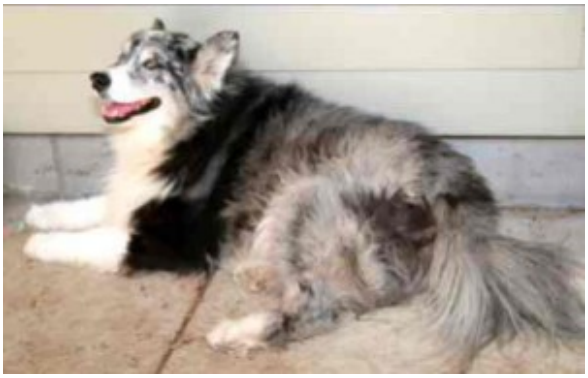
Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe



Queen

Queen is a beautiful 7-year-old Australian shepherd-Husky mix who likes other dogs.

She likes cats and other small furry creatures a little too much. She will be quite good at keeping them out of your yard. She is house trained and has good manners, and likes walks and car rides.

Like most dogs of her breed, Queen can be a little stubborn, but she is very loyal to her people.

Queen is spayed, microchipped, tested for heartworm, and vaccinated. She 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.

Go online or the Tahoe animal shelter's Facebook page to see photos and descriptions of all pets at the shelter.

Call 530.573.7925 for directions, hours, and other information on adopting a pet.

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

Letter: LTCC helps at Bread & Broth

To the community,

Serving with big smiles and kind words, the Lake Tahoe Community College leadership team's sponsor crew served over 95 community members at Bread & Broth's March 10 dinner. B&B would like to thank the LTCC leadership team for once again supporting our goal of feeding the less fortunate of our community by Adopting A Day of Nourishment.

"LTCC truly appreciates the opportunity to serve our community by participating in Bread & Broth," said Kurt Green, dean of instruction. "The heartfelt 'thank yous', the smiles and the staff camaraderie made this an uplifting experience for all."

Joining Green in assisting at the dinner were fellow LTCC leadership team members Virginia Boyar, dean; Dave Burba, IT director; and Michelle Sower, director.

The B&B volunteers truly enjoyed working alongside the LTCC sponsor crew members who were eager to help in any way with the meal's setup, serving and cleanup. Their desire to support the community is evident in the quality education they strive to provide and their efforts outside the classroom to improve the lives of our community members.

To help B&B as a donor or sponsor, contact me at 530.542.2876 or carolsgerard@aol.com.

Carol Gerard, Bread & Broth

Civil rights commission looks at Nev. busing of patients

By Cynthia Hubert, Sacramento Bee

James Flavy Coy Brown, a homeless and mentally ill man allegedly “dumped” by Nevada’s primary psychiatric hospital via Greyhound bus into Sacramento last year, on Friday became the national face of a problem that experts said is widespread and should be curtailed by federal authorities.

Brown’s story touched off a Sacramento Bee investigation into the Las Vegas hospital’s practice of routinely busing mentally ill patients to cities across the country. The saga was the centerpiece of a lengthy hearing before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C., that explored the need for reforms of a federal law designed to protect patients from being discharged without proper treatment and planning.

“James Brown and others like him can no longer endure a disintegrating system of emergency mental health care,” said Staci Pratt, who spoke on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada.

Read the whole story

Feds approve medical

marijuana research

By Evan Halper and Cindy Carcamo, Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration handed backers of medical marijuana a significant victory Friday, opening the way for a University of Arizona researcher to examine whether pot can help veterans cope with post-traumatic stress, a move that could lead to broader studies into potential benefits of the drug.

For years, scientists who have wanted to study how marijuana might be used to treat illness say they have been stymied by resistance from federal drug officials.

The Arizona study had long ago been sanctioned by the Food and Drug Administration, but under federal rules, such experiments can use marijuana only from a single, government-run farm in Mississippi. Researchers say the agency that oversees the farm, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, has long been hostile to proposals aimed at examining possible benefits of the drug.

Read the whole story

Time to audition for ‘August: Osage County’

Auditions for “August: Osage County”, a joint production between the Valhalla Art Music and Theater Festival and the Lake Tahoe Community College Theater Department, are April 1.

The play is being directed by Dave Hamilton.

The 2008 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner is about a vanished father, a pill-popping mother and three sisters harboring little secrets. When the large Weston family unexpectedly reunites after dad disappears, their Oklahoman family homestead explodes in a maelstrom of repressed truths and unsettling secrets.

Auditions are from 7-9pm at the Duke Theater at LTCC. Rehearsals will start in May on Tuesday and Thursday nights, moving to Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays in June.

Performances are: July 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and Aug. 1 at 7:30pm and July 27 at 2pm. All at LTCC.

200-mile Tahoe trail run fills up in 1 week

By Heidi Mills, Outdoor

Back when race director Candice Burt first dreamed up a 200-mile trail run around Lake Tahoe, she figured it would take time to build an audience for such an over-the-top concept. Its culmination, the Tahoe 200, will be in early September. At a price tag of $850, the run gives hopefuls a full 100 hours to complete its rugged course.

Burt needn’t have worried about instant success: after the event had been open to applicants for only a week, 187 runners entered the lottery for one of just 75 available spots. And if the U.S. Forest Service renews its permit going forward, Burt thinks she can easily attract 200 racers yearly.

While most Americans probably can’t even imagine running 200

miles, a small contingency of runners seems eager to go the distance. In Europe, the 5-year-old Tor des Geants, a 330-kilometer (that’s 205 miles, for the metric-averse) point-to-point race in the Italian Alps, fills all 660 slots immediately. If registration for the Tor des Geants and the Tahoe 200 is a reliable indicator, there’s an unmet demand for point-to-point 200’s.

Read the whole story

College grads take low-wage jobs, displace less educated

By Katherine Peralta, Bloomberg

Jeanina Jenkins, a 20-year-old high-school graduate from St. Louis, is stuck in a $7.82-an-hour part-time job at McDonald’s Corp. that she calls a “last resort” because nobody would offer her anything better.

Stephen O’Malley, 26, a West Virginia University graduate, wants to put his history degree to use teaching high school. What he’s found instead is a bartender’s job in his home town of Manasquan, New Jersey.

Jenkins and O’Malley are at opposite ends of a dynamic that is pushing those with college degrees down into competition with high-school graduates for low-wage jobs that don’t require college. As this competition has intensified during and after the recession, it’s meant relatively higher unemployment, declining labor market participation and lower wages for those with less education.

The jobless rate of Americans ages 25 to 34 who have only completed high school grew 4.3 percentage points to 10.6 percent in 2013 from 2007, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Unemployment for those in that age group with a college degree rose 1.5 percentage points to 3.7 percent in the same period.

Read the whole story

‘Her’ partially filmed in Placer County

Placer County-Lake Tahoe Film Office had a special reason for applauding when “Her” was named winner of the 2014 Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.

The movie’s snow scenes were filmed at several locations near the Donner Summit in Placer County: Norden, Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, Soda Springs, and a group of cabins near the Interstate 80 exit at Big Bend.

The film office helped the film crew find locations, facilitated local support, and issued a county film permit.

“Her” is a romantic drama written, directed and co-produced by Spike Jonze. It stars Joaquin Phoenix as a lonely writer who falls in love with the voice on his computer operating system.

The Placer County-Lake Tahoe Film Office is part of the county’s Office of Economic Development.

Nevada county settles suits on I-80 cash seizures

By Scott Sonner, AP

A rural Nevada county has settled lawsuits with two men who said a sheriff's deputy violated their civil rights when they were stopped for speeding on Interstate 80, searched for drugs and forced to forfeit tens of thousands of dollars even though no drugs were found and no charges filed in either case.

The Humboldt County District Attorney's Office also confirmed in a statement late Friday that it has launched an internal review of the county's "forfeiture program" but that there is no indication there have been any illegal stops or any wrongdoing on the party of Sheriff Ed Kilgore or his deputies.

Tan Nguyen of Newport and Michael Lee of Denver said in lawsuits filed in U.S. District Court in Reno they were stopped last year on Interstate 80 near Winnemucca about 165 miles east of Reno under the pretext of speeding. They said they were subjected to illegal searches and told they wouldn't be released with their vehicles unless they forfeited their cash.

The suits accused the same veteran deputy, Lee Dove, of taking a briefcase full of $50,000 in cash from Nguyen after stopping him for exceeding the speed limit by 3 mph in September, and seizing $13,800 and a handgun from Lee during a similar stop in December.

"The case has been settled," Steve Balkenbush, a Reno attorney representing Humboldt County in the case, told the Associated Press on Friday.

The district attorney's office said the settlement involved Nyguen and Lee but did not disclose how much money was involved. Nguyen's lawyer told a Reno television station Friday he received a check for the full $50,000 seized as well as $10,000 in attorney fees.

"He wasn't charged with anything. He had no drugs in his car. The pretext for stopping him was he was doing 78 in a 75," John Ohlson told KRNV-TV.

"It's like Jesse James or Black Bart," he told AP in an interview last week.

Lee's Reno lawyer, Jeff Dickerson, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The district attorney's statement said both men were stopped legally and that "every asset that was seized pursuant to those stops was lawfully seized." But it acknowledged the resolution of their claims didn't receive priority in the district attorney's office because of staff shortages.

"The cases involved Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Lee raised procedural issues in the District Attorney's Office and those issues are being addressed by a review of every submitted case," the statement said.

It said media reports about the lawsuits had "unfairly criticized" the sheriff's office, which "was acting in accordance with the law as they understood it and was not responsible for any procedural defects following their seizure of the assets."

"One thing is certain, even prior to the completion of the review by the District Attorney's Office, is that the seized assets were not utilized unlawfully," the DA's office said. "Following completion of this review, a full accounting of those assets will be available for review."

The lawsuits claimed the cash seizures were part of a pattern of stopping drivers for speeding as a pretext for drug busts in violation of the Constitution.

Nguyen was given a written warning for speeding but wasn't cited. As a condition of release, he signed a "property for safekeeping receipt," which indicated the money was abandoned or seized and not returnable. But the lawsuit says he did so only because Dove threatened to seize his vehicle unless he "got in his car and drove off and forgot this ever happened."

The day after Nguyen had his money taken, the sheriff issued a news release with a photograph of Dove pictured with a K-9 and $50,000 in seized cash "after a traffic stop for speeding."

"This cash would have been used to purchase illegal drugs and now will benefit Humboldt County with training and equipment. Great job," the statement said.

NLTRA has money for special events

North Lake Tahoe Resort Association has $9,000 available for special events taking place in the North Lake Tahoe region of Placer County.

Most individual grants will fall within the $500 to $2,500 range.

All grant money is slated for marketing and public relations efforts to promote events in the region. Preference will be given to events which encourage overnight stays.

The deadline to apply is April 16.

After initial review, select applicants will be asked to give a five-minute presentation on April 25. The presentation to the Board of Directors for approval will be May 7 and funding notification will occur May 8.

For a copy of the application and more information contact Judy Laverty at 530.581.8702 or Judy@GoTahoeNorth.com.