2 Tahoe adaptive athletes train locally for South Pole expedition

On Jan. 17, 2012, for the first time in history two adaptive athletes will “push” the limits and themselves in sit skis 100 miles across the frozen Antarctic landscape to the most inhospitable place on the planet – the South Pole. This chosen date for “The Push” marks the 100-year anniversary when Capt. Robert Falcon Scott’s Terra Nova expedition set foot on this remote terrain.

As part of their rigorous training for this difficult journey – all of which will be professionally filmed – Lake Tahoe residents and spinal cord-injury athletes John Davis, a two-time Paralympics gold medalist, and Grant Korgan, a world-class kayaker and adventurer, will kayak approximately 50 miles in four days following the Lake Tahoe Water Trail. Seasoned guides Doug Stoup and Tal Fletcher of Lake Tahoe will accompany Davis and Korgan on stand up paddleboards.

“The Push” expedition team is encouraging the public to join the paddle, whether it be for an hour or day, creating a human-powered armada that will follow and cheer on the team via kayaks and stand up paddleboards.

The group will launch Aug. 9 at 6am from Sunnyside Restaurant & Lodge on the West Shore, then paddle clockwise 7 miles to Carnelian Bay. They will land just before noon at a lakefront estate (4850 North Lake Blvd.) for a private presentation by “The Push.”

From there, the team will paddle to Waterman’s Landing in Carnelian Bay for a quick stop before continuing onto Tahoe Vista, completing leg one (10 miles total) at Mourelatos Lakeshore Resort at 5pm.

This landing is open to the public and will include live music, along with free stand up paddleboard and kayak rentals and demonstrations. It’s also where the team will overnight.

Day two begins at 8am with 16 miles along the North Shore and camping lakeside that evening on Nevada’s East Shore.

The film crew will continue to follow the team Aug. 11 with another long stretch of paddle, 12 miles.

Day four (12 miles) is the final day of the trip. Davis, Korgan and company will depart the campsite early morning and arrive at Ehrman Mansion at Sugar Pine Point on the West Shore, 10 miles south of Tahoe City, at noon for a picnic lunch.

The team will close the loop on circumnavigating Lake Tahoe, ending their 50-mile paddling exercise, with an official landing taking place at Sunnyside Restaurant & Lodge at approximately 6pm.

Structure fire quickly contained in Incline

A structure fire in Incline Village on Monday night left the occupants needing other accommodations. The Red Cross is working with the displaced residents.

The fire was on Wendy Lane.

North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District officials said the fire was quickly contained and limited to a portion of the exterior siding of the house.

The cause of the fire is being investigated.

No one was injured during the incident.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

S. Tahoe man arrested in death of roommate

By Kathryn Reed

The roommate of a South Lake Tahoe man who was found dead in their house Monday morning has been arrested on a second-degree murder charge.

Brad Macewan, 55, of South Lake Tahoe was booked into El Dorado County jail in South Tahoe early this morning. He was being held without bail.

The exact cause of Patrick Lee Rego's death has not been determined. Sacramento County coroner's office is doing the autopsy on the 52-year-old from South Lake. Based on caseload, results may be not available for a couple months.

It was Macewan who called police Monday at 3:15am saying Rego was not breathing and had sustained a head trauma.

South Lake Tahoe Detective Jeff Roberson told *Lake Tahoe News* weapons were found at the residence in the 3700 block of Forest Avenue, but they are not involved with this case. He would not speak about any unconventional weapons that were confiscated when a search warrant was executed the afternoon of July 25.

Roberson would also not comment on the exact relationship of the men.

He said Macewan has a criminal record, but would not elaborate.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call Roberson at (530) 542.6134, using case No. 1107-2848.

DURGA drum production at LTCC

DURGA, featuring Liz Broscoe, will be presented at the Duke Theatre on the Lake Tahoe Community College Campus on Aug. 18 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are $15. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are available by phone or in person at GaiaLicious, 987 Tallac Ave., South Lake Tahoe, (530) 542.4244.

Tickets will be available at the door the night of performance.

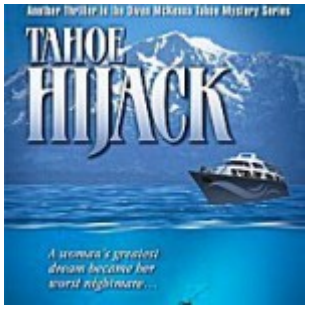
“DURGA and the Story of the Drum” is a multi-media “drumaganza.” The show teaches the rich history of universal connection that no other instrument conveys more powerfully than the drum. Showcasing film, narration and performance, DURGA celebrates community, unity and life because life is rhythm.

Broscoe created this original production.

Author Borg ready to sign 9th Tahoe-based book

Todd Borg, author of the Owen McKenna mystery series based in Lake Tahoe, will be making a series of appearances and book signings.

The South Lake Tahoe author's ninth book "Tahoe Hijack" was released this week.



Here is Borg's signing schedule:

July 29, 4–7pm at Artifacts in the Raley's Village Center, South Lake Tahoe.

July 30, 11am at Sundance Bookstore in Reno. Sundance is now at 121 California Ave. near the Nevada Art Museum. Signing and talk.

July 30, 3–5pm at Bookshelf in the Cobblestone Mall, Tahoe City.

Aug. 3, 6:30pm at the South Lake Tahoe Library, Rufus Allen Boulevard, signing and talk.

Aug. 4, 5–7pm at Lake Tahoe Master Framing, 3440 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

Aug. 5, 6:30pm at Shelby's Books, 1663 Lucerne St. Ste. C, Minden, signing and talk.

Aug 6., 11am–1pm at Borders, Carson City.

Aug. 7, 11am-3pm Mark Twain Books, 111 S. C St., Virginia City.

Aug. 13, 11am-1pm at Book Lovers at Madison and Manzanita streets, Sacramento.

Aug. 13, 3pm at El Dorado Arts Council Gallery, 459 Main St., Placerville, signing and talk.

Aug. 20, breakfast hours and dinner hours at the Red Hut on Ski Run Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe.

Aug. 25, 4–7pm at Epilog Books, 373 Main St., Quincy.

South Shore Relay for Life

South Shore Relay for Life is Aug. 13 from 11am-11pm at Kahle Community Park.

The schedule:

11am – Opening Ceremony

11:30 – Survivor/Caregivers Celebration Lap

noon – Music, games and fund-raising begins, silent auction, water balloon toss and wet T-shirt pass

1pm – Kickball tournament

2pm – Island lap/Hula Hoop contest

3pm – Survivor Lunch/BBQ, $10 donation from non-survivors

4pm – TBA

5pm – TBA

6pm – TBA

7pm – Dog Walk Lap (only time pets can be at park), $10 donation

8pm – S’mores at the Pavilion, closing of silent auction

9pm – Super Hero Lap

10pm – Luminaria Ceremony,Silent lap with main lights out

11pm – Closing Ceremony.

Feel free to set up tents and stay the night. Clean up at 8-9am with coffee and pastries.

For more information, contact Michelle Hale with the American Cancer Society at (775) 828.2203.

Tahoe Art League studio tour

The 4th annual Tahoe Art League’s Artist Studio Tour is July 29, 30 and 31 and Aug. 5, 6 and 7 from 10am-5pm each day.

Maps are available at tour headquarters at 3062 Lake Tahoe Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe or by download.

For more information, call (530) 544.2313.

This year’s tour features 26 artists at 14 studios.

Admission is free and art work is for sale.

Conservation Landscape Tour

The 4th annual Conservation Landscape Tour is Aug. 21 from 1-5pm.

Pick up a map at the Sierra House Elementary School on Pioneer Trail in South Lake Tahoe between 1-3pm for this free tour.

See examples of BMPs, native plants, water conservation and defensible space.

Call (530) 543.1501, ext. 118 for more information.

Bears are back in town – and in some houses

By Guy Clifton and Jeff Delong, Reno Gazette-Journal

A female black bear and her two cubs, tranquilized in a west Carson City neighborhood on Monday, are being returned to the wild, but a pair of marauding bears were euthanized over the weekend after separate incidents in Incline Village and Carson City.

The incidents come during the typical peak for bear activity in the Reno-Tahoe area as bears wander in search of food and often find trouble with people.

“It’s starting to get busy. The bears are moving around a lot more,” said Carl Lackey, a biologist and bear expert with the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Department spokesman Chris Healy said a 2-year-old female bear

that broke into a Carson City home and a 5-year-old male bear that grabbed a bottle of ketchup off a cafe table in the Raley's Shopping Center in Incline Village were both euthanized after the weekend incidents.

On Monday in Carson City, the 11-year-old mother bear and her two 35-pound cubs – one male and one female – were tranquilized and were anticipated to be released into the mountains above Carson City either late Monday evening or early this morning, Healy said.

The mother and cubs were sighted in the 2300 block of Washington Street over several days last week. A live trap was set on Friday, but raccoons ate all the food and the trap had to be reset on Sunday.

One of the cubs was captured in the trap on Monday. The mother bear and other cub remained near the trap and all three were tranquilized by wildlife biologists on Monday morning.

Read the whole story

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• What do think about BlueGo, the bus service on the South Shore? Take this online survey to let officials know your answers.

• For the first time in Burning Man's 25-year history tickets sold out before the event started.

• Tahoe City resident Tamara Fritz has been fined $35,000 by

the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency for illegally constructing a pier extension. Her spread is the locale for the annual Oscar de la Renta Fashion Show fundraiser for the League to Save Lake Tahoe. This year's event is Aug. 6 from 11am-2pm.

• The World Series of Poker, which starts in September, will be at Harveys in Stateline Nov. 10-21.

• Send suggestions for *Lake Tahoe News'* question of the week to info@LakeTahoeNews.net.