Wine fundraiser benefits 3 South Tahoe nonprofits

Join Court Appointed Special Advocates, South Lake Tahoe Women's Center and Tahoe Youth and Family Services at Après Wine Company on April 23 from 5-11pm for a fundraiser benefiting these nonprofits.

Ten percent of all purchases of wine, food, bottled wine and gifts will go to the three South Lake Tahoe organizations.

For more information, visit www.apreswineco.com or call Kelly at (530) 573.3072.

Lake Tahoe ski report, April 15



Bring the sunscreen and stay hydrated on the slopes – spring is back. Here is the ski report from Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

South Tahoe art walk features new artist



Marcus Ashley Gallery is unveiling a new artist this month. Nick Sninkelletti, 29, will be showing an array of his original paintings and hand-embellished reproductions during the third Friday Art Walk in South Lake Tahoe.

Sninkelletti paints a variety of subjects matter and is known as a colorist and a portrait painter.

The Art Walk will be from 4-7pm on April 16. Sninkelletti will only be painting live on the 16th.

The art walk is in the Village Center at the corner of Highway 50 and Heavenly Village Way in South Lake Tahoe.

Angora residents, Forest Service work on life after the fire

By Jeff Delong, Reno Gazette-Journal

When the Cain family rebuilt their Tahoe Mountain home, leveled during the Angora Fire of June 2007, most windows were installed facing east.

In that direction, many trees survived, their trunks scarred by fire but with canopies now green with healthy needles.



The U.S. Forest Service has plans for the Angora burn area. Photo/Kathryn Reed

To the west, looking toward Angora Ridge, the forest is dead. Bare tree trunks rise from the snow like huge, blackened toothpicks.

Read the whole story

Parasol Foundation reaching out to community

To the community,

The Parasol Community Collaboration is a membership organization dedicated to providing resources and support to our local nonprofits and greater community. The public face of the Parasol Community Collaboration, the Smallwood Collaboration Resource Center, includes a host of resources open to the general public that we urge you to take advantage of.

As a Cooperating Collection of Foundation Center, the Parasol Community Collaboration offers free access to Foundation Center's online grants research database, Foundation Directory Online. Housed in the Smallwood Collaboration Resource Center of the DWR Center in Incline Village, the Foundation Directory Online database provides grant seekers with vital information to become successful in attaining grant funding. The Parasol Community Collaboration Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center is made possible by a generous grant from the Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation.

The Parasol Community Collaboration also offers a series of affordable spring and fall Workshops and seasonal Trainings on critical non-profit topics which are open to the public. Recent topics include: grant writing, marketing, fundraising, boards, and management. Check out our website at www.parasolcommuntiycollaboration.org for the 2010 workshop and training schedule.

Intrigued? Upon becoming a member of the Parasol Community Collaboration, you gain access to even more valuable resources.

To learn more about the host of benefits gained through membership and how you can open the door to invaluable networking opportunities, contact Wendy Losee at (775) 298.0118 or visit us at one of our monthly meetings every second Wednesday of the month at the DWR Center from 8:30am-noon.

Jaime Olive, AmeriCorps member, Parasol Community Collaboration

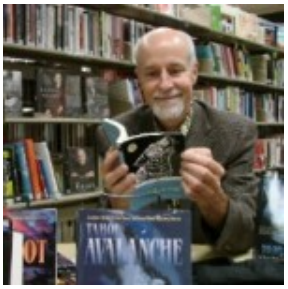
Separating Tahoe author from lead character

By Allen Pierleoni, Sacramento Bee

Who is better known around Lake Tahoe, private eye Owen McKenna or award-winning mystery writer Todd Borg?

“Sometimes people confuse the two, but Owen is a much nicer guy than I am,” Borg said on the phone. “Because the Owen books are written in first person, I get e-mails that (address McKenna), saying, ‘When you were up on that mountain …’ ”

Borg created his PI character soon after he and his wife, artist Kit Night, moved to Tahoe from



Todd Borg

Minnesota in 1990. The seventh title in the series is “Tahoe Night” (Thriller Press, $16.95, 350 pages), a mystery involving murder, art forgery (“Rembrandt” paintings) and secrets from the past revealed.

Read the whole story

Dye study may lead to use of herbicides in Lake Tahoe

By Kathryn Reed

One day the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board is probably going to have make the decision to either leave the invasive non-native Eurasian milfoil plant in Lake Tahoe or eradicate it with herbicides.

The mantra for handling invasive aquatic species, be it plant or animal, is prevention, control, eradication. Prevention, in this case, is not an option because it's been here for years. Control seems sketchy as the plant continues to clog the canals in the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe and is growing in other locales around Lake Tahoe. Eradication would be the next step.



Channels in the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe are full of milfoil. Photo/Kathryn Reed

For now, though, Lahontan is allowing a study to go forward this summer involving a dye that is designed to duplicate how an herbicide would react if it were injected into Lake Tahoe.

“Part of why we are doing this is to see how long it will stay in a localized area,” Lars Anderson, lead scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Weed Science Program, told the board Wednesday. (The water board met April 14 at Lake Tahoe Community College.)

Dan Sussman, environmental scientist with the water agency, said how the dye breaks down would help determine what herbicides could be used in the future.

The agency is not advocating herbicides be used, but wants the studies in place to know what options are available. Studies like the one Anderson will conduct this summer could then be part of environmental documents that would be put together on a case-by-case basis for eradicating the various invasive species in Tahoe.

Herbicides are not permitted in Lake Tahoe. However, a revision to the document that dictates what’s allowed per Lahontan is likely to permit herbicide use. The amendment is expected to be before the board in November. The document will be available to the public this summer.

The fluorescent red dye will be put into the lake in June and late summer in about 2 to 3 feet of water. Instruments on boats will be used to collect data in real time about the spread of the dye. It’s expected that the dye will not be able to be seen more than eight hours after it enters the lake.

The board and Executive Director Harold Singer voiced concerns about letting the public know what is going on to minimize any potential outcry. Officials are meeting with the Tahoe Keys Homeowners Association later this month as part of that outreach. Information will also be posted at the marina and other locations where the dye may be used – like in Emerald Bay, Lakeside Marina and Incline Village.

The problem with milfoil is that it can overtake a lake. It easily spreads from lake to lake via boat trailers. The

feather-like leaves are distinctive. The plant is popular in home aquariums.

It can interfere with swimmers, boats and clog in-take systems for drinking water. Dealing with those issues as well as eliminating the weeds is expensive.

In the past, harvesters have been used to get rid of milfoil. Sussman told *Lake Tahoe News* there are harvesters on the market now that pull out the entire plant instead of mowing it.

Bottom barriers are also a tool. These have been used more often for eradicating clams. However, Sussman said they are working on invasive plants because they block out the light.

The dye (Rhodamine WT) tracer study that will begin in two months is one of several pilot programs being conducted around the lake to look into how best to rid Lake Tahoe of invasive plant and animal species.

Preview of Warren Miller 2010 at Heavenly

By SKI Magazine

Ski movie season isn’t till the fall, but we’ve got a behind-the-scenes look at a segment from next year’s Warren Miller ski movie, the 61st film from Warren Miller Entertainment. In this shot, big-mountain skier Arne Backstrom heads to Lake Tahoe’s Heavenly ski resort to shoot some powder skiing with cinematagrapher Tom Day.

Read the whole story and see the footage.

Truckee Tahoe Community Chorus concert

Truckee Tahoe Community Chorus concert “Welcome Spring” is May 1 at 7 pm at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Squaw Valley.

This spring the chorus has prepared a program to please most any taste in music, including Gilbert and Sullivan comedy sketches, a jazz and show tune section, and some classic and contemporary literature.

The Diablo Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and Chamber Singers from the Bay Area are also on the program.

Make a night of it with dinner (20 percent discount with your ticket at either Six Peaks Grille or Sandy’s Pub) and concert, all at the resort.

For information or to purchase tickets, click here.

Ronald G. Bricker 1951-2010

Ronald G. Bricker passed away on April 12, 2010, at his desk at Royal Aloha Resort on Quaking Aspen Way on Kingsbury Grade, doing what he loved – managing the resort. He was born on Sept. 10, 1951 in Dinuba, Calif. to Darell G. and Mary E. (Liz) Bricker.

They moved around a lot during his early childhood because his father worked for Federal Aviation Agency in Alaska. He spent

time in Big Delta, Moses Point, Bethel, Northway, Anchorage, Soldotna and Kodiak, Alaska. He attended the University of Alaska, Anchorage, earning a degree in psychology. His skills were versatile; he spent several years commercial fishing in Uganik Bay off Kodiak Island and Bristol Bay, Alaska, and crabbing in the Bering Sea. He was also a skilled carpenter. He was the webmaster for Deb Howard and Company in South Lake Tahoe for 10 years prior to becoming manager of Royal Aloha Resort.



Ronald G. Bricker

Ron married the love of his life, Pamela, in Carson City on April 14, 1993, and they have had 17 wonderful years together. His two granddaughters, Corynn and Ashley, have been a great joy to him. Of his many pastimes, he enjoyed following the stock market, golfing and watching his teams play on TV, especially the Seattle Seahawks. He loved his many friends and treasured their friendships.

Ron is survived by his wife Pam of Stateline; son Scott Bricker; granddaughters Corynn and Ashley of South Lake Tahoe; parents Liz and Darell Bricker of Gardnerville; sister Debra Howard and husband Tony of South Lake Tahoe; niece Alicia Miller, husband Gary; great-nephew Merrick of Santa Cruz, Calif.; nephew Brett Howard of San Francisco; aunt and uncle Marty and Lloyd Mitchell of Lodi, Calif.; cousin Steven Mitchell and wife Connie of Lodi, Calif.; and his extended family of brother- and sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews from Pam’s family.

A celebration of the life of Ronald G. Bricker will be at 2pm on May 1 at the home of Deb and Tony Howard at 1315 Wildwood Court, South Lake Tahoe. In lieu of flowers, his family respectfully requests donations be sent in Ron’s name to the American Heart Association, 1281 Terminal Way, Ste. 111, Reno, NV 89502 or the charity of your choice.