Snowshoe Thompson lecture

Explore Tahoe Winter Speaker Series continues Feb. 24 at 6pm. The Friends of Snowshoe Thompson present the Life and Adventures of Snowshoe Thompson, the legendary mailman of the Sierra Nevada.

Explore Tahoe is located in the Heavenly Village next to North Face at 4114 Lake Tahoe Blvd.

A $5 donation is requested and refreshments are provided. A flat rate of $5 is offered in the parking garage after 4pm.

For more information, call (530) 542.4637.

Autism conference at UNR

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders Inc., the world's largest autism treatment center that provides state-of-the art therapy, is hosting a CARD Nevada Autism Conference for parents, educators, medical and behavioral practitioners, researchers, and students.

The one-day, comprehensive conference will be in Reno March 4 from 8am-4:30pm at the Whittemore Peterson Institute's Center for Molecular Medicine, located at UNR on 1664 N. Virginia St.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 110 children in America is diagnosed with autism, making the neurological disorder more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. The objective of the conference is to provide information on the most effective autism interventions, to inform on the latest advances in autism research, and to showcase hands-on,

groundbreaking technology used to assess and treat developmental disorders. Attendees will also learn how to strategically access insurance funding for autism treatment.

Featured speakers include: keynote speaker and CARD Executive Director Doreen Granpeesheh on “Applications of Behavior Analysis to the Treatment of Autism”, CARD Research and Development Director Jonathan Tarbox on “Practical Solutions for Addressing Challenging Behaviors”, Co-Creator and Director of Skills Adel Najdowski on “Skills: A Comprehensive, Web-based Assessment, Curriculum, Training Package and Progress Monitoring System” and CARD Contracts Director Bryce Miler on “Nevada’s New Autism Mandate-Assembly Bill 162”. A panel discussion with the featured speakers will follow the series of workshops.

For more information about the CARD Nevada Autism Conference call (818) 345.2345, ext. 270.

Kiwanis crab feed

Kiwanis Sunrisers crab feed is March 4 at 6pm at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe in Stateline.

Tickets are $38.

For more information, call (530).541.5900.

El Dorado County wants to build arts community

By Carlos Alcalá, Sacramento Bee

Placerville won’t be Carmel-ized any time soon, but supporters are looking to turn El Dorado County into a region known as much for arts as for history and scenery.

In time, they hope, people will not only come to the area for special events, but will jump off Highway 50 because they know that art abounds in the region.

The El Dorado Arts Council this week rolled out the results of its first-ever Arts Census, a survey of scores of individual artists, arts businesses and businesses that may use arts incidentally.

Aiming to gauge the economic climate for the arts, the survey came up with results that surprised some people.

For example, they identified nearly 200 art-related businesses or individuals and found that the arts constitute one of just eight growth sectors in the El Dorado County economy.

“I hadn’t realized it was such a huge force in the area,” said Elke Schlosser, owner of Enchanted April, a bed-and-breakfast inn in Pilot Hill.

Read the whole story

El Dorado County father arrested in child support case

By Niesha Lofing, Sacramento Bee

A dad who allegedly owes more than $190,000 in back child support payments to his El Dorado County ex-wife was arrested last week in Los Angeles after flying in from the Philippines.

El Dorado County officials on Wednesday were notified that Gerald Boldt, who owed child support payments to the mother of his now-emancipated child, was getting ready to leave the Philippines.

Boldt was attempting to apply for additional passport pages at the embassy in Manila when a routine check revealed he was on a passport denial list for having failed to pay child support payments, Laura Roth, director of child support services for El Dorado County, stated in a news release.

Read the whole story

Ski report: Get out there early



Winter storm watch starts at 4 this afternoon, with the high wind warning for the Lake Tahoe Basin lasting until 4pm.

Here is the ski report from Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

Financial concerns stall walkway by convention center

By Kathryn Reed

Money was the overriding concern of South Lake Tahoe City Council members as they went back and forth with what to do about the unsafe walkway in front of the rebar and concrete known as the convention center.

What staff brought them last week were two ideas – one a covered walkway, one an uncovered – for the stretch of asphalt from Stateline Avenue to McP's Pub. Uncovered would cost about $200,000, while a cover would be almost an additional $100,000.



What any walkway will

mean to cyclists remains to be seen. Photo/Kathryn Reed

After much deliberation, the council unanimously agreed it wants staff to bring back more alternatives – ideally less costly ones. They also want to know what Caltrans has to say about the ideas because the right-of-way belongs to the state agency. They even said Caltrans should be dealing with this.

“This should have been done at the beginning with the building permit,” City Manager Tony O’Rourke told the council Feb. 8. “This should be the developer’s cost.”

But prior councils apparently didn’t think so, that’s why this council is left with the decision about how to make the strip of asphalt less of a liability to the city if someone were to be seriously injured or killed there.

The signs saying “don’t walk” are not effective. The cement barriers abutting the fence allow enough space for people to easily walk along the highway.

Councilwoman Claire Fortier repeatedly asked about placing concrete barriers in a manner so pedestrians had no room to walk. But her idea did not resonate with staff.

No matter what walkway is built, the mural along the fence is still going to be erected. However, it was noted, depending on what walkway might go up, the mural could be obscured.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Boulder Bay, the redevelopment project replacing the Tahoe Biltmore on the North Shore, has scaled back the project from 300 to 275 rooms, and reduced retail space by 2,000-square-feet to 18,715.

• Bob Albertazzi, South Lake Tahoe community service officer, has been appointed to the Clean Tahoe board.

• Tahoe Rim Trail Association has redesigned its website.

• LPA Inc. and the Lake Tahoe Unified School District will be receiving an Award of Excellence in the Specialized Project Category for the recently completed South Tahoe High School "Green" Academy and Stadium View buildings, and the in-progress Joint-Use Student Union and the Tahoe Arts & Design Academy facilities. This award will be presented at the C.A.S.H./CCAIA Awards lunch Feb. 22.

• South Tahoe Soccer Association's winter training program has a few spots available at the magnet school and Tahoe Valley. Call 877.358.1207, ext. 3.

Warning: Reports of coyotes being shot and skinned

To the community,

This is to warn all local residents who like to walk their dogs along Cathederal Road off the Sno-Park parking lot.

Someone is shooting and skinning coyotes in that area. California Department of Fish & Game, as well as Animal

Control have been notified and are investigating it. We can all help by keeping a sharp eye out for anyone with a firearm or who is acting suspiciously and report them to Animal Control.

With all the dogs running lose in that area while in the company of their owners they are in danger of being shot as well.

This kind of activity has no place in our forests, so let’s help put and end to it now.

Peter Hussmann, South Lake Tahoe

Career day for North Shore high school juniors

The Rotary Club of Truckee continues its tradition of helping local high school juniors maximize their success beyond high school with its Rotary Resource & Career Day.

This year the club has partnered with Tahoe City Rotary and the North Tahoe Public Utility District, which has graciously donated the use of the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach for the event. All 300 juniors in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District – including students from the three local high schools, Forest Charter School and the three local private schools – are invited to attend the Resource & Career Day at the North Tahoe Event Center on March 25 from 9:30a-2pm. The format features 10 topics essential to juniors and their

families as they transition into their senior year and begin focusing on life after high school.

“Fifty-two community volunteers, including Masons, Soroptomists, and Optimists, are working together to help make the event a success for the students,” event organizer Greg McDougall said in a statement. “This is an exciting step toward an essential collaboration between local schools, businesses, and service organizations, not to mention a rewarding event for the students.”

Topics such as “What’s Hot (in the Job Market),” “Show Me the Money” (college funding and scholarships), “Other Options with a Purpose” (Peace Corps, Job Corps, etc.), vocational programs, and dual credit enrollment and personal development programs with be featured. Sierra College and Sierra Nevada College representatives will also be present to answer questions about career training and educational degree options.

The day will involve a scavenger hunt with prizes and food donated by local businesses, including a lunch barbecue.

Call (530) 587.5625 for information.