

Ski racers produce nude calendar to help raise funds

By Jerome Pugmire, AP

VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE — A group of American skiers are taking it all off in an effort to raise some money.

Five female and six male ski racers have joined together to pose in a nude calendar they hope will help them overcome high costs — and scarce funding — on the professional ski tour.

Called “Under the Suit: The Bodies of the Ski Team,” the calendar features the skiers in naked action shots: Either on the slopes or mountain biking in Chile and New Zealand, or pumping iron at their local gym in Park City.

Skiers below “A” team level pay their own travel costs, ranging from \$15,000 to \$35,000 each season. The original idea for calendar came from Brennan Rubie, who is racing at “C” team level.

“It’s tough for us because we have to raise a bunch of cash,” the 25-year-old Rubie told the *Associated Press*. “We’ve all reached out to our parents, our parents’ friends.”

Athletes should get up to \$4,000 each from sales, which Rubie says is “a big chunk of money that can really take some stress off.”

Jacqueline Wiles, a member of the “B” team who is also unfunded, features on the calendar taking off into the air — naked except for a ski helmet, gloves and boots. Teammates Breezy Johnson and Alice McKennis are also in the calendar.

“I think the target is raising around \$110,000,” Wiles told the *AP* recently at the French resort of Val d’Isere. “They want to get all the calendars out before Christmas ... to be a

stocking stuffer.”

Even though they are funded, two-time Olympic champion Ted Ligety and Olympic super-G silver medalist Andrew Weibrecht have helped out.

“It’s cool to see everyone come together,” Weibrecht said.

Wiles and McKennis are a long way from enjoying the success of four-time overall World Cup winner Lindsey Vonn and Olympic slalom champion Mikaela Shiffrin – who have won 99 World Cup races between them.

The 27-year-old McKennis won a downhill in the Austrian resort of St. Anton in January 2013 – her only podium – and Wiles has one top-10 finish.

Many are struggling behind them.

“Athletes are being more and more unfunded, having to find our own means. So this summer we tried to be creative,” Wiles said. “The men’s team did a bunch (of photos) in Norway. We did some in Chile, New Zealand – and in the gym in Park City.”

Aside from raising money, Wiles said the photos showcase athlete’s bodies in a “tasteful and strong” way. She has received positive feedback from mothers with concerns over anorexia, fearful that their daughters feel pressured to follow very slim role models.

“I think everyone really likes the idea of displaying our bodies in a very athletic, powerful position,” Wiles said. “We work hard to be physically fit for our sport, and I think it’s really cool to show our fans and family what our bodies go through.”

One of the most sensitive issues when doing the photos was passers-by.

“In New Zealand, we did it at a ski resort and there were

other people hiking a different ridge. They could see me,” McKennis said. “When Jacqui (Wiles) and I went off the downhill jump in Portillo (Chile), there were definitely a few creepy spectators. One of our coaches, helping drive us in a snowmobile, actually stopped and yelled at them.”

While not opposing the calendar, the U.S. ski federation has been “very hands off with the whole project,” McKennis said.

“Just because it is something that they saw as something risky, that athletes are showing their naked bodies to the public,” McKennis said. “They were just like ‘We don’t want to be involved. If you’re going to do this, you need to do it separately.’”

Putting the calendar together ate into what little spare time the competitive skiers have.

“We’re racing, we’re training. It’s hard to be as proactive as we want to be with it,” McKennis said. “Evenings, whenever we can, we just try and fit it in. It can be really challenging.”

From guns to sex crimes, new laws affect Calif.

By Jeremy B. White, Sacramento Bee

Every Fall, Gov. Jerry Brown’s time is consumed by what could best be described as legislative triage.

He sifts through the hundreds of bills sent to his desk and decides which ones will become law. This year, the Legislature sent Brown 1,059 pieces of legislation, 898 of which the governor deemed worthy of his signature. He vetoed 159 and let

two become law without signing them.

On Jan. 1 we'll start seeing the results. What follows is a list of the laws taking effect Jan. 1.

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Free transit during holidays on North Shore

Getting from Truckee neighborhoods, Northstar, and Squaw Valley to and from downtown Truckee during the holidays just got a whole lot easier with free shuttle service.

From Dec. 26-31 there will be free, convenient shuttles.

Free neighborhood shuttles between downtown Truckee will be available those days from noon-2am. The neighborhood shuttles will service: Donner Lake, Sierra Meadows, Brockway, Prosser, Tahoe Donner and Glenshire.

Connections between the neighborhood and resort shuttles can be made at the Truckee Train Depot.

Free nightly resort shuttles will be provided between downtown Truckee to Northstar and Squaw Valley between 6pm and 2am daily.

Connections between holiday shuttle routes and TART daytime service can be made at the Truckee Train Depot. Connections between holiday shuttle routes and TART's free night service can be made nightly at Northstar and Squaw Valley.

For schedules and additional information, go **online**.

Truckee PD recruits new chief from within

Truckee is about to have a new police chief.

Capt. Rob Leftwich is being promoted. Adam Gill, who has been chief for five years, is leaving next month to take the helm of Novato Police Department.



Rob Leftwich

Leftwich has worked side-by-side with McGill. Captain is the second highest ranking office in this department.

Leftwich has a bachelor of arts degree in communications and public relations from the University of the Pacific. He has 21 years of experience in law enforcement, including six years with Truckee. The last five have been as captain. Leftwich is a past member of the board of directors for Tahoe SAFE Alliance and was a member of the Truckee Tahoe Airport Community Advisory Team.

In his off time, Leftwich is either snowboarding, paddleboarding, riding his motorcycle, flyfishing or camping with his family.

K's Kitchen: Cranberry sauce worth sharing

By Kathryn Reed

When people ask for copies of the recipe you know it's a keeper.

Before Thanksgiving my friend Ellie shared her family cranberry recipe with me. But it wasn't until the weekend before last that I made it for some friends. Oh, my, it's super delicious.

It's good as a side. I also ate it with crackers. It goes great with Cabernet – which makes sense since red wine is one of the main ingredients.

Ellie suggests putting it on vanilla ice cream or pineapple sherbet. Next time I'm definitely saving some for ice cream.

I also might cut back on the sugar a wee bit.

Below is her recipe. I substituted 1 teaspoon of orange juice for the orange extract because I didn't have the extract. I used Zinfandel because that's what I felt like drinking.

According to Ellie, the mixture freezes well.



Spiced Cranberry Sauce with Red Wine

$\frac{3}{4}$ C Zinfandel or Cabernet

1 C sugar

1 C (packed) brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground allspice

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon orange extract

12 ounce bag fresh cranberries

Combine all ingredients except cranberries in a medium sauce pan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat and simmer for about 10 minutes. Add cranberries and cook over medium heat until berries burst.

Cool, transfer sauce to a medium bowl. Cover and refrigerate until cold.

Burning Man made \$37 million in 2015

By Jenny Kane, Reno Gazette-Journal

The Burning Man Project is more than a million bucks closer to taking over the world with its art and principles.

The San Francisco-based arts nonprofit, known best for its elaborate, 70,000-person annual arts-centric gathering in Northern Nevada's Black Rock Desert, has released last year's tax documents, revealing that the organization pulled in \$36.9 million and spent \$35.8 million in 2015.

While the organization that touts its 10 principles – such as radical inclusion, radical self-expression and gifting – may be making more than ever, it also is spending more than ever. The organization's total revenue climbed year-over-year by 14 percent while total spending increased by 19 percent, according to 2015 tax documents.

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How will legalized pot affect the gaming industry?

By Richard N. Velotta, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Depending on which side of Question 2 you sat, you're either embracing Jan. 1 or dreading its arrival.

How we treat the arrival of recreational marijuana is going to be the subject of continuing debate through 2017 as leaders sort out all the regulatory details of public policy. And it's not a debate restricted to Nevada. Other states that generate tourism and gaming revenue are fielding the same types of questions.

The Nevada Gaming Control Board and Gaming Commission got the ball rolling with a pair of public hearings last month and it was clear from those sessions that there will be some interesting twists and turns on the horizon.

The line in the sand drawn by gaming regulators is based on federal law. The control board and the commission say that because the federal government views marijuana use as illegal, so do state gaming regulators.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Kiwanis Club of Lake Tahoe's 35th annual Mid-Winter Beach Party Crab Feed is Jan. 27 starting at 6pm at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. Tickets are \$40 each. For more info, call 530.541.5900.

- +Impact School and Tahoe Expedition Academy, fully accredited independent pre-K-8 and 9-12 schools in Lake Tahoe, have raised \$10 million in partnership with the Martis Valley Education Fund. If the schools raise another \$1 million, it will receive a \$5.5 million matching grant to complete Phase 1 of its flagship campus in Martis Valley, which is set to open next fall.

- Jim Lawrence is now chair of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board and Bill Yeates is vice chair.
 - On Dec. 15 at 8:30am a wind gust of 106 mph was recorded by National Weather Service in Reno at Slide Mountain.
 - Lakeside living is now available in Kings Beach with the completion of Tahoe Beachfront residences. The complex includes 10 condos.
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Letter: Heavenly crew assists Bread & Broth

To the community,

“It is important work that we enjoy giving back to the community in which we live,” said Leslie Amato about her experience as a sponsor volunteer crew member from Heavenly Mountain Resort at Bread & Broth’s dinner on Dec. 5.

As the evening dinner’s Adopt A Day sponsor, Heavenly hosted the meal which consisted of a hearty shepherd’s pie served with oven baked zucchini, green salad, fruit salad and a variety of pies and cakes.

The hot, nutritious, full course meals served every Monday to any and all that come to St. Theresa’s Grace Hall are made possible by the efforts of many caring and dedicated volunteers and financial donors such as Heavenly Mountain Resort. B&B would like to thank Amato, Heavenly day care manager, and her fellow sponsor crew members Shylo Schumacher, human resources specialist; Peter Spellman, finance; and

Joshua Gonzalez and Erin McAvoy, mountain dining managers, for their great service at the evening meal.

According to Leslie, the Heavenly sponsor crew's favorite comment came from a dinner guest who was "thanking us for sharing our smiles." It is a very rewarding and fulfilling experience to share your time and concern to help others in need and the smiles are just a byproduct of those feelings. Kudos to Heavenly Mountain Resort and their outstanding team members who partner with B&B to give hope and care to hungry, at risk people.

Carol Gerard, Bread & Broth

Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe



Lucille

Thank you to the many people who have adopted dogs and cats from the Meyers shelter this year. December has been an especially busy month, as adoptions have been sponsored by a kind person. Many local homeless pets, plus pets who were transferred to Tahoe from other, overcrowded shelters found new homes. The shelter has just two dogs and six cats right now awaiting adoption. Help us find new families for all these pets.

In addition to cats and dogs, the shelter also occasionally has other types of pets that are available for adoption – meet Lucille the corn snake. Corn snakes are one of the most popular of all pet snakes and for good reason. They have gorgeous colors and patterns, are easy to care for, and have generally docile dispositions. The size of mature corn snakes is just right: big and hardy enough to accept regular handling, yet not large enough to intimidate a novice or child. Lucille comes with her own tank, but her adopter will need their own lighting and heating equipment.

Go to 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**.

– Karen Kuentz