complete information and a mail-in registration form.

For more information, call (775) 588.2864 or email tahoecarol@charter.net.

Great Ski Race canceled because of conditions

Because of unfriendly winter weather conditions, the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team has been forced to cancel the Great Ski Race that was scheduled for March 6.

Ryan Shreve Memorial Ski Race

The annual Ryan Shreve Memorial Ski Race is March 29 at Sierra-at-Tahoe.

The categories include skiing, snowboarding and the 3-inch hose relay. It’s open to firefighters, paramedics and their families. And the racers must be wearing their firefighter turnouts.

The fundraiser is at Sierra because this is where Shreve grew up skiing. He was on the Buddy Werner team in the mid-1980s and skied at Sierra while on the STHS ski team all four years.

Shreve was 24 when he died after a wakeboarding accident on Folsom Lake.

The Ryan Shreve Head Injury Awareness Foundation was created in the 1997 South Tahoe High School graduate’s name in hopes of limiting the number of deaths like his.

Registration is at 8:30am, with the race starting at 10am.

To register or for more information, email bwarren@edhfire.com

or mshreve@edhfire.com or smwtao@gmail.com or Rshreve4@gmail.com.

Chowder feed

Windjammers Yacht Club’s annual Chowder Feed and membership drive is March 30.

Anyone interested in sailing is welcome.

The cost is $15 per person. RSVP by March 27 to vicecommodorewyc@gmail.com.

The 6pm event is at the Tahoe Keys Marina in South Lake Tahoe.

Click on the flyer or call (775) 771.6869 for more information.

Coyote Grill helping raise money for Clean Tahoe

Clean Tahoe will be the beneficiary of the March 1 all-you-can-eat chili for $1 fundraiser at Coyote Grill in the Round Hill shopping center.

Clean Tahoe will also receive 20 percent of sales from the menu from between 5-10pm.