# Ben & Jerry’s names flavor after snowboarder

Hannah Teter – Olympic snowboarding gold medalist from Sierra-at-Tahoe – has teamed up with Ben & Jerry’s from her native Vermont. Maple Blondie is the ice cream maker’s newest flavor in honor of Teter. It will be available for a limited time.

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# 15-week science program for students

Are you a high school student who is interested in learning more about science? Would you like to add a great experience onto your college resume while having a great time?

High school students interested in science may apply for the Youth Science Institute (YSI) program by Dec. 30. This afterschool program is offered on Wednesdays from 4-6pm at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences in Incline Village beginning Jan. 27 and running through May 26.

UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center and Space Science for Schools will be hosting the third annual Youth Science Institute. This 15-week program is for students in grades 9-11 who have an interest in exploring different scientific disciplines.

Students will conduct science experiments and activities including stream monitoring, fish dissection, earth science geology hikes, astrobiology, biochemistry, green building demonstrations, lake science on the UC Davis Research Vessel

John Le Conte and more.

The students will not only gain knowledge and skills in various scientific fields and work with scientists, but will receive opportunities for paid internships, fulfill community service hours, and receive letters of recommendation.

Eligible students for the 2010 program will be in grades 9, 10, and 11, return a completed application, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and have a commitment to the program. All applicants will go through an interview and accepted students will need to pay tuition of $250. Many students in past years have been able to receive both partial and full scholarships.

Send applications or questions to Megan Farka at mjfarka@ucdavis.edu or (775) 881.7560, ext. 7483.

Additional details and the application are available at http://terc.ucdavis.edu/education_outreach/educationprograms/youthscienceinstitute.html.

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# Lake Tahoe ski report, Nov. 26



Thanksgiving Day brings more open terrain at Heavenly. Ski hard – it will mean guilt-free second helpings later today. Here is the ski report for this Thanksgiving Day brought to you by Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

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# Amador County rancher wants to grow marijuana

**Neda Iranpour, CBS 13**

SUTTER CREEK – One of the biggest landowners in Amador County is trying to grow what he calls a “miracle drug” on his ranch, but is facing resistance from the city and county.

Robert Allen and his ranch are well known in Amador County – and even has a road named after him – but he says his ranch has potential ranging far beyond his animals.

**Read the whole story**

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# Space Station and shuttle visible tonight

From South Tahoe High School’s Frank Kovac, “Assuming you’ll be in South Lake Tahoe (today) and assuming the skies are clear, we have a great opportunity to view NASA’s International Space Station at 5:09pm. No binoculars or telescopes necessary. It will appear as a bright light traveling at about the speed of an airplane (but it does not have any blinking lights). It will fly practically over our heads through the center of the sky. It’s orbiting at about 205 miles altitude and moving at over 17,000 miles per hour. P.S. Even cooler: I just noticed the Space Shuttle will appear in the sky about a minute behind the ISS.”

Click on: http://spaceflight1.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/view.cg

i?country=United_States&region=California&city=South_Lake_Tahoe.

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# Borges increases its fleet of sleighs

A four passenger sleigh has been added to the fleet at Borges Sleighrides at Stateline.

The longtime family-run operation is also going to be offering rides at Squaw Creek for the first time this winter.

The smaller sleigh is ideal for families and couples.



Sleigh rides are popular with newlyweds. Photo/Provided

â€œWe have been getting brides and grooms scheduling weddings on our sleighrides,â€ Dwight Borges, who took over the day-to-day operation from his parents, told *Lake Tahoe News*. â€œThe sleigh also has wheels in case we need the sleigh to go on the streets. We have been getting calls form carolers wanting to ride in a sleigh around their neighborhood.â€

The newest sleigh brings the number to six. Sleighs vary in size, with two to 20 people able to fit in one.

The 30- and 60-minute sleighrides during the day are usually available starting Thanksgiving weekend. Mother Nature has something to say about that each year.

Private and dinner rides are also offered.

The South Shore rides start on the north side of MontBleu casino in Stateline.

For more information, call (530) 580.8439.

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# Fallen Leaf Lake saga continued a month

No decision was made regarding the highly controversial marina-general store concession at Fallen Leaf Lake. The community services district board met last weekend and left the issue for the incoming panel, which should meet in about a month.

CSD board President Dana Clark said it would be “interesting to see” what happens with the hub of the small mountain haven located outside South Lake Tahoe at the gateway of Desolation Wilderness.

Clark wants all offers from entities wishing to run the operation to be “on the table” by the next meeting.

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# Lake Tahoe News gives thanks




*Lake Tahoe News* is thankful for its loyal subscribers and random readers, regular writers and occasional contributors, and wonderful advertisers and those who've sent donations to keep the operation going.

We look forward to being part of your Thanksgiving for many years to come.

Personally, I want to thank my family and friends for their love and support in this year that has definitely been more than an E ticket ride.

**Kathryn Reed,** *Lake Tahoe News* publisher

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# Paralyzing experience at Heavenly doesn't stop contractor

**By Mark Emmons, San Jose Mercury News**

The construction site in East San Jose is a clutter of tools, building materials and heavy machinery. Everyone must wear a hard hat and it's not easy to get around.

That's especially the case for someone in a wheelchair.

But here is Mark "Sparky" Muhn, 20 months removed from a ski accident that left him paralyzed, still doing the contracting

job he loves. Even if it means having his wheelchair strapped to a forklift sometimes and carried to a concrete slab foundation where he can supervise his work crew.

Muhn isn’t the sort who allows challenges to stop him.

**Read the whole story**

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# Food Fest on the South Shore

Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation’s Food Fest netted $23,000 in 2009 and is looking to exceed that mark at tonight’s fund raiser.

The event is from 6:30-10pm at Harveys in Stateline.

Tickets are $35 in advance, $40 at the door.

Email lake.tahoe.educational.foundation@gmail.com for more information.