



When I say "Torino Olympics" does everyone out there know what I'm talking about?  
For the past couple of years, that's all I can remember when seeing references to the coming Winter Games... Torino this and



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Torino that.  
According to a story in the Jan. 18 *The Sacramento Bee*, however, the proper name for the 2006 Olympics is "Turin" as that's the American name for Torino.

This is Associated Press style which the *Bee* insists on following. Never mind the logo for the Games says Torino. Never mind the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Teams call them the Torino Olympics. Never mind that most of America - and the world - call them the Torino Olympics.

I'm as proud as anyone else to be an American, but last time I checked the Olympic Games were for the entire world.

I find it disrespectful to both the Olympic Games and the host city for egotistical media outlets to take it upon themselves to rename the Games.

The Associated Press, *The Sacramento Bee*, and anyone else adopting a new name for the 2006 Games should worry more about covering the Games than about what to call them - they already had a perfectly fine name with "Torino."

You can find more information on the Games at [www.torino2006.org](http://www.torino2006.org), although if you're confused by the name, [www.turin2006.org](http://www.turin2006.org) will redirect you to the properly

named Torino site as well.



Speaking of names, a sad day will soon be upon us.

This spring, Caesars Tahoe, long a Tahoe icon with its Roman-themed everything, will become MontBleu Resort Casino and Spa.

The name change comes as a result of Caesars sale to the Columbia Sussex Corporation this past June.

Our source at Caesars tells us that remodeling is well underway and the name change should take effect in April.

No more Circus Maximus Showroom, The Roman Feast (all you can eat buffet), Club Nero, and all the Roman-themed art and statuary that adorned the hotel and casino.

Instead we will have MontBleu - whatever that is...we can't imagine it will be anything good!

Columbia Sussex has said the MontBleu name will be used to capture a theme that mirrors the character of Lake Tahoe and will give the casino a more contemporary look.

From what we've read in various news reports, it will have a kind of French Alps meets Tahoe feel and look.

Possibilities there, but personally we liked Caesars the way it was!

**Alpine's adaptive ski school teaches disabled athletes**

TAHOE CITY, Calif. - "If I can do this, I can do anything!" As the motto for Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (T.A.S.S.)

and Disabled Sports USA, this statement rings true for athletes who participate in the T.A.S.S. program.

Geared toward students with physical and mental disabilities, the T.A.S.S. mission statement is "to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities by providing affordable inclusive sports which build self-esteem and confidence, enhancing active participation in community life."

In 1967 Jim Winthers brought together a small group of Vietnam Veterans to support each other as they learned to cope with their disabilities.

Winthers, a World War II Veteran of the 10th Mountain Division and Director of the Soda Springs Ski School, helped form Disabled Sports USA, Far West (DSUSA-FW).

DSUSA-FW has continued its rehabilitation orientation and remains dedicated to the belief that sports are a vital part of the process in which disabled individuals gain self-confidence, mobility, and greater independence.

Our programs promote education, socialization and employment. They help turn tragedy into triumph by instilling in participants the knowledge that it's not their disabilities, but their abilities that count.

Operated by more than 200 volunteers who collectively donate more than 4,000 hours per winter season, T.A.S.S. is open every day at Alpine Meadows, located at the Subway Lift access point.

Because of T.A.S.S.'s popularity, students must make a reservation. Two and one-half hour lessons are offered twice daily, and can be purchased individually or in packs of five. T.A.S.S. rents specialized equipment - such as the

Shadow Mono Ski with Riggers, Standup Outriggers, Ski Bras, or Blind Bibs - depending upon a student's needs.

For more information on Tahoe Adaptive Ski School, contact Alpine Meadows Ski Resort at (530) 581-8321 or contact Haakon Lang-Ree, Tahoe Adaptive Ski School Vice President, at (530) 581-4161.

Information may also be obtained on line at [www.dsusafw.org](http://www.dsusafw.org).

**Squaw opens new restaurant at base**

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. - Squaw Valley USA welcomes a new restaurant to the Valley. The Blue Onion Café has moved into the spot that Mother Barclay's used to occupy and is now open for breakfast and lunch.

The Blue Onion is conveniently located at the base of the mountain between Le Chamois and Olympic House in the Village Green.

This will be their second café, adding to their first location in Kings Beach.

Breakfast at the Blue Onion will be a superb way to kick off your day on the slopes. With Belgian Waffles, Eggs Benedict, and delicious crepes how can you go wrong?

For late risers or hardcore riders who want to get fresh tracks before you eat, the Blue Onion serves breakfast all day long.

For lunch, skiers and boarders can enjoy focaccia sandwiches, hot paninis, and an appetizing array of soups and salads. Or snack on a hardy cup of New England clam chowder, a filling Cobb salad or the Blue Onion salad which has caramelized pecans, pears, gorgonzola, and balsamic vinaigrette over mixed baby greens.

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