South Tahoe basketball fund raiser

The South Tahoe Boys Basketball program is hosting its 3rd annual Ernie’s Burger Night on Dec. 2 from 5-7 pm.

If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets they can call Chris Proctor at (530) 543.5472 and he will make arrangements to have basketball players deliver the tickets.

Cost is $10 each and includes a “burger, drink, and fries”. All proceeds go to the Boys Basketball Program.

President gives thanks

Kathryn –

Tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, Americans across the country will sit down together, count our blessings, and give thanks for our families and our loved ones.

American families reflect the diversity of this great nation. No two are exactly alike, but there is a common thread they each share.

Our families are bound together through times of joy and times of grief. They shape us, support us, instill the values that guide us as individuals, and make possible all that we achieve.

So tomorrow, I’ll be giving thanks for my family – for all the wisdom, support, and love they have brought into my life.

But tomorrow is also a day to remember those who cannot sit down to break bread with those they love.

The soldier overseas holding down a lonely post and missing his kids. The sailor who left her home to serve a higher calling. The folks who must spend tomorrow apart from their families to work a second job, so they can keep food on the table or send a child to school.

We are grateful beyond words for the service and hard work of so many Americans who make our country great through their sacrifice. And this year, we know that far too many face a daily struggle that puts the comfort and security we all deserve painfully out of reach.

So when we gather tomorrow, let us also use the occasion to renew our commitment to building a more peaceful and prosperous future that every American family can enjoy.

It seems like a lifetime ago that a crowd met on a frigid February morning in Springfield, Illinois to set out on an improbable course to change our nation.

In the years since, Michelle and I have been blessed with the support and friendship of the millions of Americans who have come together to form this ongoing movement for change.

You have been there through victories and setbacks. You have given of yourselves beyond measure. You have enabled all that we have accomplished – and you have had the courage to dream yet bigger dreams for what we can still achieve.

So in this season of thanks giving, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to you, and my anticipation of the brighter future we are creating together.

With warmest wishes for a happy holiday season from my family to yours,

President Barack Obama

Tahoe Wildlife Forum

Tahoe Wildlife Forum on Jan. 28 from 6-9pm at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, 291 County Club Drive, Incline Village.

A film about coyotes and one on bears will be shown before the discussion begins.

Panelists includes: Madonna Dunbar, IVGID resource conservationist; Rebecca Sawyer Williams, IVGID resource conservation technician; Ann Bryant, director of BEAR League; and Cheryl Millham, director of Lake Tahoe Wildlife Center, with with additional anticipated representation by the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Washoe County Sheriff's Department and Washoe County Community Outreach.

For information, contact Jill Falman at (775) 881.7566.

Wrestling club sign-ups

South Tahoe Wrestling Club sign-ups 6-8:30pm at STMS Activity room (near the Multipurpose room) Questions? Call (530) 544.5800.

Itzhak Perlman in Reno

The worldâ€™s foremost violinist, Itzhak Perlman, celebrated for his musical work on the score for â€œSchindlerâ€™s List,â€ brings his virtuosity to the Reno stage in an exclusive engagement as part of Artownâ€™s Encore series Jan. 21.

Perlman and pianist Rohan De Silva perform Jan. 21 at 8pm at Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts with tickets priced at $40, $75 and $100. Tickets are available at the Pioneer Center box office, by phone at (775) 686-6600 or online at www.RenoIsArtown.com.

DUI checkpoint in Meyers on Nov. 27

The California Highway Patrol and the El Dorado County Sheriffâ€™s Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Nov. 27.

The checkpoint will be located on Highway 50 in Meyers.

The sobriety checkpoint will be staffed by officers from both departments who are trained in the detection of alcohol and/or drug impaired drivers.

Funding for the checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Lake Tahoe ski report, Nov. 25



Skiers in the greater Lake Tahoe area have another area to choose starting today – Sugar Bowl is open. Read the ski report to find out all the details that Curtis Fong, the Guy From Tahoe, sees fit to print.

Improv comedians floating between Harveys and Harrah's

By Howie Nave

Happy Thanksgiving friends of stand up. Hopefully, we'll be getting more of the white stuff that draws the people to the mountains and in turn fills the resorts, hotels and casinos.

You see, snow is Tahoe's stimulus package this time of year and why we give thanks long before the bird is on the table this week.

Let's celebrate in advance by receiving some much needed laughter. Join us won't you?

The Improv by the way is over at Harrah's South Shore Room Wednesdays and Thursdays and then back at Harveys across the street Friday through Sunday until the middle of next month. Locals get a special discounted ticket price on Wednesday and Thursday.

As always, call me anytime at (775) 586.6266 and leave a message so I can call you back or post to me at Facebook (type in Howie Nave).

Happy Turkey one and all and for my vegetarian friends out there I have found some great tofu turkey recipes online.

Howie Nave is emcee of the Improv at Harvey's in Stateline. Check out www.howienave.com or follow his rants at http://howienave.blogspot.com.

Tahoe communities to be held accountable for lake clarity

By Jeff Delong, Reno Gazette-Journal

The worst pollutants in urban runoff around Lake Tahoe must be cut by 32 percent over 15 years to meet goals for restoring the lake's clarity.

Scientists and environmental regulators are preparing a system to track progress in reducing pollutants with the goal of making Tahoe at least 10 feet clearer.

"We need to be able to measure and account for the gains we are getting on the ground," said Joanne Marchetta, executive director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Read the whole budget

Stuff – what is it good for?

The holiday season is here, which means itâ€™s time to go shopping. Shopping for gifts, decorations, new clothes, new electronics â€¦ for stuff.

This will do some damage to Americansâ€™ bank accounts, but what is the real cost to people, the environment, the economy, to the world as a whole? From extraction to production to consumption to disposal, when one takes a closer look at consumerism, there are considerable hidden costs.

In the “Story of Stuff”, author and activist Annie Leonard candidly examines stuff: where it comes from, where it goes, and how it affects people and the Earth along the way. Leonardâ€™s 20-minute film is simple, straightforward, and hopeful.

The UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center and Sierra Nevada College are hosting a screening of “The Story of Stuff”. Madonna Dunbar, resource conservationist with the Incline Village General Improvement District will be on hand to field any questions on how to cut down on trash and how to recycle.

The Truckee High School Envirolution Club and Sierra Nevada College art students will be showcasing Trashion creations and art made with postconsumer materials. There will also be demos on how to make fun things like wrapping paper or bows out of what otherwise would have been trash.

Date: Dec. 5

Time: 4-5:30pm. Art reception to be followed by film screening

Cost: Free. No-host bar.

Location: Assembly Rooms 139 & 141, Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, 291 Country Club Drive, Incline

Village.on the campus of Sierra Nevada College