Opinion: Brave enough to be angry

By Lindy West, New York Times

Last month, an “Access Hollywood” correspondent asked the actress Uma Thurman to comment on abuse of power in Hollywood, presumably in light of the sexual assault allegations against the producer Harvey Weinstein.

Speaking slowly and deliberately, through gritted teeth, Thurman responded, “I don’t have a tidy soundbite for you, because I’ve learned — I am not a child — and I have learned that when I’ve spoken in anger I usually regret the way I express myself. So I’ve been waiting to feel less angry. And when I’m ready, I’ll say what I have to say.”

Thurman is seething, like we have all been seething, in our various states of breaking open or, as Thurman chooses, waiting. We are seething at how long we have been ignored, seething for the ones who were long ago punished for telling the truth, seething for being told all of our lives that we have no right to seethe. Thurman’s rage is palpable yet contained, conveying not just the tempestuous depths of #MeToo but a profound understanding of the ways that female anger is received and weaponized against women.

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When your greatest romance is

a friendship

By Victor Lodato, New York Times

“Is this your grandson?” people sometimes ask Austin when she’s out with me.

I love watching her vanity prick up, the way she serenely tilts her small white head and refurbishes her Southern accent to correct them. “No, honey. He’s my friend.”

At this point, folks usually smile tightly and turn away, perhaps worried there is more than friendship going on between the old lady and the younger man seated at the bar or strolling through the supermarket, giggling like teenagers.

Why we’re giggling, I couldn’t tell you. Often our mirth seems fueled by some deep-celled delight at being together. Friendship, like its flashier cousin, love, can be wildly chemical and, like love, can happen in an instant.

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Snow back in the forecast for Tahoe basin

The National Weather Service in Reno has issued a winter storm watch for the greater Lake Tahoe area from 4pm Nov. 15 to 4am Nov. 17.

More than a foot of snow is possible at 7,000 feet or above.

“Accumulations below 7,000 feet are more uncertain and depend

on how fast snow levels fall Thursday, but could reach 6 or more inches," the Weather Service said.

Expect delays over mountain passes. For road conditions, click on the state icons on the home page of *Lake Tahoe News.*

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

NAMI seminar focuses on friends, family

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is putting on a free four-hour seminar for family and friends on Nov. 15 from 5-9pm at Lake Tahoe Community College.

Participants will learn about diagnosis, treatment, recovery, communication strategies, crisis preparation and NAMI resources.

Seminar leaders are family members who know what it's like to have a loved one with mental health condition.

To register, go **online**.

Tahoe's second-generation skiers making their mark

By David Bunker, Tahoe Quarterly

This winter, if lucky, you might see Warren Miller skier and Truckee local Amie Engerbretson rocket off a cliff in Squaw Valley's Fingers named after her dad. Or you might catch 16-year-old Noah Gaffney dropping into a chute immortalized in "Squallywood" – the unofficial guidebook to Squaw Valley skiing penned by his father.

A generation has passed since a surge of skiers flocked to Tahoe's slopes in the 1980s, drawn by the siren song of Scot Schmidt films and photos, ski flicks like "Hot Dog…The Movie" and ski magazine shots of neon-clad "extreme" skiers pushing the outer edges of the sport.

Many of these Tahoe transplants put down permanent roots in the area, becoming icons and influencers in the ski world and raising sons and daughters on the same hallowed ski terrain that brought them West.

Now, their offspring are carving out their own place in the ski world.

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Nev. students may face added math, science requirements

By Meghin Delaney, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Nevada may soon join a handful of states that require students to pass four credits of math to graduate high school, a move critics say would limit student choice.

"I really strongly disagree that four years of math are required for students to be college and career ready," Jesse

Welsh, an assistant superintendent in the Clark County School District, testified at a state education workshop last month. “This is coming from a former math teacher.”

The state is planning to revamp graduation requirements for students in the class of 2022, who will be high school freshman in the fall of 2018.

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Short film series returns to Tahoe City

Alpenglow Sports’ fourth volume of “The Shadow Campaign,” DPS Ski’s iconic short film series, will be shown Dec. 9 at 7pm.

All proceeds benefit the Tahoe Backcountry Alliance.

Stephan Drake, the founder of DPS and a visionary in the ski-shaping world, will be on-hand.

Partnering with Outdoor Research, crew members were sent across the globe to find the stunning scenery and epic turns that make “The Shadow Campaign” a unique viewing experience.

Alpenglow Sports is the only North America host of the cinematic event.

Doors open at 6:30pm at the Tahoe City shop.

Tahoe Douglas to launch new fire boat

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District will dedicate and launch its fire boat on Nov. 13 at 3pm at the Edgewood Tahoe clubhouse.

After opening remarks, firefighters will demonstrate the boat's capabilities on Lake Tahoe.

This custom builtboat is similar to those found in large bay areas with a large pump that can provide fire flow. It was designed to enhance TDFPD's capabilities to respond to a wide range of emergencies, including firefighting and on-the-water rescue operations.

Nev.'s delicate relationship with wild bears

By Jamie Wanzek, Moonshine Ink

Jasper, a bear well-known to Incline Village residents, was habitually seen ambling around the North Lake neighborhood for more than 10 years, often trailed by young cubs. In May of this year, in an attempt to scare Jasper and her three youngsters away from trash, a Washoe County deputy shot at the bear with what she believed were nonlethal bullets.

The incident with Jasper sparked a revival of criticism toward bear management in Nevada, with NDOW at the center of the maelstrom. The bear's death led to a change.org petition addressed to Washoe Sheriff Chuck Allen demanding the "needs

to answer for the completely unnecessary death of Jasper," picking up 5,500 signatures.

Jasper's death is an ongoing personnel investigation and details cannot be released, according to Bob Herman, the public information officer for Washoe County Sheriff's Office. But Herman confirms the agency has ordered and received a number of 40 mm nonlethal weapons for their Incline Village deputies, in response to the incident, and the deputies have also been put through a program on how to respond to wildlife with their nonlethal arms.

The conflict between NDOW's bear management and local wildlife advocates has a long and entangled history that recently entered the courts with a spurt of suits and countersuits.

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Harrah's parent company reports quarterly loss

By Richard N. Velotta, Las Vegas Review-Journal

A 10.4 percent improvement in gaming revenue at Caesars Palace helped Las Vegas-based Caesars Entertainment endure a third-quarter loss, company officials reported this month.

Earnings were affected by $472 million in restructuring costs as the company's operating unit emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Oct. 6.

The company, which includes Harrah's Lake Tahoe and Harveys, reported a loss of $468 million, $3.14 a share, on revenue of $986 million for the quarter that ended Sept. 30. In the same

quarter a year earlier, the company reported a loss of $643 million, $4.38 a share, on revenue of $986 million.

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