Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe

Angus was found abandoned after being hit by a car. He came to the shelter with cuts and bruises and a broken hip, but was a very sweet boy throughout all his treatment.



Angus still has a bit of a limp, but he is now ready for his perfect home. He is crate and house trained, loves car rides and walks nicely on his leash. He is good with other dogs and hasn't chased the cats at the shelter.

Angus is very affectionate and would be a wonderful family companion.

Angus 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 to online.

– Karen Kuentz

Ski report: Do a snow dance



All those snow dances last fall worked. It’s time to have more pray for snow parties in Lake Tahoe.

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

Daylight-saving time begins

Time to set your clocks forward an hour to begin daylight-saving time.

Super Bowl 45

The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers meet up in Super Bowl 45.

Game time is slated for 3:25pm Feb. 6.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Happy Homestead Cemetery District on the South Shore has a vacancy to fill with Del Laine declining another four-year term that would have started this month. Contact Judi McCallum if interested – Judi.McCallum@edcgov.us.

• Soroptimist International Tahoe Sierra's Elegant Evening is April 2 from 6-11pm at Harrah's. Tickets are $50 each. Click here for more info.

• The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission is having a public hearing on the draft EIR/EIS for the Homewood Mountain Resorts Master Plan Community Enhancement Program Project on Feb. 9. The meeting starts at 9:30am at TRPA offices on Market Street in Stateline.

• SnowBomb.com just bought LiftTickets.com.

• Whitesnake will release its album "Forevermore" on March 29 in North America. Much of it was recorded, produced and mixed in Lake Tahoe.

• Tickets are on sale for the annual Passport Weekend at El Dorado County wineries. Cost is $65. Dates are March 26-27 and April 2-3.

BlueGo funding not coming through as budgeted

By Kathryn Reed

STATELINE – An ambitious budget to fund transit on the South Shore is proving to be unattainable.



“All the revenue sources are not materializing,” Carl Hasty, executive director of the Tahoe Transportation District, told his board Jan. 21. “The lawsuit is not helping.”

He was referring to MV Transportation suing the entities and individuals who made up the now bankrupt South Tahoe Area Transit Authority. A hearing on the case is scheduled for Feb. 23 in Reno.

TTD took over operation of BlueGo, the bus system on the South Shore that has routes into the Carson Valley, after STATA filed bankruptcy.

It was outlined in staff reports prepared by TTD for Friday’s meeting that:

• Anticipated transit contributions will be reduced by $156,500 without the participation of Harrahs/Harveys;

• The district has not yet secured agreements with Lakeside Inn and MontBleu;

• Monthly fare box revenue is tracking approximately $20,000 less than anticipated;

• Legal fees will be more than originally forecasted, mainly due to the litigation with MV Transportation.

Steve Teshara, TTD board member, recognizes the lawsuit has a chilling effect on what transit partners might want to do, but he also said it’s time to get out there to tell them why they should be part of BlueGo.

“What I’m trying to avoid is BlueGo goes to TTD and BlueGo goes into the crapper,” Teshara said. “We need to put this back on the right track.”

Norma Santiago, El Dorado County's representative to the board, said, "There also has to be the perception by the public that TTD can deliver."

The county has been a holdout on providing funding.

Bruce Grego, South Lake Tahoe's rep on the board, had thought a subcommittee with former STATA board members was going to be formed. His concern Friday was "it seems like everyone is on their own since the litigation."

A committee of TTD will be convened of representatives of South Shore entities to talk about operations of BlueGo.

Curtis Garner, general manager of BlueGo, told the board his big issue is with the on-call service. He would like to do away with same day reservations. He anticipates better customer service and a cost savings.

Garner also questions not having a penalty for canceling a call on the same day.

The operations committee will address the on-call issues.

TOCCATA sets winter concert series dates

TOCCATA – Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus – sixth anniversary Winter MusicFest concert series istitled "Viva Vivaldi".

This series features a return performance of Elizabeth Pitcairn performing on the world famous "Red Stradivarius Violin" in Vivaldi's most beloved work, "The Four Seasons".

The program features additional soloists Virginia Bowman, concertmaster; Heather Gallagher, principal second violin; cellist, Charles Taggart; and continuo organist David Brock.



Opening the concert will be baroque trumpets Mark Lord, Mark Hoke and Josh Dunlap performing Vivaldi's Concerto for 2 trumpets in C major and the TOCCATA Chamber Chorus will perform Vivaldi's most well known choral work, "Gloria" with vocal soloists Anna Helwing and Joy Strotz, soprano; and Stuart Duke, baritone.

Performances are:

Feb. 3 at 7:30pm at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in South Lake Tahoe;

Feb. 4 at 7pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Reno;

Feb. 5 at 2pm at St. Francis Catholic Church in Incline Village;

Feb. 6 at 3pm at the Resort at Squaw Creek-Olympic Valley;

Feb. 9 at 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in Reno. Maestro James Rawie will conduct all performances.

Tickets are $30 adults, $25 seniors, $5 students and can be purchased at the door or online. Preferred seating is available for $40. Children under 12 are free.

For more information or preferred seating, visit www.ToccataTahoe.com or call (775) 313.9697.

Kashima places 23rd in moguls

By Freddy Perryman, U.S. Ski Team

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. – Olympic gold medalist Hannah Kearney of Norwich, Vt., swept to her second win in two days in this weekend's Nature Valley Freestyle Cup in the Olympic village of Lake Placid. It was her fourth straight individual moguls World Cup win.

Kearney has been nearly unbeatable, finishing on the podium in five out of the first six moguls and dual moguls World Cups. She remains the overall World Cup leader.

Since her victory at Lake Placid a year ago, Kearney has been the definition of consistency, winning seven of her last eight individual moguls events. Kearney's hot streak does not count her win at last year's U.S. Championships in Squaw Valley or her gold medal win at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

"My final run of the day was my best. One judge gave me a 5.0 and that's such an honor," exclaimed an exuberant Kearney. "It feels great to be in Lake Placid which is basically my second home. My mom and dad are here, my best friend was here yesterday and everything just felt right."

Sunday's event was the first time in five years that the U.S. men have placed four athletes in the top 10 of a World Cup. Jeremy Cota of Carrabassett Valley, Maine, was the top finisher in sixth, followed by David Digravio of Farmington, Maine, seventh, Bryon Wilson of Butte, Mont. eighth, and Patrick Deneen of Cle Elum, Wash., 10th.

Official results, FIS Freestyle World Cup, Lake Placid, N.Y., Moguls

Men

1. Guilbaut Colas, France. 25.70

2. Mikael Kingsbury, Canada. 25.59

3. Pierre-Alexandre Rousseau, Canada. 25.16

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6. Jeremy Cota, Carrabassett Valley, ME. 23.98

7. David Digravio, Farmington, ME. 23.68

8. Bryon Wilson, Butte, MT. 23.00

10. Patrick Deneen, Cle Elum, WA. 15.18

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(Results based on qualification)

22. Ryan Dyer, Steamboat Springs, CO

23. Sho Kashima, Lake Tahoe, CA

29. Jimmy Discoe, Telluride, CO

31. Jay Panther, Park City, UT

36. Nathan Roberts, Park City, UT

39. Joe Discoe, Telluride, CO

Women

1. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, VT. 26.12

2. Chloe Dufor-Lapointe, Canada. 24.85

3. Kristi Richards, Canada. 24.57

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6. Heather McPhie, Bozeman, MT. 23.04

11. Eliza Outtrim, Steamboat Springs, CO. 20.75

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(Results based on qualification)

14. Kayla Snyderman, Winchester, MA

15. Alison Digravio, Farmington, ME

TAMBA meeting

TAMBA meeting on Jan. 26 at 6pm in Room G2-b at Lake Tahoe Community College in South Lake Tahoe.

Dog training in South Lake Tahoe

Dog training using positive reinforcement classes begin Feb. 16 at 7:30pm at Tahoe Best Friends at 2197 Ruth Ave., South Lake Tahoe.

Call for reservations, (530) 542.2336.