

Art at LTCC

Lake Tahoe Community College Art and ESL Departments present:

• LTCC "Student Winners Exhibition" in the Commons Gallery

• "Images from Cuba" digital photography exhibit by Sally Sjolín in Foyer Gallery

• Walter McNamara's "Desert Visions at Tahoe" a Multi-media Exhibit in the Haldan Gallery

• OPENING of "Luces de Una Memoria Compartida: Historia Grafica de Ameca 1895-1968" in the Commons Gallery, Library.

LTCC campus, 1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe

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rangel@ltcc.edu for Heritage exhibit

shafer@ltcc.edu for Student, Sjolín, & McNamara exhibits

Free admission

SPECIAL RECEPTIONS

5-9pm w/special Haldan Gallery times of 5-7pm only

Refreshments served

(Also Open Daily during College hours and Haldan Gallery hours)

Jim Stamates at LTCC

Oct. 12 from 7-8pm, Jim Stamatesâ€™ “Theory of Rhythms” presentation at Lake Tahoe Community College Duke Theatre, 1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

jim@stamates.com

Donations accepted for Tahoe Art League programs.

“The Little Red Truck”

Oct. 11 at 2pm Tahoe Tallac Associationâ€™s presentation of MCTâ€™s “The Little Red Truck” at the Boathouse Theater on Highway 89 just past Camp Richardson.

<http://www.valhallatahoe.com/index.html>

Donations accepted.

GALUMPHA at MontBleu

Oct. 9 at 7pm Tahoe Arts Project (TAP) presents the physical theater group “GALUMPHA”: Theater at MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa, Stateline.

www.tahoeartsproject.org (530) 542.3632

\$12 adults, \$5 seniors & children

Pray for Snow Party

Pray for Snow Party at Fresh Ketch, South Tahoe on Nov. 18. Live music, food and drink specials, raffles and giveaways.

Fresh Ketch-Raymond Vineyards dinner

South Lake Tahoe's Fresh Ketch hosts an Oct. 21 Winemaker's Dinner with Raymond Vineyards of Napa Valley. The dinner will feature a five-course dinner with a pairing of five varietals from Raymond Vineyards.

Bob Cooper will host the dinner and describe the various wines served with the courses. Each course will feature the freshest ingredients.

Seating is limited. Call (530) 541.5683. Cost is \$65/person.

South Shore transit chief arrested



By Kathryn Reed

BlueGo chief John Andoh experienced a ride he wasn't used to – in the back of a police car.

Andoh, 29, was arrested Oct. 1 at 12:30am near Stateline by South Lake Tahoe police officers. He posted bail later that day.

Andoh did not return phone calls or emails.

His troubles started Sept. 4 when he was involved in a traffic accident with a bicyclist at C and Bonanza streets in South Lake Tahoe. The 58-year-old cyclist was transported to Barton Memorial Hospital complaining of knee pain, according to police Lt. Marty Hale.

Hale said Andoh changed his story about the incident while talking to officers that Friday of Labor Day weekend. As officers continued their investigation Hale said they discovered things “didn't add up”

From there a warrant was issued on Sept. 24 for Andoh's arrest on charges of giving false information to an officer.

According to Hale, when Andoh was arrested Thursday in the 3700 block of Lake Tahoe Boulevard he told officers he lives in Sacramento. He has been working full time as the South Shore transit guru for close to a year. His cell phone has an area code for the Stockton area.

Officers tracked Andoh down yesterday when a call came in about a vehicle with its hazard lights on dragging a trash can. Hale said the vehicle was found parked near Stateline and Andoh was outside of the vehicle.

It is not known if Andoh was on duty when the various run-ins with the law occurred.

Andoh's contract with the South Tahoe Area Transit Authority was already going to be the subject of closed session on today's agenda. The board is Andoh's boss.

STATA chairwoman Nancy McDermid did not respond to an email request for comment.

When Andoh was originally hired by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency he did not have to go through a drug test, have his Department of Motor Vehicle records pulled or have a background check. Those are things requested of BlueGo drivers – who Andoh oversees. He drives the buses and has access to agency vehicles for work purposes.

Some STATA board members had requested those documents be secured before discussions about his contract were to be deliberated today. It's doubtful they reflect the arrest from a day ago.

Fire damages Lake Tahoe Psychic



Charred debris
from Lake

Tahoe Psychic.
Photo/Kathryn
Reed

Lake Tahoe Psychic didn't see this coming — a fire Thursday morning that caused between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

South Lake Tahoe Fire Marshal Ray Zachau said the fire started when the heater came on because of the combustible papers and books stacked on it.

The call came in just before 8am. Fire crews were all leaving by 8:30am.

Zachau credits the police officers for knocking down the bulk of the fire by smashing out the back window and using a fire extinguisher.

No one was in the building when the fire broke out.

Female impersonators rival real stars



Carnival
Cabaret is

nightly at the
Horizon casino
at Stateline.
Photo/Provided
by Dan Gore

By Kathryn Reed

The face of Carnival Cabaret lives on even though his voice has been silenced.

Hunter – his legal and stage name – did such an incredible rendition of Cher that it was hard to know it wasn't her, let alone it was a man in those outrageous costumes. Hunter's image was initially used to advertise Carnival Cabaret when it returned to the Horizon on Labor Day weekend 2008. Hunter died in 2005 from a head injury after a fall during a rehearsal in Southern California.

"Hunter was a special act, a special person," said Dan Gore, producer of the female impersonation show

Carnival Cabaret returned to the Horizon hotel-casino after going dark in 2004. The first nearly four-year stint at Stateline still makes it the longest running show on the South Shore. The casino has extended the current gig indefinitely.

Many people also associate this show with Gypsy (aka James Haake) the 77-year-old grandfather who emcees the event all but Fridays. Even if you don't want to hear the music of Reba McEntire, Dolly Parton, Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand, or Bette Midler, Gypsy is worth the \$26.95.

His routine is part drag queen, part comedy, part interaction with the audience.

Anyone who has seen Cher live will agree Gypsy rivals her in the number of wardrobe changes. His attire is full of Versace gowns and Jimmy Choo shoes. (That's the same footwear the "Sex

and the City" gals wore.) He credits Barbara Parina at Side Street Boutique for keeping him so well attired.

His humor crosses the line a bit, so best to leave the kids at home. Talking about how the seam in nylons hits male body parts is just an example.

Self-deprecation is the norm – such as needing to shop at Home Depot for makeup and saying, "The only reason to dress like this as an old man is for the money."

Gypsy's humor is timely, with some political jokes. In between each of the musical acts Gypsy converses with the audience. Insecure men should not sit near the stage.

"There are endless possibilities. We are always working on something else," Gore said. "We'll be constantly changing."

A recent change is going to seven days a week. Show time is 8pm. To allow cast members to have a night off, the show is always different.

Patrick Ross, who is Streisand and Midler, was in the original cast. He is the guest host on Fridays. Frankie Kein transforms into Liza Minnelli and Marilyn Monroe; Andrew Raymer does Cher and Celine Dion; and Kevin Wiley is McEntire, Parton and Judy Garland.

Gore said his contract with the current management at Horizon gives him more control over the show. Last go-around one of the performers was in transition – that's something Gore won't allow now that he calls all the shots.

With the diversity of impersonations, the show provides a little bit of something for everyone, as evident by a table of four locals who all had different favorites. Some liked Parton strutting in from the back of the room with a buxom out to there, another liked Midler – why pay Vegas prices to see her for real?

The finale will make you think twice about gay men dressing as women, but more important, about accepting each others differences.

For more information, go to www.carnivalcabaret.com.

Skiing readers rank resorts



By Kathryn Reed

Besides the chill in the air, the obvious sign ski season is around the corner is the arrival of snow sports magazines in mailboxes.

Skiing magazine's October issue has the readers' choice awards. Lake Tahoe doesn't dominate the results, but some of the numerous resorts in and around the basin are mentioned.

Squaw Valley ranks No. 4 for best steeps. It took first for its KT-22 chairlift in the best lift to lap all day category.

"If it's too stormy to open the upper mountain, there's a good chance that only KT and Red Dog chairs will be running," the magazine says. "No problem. You can spend all day lapping the 1,800-vertical-foot KT-22 and you won't get bored. After all, the lift got its name when it took Squaw pioneer Sandy Poulsen 22 kick turns to get down the run's north-facing steeps in 1948."

Squaw definitely has personality. It received honorable mention in *Skiing* for most condescending locals. Jackson Hole took top honors in this category.

Mount Rose took the most underrated mountain title. Alpine

Meadows took an honorable mention.

Heavenly Mountain Resort is No. 3 for best trees. Last season the resort opened terrain to make it a bit easier to navigate the trees by thinning some slopes.

Mammoth and Northstar-at-Tahoe made the best park list. Mammoth came in second behind Breckenridge, while Northstar placed sixth.

Heavenly came in fifth for best nightlight, but considering most skiers at Kirkwood and Sierra-at-Tahoe stay on the South Shore it seems logical they should share in this designation – unless their riders are more serious about the mountain and care less about partying than Heavenly's guests.

Squaw ranks 10th in this category.