Bomb squad takes care of ordnance left at gun shop

Ordnance left at a Gardnerville gun store was disposed of Monday by the Douglas County bomb squad.

Deputies took it to the Douglas County Shooting Range where it was disposed of via controlled detonation.

The owner of the store discovered the ordnance sitting outside the rear of his shop when he opened for business Jan. 9.

The ordnance consisted of unexploded gas canisters, grenade simulators, and an 81mm smoke mortar round.

Authorities say dropping ordnance off in this manner is not safe. To dispose of items properly, call (775) 782.5126.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Couple found dead in Carson River

By Reno Gazette-Journal

The Carson City Sheriff's Office identified the two people found dead in the Carson River on Tuesday as Darrell Crossman, 54, and his wife Kelley Crossman, 43, both of Carson City.

Their bodies were discovered Tuesday afternoon by a hiker about a half-mile south of Carson River Road. Both were in shallow, frigid water. A campsite, vehicle and two small dogs were located nearby.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the two were unemployed and living with other family members in Carson City.

Autopsies performed Wednesday at the Washoe County Medical Examiners Office showed no significant injury or trauma to either victim. Toxicology reports are pending.

Read the whole story

K's Kitchen: New veggie passes the taste test

By Kathryn Reed

An email arrives asking if I like Brussels sprouts. I don't know. Next email arrives with a Brussels sprouts recipe. I figure it's better I try it in my house instead my friend's. What if I want to spit it out and they have cloth napkins? What if I get sick? What if I love them so much I make a pig of myself?



Better to be at home fretting about those scenarios.

The latter is what happened. Oh, my! I can see why Kim was cooking up batches of Brussels sprouts nearly nightly.

Sue and I don't know if we had these weird looking vegetables before. I have always passed them up in the store. I don't see them on menus. Apparently our moms didn't serve them to us.

I ran into someone at Grocery Outlet when I was buying some who said her office was just discussing Brussels sprouts. She is a fan of them, but said they stink when you cook them.

Mine didn't smell bad. Not even a hint of bad.

In doing a bit of research on this veggie – which has nothing to do with Belgium – I found out overcooking Brussels sprouts is what releases sulfur compounds, and therefore the nasty smell.

What I was excited to learn about them is how wonderfully nutritious they are. Lots of vitamin C and other good stuff. But the most impressive thing about Brussels sprouts is their cancer fighting components – colon cancer in particular. Considering there is a history of colon cancer in both of our families, Brussels sprouts may become a regular in our diet.

Kim found the recipe on Epicurious, but it was originally from the February 1999 issue of *Gourmet* magazine.

Pan-Browned Brussels Sprouts (serves 2-3 as side dish)

½ pound Brussels sprouts

2 large garlic cloves

1½ T unsalted butter

1 T olive oil

2 T pine nuts

Trim Brussels sprouts and halve lengthwise. Cut garlic into very thin slices. In a 10-inch heavy skillet (preferable well-seasoned cast iron) melt 1 tablespoon butter with oil over moderate heat and cook garlic, stirring, until pale golden. Transfer garlic with a slotted spoon to a small bowl. Reduce heat to low and arrange sprouts in skillet, cut sides down, in one layer. Sprinkle sprouts with pine nuts and salt to taste.

Cook sprouts, without turning, until crisp-tender and undersides are golden brown, about 15 minutes.

With tongs transfer sprouts to a plate, browned sides up. Add garlic and remaining ½ tablespoon butter to skillet and cook over moderate heat, stirring, until pine nuts are more evenly pale golden, about 1 minute. Spoon mixture over sprouts and sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper.

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4 STHS students stand out among their peers

Publisher's note: ***Four seniors from South Tahoe High School were honored as Young Women of Distinction on Jan. 11 by Soroptimist International South Lake Tahoe. The following is what their principal had to say about each young woman at the lunch.***

By Ivone Larson

Jocelyn DeLeon: As a calculus student in Mr. [Dave] Mason's class, Jocelyn DeLeon states, "It may be hard to believe, but math is actually fun! It is the best feeling ever when you do a long and hard problem and at the end you get the answer right." With a remarkable 4.0 gpa, her passion for school goes far beyond mathematics.



Hannah Green, from left, Willow Nelson, Jocelyn DeLeon, and Alana Mosca. Photo/Provided

As an AVID student since the seventh grade, Jocelyn has been actively involved in academics, extra-curricular activities and community service. Her outstanding academic record has earned her numerous ski passes at Sierra-at-Tahoe, a President's Award at South Tahoe Middle School, several Golden State Student awards, and was the winner of the Soroptimist's Ann Frank 8th Grade Write Off.

She participated in cheerleading, competing at the state level in Las Vegas, ran track and field, and though she has never taken dance lessons, is trying something new this year by performing with the STHS Dance Team. In her spare time, Jocelyn volunteers at Barton Skilled Nursing Facility, volunteers for the Forest Service and currently serves as Generation Green vice president.

In her sophomore year, Jocelyn had the opportunity to go to a small village near Guadalajara, Mexico, for a month with a family friend. Seeing how little the people had and how they lived was life changing. She says, "I got to see where my family is from and I learned to appreciate all I have because my family has worked so hard to be where we are today."

Jocelyn has taken the initiative two years in a row to attend

the Women in Engineering Awareness Day sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers, as she plans to major in math or engineering and minor in Spanish. Jocelyn has applied to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona, San Diego State, Sonoma State, and Santa Clara University, but Saint Mary's College of California is her first choice due to its small class size, high value of community service, and Catholic affiliation.

Jocelyn would like to honor her mother because, as a single parent working at Barton Hospital in housekeeping, she has done so much for her brother and herself. She is the definition of a hardworking, loving, caring, and responsible human being.

She says, "My mom has shown me how to be strong and inspired me to do well in school, so that I can someday live a better life than what she did. My main goal is to work hard to make my family proud."

Jocelyn hopes to pursue a career that she truly enjoys and to be able to help out her family financially. She is extremely proud to be the first generation to go to college.

Sue Channel, her AVID teacher, says of her, "Jocelyn is an extraordinary young woman who is determined to succeed. She manages rigorous AP and honors courses all while staying calm, gracious, maintaining a sense of humor and a close network of friends. I love the way she is so positive about the important things in her life: her family, her friends, her achievements. It is a pleasure to have her in class."

Jocelyn, not only are you the pride of your family, you have made your teachers, your school and your community proud. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors and look forward to seeing you inspiring the next generation to pursue their dreams of higher education.

Hannah Green: Hannah Green's mom has influenced her life greatly by providing her the opportunity to spend her summers

in Japan with her grandparents. Her love for Asian life and culture is apparent in her pursuit of the Japanese language and culture, as well as her visits to other Asian countries, including Korea and China. Hannah has applied to UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC Davis, but her first choice is UC Berkeley where she plans to major in math and Japanese, a passion she gained from parents who are instructors in those subject areas at Lake Tahoe Community College. She hopes to use her studies to become a translator and interpreter for an engineering company.

Hannah has been very active while attending South Tahoe High School and has participated in Friday Night Live, National Honor Society, tennis, and track. She has been on the Honor Roll, is an AP Scholar, and made the All State Academic team for tennis. With a 4.5 GPA, she has a very promising future. Her favorite class is mathematics, and the reason her father is not able to attend today is that he will be her linear algebra teacher and the class begins any moment.

Hannah spends her free time either singing soprano, having sung with the Blue Ribbon Choir, connecting with friends online, or reading in Japanese. She is especially fond of “Manga”, a type of Japanese comic. She hopes to someday reside in Tokyo where she can use her academic talents, as well as spend time shopping in the world-renowned Harajuku Station area.

Bridey Heidel, one of Hannah’s favorite teachers, says of her, “Hannah Green is an exceptionally sweet, young woman. She has poise, manners, and an absolute sense of who she is; in fact, I cannot imagine Hannah compromising herself in any situation. Although reticent to speak in front of others, I know that with her friends she is charismatic and from what I hear, could even be called hyper – which is a bit unbelievable – but I think this is because she and her friends share a love of all things Japanese, particularly the make-up and fashion of Harajuku girls. If you can get Hannah talking on this subject,

she suddenly becomes anime herself – her eyes widen, her conversation quickens, and she is truly in her comfort zone. It is not often that our quieter students receive such accolades, so I was thrilled to hear that Hannah Green is being celebrated by the Soroptimist. She is deserving of great applause, and I join you as she receives it."

Hanna, although you are considered to be quiet and reserved, your accomplishments speak very loudly for you. On behalf of our community, best wishes in reaching your dreams and domo arigato!

Alana Mosca: This young woman's goal in 10 years is to be in a career helping people as an OB or ICU nurse. Alana Mosca doesn't feel a need to stay close to home, which is evident in the list of schools to which she has applied, including Westminster, University of Portland, University of New England, University of Arizona, and has already been accepted to Northern Arizona University and her first choice, Gonzaga.

Alana keeps busy by working at both Raley's and the Beacon Bar & Grill, playing club volleyball and playing on the South Tahoe High School volleyball team. She was the captain of her volleyball team in her junior year, volunteers for beach clean up, and assisted with the Soroptimist fundraising event for volleyball.

Although English is her favorite subject, she has gained national fame for her extraordinary photography skills taking first place in the Congressional Art Competition. Currently, her photograph hangs in Washington, D.C., for all to see.

Alana closely connects with two individuals in her life. First and foremost, her mother for always being there for her no matter what and feels she wouldn't be anything without her, and second, Girlfriend, her yellow Lab. Girlfriend, who has been Alana's companion since second grade, is her confidant and companion. Alana declares she doesn't know how she will

live without her Lab in college. Well, it looks like she will need to teach Girlfriend how to Skype so they can stay in touch.

Frank Kovac, her English teacher, states, “Alana exudes confidence in herself and compassion for others. I have seen her in many different arenas: playing volleyball with intense competitiveness and focus, at the scorer’s table correcting game officials, and in the classroom leading – yes, leading – high-level discussions. I have also seen Alana interact with adults and peers demonstrating a sincere caring and love for others. She is a tremendous human being, and one Aldous Huxley would be proud to call an Alpha!”

Alana, with your incredible talents and your caring personality, you exemplify the change we all want to see in this “Brave New World!”

Willow Nelson: Willow Nelson loves science, especially advanced placement biology, as genetics fascinate her. She has applied to various top schools but hopes to go attend UC Berkeley or UC Santa Cruz. With a 4.22 gpa, any top school would be lucky to have her as a student. Although unsure of the specific science path at the university, she is considering majoring in entomology, natural medicine, or marine biology. She aspires to study abroad in hopes to research the impact of oil spills on marine life, or discover how a bug’s life cycle affects its surrounding environment.

Willow enjoys learning, as evidenced by her numerous hobbies and interests, including pencil drawing, scratchboard, playing the flute, playing soccer, and most of all, losing herself in a good book. She is a member of the Generation Green Club and has been a member of the National Honor Society for over three years. In her spare time, she tutors, babysits and volunteers for the Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care. Willow has been named athlete of the season, made first team defender for girls’ soccer this year, and made the Nevada All State Academic Team

in her freshman, sophomore, junior years and is optimistic she will be honored this year also. Having played since just 4 years old, Willow hopes to continue playing soccer throughout college.

Willow claims, “I am a hard worker and will stop at nothing to achieve my dreams.”

Willow attributes her successes to her mother and father who made every effort to give her and her brothers the best life possible. Her mom’s influence on her life has been great, as she had to drop out of school to support herself, yet she has achieved and succeeded at the highest level. Not only did her mother raise her children while going to school, she is now working on her master’s degree and hopes to graduate the same time Willow does. Congratulations on working on your educational goals together!

Math teacher Nancy Dalton states, “As a genuinely caring and compassionate person, Willow is a delight to teach. She manages her demanding rigorous schedule with her athletic endeavors quite remarkably while maintaining her positive attitude and respectful behavior. Her determination, coupled with her dedication in every facet of her life, shows through in all her activities both in and out of the classroom. She is a role model to her peers and leads by quiet example. She is quite deserving of this recognition as she truly is a Young Woman of Distinction.”

With its green rolling hills, Ireland is calling Willow to her shores. As a future keeper of our environment, I can’t imagine a better place for Willow to spend her years, and am grateful to know the future of our world is in such capable hands.

RAOK: Finding good people in Tahoe’s schools

Recognizing the efforts of a cafeteria worker at her child’s school has earned Michelle Ramirez two tickets to ride the tram at Squaw Valley.



She is the latest winner of *Lake Tahoe News’* Random Acts of Kindness. However, she wants Joy Santos, the worker, to receive the award. So it is Joy who will be off to Squaw with a friend.

Each day a Random Acts of Kindness story is posted with that day’s winner. Past stories may be found under the Random Acts of Kindness category at the top of the page.

To win, all you have to do is witness a Random Act of Kindness, be the recipient of kindness or be the giver. These acts can take most any form, from opening a door, to stacking firewood, to giving a ride to someone in need. What is your Random Act of Kindness?

It isn’t about winning, it’s about being kind. But local businesses have stepped up by being kind and rewarding your Random Acts of Kindness. To keep with the theme, winners are picked randomly.

For more details about Random Acts of Kindness and the few rules associated with it, check out this story.

Opinion: O’Rourke’s performance worthy of an F

To the community,

In his essay “The Prevention of Literature” (1964), George Orwell wrote that “freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose.”

Thus, it is time to assess South Lake Tahoe city manager’s performance. He has been on the job for nearly a year and a half. I believe over all he has earned a grade of C minus because of the following: When the city was terminating employees wholesale, he advocated giving the school district $250,000 to form what he called a partnership. Fortunately, he was brought to his senses, and the gift was not given. However, the item raises the question, what is the actual financial condition of the city?



Bill Crawford

Another situation, one that is presently in a mess, is the contract outsourcing the management of the ice rink. The contract as signed without the parties knowing the IRS rules for such a deal. So now the contract is in limbo, and will remain so until the tax issue is settled. A question, what will it cost the city to correct the situation?

Most recently, the city brought SnowGlobe to town, and again important details about SnowGlobe's operation, time limits, etc., were neglected. And whether the city manager likes it or not, it's trite to say, but true, the buck stops with the city manager who is responsible for city operations.

Albert Camus said, "Style is the man." The city manager's style is huggermugger. On important city business he has been sloppy, muddled and confused about city management. Under the conditions he has created, city management is disorderly. In the process of writing all of the above, I have changed my mind about the grade of C minus. I now change it to an F, failure.

Bill Crawford, South Lake Tahoe

Shrinking glaciers in Cascades a growing problem

By David Lester, Yakima Herald-Republic

YAKIMA, Wash. – Spectacular on a clear, sunny day, Mount Adams

rises a scant 53 miles from Yakima.

But the mountain holds what until now has been pretty much a secret.

In the first comprehensive study of its kind, a Portland State University study has found Mount Adams' 12 glaciers have shrunk by nearly half since 1904 and are receding faster than those of nearby sister volcanoes Mount Hood and Mount Rainier.

It's another sign of gradually warming temperatures that – if continued as expected by researchers – will mean significant problems for the water-dependent Yakima Valley.

The study lends urgency to an earlier federal report that shows the water content of Cascade Mountain snowpacks could dwindle by as much as 50 percent by the 2070s.

More rain and smaller snowpacks will result in water shortages because less water is projected to be available to support the Valley's agriculture in the hot summer months, according to that congressionally ordered report by the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers and the Bonneville Power Administration.

The Yakima Valley already has had five economically damaging droughts since 1992. And while the Valley's water supplies don't come from the flanks of Mount Adams, the study carries implications for other parts of the south Cascades that do provide water for the Valley.

Read the whole story

Tahoe ski resort heavyweights to advance Olympic chances

By Susan Wood

Experience counts. The Reno-based coalition tasked with bringing Olympic gold to the California-Nevada region in winter 2022 threw some big guns behind the effort Wednesday by appointing to the board Lake Tahoe ski giants Blaise Carrig of Vail and Andy Wirth of Squaw Valley.

The two men have shared the Olympic experience when they worked in Utah. They would like to share it again in 10 years.



If organizers get their way, the Olympics will return to Lake Tahoe 62 years after they were in Squaw.
Photo/LTN file

Carrig, co-president of Vail’s mountain division, brings to the Tahoe table his experience at The Canyons resort in Park City during the 2002 Winter Games at Salt Lake City and a steadfast investment as the head of Heavenly Mountain Resort before moving up Vail’s corporate ladder.

Wirth would like to see the Games return to Tahoe and pledged to work closely with his old pal and resort competitor Carrig to accomplish that goal.

The board may even enlist some high-level help from the East Coast – as in presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who salvaged the Winter Games to Utah a decade ago and turned it into a profitable endeavor. Romney visited the coalition in 2008.

It could also be a boon that Nevada Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki is co-chair of Romney's presidential campaign in Nevada.

"(Romney) did a phenomenal and remarkable job. He took a group from utter disaster to an extreme success," Wirth said.

The Squaw chief noted that even if the Reno-Tahoe group loses to a city like Denver, it would be a lesson learned.

"It's difficult to handicap (one city versus another). I'm just encouraged by the initiative of the resorts," he said.

Reno and Denver want to be the U.S. city chosen for 2022. Reno has Tahoe, with resorts from Squaw Valley to Heavenly providing world-class views from one side of the lake to another. Denver has Vail, with seven back bowls stretching seven miles across at its namesake and a not-for-the-faint-of-heart World Cup downhill run (Birds of Prey) at the customer-oriented Beaver Creek resort that would make Tahoe's Olympic downhill legend Daron Rahlves look twice.

On the North Shore, Squaw has a reputation. Let's face it. If one doesn't get enough of a poignant chill seeing that Olympic flame burning on Highway 89, then maneuvering with the elite down runs off KT-22 may provide bone-chilling humility.

On the south side, Heavenly has the entertainment to support the bed base and snow caches some don't want to share. The bi-state resort even brings its own entertainment to the slopes, with Gunbarrel 25 each spring. Just once, one may want to

imagine skiing wild man Glen Plake and freestyle Olympian Jonny Moseley bumping knees side-by-side.

Both resorts have a history with the Winter Games.

The guts and vision of Alex Cushing brought the games to Tahoe in a surprise move away from Innsbruck, Austria, 42 years ago. A decade ago this month, the Olympic torch graced Lake Tahoe on its way to Utah with one of the torchbearers, Martin Hollay, skiing it down Heavenly's Olympic run. (This reporter ran a leg of it down Sierra Boulevard.) The South Shore community showed up in great numbers for both.

In an area divisive on many fronts, the North and South shores were unified in being a part of something big.

Organizers hope for this dream again.

But either way, the revenue-sharing agreement between the U.S. Olympic Committee and International Olympic Committee will need to be worked out before any U.S. city is considered. The two entities are in meetings this week to hash out their differences.

Carrig insists the Olympic-seeking group remains in the early phases of planning – with no cost analysis or set venues in mind.

The Denver committee recently released a cost estimate to host the Games – $1.5 billion. They used the 2010 Games at Vancouver as a benchmark, the *Denver Post* reported.

Everything remains on the table as a possibility in Tahoe. Carrig did mention Heavenly could see a new run – perhaps one carved on the front ridge of South Lake Tahoe leading to the Olympic run. It's all just a possibility. It all could be for the men's downhill.

"We're going to evaluate it. A new venue could start over that way," Carrig told *Lake Tahoe News*, while peering out his

Colorado window at snow falling last weekend.

“A larger issue is all the beds being filled by the spectators, media and athletes,” he said.

Carrig admits Tahoe and Colorado are attractive for the Winter Games, with their history, ski terrain, scenery and environmental cultures.

He believes the stigma has disappeared regarding Denver turning down the Games in 1976 after winning the bid. Nonetheless, Carrig said his loyalty lies with working with Reno-Tahoe Winter Games Coalition Chairman Krolicki.

Squaw Valley CEO Wirth has a massive background at Vancouver with Intrawest. His home resort’s host-city status in 1960 and his company’s purchase of neighboring Alpine Meadows bring elements of nostalgia and terrain to the Olympic bidding table.

The goal is for Tahoe-Reno to edge out Chile and China on the international front after bumping Denver out of the picture.

What Denver’s coalition of public officials and business leaders doesn’t have is a representative from Vail Resorts, the largest U.S. ski company.

“I’m not sure how (our efforts) all stack against others, but their not having something has no bearing on what we do. The truth is, we have the properties in both regions. We did look at who they have on their committee and noted what representation they did have but didn’t focus on what they didn’t have,” Reno-Tahoe coalition CEO Jon Killoran told *Lake Tahoe News* on Jan. 11. Instead, Killoran focused on the board’s level of depth. The efforts began in 2001 with Reno sports commissioner Jim Vanden Heuvel, who died three years ago.

Since then, California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom – the former San

Francisco mayor – threw his support behind the venture, along with a Bay Area sporting event group which tried to bring the 2012 Summer Games to the area. State Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Roseville, is one of the California Winter Games Committee members. Gaines started skiing at a young age at Tahoe resorts and has a second home on the North Shore. And Newsom has business interests at Squaw.

To Killoran, a vision like forming an Olympic bid requires cooperation from a collective group of people.

“You don’t always do that every day,” Killoran emphasized.

Wirth seconded the sentiment.

Other members of the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition board include:

• Dan Allen – ITS Logistics

• Krys Bart – Reno Tahoe International Airport

• Larry Bernard – attorney

• Bruce Breslow – Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles

• Nicholas Butler – Umpqua Bank

• Brad Chamberlain – attorney

• Nancy Cushing – Squaw Valley

• Carolyn Wallace Dee – Squaw Valley

• Susan Fisher – Fisher Consulting

• Jeff Hamilton – Olympian

• Toni Harsh – Valley Building Company

• Glenn Hibl – CFO Group

• Chris Kassity – Kassity Management Group

• John Krmpotic – KLS Design

• Limin Liu – Olympian

• Tamara McKinney – Olympian

• Gregory Peek – ERGS Inc.

• Michael Pennington – Community Services Agency & Development Corp.

• Daron Rahlves – Truckee Olympian

• Rossi Ralenkotter – Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority

• Tony Sanchez – NV Energy

• Jim Simon – Porter-Simon Attorneys at Law

• Steve Trounday – Navegante Group

• Steve Woodbury – Nevada Commission on Tourism

• Larry Young – Ward Young Architects

• David Youngberg – Youngberg Group.

South Tahoe woman dies in Montana car accident

By John Grant Emeigh, Montana Standard

A South Lake Tahoe woman killed in a roll-over crash Tuesday afternoon in Montana has been identified as 32-year-old Rachael Platt.

Madison County Sheriff Dave Schenk on Wednesday confirmed her identity.

The Montana Highway Patrol reported that Platt died after her vehicle went off the road on Montana 359 about 12:20pm and rolled multiple times. She was alone in vehicle, and was wearing a seat belt, according to the patrol.

Read the whole story

Tommy Hoey – 1971-2012

Thomas “Tommy” M. Hoey, 40, died on Jan. 6, 2012.

He was born in New Brunswick, N.J., on June 11, 1971, to Thomas P. Hoey and Margaret Byrne.

Tommy was employed by Heavenly Mountain Resort and as a snowmobile guide at Zephyr Cove Resort before moving back to New Jersey where he worked for Efinger Sporting Goods in Bound Brook.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed wind surfing, fishing,

hiking, hunting, camping, skiing, and snowmobiling.

Tommy was a devoted father, a loving son, a dear brother, and a loving uncle who was a kind, caring, generous person, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Tommy is survived by his loving daughter, Riley of Lake Tahoe; his devoted parents, Thomas Hoey of Lebanon, N.J. and Margaret Byrne of Amesbury, Mass.; a dear brother, Jan (Christine) Gaweda of Limerick, Pa; two loving sisters, Erin (Bill) Williams of Greenland, N.H., and Meghan (Mike) Gecek of Washington, N.J.; his best friend, Dee Henry; and several wonderful nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life was Jan. 10 and memorial Mass on Jan. 11.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to a scholarship fund for Riley Hoey through Peapack Gladstone Bank, 619 East Main St., Bridgewater, N.J. 08807, c/o Denise Parella.