

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



CalStar lands on Highway 50 in south Lake Tahoe on July 24 to airlift a young girl to Renown Medical Center after she was injured by a boat prop. Photo/Provided

- Caltrans is warning motorists to anticipate traffic delays from July 26-28 from 7:30am-4pm on westbound Interstate 80 just west of the Nevada state line for roadway maintenance activities.
- Sherry Guzzi from Sierra Wildlife Coalition will be talking about beavers at Taylor Creek Visitor Center on the South Shore on July 29 at 8:30pm. A \$5 donation benefits the Tahoe Heritage Foundation.
- Whittell High School senior Scott Harrison received the \$5,000 Gene Upshaw Scholarship on the final day of the ACC golf tournament. NBC Sports and Edgewood Companies honor a local student who has performed community service, is a leader and has academic excellence.
- The Finance Division of Douglas County was awarded a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of

the United States and Canada.

Jacks Valley still closed; water line work under way

Jacks Valley Road in the Carson Valley remains closed from Montaña to the second entrance of Genoa Lakes Golf Course because of a sink hole caused by a water line break.

Douglas County crews installed a valve Monday night allowing water to be transferred from Genoa Lake to Montaña.

The water tank level in the upper James Canyon tank is increasing slightly. Residents, though, are still being asked to conserve water. The boil water notice still remains for Montaña residents.

The repair process is complicated by the depth of the pipes and myriad utilities in the same area.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

‘Star Trek Beyond’ – out of this world

By Howie Nave

The filmmakers had to know there'd be a lot riding on the latest "Star Trek" reboot because of director J.J. Abrams

setting the bar so extremely high with his first two installments (turning over the directing helm to Justin Lin).

With the death of the original Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy) diehard Trekkies and sci-fi fans in general were probably going to be very critical on how this film would address the loss seeing that Nimoy was in the first two outings. However, what nobody expected was the untimely passing of Anton Yelchin (who played Russian navigator Chekov) who died at 27, barely two months before the movie was to open, making this his last in the reboot franchise, which is horribly sad. There's talk already that in the next sequel the filmmakers are already writing in how his character will be killed off.

That said "Star Trek Beyond" offers up some pretty amazing special effects. Even though there were some poignant moments of sentimentality to offset the wild ride in space, I wish just for once the storyline wasn't centered so much around humans in conflict with one another but more about species from other worlds having issues with one another and maybe include our species as part of the problem but not the main story.

The title may say "Beyond" but it's more like a "Throwback Thursday" from a Federation that apparently has screwed things up once again. That aside, I really enjoyed that the characters of Captain Kirk (Chris Pine) and Spock (Zachary Quinto) have a lot more depth to them. And yes, the relationship between Spock and Uhura (Zoe Saldana) is the most human that "Star Trek" fans (hate to always say "Trekkies") will be surprised given his Vulcan species. Spock is actually more human than he is Vulcan at times.



Oh, and speaking of all things sentimental, pay particular attention when the crew of the Starship Enterprise takes a break from outer space docking at the spaceport known as Yorktown where we see what I believe is an inside nod to the original Sulu, George Takei, where the rebooted Sulu (John Cho) shares a hug with his husband and their daughter. Nice touch.

Fortunately, when the action kicks in (and man does it ever) it literally goes over the top thanks to director Justin Lin who directed four of those “Fast & Furious” movies. What he did with wheels on the ground he does even better in outer space. As far as evil alien characters go, the one known as Krall (Idris Elba) is a formidable foe who hates humans and the Federation so he wreaks havoc on the Enterprise, stranding the crew on the alien planet of Altamid. Again, proving I’m probably the biggest sci-fi geek out there, the makeup of Krall looks a lot like Louis Gossett Jr.’s Jeriba Shigan from the 1985 movie “Enemy Mine.” Maybe it’s a nostalgic nod to that sci-fi flick too since “Star Trek Beyond” tends to go retro throughout.

Oh, one more observation: The crew’s chemistry between one another is really phenomenal and seeing the interaction between Dr. Bones McCoy (Karl Urban) and Spock taking jabs at one another is hilarious. And Scotty (Simon Pegg who also co-wrote the script) is a delight to see as he matches wit with a friendly female alien Jaylah (Sofia Boutella) who Scotty calls “lassie.” Would we expect anything less?

“Star Trek Beyond” clocks in at two hours and is rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi action and violence.

Howie Nave is host/emcee/manager of The Improv at Harveys. You can hear him Monday-Friday 6 to 10am on KRLT FM-93.9.

Don Henley could have taken it to the limit

By Susan Wood

STATELINE – In some respects, diehard Eagles fans might have wanted to quickly get to the end of Sunday night's Don Henley concert at Harveys.

As one of the lead singers and songwriters for the iconic band from the 1970s and '80s, Henley's musical history was rocked last January when his counterpart, Glenn Frey, died.

It took getting to the end of the show during the highly-anticipated encore to hear an appreciation of his fellow artist and bandmate.

"For Glenn," Henley said quietly before busting into "Desperado," a touching ballad Frey and Henley wrote together about an outlaw surrendering to love.

Flannel shirt-clad Henley was an artist of fewer words and less flash than most performers who have graced the stage for the casino's summer outdoor concert series. Big "no" signs were on both sides of the stage announcing the prohibition of photos and video, and fans were threatened with being tossed out of the venue if their cameras/phones came out again.



Don Henley is almost a regular on the Harveys stage.
Photo/LTN

Henley was always known more for his behind-the-scenes songwriting and environmental activism than a crowd-pleasing, Hollywood style anyway – unlike Frey, who also became an actor (hint: “Miami Vice.”)

The duo, with the help of guitarists Joe Walsh, Timothy B. Schmidt and Don Felder, wrote some of the biggest chart toppers of our time including “Hotel California” and “Life in the Fast Lane” – which the Eagles performed on the same stage two years ago. This time, Henley delivered the blockbusters with the help of a vastly talented 15-person ensemble that almost drowned out his obviously aging, weakened voice once known for beautiful harmonies.

Albeit a bit awkward in lovelorn duets with him, his three young, female backup singers stole the show at times – especially Lara Johnston’s torchy rendition of “I Don’t Want to Hear It Anymore.”

During the major hits of the Eagles, Henley could have held

the microphone out the whole time, as many fans knew the words.

The singer-guitarist, who usually plays the drums, but not this evening, took to the stage a half-hour late with the Eagles' harmonic "Seven Bridges Road." Then he launched into his solo career with "Dirty Laundry" about the nasty side of the news business.

Many in the crowd yelled the lyrics – "Get the widow on the set," as if live with a broadcast news editor.

Then, Henley continued with the edgy atmosphere.

"Look, all the rich people are late," he said, pointing down to the empty seats up front. Stretches of vacant rows could be seen throughout the concert.

But to the enthusiastic, seemingly older fans there, the idea of Henley promising a two-hour performance to go through four decades of music brought out a cheer.

"It's hard to cram the history of civilization in six minutes," Henley admitted to the audience after the stirring rendition of a song about the Native Americans' plight.

In between an assortment of old Eagles tunes such as that heavy synthesized "The Last Resort," "One of these Nights" and "Witchy Woman," Henley dusted off a few from his solo career.

Hits like "Sunset Grill," "Boys of Summer" and the appropriate-to-the-election-season "End of the Innocence," accompanied a "Tears For Fears" rock hit "Everybody Wants to Rule the World". To that, the crowd erupted into cheers and danced.

Henley also sprinkled a few songs from his latest release called – "Cass County." His first solo album in 15 years was inspired by experiences in the small Texas town that he grew up in. The collection bears a strong resemblance to old

country crooner tunes, complete with some high-powered duets.

He teamed up with Rolling Stones leading man Mick Jagger and country star Miranda Lambert on “Bramble Rose” and performed it that night. He also sang “That Old Flame,” a tune he performed with more a peer, country singer Martina McBride on the album.

Henley even provided a hint of his existence growing up in a small town with “Train In the Distance,” a coming of age tune any young lad wanting to escape to a better life could relate to. Henley performed that duet with country singer Lucinda Williams on the album.

The Harveys Outdoor Summer Concert Series continues with electrifying country artist Keith Urban on Wednesday and Friday nights; former lead man for the Commodores Lionel Ritchie on Aug. 13; pop group Steve Miller Band on Aug. 18; red rocker Sammy Hagar on Aug. 26; and soul artist Stevie Wonder on Sept. 2.

Opinion: Cold does not increase odds of catching cold

By Aaron E. Carroll, New York Times

I’ve become somewhat known for medical myth-busting (having been a co-author of three books on the subject), so a fairly large number of emails sent to me are from people with articles or studies that they think prove me wrong.

This week, as a few of us sniffle with summer colds, the

emails are all about a new study that they think proves that cold weather makes you more likely to catch a cold.

I'm sorry to say that this continues to be a myth. Research doesn't support it.

Read the whole story

California officials adopt landmark LGBT coursework

By Jill Tucker, San Francisco Chronicle

State officials this month added the evolution of gay rights and the contributions of lesbian and gay figures in history to the list of topics that public-school students will be taught in California, a landmark move that puts the ongoing LGBT civil rights fight into the mainstream of public education.

The state Board of Education unanimously approved the new social studies curriculum framework in Sacramento after several years of debate, public input and revisions. The effort drew thousands of written comments as the state board considered what kind of history should be taught in each grade.

The vote officially implements provisions of a law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2011 requiring that social studies instructional materials include the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. Challenges to that law, as well as recessionary budget cuts, had delayed the adoption of revised social studies content at each grade level in K-12 schools.

Read the whole story

2 people on motorcycle die on Monitor Pass

Two Carson City residents died Sunday in a motorcycle accident on Monitor Pass.

They were both on the motorcycle that was going south on Highway 89 on July 24. Their names have not been released pending notification of next of kin.

According to Alpine County sheriff's deputies, the motorcycle crossed into oncoming traffic for unknown reasons. Two vehicles in the northbound lane were involved. One person from one of the vehicles was injured.

The accident remains under investigation.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

It's not a housing bubble, it's just expensive

By Patrick Clark, Bloomberg

Home prices have hit record highs in some major U.S. metropolitan areas, and house-flippers are behaving like it's 2005: It's no wonder people are chattering about another

housing bubble.

But residential real estate isn't in a speculative bubble, industry observers contend. Instead, a low inventory of available homes is driving prices higher—prices, however, will eventually recede as buyers throw up their hands, or as more new homes come on line. The structural issues that led to the housing collapse last decade aren't present.

“The havoc during the last cycle was the result of building too many homes and of speculation fueled by loose credit,” said Jonathan Smoke, chief economist at Realtor.com. “That’s the exact opposite of what we have today.”

Read the whole story

3-day dance festival on North Shore

Lake Tahoe Dance Collective's signature event – Lake Tahoe Dance Festival – is July 27-29 at Tahoe City's Gatekeeper's Museum.

The festival presents contemporary pieces alongside great works of the past.

The festival is directed by longtime friends and collaborators Constantine Baecher and Christin Hanna.

This year's program features four performances by leading professional dancers and two workshop pieces, including contemporary new works by Christian Burns and Baecher, an

excerpt from “Swan Lake,” and a selection from “Agathon” by mid-century choreographer Erick Hawkins.

On Thursday there will be a post-performance conversation with artists about their lives as dancers and the works they present in the festival; and Friday features a 5pm pre-performance conversation on “What to Watch for When You Watch Dance.” Both talks are complimentary with the purchase of Lake Tahoe Dance Festival tickets.

Tickets for the festival are available **online**.

Sanders supporters demand apology at Nev. delegation meeting

By Megan Messerly, Las Vegas Sun

PHILADELPHIA – Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison, a longtime Bernie Sanders supporter who has endorsed Hillary Clinton, attempted to preach a message of unity at the Nevada delegation breakfast this morning.

Ellison said it was OK to “duke it out” in the primary, but it’s time to come together. “We got to be real crystal clear on what’s in front of us,” Ellison said, describing Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump as a “fascist dictator.”

He didn’t get far into his message, though.

Less than halfway through his speech, Ellison was interrupted by members of Nevada's Sanders delegation, who pointed to discord at state Democratic convention and the recent WikiLeaks release of emails as reasons they still don't trust the party.

Read the whole story