A CULTURAL REVOLUTION?
Visit California asks local business owners, are you China ready?
By Giles

On Wednesday, March 29, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mono County and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce hosted a Visit California Global China Ready Conference in Mammoth Lakes. More than 60 Mono County business owners and residents registered for the event, which was free to Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Members and cost $30 for non-members. Mono County Supervisors Stacy Corless and John Peters were present, as were Mammoth Lakes Town Council members John Wentworth, Colin Fernie, and Cleland Hoff.

In 2015, approximately 2.5 million people visited the United States from China. That same year, China surpassed Canada as the largest international visitor market. Chinese tourists come to Mammoth Lakes and Mono County while traveling between coastal “gateway” cities, Yosemite National Park, and various desert destinations. Right now, most Chinese tourists are coming to Mammoth Lakes and Mono County while traveling between coastal “gateway” cities, Yosemite National Park, and various desert destinations. Right now, most Chinese tourists are coming to Mammoth Lakes and Mono County while traveling between coastal “gateway” cities, Yosemite National Park, and various desert destinations.

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There are 1.3 million millionaires in China, and many of those are interested in skiing. “Once you can afford to learn to ski, you’ve made it,” said Gu at Wednesday’s conference, adding that the ski industry is growing in part because of government directives to incorporate winter sports into the public school curriculum.

“The government would like to create 500 million new skiers in time for the 2022 Olympics. Just 5 years ago, there were only 10 ski resorts in China. Now, there are over 500.” Gu also told the crowd that millennial Chinese travelers are increasingly interested in spending money on experiences. “They are adventurous, and they are interested in having a local experience, eating farm to table food, going on road trips.”

According to Charlie Gu, Director of the company China Luxury Advisors and marketing firm that specializes in building tourism and trade relationships between companies in different countries, gave a presentation on cultural differences between China and California. He and Gu performed and discussed a series of common scenarios in which cultural misunderstandings could produce awkward exchanges. Two concepts discussed were the importance of ‘face’ and guanxi, the cultural importance of building and keeping relationships.

Pamela Hamic (left), co-owner of the West Walker Motel, with Visit California Manager of China Marketing Walt Wang and business partner Chris Long at Wednesday’s Global China Ready Conference in Mammoth Lakes.

By Lunch

Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Dan Hollar announced this week that “Super Consultant” Gary Katz of Katz Up! Consulting of Tarrytown, New York has been hired to conduct an Assessment of the Town’s overall consulting needs.

Katz, who aided the Trump Administration in its recruitment of former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, also oversaw the administration strategy in its attempt to repeal and replace Obamacare.

The Sheet reached Katz by phone this week to ask why he would accept a job in Mammoth given his high-profile work in Washington over the past few months. “Quite frankly,” laughed Katz, “I need a vacation, because it’s been no small adventure in Washington lately. So when I was trolling about the web looking for ski trip ideas, I saw your marketing tagline ‘No small adventure’ and I just thought, ‘Serendipitously!’”

“And then, when I learned that Dan Hollar was your Town Manager, I thought, ‘Serendipitously’! A town with Dan at the helm is a forward-thinking town that knows how to spend money. There’s nothing more appealing in my line of work than small-town charm wrapped like a hot dog inside a bun of big-time aspiration! And who doesn’t like a hot dog with Katz Up!?!”

The town is lucky to have Hollar, added Katz, and he should know, having worked for Hollar in the past. He also acknowledged that Hollar is the godfather of his soon-to-be-born fifth child, whom he will name Daniel or Danielle.

Hollar returned the compliment. “Gary is the pick of the litter, as far as I’m concerned. Having him on board … can I make a bad pun? Ok. I’ve got Katz Scratch Fever!”

Hollar said Katz’s first assignment will be to figure out how to “right-size” the town.

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consulting budget.

From Katz: “Look, we all know that full-time employees are very expensive when you factor in not only their salaries, but benefits, retirement, etc. Quite honestly, the more you spend on consultants like me, the more you save. I’ve run analytics which show that communities which hire me for this type of work generally save $273 for every dollar they spend on me.

Katz thinks that the town, which currently spends about $1.4 million annually on consultants, may not be spending enough. Of course, that number rose to $1.6 million the day he was hired. Katz’s contract is for $395,000 over two years.

Sheet: Multiplying 273 times 395,000 = 107.8 million. You’re gonna save us $107.8 million dollars?

Katz: Easily. If I don’t get you into an airport lawsuit, I’ve saved you $50 million right off the bat. And that’s before the feng shui.

As Katz explained, he’s a consulting “double threat,” not only providing fiscal expertise, but feng shui expertise as well.

He said the current layout of Mammoth’s town offices are an abomination when considered in light of generally accepted feng shui practices.

“As is well known,” said Katz, “Water is symbolic of wealth. Therefore, it is extremely important to guard one’s water supply. Sure, a sink brings water into your life, but a drain carries it away. The town should absolutely make sure to locate its finance department as far as possible away from the bathroom. Further, when not in use, the toilet lid should always be down and the bathroom door should always be closed … never mind that closing the door boosts office morale by making everything smell more pleasant.”

Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdzilla said he was pleased by Katz’s hiring, referring to him as a “fellow traveler” but noted, “Gary says I spent on him equals $273 in economic benefit. We’ve recently had some revised economic analysis done in regards to our ad spend, and I can proudly say that we’ve increased our efficiency. According to our consultant, Merry Arsehole, $1 spent on tourism marketing now results in $274 in visitor spending … meaning I’m still number one!”

This boasting regarding rates of return made Public Works Director Tom Grady a little bummed. “I was only able to turn a $1 million ice rink into a $10 million project,” he said. You give Urdzilla a dollar, he generates a 27,300% return. Me, I could only make the rink 900% more expensive … but I’m hoping for better results at the police facility.”

Petty to Play Mammoth

In other news, MLT Director Urdzilla announced that he has signed Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers to play a concert in Mammoth Lakes. The date will be Sunday, August 20, the day after Petty plays a west coast show in Seattle.

Urdzilla said he’s constantly been pressured to support events in Mammoth, so he booked Petty to “get all the jackals off my back.”

“I’m spending 750 grand on Petty, okay? You don’t think I support events? That’s like 9% of my budget! This is the biggest event Mammoth will ever see. It’ll make everything that’s come before it seem Bluesapathetic.”

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Gary Katz at the Katz Up! Tarrytown headquarters.
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LETTERS

Graham goes to spud

Dear Editor:

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you for all the great memories. Much success and happiness. Thank you all and I wish you nothing but my thoughts and prayers. Goodbye and an old friend. You will always be in the Idaho area. Stop by and say hello to

immediate family has a chance to be together again.

If you are ever in the Sandpoint Idaho area stop by and say hello to all the friends, neighbors, and co-workers we have had during our time here. The move is bittersweet, sad to say goodbye to a place that has been such a part of my life, but happy that for the first time in 17 years my immediate family has a chance to be together again.

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Your Friend,
Rick Graham

O’Contraire

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago, Maria Paz Sandoval submitted a letter opposing the development of Mammoth Creek Park West. Attributes certain illogical motives to my own past advocacy for developing the property. Some people thought it was a personal attack, but I don’t believe so, except for the comments about being a “newcomer” to Mammoth, but more on that below.

Ms. Sandoval went on at length and in great detail, proferring that I have supported the development of MCPW because I would not want my own view blocked if the Ice Rink and Community Center were placed behind my business, Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. This is simply inaccurate. To the contrary, I say the closer the better. I have always expected someone to say that I am biased in favor of MCPW precisely because it is close to my business. That would be true and accurate, to a degree.

There are many reasons why MCPW is a suitable location for the new rink and other facilities, one of which, indeed, is its proximity to Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. People could walk to and from each of the recreation facilities, augmenting the business of the other, while creating a social and recreational dynamic that most planners normally only dream about, involving both private and public investment. Moreover, people could also walk to Salsa’s, Mimi’s Cookies, Mammoth Tavern, Country Liquor, Chinese Wok n Roll, Lynne’s Garden of Eat’n, Tonik Vons and all the other businesses in the South Old Mammoth Road Business District. The park’s development would create a dynamic between recreation and local businesses that does not currently exist.

If the Town were to locate the rink at Mammoth Creek Park East, I would be confident that planners would work with me and others to mitigate any impacts, view or otherwise. That’s what they do. This is a completely moot discussion, however, because Mammoth Creek Park East was already evaluated as a possible location for the rink and other development and dismissed as an option. It is 6 or more acres of U.S. Forest Service land, which would cost more than $6,000,000 to acquire in a transaction that would take more than 9 years of permanent residency in Mammoth Lakes. I have committed many hours of personal time and assets to charitable groups, causes and non-profits. Notably, over time, I have observed people who moved here and in two years or so made more of a positive impact to the community than people who have been here much longer.

Most people feel the bowling center has been an important, significant addition to the community and its social and recreational fabric, becoming a kind of large, indoor community center of sorts. It is an example of what can be done with a little vision and a lot of hard work.
**PAC BACK**  
**Arts Center project appears to have momentum**  
**By Lunch**

While the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County have been making a lot of noise lately with their various building plans (police, multi-use and south county government facilities), there’s been another project in the works that has received relatively little attention. Perhaps this is due to the low-key nature of Evan Russell, Executive Director (Emeritus) of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. Russell has quietly put a plan in place for a new Performing Arts Center (to be located at Mammoth’s Cerro Coso campus) that is compelling—and includes the promise of substantial financial support from private backers.

Last Friday, Russell presented a status update for the Performing Arts Center (PAC) to Mammoth Lakes Recreation. The vision: An 18,000-square-foot, 298-seat center with a price estimate of approximately $1.5-$2.5 million as well as ongoing opera-

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As Russell told The Sheet: “We have identified but not secured funding for 90% of what we believe the cost of the project will be ($12 million). Once we know exactly, to the best of our ability, how much the project will cost, which we hope to know in time to present at the 1st town council meeting in May, we will ask for $1.5-$2.5 million from the town in the form of Measure U allocations. We plan to formally ask the college to approve $8 million in Measure C funding. We have two second homeowners who have said they will contribute $2.5 million, and who have already donated $1 million of those funds up front. We have a list of other second homeowners who are potentially interested once we get the project finalized and we believe that is just the tip of the iceberg.”

Measure C, a bond measure dedicated to College improvements

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**INYO TO TACKLE LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**  
**By James**

At Tuesday’s March 28 meeting, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors took an important step to address one of the greatest threats to government solvency in California: Public Pension indebtedness. The culprit, California Public Employees Retirement System, or CalPERS, is The State’s retirement fund for public employees and The Nation’s largest pension fund. It’s also about to cost Inyo County (and its taxpayers) a lot of money.

On Tuesday, the Supervisors voted to approve an amortization plan that allows Inyo County to pay off its accrued debt over a period of 20 years. The plan was one of three plans offered by CalPERS, to address the large unfunded liabilities that the program has accrued over many years of bad decision-making and poor investments. The program suffered additional losses as a result of a series of national financial crises, including the burst of the Dot.com bubble in early 2001, followed by the market and housing collapse of 2008 and the recession.

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd gave the supervisors a hard wake-up call at the Board’s February 21 meeting regarding its future budget deliberations. CalPERS is about to come calling. The program recently announced it has begun a process to collect on debt owed by its member agencies (of which Inyo County is one) to cover the large unfunded liability on its books. That’s an eye-popping total of $39.4 billion in debt for the five plans in the main CalPERS fund. CalPERS has a $302.2 billion investment portfolio with an estimated system shortfall at about $170 billion. According to The Mercury News, that figure translates to an average of more than $13,000 of debt per California household.

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**INCREASED FUNDING**  
**By James**

This will always be a ski town, but it can be more than a ski town... -Roger McFarlane

Roger McFarlane and Rose Steele in front of PAC renderings.
By Bodine

Stupid is as stupid does

A local thief was given the nickname the “Cinderella Bandit” after he allegedly walked out of Get Outdoors 365 on Monday, March 27 at around 11 a.m. with a new pair of shoes on his feet. He shaved his rife and malodorous used shoes in the new shoe box. Upon further inspection, the shoe lifter looked just like Forrest Gump during his “Run, Forrest, Run” scenes; decked out in a red baseball cap and bushy beard, which unfortunately, also describes about 88-percent of hipsters in town.

Anita Westfall, owner of 365 told The Sheet there were about eight or nine other people in the store at the time Forrest came in. He helped himself to a pair of 11 ½ Columbia low-profile hiking boots, a $65 value and headed into the door and made his way toward the Diaper Forest.

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OBITUARY
EILEN PETERSON, 1938-2017

There are those seemingly quiet members of our community, the person giving testimony at a meeting or perhaps checking in voters at a registration booth on election day, or even setting up a 24-hour phone hotline in their home for victims of domestic violence. Eileen Peterson was that quiet person who inspired and helped light the way for those around her. She wasn’t one for the spotlight but she certainly deserved one.

She was always calm and collected but never silent. She played music and made drums, volunteered and was a director on boards, red barn running and marathonning in her 60s, started a Girls’ Athletic Association in high school because females weren’t allowed to play organized sports at the time, backpacked and climbed mountains... at the end of her career, she was donating more than 30 percent of her income to environmental causes.

Born on November 11, 1938 in Los Angeles to Eileen and Frank Jones, she died March 17 in Oregon surrounded by family.

Eileen went to Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach then back- packed around Europe by herself before marrying Terry Peterson in 1961. The couple had four children: Margaret, George, Elizabeth and Molly.

She divorced and moved to Bishop in 1977, taking a job at Northern Inyo Hospital where she worked as a medical technician in the lab until 2006.

Eileen was dedicated to protecting the environment. Her daughter Margaret recalled a winter, not that long ago, when her mother decided she was not going to have a fire that season to cut down on smoke emissions. Margaret said the house stayed at a brisk 45-degrees, her mother determined, wrapped in a jacket and cap until she could be convinced to turn on the heat.

She bought the land for her home at Inyo Friends of the Inyo (http://wild-iris.org).

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She trusted companion through at least a half-million-road miles was her green Volkswagen bus that she bought brand new in 1970. The bus was known for breaking down with no warning of services available to victims of domestic violence on the Eastside.

“I think we were horrified to learn the complexities around domestic violence, how hard it was emotionally and economically for a woman and children, if any, to leave,” Fischer explained. “How conditioned women were to stay.”

Fischer said she didn’t recall any angry boyfriends or upset husbands in those first years, but there could have been. “We were pretty naïve in the beginning.”

The community was in need of some education, Fischer said some one commented at a meeting that there wasn’t a problem with domestic violence until Wild Iris opened shop.

For example, Pat Dumais brought the Child Abuse Prevention Program on board, and taught Eileen and Fischer to write grants, and encouraged pursuance of a non-profit status.

Music was another of Eileen’s loves. Life is plain no one could sing harmonies like Eileen. She played the French horn and later classical guitar. She and her daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth performed in various bands, including High Mountain Bluegrass and Idle Hands.

Weekly band practice and drum circles at her home were legendary.

Music got Eileen and Fischer through a freak snowstorm near Palmdale one year. Cars were stuck on the roadway for the night. “But Eileen and I had our instruments with us, and we just pulled out the guitar and mandolin and played and sang our way through the night. We had a ball,” Fischer recalled.

Eileen made annual pilgrimages to Montana for retreats that sustained her spirituality.

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New trail construction in the works for Mammoth Lakes Trail System in 2017

By Giles

On Tuesday Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Trails Coordinator Joel Rathje presented upcoming projects for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System at the first Mammoth Trails Meeting for 2017. Those projects include a pilot program for fat biking trails at Shady Rest Park and new trail construction at the Borrow Pit.

The Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is in the process of deciding whether or not to allow fat bike use on groomed winter trails at Shady Rest Park. The district currently allows mountain biking at that location during the summer.

If the project is approved, 6 miles of new trail will be added to the 3 miles of winter trails the TOML currently grooms and maintains. Maintenance of the new trails has already been built into the Trails Department budget for 2017 and will be accomplished by manually packing out the snow with snowshoes and using the snow-mobile-powered single track groomer currently employed to groom cross country ski trails.

On February 17, Mammoth Lakes District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge approved the construction of two new non-motorized multi-use trails in Mammoth Lakes. These trails will connect with the existing Mammoth Rock Trail, creating a loop that starts and ends at the Borrow Pit. That trailhead will be formally developed to include trailer parking spaces, a bus stop and turnaround, and public rest-rooms. The trails will replace existing herd paths that are rutted and eroding. They will have a 5% grade and will be suitable for biking, horseback riding, running, and hiking. According to Rathje, trail work is set to begin “whenever the snow melts. You can still take bets on when that will be.”

In preparation for that project, Rathje is working to recruit leaders from peer communities and public agencies for a public trail building workshop to be hosted later this spring. “We are making a pivot here, from planning to construction. To do that, we want to bring in some experts to make sure we do the most we can with our facilities, and create well-constructed resources that will last and require less maintenance over time.”

In the big Rathje said that the United States Forest Service is in the process of selecting 15 communities across America for trail maintenance partnerships. Rathje said he has been writing letters to advocate for Mammoth Lakes as a candidate. “They want to unload jurisdiction and maintenance of these facilities onto towns and counties like us because they can’t pay for it... maybe the money will go both ways,” said Rathje at Tuesday’s presentation, citing collaboration with Fire Crews for trail maintenance was a possibility.

Rathje said he would like to expand partnerships with local land management agencies. “Most cities in California use their sphere of influence to plan development projects. Here in Mammoth Lakes, we aren’t going to develop outward. But what if we considered multi-use trails part of that?”

He asked participants to imagine a maintained, multi-use, signed path from Shady Rest Park to June Lake.

Rathje said that the Tahoe area has over 300 miles of soft-surface, multi-use trails and that Mammoth Lakes should be looking to expand its repertoire. “We have a lot of empirical data from peer communities to tell us that if we don’t provide a high quality, free alternative to buying a lift pass at the mountain, people will do it illegally.”

Rathje said his staff is able to track the use of trails and old roads in the Mammoth Lakes area using data from Strava, a mobile phone application that is popular among bikers, hikers, and runners for tracking mileage and elevation gains and losses during the course of a run or ride. Rathje said there are about 30 trails in the Mammoth Lakes Trail System, 14 of which are designated as non-motorized vehicle multi-use. Strava indicates that a lot of users are currently opting for illegitimate trails, which indicates that there is a quantifiable need for more trail building.

Rathje said his goal is to build trails the right way so that they require minimal maintenance in subsequent years. “This year in Susanville, they saw historic 100-year floods. People lost their homes... but the good trails, the trails that were graded appropriately, built properly, they are still there. That’s what we want to do here, and this year’s snowmelt runoff will show us just what we are working with.”
If you lose your job, where do you go?

By James

Following the announcement that the Bishop J.C. Penney store is set to close, Eastside locals are wondering if Sears and Kmart will follow suit. The face of big box store retail shopping is moving rapidly away from brick-and-mortar stores and into the highly competitive world of online retail sites. The conglomerate Sears Holdings, which owns Kmart, is among the chains facing extinction.

Founded 131 years ago, Sears is the 18th largest retailer in the U.S. and was once one of the most successful. Sears Holdings recently announced that the firm faces “substantial doubt” about its ability to keep its stores stocked due to a major cash crunch. Unlike some of its competitors, popular retail stores like J.C. Penney, Macy’s, and Sears Holdings are closing hundreds of storefronts across America and refocusing their presence on the internet. Other retail stores that have announced store closures include The Gap, Barnes and Noble, Nordstrom, Office Depot, Staples, and Radio Shack. Three of these store closures have significant presence in Bishop, which contribute to the local tax base. Their loss would be devastating to the local economy, so local officials are greatly concerned. Studies have shown that many people who lose their jobs when a large retail store goes into bankruptcy or closes its stores have only slightly better than a 50% chance of gainful employment within a year of losing their job. When they do find employment, they often do not make as much money or work as many hours in their previous job.

For many of those facing job loss there are several benefits available from the state such as eligibility for California Unemployment Insurance benefits that provide temporary financial assistance to workers unemployed through no fault of their own who meet California’s eligibility requirements.

Other benefits available from the state include TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) through CalWorks. This program provides short-term help by giving cash aid and services to eligible needy California families with little or no cash and needing housing, food, utilities, clothing or medical care. Families that apply and qualify for ongoing assistance receive money each month to help pay for housing, food and other necessary expenses. Help keeping food on the table comes from CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps), which is a program that provides monthly benefits to assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutritional levels. In general, these benefits are for any food or food product intended for human consumption.

The California (WIC) program provides supplemental foods, nutrition education and referrals to health care, at no cost, to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are determined to be at nutritional risk. If an employee loses their health care coverage, Medi-Cal is California’s Medical Assistance Program. This program pays for a variety of medical services for children and adults with limited income and resources, supported by Federal and state taxes. It is a large program made up of two separate programs designed to assist Californians in various family and medical situations. The unemployment rate in Inyo County is 5.4%, that is before the announcement that Bishop JC Penney is closing. There is much greater concern that if the local Kmart closes its doors, even given Sears Holdings’ recent announcement of at least 135 store closings. That is, if they simply do not go completely out of business.

Attempting to improve the company’s liquidity, Sears recently sold its Craftsman tool brand to Stanley Black & Decker for $900 million and is considering selling its Kenmore brand as well. They have set a goal to save $1 billion this year by closing stores and reorganizing the business.

Other actions being taken by Sears/Kmart to forestall closure include the possible sale of its Kenmore brand for appliances and the DieHard brand for car batteries. Sears, which also owns Kmart Corp, has dozens of other in-house apparel and houseware brands as well.

The loss of yet another large retail store could put the City of Bishop’s finances in dire straits and greatly damage the local economy. Both city and county officials would likely pull out all the stops to prevent it from happening. A petition is already being circulated to ask J.C. Penney to reconsider closing the Bishop store. While nothing is known for certain yet, other than Sears Holdings’ announcement of “substantial doubt” exists related to the company’s ability to continue as a going concern, has created great concern for employees and local communities facing possible store closures.

For more information on what benefits are available through the state, those seeking assistance should contact the local county agency that provides public assistance.
LADWP SAYS TWO WEEKS
By Giles

Last week, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) made a press statement promising to fix the broken irrigation pipe that brings water to the Big Pine Paiute Reservation. The pipe has been broken for nearly two years.

Amanda Parsons, Manager of Media Relations for LADWP said the department is in the process of purchasing the necessary materials to complete the repair of the pipe and that the agency plans to begin construction as soon as those materials are acquired. “Hopefully we can acquire materials within two weeks ... we expect preparatory work to begin on the site as early as next week.”

Jill Paydon, Administrator for the Big Pine Paiute Tribe, said that The Tribe lost 1,258.39 acre feet of water for irrigation while the pipe was not functioning during the 2015-2016 runoff season. That translates to roughly 410 million gallons of water. Paydon said the community was forced to use costly domestic water for irrigating gardens during that period, something many community members could not afford to do.

Paydon iterated that The Big Pine Tribe is still seeking to establish a formal avenue of communication for Tribal Council and LADWP’s Commissioners. Paydon said that the Tribe opted to give public comment at the Tuesday, March 21 Board of Commissioners meeting because their requests for communication with commissioners had been continually sidelined by staff. “The Big Pine Reservation is adversely affected by ongoing impacts due to LADWP’s water gathering activities, including the excessive amount of groundwater pumping from the Big Pine area, and LADWP’s apparent apathy toward fulfilling decades-old mitigation obligations. The Tribe is committed to continuing in its efforts to work with LADWP leaders to develop ways to move forward cooperatively and resolve problems in a streamlined, non-confrontational manner,” said Chairwoman Shannon Romero in a press statement last week.

Sage Romero and members of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe in protest at the LADWP Commissioners’ Meeting at the agency’s Los Angeles headquarters on Tuesday, March 21.

Drs. Mark and Susan Robinson of Bishop are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Caitlin to Zachary Daniel Sklar, son of David and Karen Sklar of Los Angeles.

Caitlin is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley, is a Master of Public Health candidate at George Washington University, and was salutatorian of the class of 2009 at Mammoth High School. She is a Senior Research Coordinator in Neurosurgical Trauma at U.C. San Francisco School of Medicine.

Zach graduated with Honors in Mathematics from U.C. Berkeley, and graduated in the top of his class at Palisades Charter High School in 2008. He tutors math and physics in Berkeley and is the Manager of East Bay Tutoring of San Ramon, Ca.

The couple met at Berkeley: she was Captain and President of the Cal Ski and Snowboard Team, and he was President of the Cal Ski and Snowboard Club. A wedding is being planned for the spring or summer of 2018.
PARALYMPIC HOPEFULS COMPETE AT MMSA

From Tuesday, March 28 thru Friday, March 31, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) race team hosted the joint US and Canadian Para Alpine National Championships. More than 50 athletes competed from North America, Japan, New Zealand, Chile and Pakistan.

Many of these athletes learned to ski on Mammoth Mountain through DSES. One hopeful with an eye on the 2018 Winter Paralympic Games in Korea, Katrina Schaber, learned to alpine ski at MMSA. Schaber is ranked third in the US Adaptive Standing Division and 16 internationally.

Maggie Palchak, Program Director for Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra said the nationals are already talking about coming back next year.

- Bodine

PHELPS’ BID ADIEU

Rick and Vicky Phelps at their retirement party held last Sunday at Edison Theatre. The Phelps’ had been in the area since 2005. I appeared in a production of “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” where I played the son to Phelps’s Big Daddy. Apropos perhaps, since Rick always reminded me a bit of my own father. I will miss his shambling gait, his personal warmth and his horrible golf swing. As Big Daddy said, and which Rick was fond of quoting even years afterwards. “There ain’t nothing more powerful than the odor of mendacity.” The Phelps are retiring to Oregon.

-Lunch

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Spam is a misfit meat; it doesn’t look or feel like meat, but it tastes like meat. It is versatile and, while an acquired taste, it is delicious and goes with everything from soy sauce to ketchup. June Lake is like Spam; it stands alone, it goes well with the flow and likes to have fun.

These two great tastes are finally coming together with the kick off to the First Annual June Lake SPAM Fest April 8-9. The SPAM jam isn’t so much a marketing ploy as it is something fun to do for those wacky residents and friends who live in such a beautiful but isolated place. Everyone is invited.

The festival is the brainchild of Rena McCullough of Ohanas 395. Rena used to live in Hawaii where SPAM is revered. Food can be limited on an island, after all.

The two-day SPAM slam is designed for the SPAM lover and the SPAM-curious for a self-guided SPAM Crawl through June Lake. McCullough has rallied all the restaurants in June Lake. Each will be offering their own SPAMified delicacies from breakfast to dinner; Trout Town Joe will serve SPAM and eggs from 7-11 a.m., the Tiger Bar will offer a Spicy SPAM burger from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., the Sierra Inn is going with the Hawaiian classic, SPAM and Pineapple Pizza from 4:30-9 p.m., the Double Eagle Resort will have Spam Musubi, (think SPAM nigiri) from 5-9 p.m., Carson Peak Inn will have Split Pea and SPAM soup from 5-9 p.m. and Ohanas 395 will have Multiple Spam Surprises from noon to 6 p.m. Get $1 off a June Lake Brewery beer with SPAM in hand.

The usual cast of June Lake characters is expected to be lurking, including a T-Rex and the SPAM man. Don’t forget the camera.

McCullough knows her SPAM. The annual SPAM JAM on Waikiki Beach brings together some of the greatest SPAM carvers and sculptors in the business. McCullough is making a special trip to Reno to get the proper SPAM supply, it is hard to find large quantities of the stuff locally. There are now 13 different varieties of SPAM, from pleasant spread form to hickory smoke and jalapeno. Nearly 8 billion cans of the pork-based product have been sold since 1937. The mixture of ham, pork shoulder and potato starch is formed during the baking process.

McCullough wants to make the fest an annual event, a party to wrap up the winter and another party to add to the arsenal which includes the June Lake Beer Fest, Jam Fest, Mountain Music Fest, Winter Fest, et. al.

June Lake is witnessing another resurgence, McCullough explained. So many events and places and dying as their patrons grow old and the next generation lets it wither, but in June Lake, a new crop of young blood is stepping up and filling those shoes. Young people are living and staying in June Lake, joining civic clubs and becoming part of the community. Ohana’s does well when the rest of the town does well, success is a group effort in a small town, McCullough says. “Sometimes you have to remind yourself to take it easy,” McCullough said.

Don’t forget money for schwag like “Wham, SPAM, thank you, ma’am” t-shirts and “I ate SPAM and I liked it” bumper stickers.

The event goes Saturday all over town and Sunday at the June Mountain parking lot. The June Lake Brewery and OHANAS 395 is probably a good place to start for a beer, SPAM or a little direction. To get to the brewery, from Highway 158 turn right on Knoll Avenue and a left on Crawford Avenue.
On Thursday, April 6, Mono County Behavioral Health and Mono County Probation Department will host a grand opening of the new and improved Clubhouse Live space at the Sierra Center Mall. When Clubhouse Live was founded in 2012, the program’s goals focused on providing a drug, substance, and bullying-free safe space for local youth to organize events and spend time after school. The program is funded by Proposition 63, also known as the Mental Health Services Act, which was passed in 2004.

In 2014, Mono County Probation Department was awarded a four-year Racial and Ethnic Disparities Grant by the State of California for $150,000 a year. From 2014-2015, those funds were used to collect data about racial and ethnic disparities in Mono County’s juvenile justice system. According to Stacie Casabian, Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator for Mono County, the Probation Office determined that Mono County could do a better job of diverting youth of all backgrounds at the beginning stages of entering the Criminal Justice System. “We decided to partner with Club House Live, and expand the program to better meet the needs of Mono County’s youth population, as well as the probation diversion group.”

The RED funds from 2016-2017 will fund the Probation Office’s collaboration with Club House Live through 2018.

Mono county Deputy Probation Officer Jazmin Puga-Sosa said the goal of the program is to keep kids who might go on probation for minor offenses out of the justice system, and divert them to Club House Live. “Say, for example, a kid had contact with law enforcement because they vandalized. Before, we would place them on probation and have an officer deal with them. Where previously they might have been unsupervised after school, now, they get to interact with their peers and community members in a pro-social environment. We are hoping that will reduce recidivism,” said Casabian. Puga-Sosa said that juveniles are most likely to commit a crime between 3 and 7 p.m., when many adolescents are unsupervised between school and when their parents get off work. According to Club House Live Coordinator Sal Montanez, there are still very few after school childcare options available to Mono County residents. Montanez says the Club House Live program has about 12 regular attendees during the school year. These kids are students at Mammoth Middle School and Mammoth High School, and they come by to do homework, hang out. During the summer, the program doesn’t run every day, but does organize regular outings and activities. Montanez said it is not uncommon for 30 or more kids to show up for those free activities. This summer, Mono County Probation Officers will work as program staff two days a week, which Montanez says will allow the existing program staff to expand program offerings. Montanez says he’s excited to see the space expand. “We’ve been able to buy art supplies, laptop computers, iPads, a gaming console, and a television. We now have funding to provide after school snacks for these kids. They can come directly from school and stay as late as 6 p.m. And then, if they can’t get transportation home, we can offer them a ride.” Montanez added that the program plans to expand and facilitate socials between Mammoth Lakes participants and youth groups in Benton and Northern Mono County.

Club House Live is a free afterschool program open to all Mono County youth, ages 12-18. Certain activities require permission slips from parents, but kids don’t need a referral from a teacher or probation officer to attend. Montanez said he hopes the new resources and staff will make Club House Live a safe, even more attractive space for kids to come and hang out. “We are small community, and that’s one of our strengths. We have eyes and ears everywhere, and we’ve got to look out for our youth.”

The Open House will run from 3-6 p.m. in the Club House Live space on the second floor of the Sierra Center Mall in Mammoth Lakes. Staff will be available to answer questions about programming and upcoming events. For more information about Club House Live, call Mono County Behavioral Health and ask for Sal Montanez at 760.924.1740, or Mono County Probation at 760.932.5570 and ask for Stacie Casabian or Jazmin Puga-Sosa.

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BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. Off craft beers, $2 off wine. $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. 5$ Flatbread.

Outback Saloon. 4-7 p.m. daily and all night on Mondays.

Roberto's 4-6 p.m. every day.

Anna's Hang. 4-6 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. Fri.-Sat. 4-5 p.m.

Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge
Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Half price sushi Mondays.

Clockwork Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. and all day Sunday. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials.

Petra's Bistro Happy Hour, $22 pasta bolognese, salad and glass of wine, 5:00-6 p.m. Specials on cocktails, wine, beer and menu items.

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Town of Mammoth Lakes 2017 Summer Camp/Program Registration Opens. All Parks and Recreation Department programs go on sale at 8 a.m. To view our summer program offerings, please visit: https://apm.activecomunities.com/mammothrecreation/Home and view the “Activities” tab.

MHS Boosters Club meets. Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Place: MHS Library Bishop High School fundraiser carnival @ BHHS. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. All ages.

Tuesday, April 4/ Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission Meeting 9 a.m. at the Council Chambers, Suite Z, in Mammoth Lakes.
**Mono County’s Adult Education Center Now Open**

The Adult Education Center (AEC), located in the Mammoth Lakes Library’s College Room, is now open and available to the public with laptops, workspace, and resources such as courses for English Language Learners, general workforce education and professionalism, and computer skills.

Online resources are also now available for Mono County residents to take classes remotely to earn credits for high school diplomas, study for GED tests. On March 14, an 11-week English Language Learners course started. Courses are ongoing and meet on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the AEC. During the week of March 27, the AEC will collaborate with Mono County Social Services to provide an 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. career development, job searches and resumes, interviews, and professionalism. The AEC will also host a four-day Computer Literacy Class which will run from April 17-20 in the AEC from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The Center will also host an Early Childhood Parenting Workshop starting at 6 p.m. on May 3 in the Jan Work classroom at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

The AEC is open Monday–Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register for courses, call 760.934.0031 or register at the AEC during regular hours.

**Alabama Hills Days**

The Alabama hills Stewardship Group and Bureau of Land Management invite everyone to come celebrate the jaw dropping beauty of the Alabama hills geologic area west of Lone Pine. Exhibits, lectures, tours, and hikes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9. Even more education starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Eastern Sierra Intergovernmental Visitors Center in Bishop.

Selected participants and clinics include "Buck Climbing in the Hills: Intro and Instruction," "Bugs and Blooms: Insect and Plant Tour." Other topics include a western film history tour of The Hills, a geology tour, and a kid-friendly "Junior Explorers" event.

Sunday’s events will feature trail and restoration work from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with group hikes departing at noon. For more information, contact Dave Kirk with the Bureau of Land Management, at dmkirk@blm.gov.

**Registration Open for 2017 Eastern Sierra Youth Outdoors Free Summer Camp**

Eastside Sports, The Rotary Clubs of Bishop, and the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association have announced that registration is open for the third Eastern Sierra Youth Outdoors Free Summer Camp. Selected applicants will spend a week in the backcountry rock climbing and learning outdoor skills.

Registration is open to kids between the ages of 12 and 18 from Mono and Inyo Counties. The camp will run from June 21–June 25 and is open to kids of all levels of outdoor experience. Applications are due by June 15, but will be accepted until the program is full.

Applications are available at Eastside Sports in Bishop, online at www.tinyurl.com/ciscash5, or through Kati Kress at Bishop Union High School, at kress@bishopschools.org. For more info, call Todd Vogel, co-owner of Eastside Sports, at 760.920.0774.

**Bumps and Ballet: A Tribute to the 80s**

“Big hair, parachute pants, onesies, and the hottest neon colors to hit Mammoth since, well, 1989, are finally coming back.” This year’s invitational kicks off on Friday, April 7 with ski ballet and mogul trianing with Glen Plake from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a Blacklight Arcade Party from 6-11 p.m. at the Mountainside Conference Center in MMSA’s Main Lodge.

Saturday’s events start at 8 a.m. with a timed ski joring competition, followed by pond skimming and beach volleyball, and an 80s Prom Night Gala.

On Sunday, participants can get coaching and ski with pro skiers Stacey Cook, Glen Plake, Wayne Wong, and U.S. Ski Team Members. Proceeds from the event benefit the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, and tickets are available at various prices for different events through Crystal Rowland at 619.272.7555 or crystal@crystalrowland.com, or at Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation at mmmfoundation.org and 760.934.0639. See ad pg. 2

**Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan Survey Now Online**

Mammoth Lakes Housing, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area have partnered with WSF Consulting to create an updated Housing Needs Assessment for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Data is being collected via an online survey, available in both English and Spanish online at www.housemammothlakes.com. The survey will be available through the end of May.

Anyone who is a resident of Mono County is invited to take the survey. Data gathered will be used to create a Community Housing Action Plan in order to develop solutions to suspected county-wide housing shortages.

Data from the Needs Assessment Study were reported back to the community in July, with public workshops running through August to create the Community Housing Action Plan. Survey takes about 5 minutes and participants are eligible for a $100 visa gift card if they finish. Contact Project Manager Wendy Sullivan with feedback or questions at wendy@wsfconsult.com.

**THE SHEET I Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**TOWN STUFF**

**Tuesday, April 4 (cont.)/ Mammoth Lakes Recreation Meeting**

5 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Suite Z, In Mammoth Lakes.

Mammoth County Board of Supervisors Meeting 5 a.m. at the BOS Chambers, at the Mono County Courthouse in Bridgeport. Live broadcast from the CAO Conference Room, 3rd floor of the Sierra Center Mall in Mammoth Lakes.

**Wednesday, April 5/ Mammoth Lakes Town Council Meeting**

6 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Mammoth High School’s annual and always entertaining Mock Rock, Talent and Visual Arts Show takes place tonight at the MHS MPY. Doors open 6 p.m. Close 8:30 p.m. Show starts 6:30. NO LATE ENTRY.

**Thursday, April 6/ Storyboarding Workshop with Janell Cannon**

5:30pm at Inyo Council for the Arts (ICA). Janell Cannon, an author of "Stellaluna," shares her artistic and literary approach to the creative process. SPACE IS LIMITED. Call ICA to RSVP at 760.873.8080.

**Grand Opening of Clubhouse Live’s newly improved after school space**

3-6 p.m. on the second floor of the Sierra Center Mall in Mammoth Lakes. Hosted by Mono County Behavioral Health. See story, pg. 13

**Friday, April 7/ Patrick Armstrong, author of "Log of a Snow Survey" (a Sheet favorite) will host a slide presentation on the book at Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Bishop Unified School district “Students Supporting Cancer Awareness” Luminaria Event**

Event runs from 6:30-8 p.m., with registration from 6:10-8 p.m. at the CAO Conference Room, 3rd floor of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council, Hwy. 395, Lone Pine. See sidebar this page.

**Saturday, April 8/ Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation Fundraiser, Bumps and Ballet: A tribute to the 80s See sidebar this page**

**UPCOMING**

BUHS track for a $5 donation. Walk for 30 minutes. All proceeds benefit the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance.

**Saturday, April 8/ Eastern Sierra Audubon Bird Walk #2**

8:30am-10:30am. Meet in the Forest Service building parking lot on West Line St., behind the DMV. Bring your binoculars or reserve a pair by calling ICA. Learn more at www.esaudubon.org.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust Pollinator Workshop

9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. at Inyo Council for the Arts. 137 So. Main in Bishop. Learn how to get your pollinator-friendly garden growing this spring. Guest speakers will share insights on gardening in the Eastern Sierra.

**Community Art Day**

10 a.m., ’til 2 p.m. at strong Pine Schools’ Multi-Purpose Room. Event features art activities for all ages that celebrate and benefit birds.

**April 8-9/ Alabama Hills Days 9 a.m-3 p.m.**

at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitors Center, Hwy. 395, Lone Pine. See sidebar this page.

**Sunday, April 9**

The Eastside Writers Circle presents “Snow Survey: The Good, The Bad & The Eastside.” The book is now available at Mammoth Lakes. Guest speakers will share their process. SPACE IS LIMITED. Call ICA for reservations. Janell Cannon, author of “Stellaluna,” shares her artistic and literary approach to the creative process. SPACE IS LIMITED. Call ICA to RSVP at 760.873.8080.

**Friday, April 7/ Patrick Armstrong, author of “Log of a Snow Survey” (a Sheet favorite) will host a slide presentation on the book at Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Bishop Unified School district “Students Supporting Cancer Awareness” Luminaria Event**

Event runs from 6:30-8 p.m., with registration from 6:10-8 p.m. at the CAO Conference Room, 3rd floor of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council, Hwy. 395, Lone Pine. See sidebar this page.

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Minaret Cinemas**

Ghost in the Shell (PG-13): Scarlett Johansson spends the movie in a body suit. Besides that, she’s also supposedly a cyber-enhanced soldier


For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com. Custom-appreciation nights on Tuesdays. All seats, all shows $6

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Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
The Town of Mammoth Lakes is beginning recruitment for summer seasonal positions. Some of our open positions include:

- Temp Parks Maintenance Worker
- Assisted Living Site Coordinator Life Guards
- Assisted Living Camp Leaders and Interns
- Rec Zone staff

For more information, visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Convict Lake Resort - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- phones, reservations, front desk check-in, general store cashiersing, clerical/office work. Must be neat and dependable. Must be able to work flexible hours and weekends. Some computer skills are required. Apply via email: lisa.king@oldnewyork.com or in person @ 6201 Minaret # 105.

Gomez's Restaurant & Tequilería is looking for a Kitchen Mgr., as well as Line & Prep Cooks, and Dishwashers to start immediately. Good pay and plenty of hours are available for winter season and beyond. For application, visit our web site www.gomezs.com - you can email applications to info@gomezs.com, or stop in and speak with Rene or Chris.

Mammoth Brewing Company is looking for a great team of drivers and beer packagers. Must have good driving record and be able to operate a Class B license within 60 days of employment. Pay starts at $15 for packagers and $16 for drivers, job incl. benefits. Apply at www.mammothbrewingco.com.

Domino's Pizza in Mammoth is now hiring full time and part time delivery drivers/ cashiers. Pay starts at $12 per hour. Apply at www.dominos.com/admin/CT.

Mammoth Moutain Properties is seeking an enthusiastic, people person to be part of our Front Office staff. This position offers vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting and cleaning are required. Please call 760-924-3081 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application.

Pizza Chef/Delivery Driver/Cashier

Z Pizza Mammoth is hiring full and part time. Apply online at www.zpizza.com or by email - mammothz@zpizza.com.

Norco 76 is hiring Fulltime mini-cart cashiers. Apply in person or call 763-3434.

Food Cache Cafe "Full time position available for a Cafe Barista. Previous coffee, food & beverage experience preferred but not required. $10-$11 DOE, line cook needed, full or part-time available, morning and afternoon shifts available, stop by the cafe at 1491 Mammoth Road or contact Tina @ 760-873-3490.

Juniper Springs Lodge is looking to hire Front Office Representatives for the remainder of the winter season. Please apply online at www.mammothresorts.com/jobs, or contact Craig Sterling at csterling@mammothresorts.com for more information.

Now Hiring FT & PT Shift Managers
The Old New York Deli & Bakery Co. is looking for outgoing and energetic people to join our team. Qualified candidates will have prior restaurant experience, excellent customer service skills, the ability to understand policies & procedures, and be available to work flexible hours & holidays. (lisa.king@oldnewyork.com) or in person @ 6201 Minaret # 105.

CROWLEY LAKE FISH CAMP is hiring for the upcoming Spring and Summer Season! We have last paced retail clerk positions available in our shop, on our gate, and also need someone to work outdoors on our boat docks. Excellent customer service skills and the ability to think on your feet and fishing experience is a huge plus. You must be available to start in April, and must be able to work weekends and Holidays. If you are interested in joining our team, please email crowleylakefishcamp@gmail.com or find an application on our website, crowleylakefishcamp.com. For the Dock position, you may call Adam @ 760.920.5884.

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Cali-
ifornia Water Code section 10723 and California Gov-
ernor's Executive Order N-201-17, the Mono County Board of Super-
visors (“Board”) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Su-
upervisors Chambers in the County Courthouse on-
eroom located at 452 Quincy Street, Bishop, Ca-
ifornia 93515. The purpose of this hearing is for the Board to con-
sider adopting a resolution approving the Mono County Groundwater Bas-
in within Mono County which is not covered by the state ground-
water management plan and is not within the jurisdiction of the Mono County
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SGMA”) or the Owens Valley
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“OVSGMA”). The purpose of this
resolution is to allow the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing
at which oral and written comments may be made, regarding
the proposed resolution imposing an increased fee
on recordable documents from the Recorder’s
Department (Gov’t Code §§ 27397.6062(a), 66018(a)).

Public data indicating the costs or the estimated
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the proposed fee is to be levied and the revenues
that shall be derived from the proposed fee.
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Notice of Petition

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVEY SHEET

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many actions without obtaining court
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Aries: The Stars are reporting that this next year of your life will be full of adventure. Since you tend to thrive on adventure, change and a hot love life this should be one of the best years of your life. Your keys will be to eat well, get rest when you can and make sure you’re not overpaying for anything, including happy endings. If you’re cool and thankful about it, they’ll get thrown in for free.

Taurus: This much we know is true: Taurususes are known for being loyal, patient and a bit possessive. Taurus are also known for occasionally being stubborn to a fault, which is why “flexibility” is what you must always work on. This much we also know: refusing to go to the gym doesn’t count as resistance training.

Gemini: Geminis are known for being quick on their feet. Geminis are also known for being good talkers and for occasionally being more full of adventure. Since you tend to thrive on adventure, change and a hot love life this should be one of the best years of your life. Your keys will be to eat well, get rest when you can and make sure you’re not overpaying for anything, including happy endings. If you’re cool and thankful about it, they’ll get thrown in for free.

Leo: The Stars are reporting that good energy will be giving your life group hugs for the foreseeable future, as well as the occasional ass slap. So don’t be surprised if both your creative and proactive juices start flowing like a spring creek in the High Sierra. Therefore, your words of wisdom will come from John Muir: “Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.”

Virgo: Much like yourself, California was born in September. The Golden State officially began on the 9th in 1850. While the California quail is the state bird, it’s always a good idea for you to not flip the bird to anyone. Cursing computers, potholes and Donald Trump’s hair are, however, okay. After all, as most students of California geology know, if you don’t let go of some stress every now and again, sooner or later you’ll erupt like an earthquake.

Libra: Studies have shown that positive thinking not only makes you happier, it increases the amount of success you find in life. To help you stay positive, please adopt a new religious motto like, Proverbs 17:22: “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.” Or Clouds favorite, Lunch 12:15: “Everyone’s a critic when it comes to writing, cooking, politics and Mammoth Lakes Tourism.”

Scorpio: Just in case you forgot, please remember the importance of these things: A) The only people who achieve their dreams are the ones crazy enough to never give up on them. B) You should never hope for it more than you work for it. C) Be very careful about who you share your problems with. Most people don’t care and others are glad you have them.

Sagittarius: Most folks get so used to doubt and fear that they spend their lives avoiding things they should be embracing, like change and their own bodies. To help you overcome any such challenges, please remember that fear is an excuse, that insecurity is a wet blanket, that no one is perfect, that everyone can use a hug every now and again, and that Clouds thinks you look wicked pissa in your birthday suit.

Capricorn: To help you make the most out of the beginning of another spring, please adopt one of these sayings as your new motto: From Oscar Wilde, “We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars.” From Winston Churchill, “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” From Clouds, “If everybody was as cool and happy as they look on Instagram, we wouldn’t need Instagram.”

Aquarius: Since it’s important for Aquarians to be respected by others, here are a few new words you can use to impress people. A “dongle” is a device that connects a computer to another device. A “pronk” is some-one who picks on a pronk. Whatever you do don’t be an “agelast,” since that’s what you call someone who never laughs.

Pisces: Your assignment is really pretty simple. In fact, you should consider it fun and can even ask a friend to help. It’s to make up new words to describe your life. To help you get started, try something like these: “Splendor-ful,” “Fannili-icious,” “Hap-prific,” “Fabu-finglious or “Swell.”

Inglés Como Segundo Lengua (ESL)
Martes, el 14 de marzo, 2017 (11 semanas)
5:30-7:30, Mono County Office of Education
Located in the Mammoth Lakes Library
(760) 934-0031
Para más información comuníquese con:
Shina Stapp o Laura Timpano
760-934-0031 o stapp@monocoe.org

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I hope you... will meet me at Outlaw to watch the Final Four. As you can imagine, I love the ‘Cocks.

In search of ‘Cocks fans to watch the game with me on Saturday. Warning: I don’t tolerate chokers.

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Cloud’s Cliff Notes: Touch often. Be kind and thankful for everything. Be generous with your time and again, sooner or later you’ll erupt like an earthquake.

The Stars are reporting that
China Ready

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relationships. Pacheco and Gu advised business owners that Chinese visitors may be less direct than American and European visitors out of an effort to preserve another person’s dignity, honor and pride. “American society is very contractual,” said Pacheco, who has been doing business in China for many years. “In China, you have to get to know people first. That said, once you build a relationship with a Chinese client, you get access to their network of relationships.”

Pacheco recommended that lodging facilities sell instant noodles and provide hot water and tea in hotel rooms. Gu noted that Chinese visitors use social media and even make payments via a mobile app called WeChat. “In China, there is a real culture of taking photos in order to share experiences with family and friends at home. While it might seem rude or off-putting, think of it as free international advertising,” said Gu. “There is a saying in China, that when you marry someone, you also marry their entire social network.” Other cultural differences discussed included queuing habits (according to Gu, the space Americans leave between them and the next person in line is viewed as inefficient), the unlucky number 4 and colors black and white, an the importance of recognizing hierarchical relationships in business settings. When the cultural practice of gift giving came up, Gu warned that giving someone a green hat is a euphemism for confessing to warning that giving someone a green hat is a euphemism for confessing to giving someone a green hat.

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