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Up-and-coming country hitmakers Kellie Pickler and Chris Young open the show.



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Tickets go on sale at 10am March 1.

Rascal Flatts released their first Greatest Hits CD, Greatest Hits, Vol. I in October, 2008. The album contains 13 of their

biggest songs, starting with â€œPrayinâ€™ for Daylightâ€ and going through â€œLife Is a Highway.â€

In October 2009, they released a second edition of their greatest hits collection, this time with a second disc containing live performances of â€œTake Me There,â€ â€œSummer Nights,â€ â€œMe & My Gangâ€ and â€œWinner at a Losing Game.â€ Their latest album, Unstoppable, continues to produce hits including, â€œHere Comes Goodbye,â€ â€œSummer Nightsâ€ and the title track, â€œUnstoppable.â€

Rascal Flatts have won numerous awards over the past decade, including multiple Peopleâ€™s Choice Awards, Academy of Country Music Top Vocal Group awards, 2009 CMT Music Award for Group Video of the Year (â€œEvery Dayâ€) and several AMA awards, including one for the 2009 Favorite Band, Duo or Group.

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Mammoth’s Cook released from Whistler hospital

By USSA

WHISTLER, British Columbia – Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain, CA) was released early Thursday afternoon from the Whistler Polyclinic following a crash in the first women’s downhill training prior to Sunday’s super combined medal event.

“Stacey has been released from the Whistler Olympic Village Polyclinic and her prognosis is good,” said U.S. Olympic Team

Chief Medical Officer Jim Moeller. “She’s undergone a complete evaluation by our medical team in Whistler and has received diagnostic X-rays and a CT scan, which all came back negative. We expect her to have some pain and stiffness over the next 24 to 48 hours, but provided she does well with treatment, we expect that she’ll make a full recovery. We’ll continue to evaluate her and work with the U.S. Ski Team to try and get her back competing as quickly as possible.”

Cook landed on the back of her skis off the top jump while skiing in good visibility and crashed into the safety fencing. As a standard precaution and part of the normal protocol at Whistler Creekside, she was evacuated from the mountain by helicopter.

The training run had been scheduled for 9:30am but the start was delayed about 30 minutes due to fog and heavy snow. When it cleared around 10am, officials started with Italian Lucia Recchia, who finished. Officials then held for about 20-25 minutes more following Cook’s crash before canceling the race due to heavy snow.

Cook will continue to be evaluated and hasn’t been ruled out for Friday’s training run scheduled to begin at 11am.

TRTA sponsor interpretive writing workshop

The Tahoe Rim Trail Association, in partnership with the National Association for Interpretation, is offering a professional one day Interpretive Writing Workshop on April 9.

This workshop introduces people to the techniques for written

interpretation. It will focus on strategies that make non-personal interpretation come close to the impact of compelling front-line interpretation. These techniques apply to brochures, websites, exhibits, public service announcements, books, magazine articles and other interpretive projects. You will leave the workshop with a 42-page workbook and ideally energized to complete your current writing projects. The cost for this workshop is $250.

The instructor by Alan Leftridge. Since 2002, Leftridge has conducted 100 interpretive writing workshops, interpretive guide training, and visitor services seminars in North America.

Leftidge became a certified interpretive trainer in 2001. He is credited with 80 articles and editorials in interpretive magazines, as well as numerous texts for interpretive panels and brochures. He was the executive editor of “Interpreter” magazine and “Legacy” magazine, from 1989 to 2008. He has authored four books in interpretation.

To register, contact Emily Williams at the Tahoe Rim Trail Association, (775) 298.0231 or emilyw@tahoerimtrail.org.

Stateline gaming win down 25%, statewide it’s up 5.8%

By Cy Ryan, Las Vegas Sun

Buoyed by strong betting on Baccarat and football and some increases in slot play, Strip casinos reported a gross win of $502.1 million in December, a gain of 5.8 percent and the second straight month of increases for the resort corridor.

Statewide, however, the news wasn't as good. The gaming win fell 3.2 percent for the month.

"We have just finished the most difficult year in gaming history and in a period where some data points are positive and some are negative," said Bill Bible, director of the Nevada Resort Association that represents Strip Casinos.

Read the whole story

USFS looking for employees

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) is offering free job workshops to assist people interested in working for the agency. The workshops will be at Lake Tahoe Community College in South Lake Tahoe, Room L-107, on Feb. 16 from noon-1pm and 5-6pm.

The workshops will explain the seasonal employment opportunities available for 2010 other opportunities with the LTBMU. Those attending will learn where to find information on job postings, the steps on how to apply for federal positions, and some tips on navigating through the "AVUE" and USAjobs websites.

For more information, contact Adrian Escobedo at (530) 543.2758.

DA: Dugard wants nothing to do with Garrido

By Sam Stanton, Sacramento Bee

Phillip Garrido contrived an elaborate plan to keep in contact with Jaycee Lee Dugard through attorneys if he ever was arrested, but she told the El Dorado County district attorney Monday that she's "not following the plan" and wants no contact with her alleged kidnapper and rapist.

The startling claims are outlined in a court filing by the district attorney made today to oppose a motion by Garrido's lawyer that she be given the whereabouts of Dugard, who is in seclusion.

Read the whole story

Snowshoe Thompson presentation

On Feb. 18at 6pm Explore Tahoe Visitor Center presents Nina MacLeod and Sue Knight from Friends of Snowshoe Thompson.

The two will tell the story of the legendary mailman of the Sierra Nevada in the The Life and Adventures of Snowshoe Thompson.

This program is free and refreshments will be provided.

Explore Tahoe is located in the Heavenly Village next to Cecil's Fountain Plaza in South Lake Tahoe. For more

information, call (530) 542.4637.

Hwy. 50 project may make drive to Tahoe less congested



When Caltrans completes the $108 million project it started this week on Highway 50, it may mean an easier drive into South Lake Tahoe.

The idea is to unclog traffic congestion and reduce air pollution by adding 15 lane miles of bus-carpool lanes on Highway 50 between Watt Avenue in Sacramento and Sunrise Boulevard in Rancho Cordova.

“Extending the bus-carpool lane will have an immediate impact for more than 180,000 drivers commuting on the Highway 50 corridor,” Caltrans Director Randell Iwasaki said in a press release. “When this project is completed, motorists who carpool or ride a bus between Sacramento and El Dorado County will save more than 30 minutes travel time a day during the morning and afternoon weekday commutes.”

Work takes Tahoe doc all over the world

By Kathryn Reed

Steve Bannar is about to have his passport stamped several times in the next few months.

The orthopedist from South Lake Tahoe is headed to Vancouver on Feb. 20 as one of the U.S. Ski Team doctors. When he comes back he hopes to finalize the paperwork so he can be part of Doctors Without Borders to help with relief efforts in Haiti.



Steve Bannar

Bannar is no stranger to going to foreign countries to provide medical care. Usually he is working for Health Volunteers Overseas, which is part of the World Health Organization. In 2004, he spent 23 days in St. Lucia.

He’s also done work in Vietnam.

“The primary goal of this organization is to teach the national people to do the care. It’s a great organization. It’s really professionally done. It’s way better than the Olympic Committee,” Bannar said.

The doctor is hoping to go to Haiti with a friend from the East Coast. They have mutual friends who are already in the island nation helping in the aftermath of January’s devastating temblor.

Bannar said Haiti is in need of surgeons to help with amputations.

What he was doing this past weekend was a little less intricate. Daron Rahlves of Truckee, who is slated to compete in the skiercross event during the Olympics, was in need of some platelet rich plasma therapy.

Terry Orr, a colleague of Bannar’s in the Tahoe Center for Orthopedics, is Rahlves’ surgeon. The two doctors injected the athlete while crews with Red Bull, one of Rahlves’ sponsors, took footage of the procedure.

“Most people are out three months. He is trying to get ready in three weeks,” Bannar said of Rahlves, who dislocated his hip during the Winter X Games.

Bannar will be stationed in Vancouver, headquarters of the Games. Orr is already in Whistler where the downhill events will be staged.