NDOT conducting wind survey

Drivers can log onto www.nevadadot.com/wind before March 31 to take a brief survey and provide feedback on the wind warning system located along highways 395 429 between Reno and Carson City.

Winds are frequently high in the area. In the past 16 years, approximately 30 high-profile vehicles such as commercial trucks, RVs, campers, buses and truck-trailers have crashed in the valleyâ€™s severe winds.

Nevada Department of Transportation has had a wind warning system in place since the early 1980s to prohibit high-profile vehicles during high winds. In 1996, NDOT installed the current wind advisory system that automatically posts wind warnings and prohibitions based on wind speed.

While not behind the wheel, drivers can also dial 511 or log onto www.nvroads.com for wind closure information.

Now, NDOT has embarked on a study to evaluate any new technologies that may further improve the system. The study will recommend whether the system may need to be updated or modified, and also evaluate the best high wind warning system for the new Interstate 580 freeway being built between Mt. Rose Highway and north Washoe Valley.

Oscars at Opal benefit for TAP

Oscars at Opal is a benefit for Tahoe Arts Project, the

organization that brings music and theater to students in the schools on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe.

The event is March 7 at MontBleu Opal Lounge at Stateline.Â Doors open at 4:30pm, with the telecast stating at 5pm.

Tickets are $50.

For tickets or more information, call (530) 542.3632.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe City Councilman Bruce Grego says he’s not getting special treatment by being the only councilman with a filing cabinet at the city offices. He wants to keep paperwork there. Everyone else in the 44-year history of the city has taken the



Bruce Grego

material home. Former Councilman Ted Long tried to get his own office at city hall, but was denied.

Squaw Valley and Stoli Vodka are bringing back the Ice Bar at High Camp. Guests may ride the Cable Car to High Camp to experience the outdoor bar made entirely out of ice, serving ice cold beer, barbecue items and specialty winter cocktails. The bar will be open during apes ski hours, weather

permitting, until the ice melts.

Larry Brown, the former security guard at South Tahoe High School accused of providing marijuana to a 16-year-old female student, is scheduled to be in El Dorado County Superior Court on Feb. 26.

U.S. Postal Service officials are taking their time in deciding if the Bijou office in South Tahoe should be closed. Originally a decision was expected in late January.

Chris Riva and Mae Fesai of KCRA-TV in Sacramento will broadcast from the Resort at Squaw Creek during the Olympics, Feb. 12-28. It's possible to be part of the audience. Schedule: Feb. 12 – 7-7:30pm; Feb. 13 – 7:30-8pm; Feb. 14 – 6:30-7pm; Feb. 15-20 – 7:30-8pm; Feb. 21 6:30-7pm; Feb. 22-27 – 7:30-8pm; Feb. 28 – 6:30-7:30pm.

Lake Tahoe Community College President Paul Killpatrick had his review at the last board meeting. He gets them quarterly. Because it's a closed session personnel item, it's not known what the board had to say.

DCSD wants input into superintendent search

Douglas County School District wants to know what people want in the next superintendent. Click here to take a survey.

League to Save Lake Tahoe in escrow

The League to Save Lake Tahoe is gearing up to move into a building that it owns.

The environmental group is in escrow on the old Lorraine Bakery at the corner of Highway 50 and Third Street in South Lake Tahoe.



The League to Save Lake Tahoe is about to have new offices. Photo/Kathryn Reed

The League offices are currently on Emerald Bay Road on land that years ago was a marsh.

Neither Executive Director Rochelle Nason nor Program Director Carol Young was available for comment and the person answering the phone said she was not at liberty to discuss the move.

A sixth day with Dan Thrift on KTHO



The new morning guy at KTHO-FM 96.1/AM-590 can’t get a day off. Hear what Dan Thrift is doing now after being a full time photojournalist for years and learn what he thinks about bear hunting. He’ll be the guest on Saturday at 10am. Or listen at www.kthoradio.com.

CPR class on the South Shore

A BLS CPR class is being offered Feb. 15 from 5:30-9pm. Cost is $50 for this one-evening class. Fee includes manual. This course is geared for the general public, covering the 30:2 CPR for adults, children and infants, AED, airway, masks and choking. With successful completion, students will receive a two-year CPR certificate.

The instructor is Duane DeClerck.

Sign up early to guarantee that you will get your book in advance. Need a minimum of six students for this class to run.

To register, stop by the South Lake Tahoe Parks & Recreation Complex at 1180 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

For more information, call (530) 542.6056.

Snowshoe Thompson talk

Nina MacLeod will talk about Snowshoe Thompson and the history of long boards at the Lake Tahoe Historical Society's quarterly meeting on Feb. 9 at 7pm in the Lodge of Camp Richardson.

MacLeod, a native of Oslo, Norway, and Lake Tahoe resident, is a ski instructor and an expert in cross country.

The talk is free.

Travelocity Gnome headed to Utah

Utah won the Travelocity Gnome contest on Facebook by 64 votes over Lake Tahoe.

Of 285,482 votes, 142,709 (49.98 percent) went to Lake Tahoe and 142,773 (50.01 percent) to Utah.

Chili sales to benefit Lake

Tahoe Museum

Coyote Grill will donate proceeds from bowls of chili sold on Feb. 4 from 5-10pm to the Lake Tahoe Museum.

The restaurant is near Safeway in Round Hill.