A GRAVE AFFAIR
Dying to know more about Lone Pine’s cemeteries?
By Giles

The Town of Lone Pine is a small place. When Mount Whitney Cemetery District Director Linda Haun moved there from Orange County in the early 2000s, a neighbor offered a few pithy words of advice: “Don’t even kick a dog,” it could belong to someone you know.

According to the 2015 census, Lone Pine has a population of 1,923 people. Since being hired as the Manager of the Mount Whitney Cemetery District ten years ago, Haun has partnered with staff, local businesses, visitors and historians to catalogue and computerize information about the more than 2,000 people interred in Lone Pine’s four cemeteries. It’s more laborious than collecting census data about the existing population—there’s more information to catalogue.

Haun is a published author of five novels of historical non-fiction, all based in the Eastern Sierra. She is also a photographer, and used to travel to the Owens Valley for work before relocating to Lone Pine. She became fascinated with the local cemeteries while doing research for her first book, “Dear Carrie: Letters from the Eastern Sierra 1878-1899.”

“Back in about 2003, I was using names of people in the Pioneer Cemetery in see GRAVE, page 12

I NEED A BOND-AID
MLR Recommends financing the MUF using a bond.
By Giles

At Tuesday’s Mammoth Lakes Recreation and Arts (MLR) Board meeting, Board members voted to recommend that Mammoth’s Town Council initiate a $5 million bond to finance the construction of a new Multi-Use Facility (MUF) at Mammoth Creek Park West.

The Board deliberated for two and a half hours over the comments made in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), published on April 25. Forty five negative comments were lodged in the EIS. Only one member of the public spoke in favor of the “value-engineered” $9 million project, which, if Town Council approves a bond, would lock up all but $448,780 (per year) in Measure R and U funds for other things.

Measures R and U generate approximately $1.25 million annually.

At Tuesday’s meeting, members of the Board (excepting Mayor Shields Richardson, who abstained) voted 5-0 to recommend financing several priority projects in phases over the next ten years by leveraging nearly all of the existing Measure R and U reserve funds in a bond. The Board recommended that $2.5 million in one-time capital be allocated to the construction of the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC), and that $9.5 million be allocated to finance the construction of the MUF.

Of those funds, $5 million would come from bonds, to be paid back over ten years with annual debt payments of $601,207 from Measure R. This funding scenario included funding for a $50,000 Feasibility Study regarding an Aquatic Center, one-time Trails Department funding of $500,000, ongoing maintenance and operations costs for the new facilities, and funding for existing programming.

Town Finance Director Rob Patterson told Board members that interest rates are currently at 3.5 percent.

This plan still leaves a $1.5 to $2 million funding gap. There was some disagreement among Board members about whether or not a request could be made to Town Council for General Fund dollars to cover it.

The MLR Board is currently reviewing applicants to replace founding Executive Director Rich Boccia. According to Board President Tom Johnson, fundraising acumen is a primary focus of that candidate search and many of the applicants currently see BOND, page 7

CARS IN BLOOM

As the snow melts, cars are in bloom all around Mammoth. Mammoth Lakes Police Department red-tagged sixty vehicles this week and gave them 72 hour notice before they will be towed.

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IN SEARCH OF... A PHOTOGRAPHER

There was a point at Wednesday night’s Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting where Council approved a proclamation declaring May 7-13 as Public Service Recognition Week. So everyone got up to take a picture, and seeing as I was the only non-public employee in the room, they asked me to take it.

When you’ve got one member of the public in the room prior to key agenda items regarding three budget-related items, it gives one some pause. Here’s what you missed.

The Town budgeted for $1.15 million in Transient Occupancy tax revenue this fiscal year (2016-2017). It looks like the actual number will come in at a staggering $5 million over budget.

Some highlights regarding where that surplus will go.

- Increased expenditures related to snow removal, overtime, damage to equipment and infrastructure, etc. will consume about $600,000 of the surplus funds. To wit: Public Works Director Grady Dutton estimates the Town will have to purchase 1,000 new snow poles this year (in a normal year the town would replace 300-400). They cost $39 apiece.
- The Town plans to invest another $900,000 in road infrastructure, and drainage improvements.
- The tentative plan is to set aside $1.2 million for capital improvements
- An adjudicated paper of general circulation, $1 million of the surplus will go non-governmenal organizations like Mammoth Lakes Tourism which are awarded a percentage of the Town’s TOT.
- MLT alone will reap a $750,000 windfall. Councilman Wentworth noted that he and Fernie are serving on a sub-committee which is reviewing the history of how the town finances transit, public works/parks position and the other a police sergeant.
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MLT (Mammoth Lakes Tourism) is supposed to receive a percentage point of TOT

- A new police sergeant, FYI, costs approximately $177,000 per year in salary and benefits. Public safety is not cheap.

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Obituary
Debbie Frievalt 1964-2017

On Tuesday morning, they gathered at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Station. Some of the toughest, no-nonsense, hardest-working people in town. Police, firefighters, EMSs.

They were there to celebrate the life of Debbie Frievalt, who may just have been the toughest of them all. As her husband, Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief Frank Frievalt, said in admiration of his wife's toughness, "I'm not man enough to be a woman like that." Debbie lost her battle to cancer at the age of 52. She was beautiful. And she was utterly self-possessed and competent.

In short, she was intimidating. "She wore these Vuarnet sunglasses," he recalled. "And she had this extreme poker face. When I finally screwed up the courage to ask her out, we were on this hillside and she was standing above me, looking down, and about halfway through asking, as I'm looking up at her and her stone cold expression, I just wanted to walk away and forget the whole thing ... but she said yes."

Only as he walked away did he realize he had been so distracted he hadn't set a time, a place. Heck, he had forgotten to tell her his name.

"I had to go find her car later and put a note on her windshield telling her who I was," he said with a smile.

The couple would have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this coming August. They have three children, two biological and one they picked up along the way. Kyle, 27 and Miranda, 24 live in the Reno/Sparks area. Joey, who is in his mid-thirties, was a child they were introduced to when he was a young teen. He has been a part of the family ever since.

Frank recalls his wife saying at the very outset of their marriage, "We are going to take care of people ... she wanted people to know we were the 3 a.m. phone call they could make.

And as Frank acknowledged simply, "She made me better." He said at the outset of his career, he aspired to become a Fire Captain. It was his wife who urged him to take it one step further. Someone's got to make the decisions, was her reasoning. Why not you?

With the birth of her son, her maternal instincts just kicked in. As Frank recalls, motherhood set her back in her professional hierarchy, but she was okay with it. "She had a blue-collar mentality. The more menial, routine, difficult the assignment, the more she thrived."

Example: When she got to Mammoth, Debbie began volunteering at Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra. One day, Director Kathy Copeland didn't have enough work for her to do on the hill, so she sent her down to lend a hand at the DSES Thrift Shop located in the Mammoth Mall.

Unbeknownst to Debbie, Thrift Shop Manager Cai Lepre had been looking for some help, preferably young and strong. So when Kathy said, "I've got someone for you" and Debbie showed up, Cai thought it was a joke, and a not very funny one at that.

So Cai put her to work. Really put her to work. Gave her the awful, back-breaking, miserable assignments that had been accumulating during a period of heavy donations.

When Debbie got home that night, she couldn't stop raving about how much fun she'd had that day. After that, she was a regular.

During the past year, on several occasions, Debbie would show up at the shop to volunteer, one hand holding an oxygen tank while she worked with the other.

Debbie loved being outside. Her chainsaw even had a name: Mischka. The soundtrack of choice in her earbuds when she was using that chainsaw: Toby Keith.

Two days before she died, Local EMT Heather Hensler was at the Frievalt residence and offered to help Debbie up the stairs. The answer was a gruff and resolute 'no.'

"Then she got to the top of the stairs and felt guilty because she thought she'd been a little rude," said Frank.

Frank had effusive praise for Pioneer Home Health Care, local paramedics. The Sheriff's department, his staff ("They've done a phenomenal job while I've been gone.")

As he said, "It's been a little difficult to come here and get taken care of like we have ... just because we didn't feel we'd been here long enough to really deserve it."

Debbie and Frank have lived in Mammoth since December 2012. Prior to that, they spent 24 years in Sparks, Nevada. She grew up in Lemoore, Calif., the daughter of a Master Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy (which probably explains her work ethic). Debbie Frievalt is survived by her husband, three children, Joey's kids Emily, Chris and Alyissa, her parents Jan and Jerry Finley, and her sister Pam, who lives in Virginia. She was preceded in death by her brother Larry.

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Debbie Frievalt on horseback at one of her favorite places, Convict Lake.
State legislature considers eliminating tax breaks for second homeowners to fund affordable housing

By Bodine

California lawmakers are considering levying a tax on second homeowners to finance statewide affordable housing development. A January 2017 study by the California Department of Housing and Community Development concluded that there are an average of 80,000 homes built annually in the Golden State. That’s far below the 180,000 needed to fill the demands of the state’s population.

Assembly Bill 71, also known as The Bring California Home Act, would eliminate the existing statewide mortgage interest tax deduction for second homeowners. According to the California Tax Franchise Board, the state lost approximately $220 million in potential tax revenue from the 200,000 second homeowners that use that deduction last year. That’s about $1,100 per homeowner.

If AB 71 passes a vote by the State Legislature, the revenue created would be used to create about 3,000 new homes in California annually and be used to leverage nearly $1 billion in funding from the federal government for housing development, according to figures from the office of State Representative David Chiu.

Second homeowners who rent their homes out will still be eligible for the tax break, so long as they meet the Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS) definition of a second home. To do this, homeowners must spend less than 10 percent of their time at their secondary dwelling.

According to the 2010 Census, more than 50 percent of households in Mono County are second homes, as defined by the IRS. Local real estate agent Verena Robinson of Mammoth Lakes Resort Realty said losing the deduction could disincentivize buyers from seeking a second home.

The bill will go before the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation on May 15. California currently has a super-majority of Democrats in the Assembly, who, generally speaking, are in favor of the bill. That said, it’s unclear how moderate Democrats from districts where second homes are not an issue will vote, so the bill is not in the bag. Once the State Assembly votes on the bill, it must pass muster with Governor Jerry Brown.

The Executive Director for Mammoth Lakes Housing, Jennifer Halferty said that Brown is opposed to “any” bill that would affect the General Fund. In his January Proposed Budget, Brown does not allow funding for low-income housing subsidies. He said in a press conference, January 10 that he would not support any housing bill that would increase spending.

If passed, AB 71 will not affect the general fund, as the revenue it generates for affordable housing will come from untapped tax resources. Halferty said that some of the newly collected tax dollars would be available to Mammoth Lakes Housing in the form of tax credit money, which has been used in the past to build affordable housing projects like Manzanita Ridge and The Bristlecone Apartments in Mammoth. The tax applies only to mortgages, so people who pay cash for their second-home are immune to AB 71, Halferty said adding that about 40 percent of homes in Mammoth Lakes are bought with cash. Robinson said that most of those homes are in the $500,000 to $600,000 price range. According to the 2010 US Census, approximately 53-percent of homes in Mammoth Lakes are second-homes. Halferty said that number could be as high as 60 percent.

Robinson said that housing inventory is down, with 27 escrows this week and 25 the week before. There are currently 88 condos on the market. There were more than 100 for sale at this time last year. It remains unclear how those sales would be impacted by the passage of AB 71.
HEAVY METAL SHOW AT THE STAMP MILL

Concerns about toxicity lead Inyo National Forest to close the historic site, warn homeowners downstream

By Bodine

Following the detection of elevated levels of arsenic, lead and mercury in the soil and water, Inyo National Forest will temporarily close the Mammoth Stamp Mill until the area can be made safe.

The public is being asked to stay clear of the area until the clean-up is complete.

Once the snow melts and access can be gained, the contaminated soil and any other organic materials, like plants, bushes, shrubs and some trees will be removed. Contaminated soil and material will be disposed of off-site and the excavated area re-graded and re-vegetated.

The clean-up should take three to four months, according to Inyo National Forest Public Information Officer Deb Schweizer.

The full extent of the contamination is not yet known. There will be a public meeting to discuss the findings and answer questions from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, May 15 at the auditorium at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center.

The responsible party or parties have not yet been named. “The Forest Service is in legal negotiations with a potential responsible party,” Schweizer said.

There was a site investigation conducted through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), formerly known as the Super Fund for heavily polluted areas, in November 2016. The tests were used to determine the extent of the contamination and what the cancerous and non-cancerous risks that contamination poses to humans.

According to a Technical Memorandum, current and future summer cabin occupants are at a high risk for both cancerous and non-cancerous recreation cabin occupants near the Mill area have a high risk of both cancer and non-cancer risk to human health. This population is at higher risk due to longer exposures than a casual hiker.

The effects of long-term inhalation exposure to antimony include inflammation of the lungs, chronic bronchitis, and chronic emphysema are associated with long term exposure inhalation exposure. Arsenic can cause neuropathy, skin lesions and cardiopulmonary collapse resulting in death. Exposure to lead can affect the central nervous system and kidney effects that small children are highly susceptible to. Mercury exposure can result in skin rash, mood swings, memory loss and muscle weakness.

The length of exposure is a factor in the extent of infection. Schweizer said 14 Lakes cabins are affected.

The contamination was first discovered by CalTrout.

Mark Drew, regional manager for CalTrout explained that the 2012 investigation was conducted to validate a study conducted in 2002. That study declared Mammoth Creek to be an impaired water body with mercury and phosphorous levels more than standards established to protect humans and wildlife, including fisheries. CalTrout’s study centered on total mercury, not just methyl mercury that concentrates in tissues. It could not be determined from the study of if fish or other aquatic species are being affected by the contamination, Drew explained.

A fish population study of Mammoth Creek is nearly complete, he said. Fish will be analyzed to determine if any heavy metals are present and at what concentrations. The results should be available by late summer.

“I suspect that we’ll find that fish are doing fine and not suffering from any sort of contamination,” Drew said. “Based on the fish population results, the Mammoth Creek fisheries seems to be quite resilient, doing well with plenty of wild trout.”

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife have found fish with elevated levels of mercury, but more studies are needed.

Drew added he was confident that downstream waters will be fine. Cal-Trout found mercury levels in the water is 0.05 micrograms per liter. The Environmental Protection Agency standard is 2.0 micrograms per liter. Stamp Mill is left over from Mammoth’s gold rush in the last 1800s. Stamp mills were common in the west during early gold mining. It crushes rock into sand for easy gold extraction.

For more information go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo or look for Inyo National Forest on Facebook.

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**Events & Times Subject to Change**
CALPERS CATCH-UP

Diminished return on investment to cost California counties big
By Bodine

The California Public Employees’ Retirement System, or CalPERS, the largest retirement system in the country, has adjusted its projected return on investment from 7.5 percent to 7 percent. What this means is that they will have less money than anticipated to cover retirement obligations. Who foots the bill? You, the taxpayer.

The CalPERS Board of Administration voted on December 21, 2016 to bill counties and municipalities for the difference in the projected return and the actual. State of California employees do not receive Social Security—CalPERS is their only source of retirement savings, barring individual investments.

Mono County has an unfunded actuarial liability, or amount of retirement owed to employees that exceeds current assets, of $29,035,567. Inyo County’s liability is $59 million. CalPERS has offered three amortization payment plans (which will theoretically pay off the difference with a set number of payments) of 15, 20 and 30 years. Inyo Supervisors decided in April to go with the 20-year payment plan that will save Mono County taxpayers an estimated $14,688,059 in interest costs, according to a press release.

On Tuesday, May 2, Mono Finance Director Janet Dutcher presented Mono County Supervisors with dollar amounts for the 20-year plan (that would save the County $1,736,588 in interest) and a 15-year plan (that would save the County $11,141,363). Given Mono County’s current payment of approximately $2 million a year, with the 30-year plan and interest, the County will ultimately pay a total of $60 million for that $29 million debt.

For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the unfunded liability payment is $2,047,977, Dutcher told the Supervisors. She added that the projected year-by-year payment amounts could reach as high as $3,099,416 in FY 2024-25 to $171,144 in FY 2044-2045 given the current 30-year plan, which would pay off the unfunded actuarial liability in 2046-47. The payments for the 30-year plan become lower as the plan nears completion. The 20-year plan payments are as high as $3,844,287 in FY 2036-37 but would be paid off that same year. The 15-year payment schedule would be as much as $4 million in 2031-32, but also would be paid off that same year.

Dutcher likened the payments to a mortgage—pay it off sooner to save money on interest.

Dutcher explained the amount of annual payments in the Board agenda. “The expected payment on the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) for a fiscal year is equal to the Expected Employer Contribution for the fiscal year minus the Expected Normal Cost for the year. The Employer Contribution for the first fiscal year is determined by the actuarial valuation two years ago and the contribution for the second year is from the actuarial valuation one year ago. The Normal Cost Rate for each of the two fiscal years is assumed to be the same as the rate determined by the current valuation. All expected dollar amounts are determined by multiplying the rate by the expected payroll for the applicable fiscal year, based on payroll as of the valuation date.”

There was a time when Mono County was in the black with CalPERS, but as CalPERS investments have not performed as well as expected or simply fall short, the amount agencies owe continues to grow, Dutcher explained. Gains are amortized, and the unfunded liability balance goes up, no matter what the County does.

The liability payments will begin in the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. The estimated total unfunded liability statewide for CalPERS ranges from $140 billion, according to the California Policy Center in 2016, to $1 trillion. The liability payments are determined by the current valuation of the plan (that would save the County $14,688,059 in FY 2036-37 but would be paid off that same year. The 15-, 20- and 30-year plans are as high as $3,099,416 in FY 2024-25 to $3,844,287 in FY 2036-37 but would be paid off that same year. The 20-year plan payments are as high as $3,844,287 in FY 2036-37 but would be paid off that same year.

Dutcher explained that delaying a recommendation could delay the project’s construction by as much as a year. At the same meeting, Board member Drea Perry presented a proposal for a Feasibility Study regarding an Aquatic Center at Snowcreek Athletic Club. Ralph Lockhart, Co-Owner of the Athletic Club, expressed his interest in a private-public partnership for the project at Tuesday’s meeting. In February, consulting firm USA Swimming met with MLR Board members and TOML staff to discuss ways of making an aquatic facility financially feasible in Mammoth Lakes. At that meeting, USA Swimming recommended a 25-yard pool with a smaller pool for exercise classes and injury rehabilitation. It was estimated that construction of such a facility would cost between $10 and $12 million. According to USA Swimming, Snowcreek Athletic Club could be renovated to provide the same services for half that price.

The MLR Board decided not to recommend a feasibility study of an Aquatic Center at Snowcreek Athletic Club until Town staff could evaluate whether or not the proposed renovations would be feasible based on the constraints of the site. The Board will discuss a feasibility study at its next meeting, in June.
The attendance at this year’s 48th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage was a record-setting 2,000-plus. This year’s theme was “Never Again, to Anyone, Anywhere!”

The ceremonies started with a performance by the UCLA Kyodo Taiko drummers, followed by speeches from Manzanar Committee hosts Pat Sakamoto and Traci Ishigo, and Manzanar Historic Site Superintendent Bernadette Johnson. The San Francisco-based Consul-General of Japan, Jun Yamada, spoke of the hardships endured by camp incarcerees. Asmaa Ahmed spoke on behalf of the Council of American-Islamic Relations, and Bruce Embrey gave a blunt assessment of the current political climate, saying it is recreating the hysteria, fear, racism and injustice that forced Japanese Americans into concentration camps.

Above: Mary Nomura, known as “The Songbird of Manzanar” delights gathering with a song. Below: The ceremony was closed with a performance of the traditional Ondo Dance.

MASSES AT MANZANAR
By James

On Thursday, April 27, the new science lab at Lo-Inyo Elementary School was dedicated in the names of long-time Inyo County school teachers Sandy and Chris Langley and Mike and Nancy Prather. Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lisa Fontana, hosted the event, joined by Lone Pine Unified School District (LPUSD) Superintendent Heidi Torix and members of both boards of trustees. The Inyo County Office of Education Board of Trustees approved $200,000 for the project last October, which was first proposed by former Inyo County Superintendent Dr. Terry Macteer.

The Langleys met while working in the Peace Corps in rural Iran. Afterwards, they moved to Lone Pine where they each taught several subjects at Lo-Inyo School, including English and Social Studies, for 30 years. Nancy and Mike Prather began their teaching careers in Death Valley before joining the Lo-Inyo staff in the early 1980s. Nancy taught primary grades until 2004 and started the school’s computer lab. Mike taught middle school science until 2002. Both remain very active in the community.

The plaque to be posted in the new Science Lab reads, in part: Both the Langleys and Prathers were actively involved in tutoring and assisting local tribal youth throughout their teaching careers. Moreover, the Langleys and Prathers continued ... to give back to the Lone Pine community through a variety of interests.

- James
Council decided Wednesday to follow through with its grant application for the Red's Meadow Road rehabilitation.

In its application, the Town contemplates two scenarios. The first is a $23 million option which includes rebuilding the upper 2.5 miles of the road and rehabilitating the lower 5.8 miles. The second is a $16.7 million option which only includes the rebuild of the upper 2.5 miles.

The scary part about the grant is that if the Town gets it, part of the deal is that it assumes responsibility for maintaining the road … IN PERPETUITY.

Public Works Director Grady Dutton estimated annual maintenance cost for the road (at least for the first 25 years) at about $100,000 a year.

After that?

Dutton said the town could always apply for another grant to rebuild the road in the distant future. Hardly a guarantee.

But as Dutton said, in this era of declining Forest Service budgets, the Town is fearful if it doesn’t step forward, the road will continue to disintegrate.

“If we don’t do it, it’s not going to happen,” he said.

Tony Dublino, pending approval by the Board of Supervisors, is the new Assistant CAO for Mono County.

"The stalwarts out in the cheap seats left halfway through." - Mammoth Mayor Shields Richardson's observation about this week's Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Board meeting and the members of the public who are opposed to the proposed Multi-Use Facility (MUF) for Mammoth Creek Park.

As one of those stalwarts wrote in an email to The Sheet this week, "Just went to MLR meeting and it is so far gone despite a known minimum $1.5 million shortfall amongst other issues … ."

Betsy Truax, Chair of Mammoth's Recreation Commission, said The Commission remains strongly supportive of the MUF project.

Councilman Bill Sauser asked Community Development Director Sandra Moberly if the MUF Environmental Impact Report was defensible and solid and she replied yes. Town Attorney Andrew Morris then chirped, “Of course, that doesn't mean you're not going to get sued.”

From Stu Brown: They filled Whitmore Pool this week and the water stayed in the pool so they're on target for a May 8 open.

Town Clean-Up Day is scheduled for June 3. Given the tough winter Mammoth's residents have had, Councilman John Wentworth suggested Town Clean-Up Day feature a doughnut for every resident, some t-shirts and some hugs. With a $5 million TOT surplus, here's hoping they throw in some cheeseburgers and beer.
The Sheet visits the glamorous world of Mammoth Mountain ski patrollers in the 1980s

By Rea

Two weeks ago, The Sheet took readers back to the world of Mammoth Mountain ski patrollers in the 1960s, in honor of Mammoth’s first-ever Ski Patrol Reunion (“Patrollers on the Loose,” April 22). This weekend, patrollers past and present will descend on Mammoth Mountain for a weekend of sharing memories, laughs and hot laps.

In honor of the reunion, The Sheet delved into the glamorous era of blue and orange uniforms, CB sunglasses, Mexican marijuana and montages—the glorious 1980s. "This was the golden age of MTV," said Ian Scott, who is organizing the reunion. "The Boys in Blue videos set the precedent" for the videos that patrollers still make for their year-end reunion. "The Boys in Blue videos are so utterly delightful. Watching them feels like a glimpse into a simpler (and cooler) time. You wouldn’t see a patroller launch an avi bomb at a skier busted for smoking pot these days and exclaim, ‘I love the smell of blown-up dope-smoker in the morning. I’d almost do this job for free!’ to which his compatriot responds, ‘You are almost doing it for free!’"

The skit skewering a young Rusty Gregory (played by Steve Richards) likely wouldn’t fly in this day and age, but that’s what makes the “Boys in Blue” segments so utterly delightful.

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“The was a long-standing tradition that the Ski Patrol always had an end of the year party where they did skits, and one year they decided, ‘Let’s do a video!’ and they came to me to see if I could help out,” said Scott. “Not too many have held up to the Boys in Blue.”

The year was 1984, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrollers wore blue Chevon-style jackets emblazoned with orange crosses, hence the moniker.

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“We made the best of what we had and came up with some pretty cool little films, I think.” Though he demurs, Hake’s work is incredible, especially given the technology available at the time. In the film “Full Down Jacket” (1988) explosives are launched at rope-cutting skiers as a patroller (the late Walter Rosenthal) marks off a “kill toll.” Rosenthal’s character then suffers a Vietnam-style flashback as The Doors’ “The End” rolls, seamlessly edited by Hake.

“The most interesting part about it was that we had Dave McCoy’s blessing to put the films together, even though some of them were making fun of him and his ski area,” said Hake this week. “He was a good sport and played along with it… Probably deep down inside he didn’t appreciate what we did, but he liked to see his employees have fun.”

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The skit skewering a young Rusty Gregory (played by Steve Richards) likely wouldn’t be approved either—it features a grinning young man (benefit of black t-shirt but instead sporting a flannel button-up) offering employment opportunities at Mammoth Mountain, with subtitles running under his piel.

“Hi, I’m Rusty Gregory (he’s lying), and this is all mine (so he thinks). I’d like you to come join my team (indentured servant). We offer luxurious accommodations (just vacated by inmates) for only pennies to our employees (better have a truckload). Great cash incentives (he’s lying). So see DOWN, page 11
come on, have a nickel on me! Come join my team!"

There’s also a lot of local political talk—the North Village project was moving forward in the late ’80s, and one segment of “Ski Patrol Channel” (1989) features “Biff, from Vermont” and “Tabb, from Aspen” talking about Mammoth’s aspirations to lure the rich and famous.

“Mammoth is really a destination resort now!” Biff exclaims. “You can use your Neiman Marcus card here,” says Tabb.

They’re thrilled with how Biff’s Lear Jet lands just fine at the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport, despite the crosswinds (not a drop of the Dom Perignon was spilled), and proclaim their excitement over the fantastic new Village Area Gondola, which they’re about to board. The men are then picked up in an ancient Ford flatbed about to board the machine, reportedly filmed while the real inspector was at June.

“That story is true,” said current patroller Chris Lizza, also a member of the rookie class of ’84 and a legitimate local (Lizza was Mammoth Ski Team Captain and Class President of 1979. He now owns the Mono Market and still serves on MMSA patrol). In a segment from the 1989 film entitled ‘Juneberry,’ a play on the Andy Griffith Show, a character playing “Opie” says how much he loves the QMC, and “Andy” replies “Yes, son, it sure is a sophisticated piece of machinery.”

In “Full Down Jacket,” a Mammoth Mountain engineer is approached by a television channel as he doodles a model of the QMC and saying it will carry its passengers up to “Mr. Sun and Mr. Clouds.”

“Mike Rufer played the engineer and that was one of my favorite bits of any of the Boys in Blue videos,” said Brett Reed, who played parts in some of the later videos and still serves on Mammoth Ski Patrol.

There are lots of still-recognizable faces: Mammoth Senior VP Bill Cockroft makes debuts, as does current customer, among other characters. Moscowitz plays a “dismembered customer,” among other characters.

“I’m surprised any of the humor carries over to a general audience,” said Ian Scott, “because honestly, at those parties, even the wives of the patrollers wouldn’t get half the inside jokes.”

But the films show a keen understanding of Mammoth that only the truly entrenched could attain—these patrollers used the films as their own platform, and the tenor of the era really shines through. It’s also a bit of a case of same shit, different decade.

“I don’t know if the Mountain really knew what we were doing, because we were kind of doing it after work... but we tried to keep it reasonable,” said Oliveira. “We made more fun of ourselves than other people.”

As for the stories that’ll get tossed around at this weekend’s festivities, which Oliveira plans on attending, he said with a laugh, “The stories generally get bigger as our memories fade, so take it with a grain of salt.”

The first-ever MMSA Ski Patrol Reunion will take place from May 5-7 and is open to former and current patrollers and their guests. If you are a former or current patroller and would like to register, contact Ian Scott at 760.892.4448.

Links to “The Boys in Blue” 1985-1989 will be available at www.thesheetnews.com and on The Sheet’s Facebook page.
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my book. I couldn’t get any records,” said Haun.

At that time, the Mount Whitney Cemetery District, a public entity, was being managed by the local mortuary, a private business. In 2005, Inyo County resumed management of all cemeteries and their records. After serving on the newly-established Board of Directors for a few years, Haun was hired as the Cemetery Manager. When she finally gained access to the Mount Whitney Cemetery District Records, she found them to be in disarray. “Let’s just say, it appeared the cemeteries had taken short shrift over the mortuary business,” said Haun.

The District was running out of burial plots, and what records had were incomplete and disorganized. Additionally, the funeral home that had previously kept the records on behalf of Inyo County was sold, and the County was unable to get all the files from the previous owners. To make matters worse, many of the records on file were hand-written documents, some dating back to the 1860s. “Back in the good old days, there was a lot of not charging for things,” said Haun of the Cemetery Records of Sales, which go back to the 1860s. “You can only imagine the inconsistencies in name spellings and flowery handwriting.”

Haun immediately started cataloging information. She created files, both physical and computerized, for every person buried in the four cemeteries she managed, dating back to 1865. She collaborated with the new funeral home directors, local realtors, the Eastern California Museum, and others to find information about the people occupying the graves. “I still go through old newspapers and scan every page, copying and cutting out articles on people who are ‘guests’ out there. I save information about their marriage in the 1920s, what their brother did, who their aunt was, what store they owned,” said Haun, who fields frequent inquiries about genealogy and ancestral history from locals and visitors to the area. “When I find an old obituary, I’m like a little kid solving a jigsaw puzzle,” said Haun.

The oldest of the four cemeteries that comprise the Mount Whitney Cemetery District is the Pioneer Cemetery, located East of Highway 395, at the intersection of Sub Station Road and Esha Street. The first two people to be interred there were Mrs. McGuire (first name unknown) and her six-year-old son. According to Haun, the two were killed during a skirmish that took place near Haiwee Station on January 1, 1865. At the time, there was no cemetery in Lone Pine. As an act of neighborly compassion, the Johnson family, whose ranch abutted that of the McGuires, donated the land that became the Pioneer Cemetery. Residents of Lone Pine were buried there until 1906.

“That’s something you see over and over again, that Lone Pine still has. It’s that pioneer spirit of being willing to help each other out,” said Haun.

Prior to the construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, the water table was so high during the spring and summer months that it was impossible to bury people at the Pioneer Cemetery. Those who died during the spring were temporarily buried at a location known as “The Depot Graves,” located just off of what is now Narrow Gauge Road, adjacent to the remnants of a depot that served the Carson and Colorado Narrow Gauge Railroad. “They would bury people in the high desert and then move them to the Pioneer Cemetery later in the season,” said Haun. Eleven graves (with people still in them) have been identified at the Depot site.

Then there is the Grave of the 1872 Earthquake Victims, a mass grave where the victims of a massive earthquake were buried on the North end of town, across Highway 395 from what became the Mount Whitney Cemetery. In the middle of the night on March 26, 1872, Lone Pine was struck by an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter Scale. About 30 people were killed, and 52 of the town’s 60 to 80 buildings were leveled. The wall of the original General Store still stands behind La Florista, marking the site where several members of the family that owned it perished.

The Mount Whitney Cemetery District is the Pioneer Cemetery for burials, expanded the Mount Whitney Cemetery, and introduced low-impact “Green Burials” to the district, which Haun says is the latest trend in cemetery management. “There are people in town who have relatives that lived here before the 1872 Earthquake, who are related to people buried in all of our cemeteries,” said Haun. “By catching up with the past, we can still have new burials for the next fifty to one hundred years.”

Haun is the longest-serving Cemetery Manager in the history of Inyo County. Her memory is a living record of Lone Pine’s history, from the brothels that used to mark the North and South ends of town, to the old Chinese District, formerly located behind what is now the Mobil Mart, to colorful insults once popularized by its miners and newspapermen. “It’s the history of the community,” said Haun. “By reading old markers, seeing these names, you get a sense for how the community was at its beginning.”

She’s also working on her sixth novel since moving to the area, and her research for the cemetery feeds into her work as a writer. “People come and leave in this position, but unless they kick me out, I’ll keep this job until I die. Even if I win the lottery, I love the town, the people, the history of the place. It’s not a job; it’s a calling.”

Unmarked graves of early settlers have recently been memorialized with cedar tombstones. Lone Pine residents left flowers on the grave of Joseph White, d. 1902. Also buried at this site are Lone Pine founders, C. Begole and A. Johnson. The two men were part of the first expedition to summit Mt. Whitney.
WHAT DID YOU GET FOR FISHMAS?
Locals and visitors enjoy sunny weather, springtime temperatures, and a day on the water for Fishing Opener.

Photos by Rea

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h, Fishmas. The time of year when anglers’ fancy turns to thoughts of trout. This year’s fishing season opener on Saturday, April 29, was a bluebird day with lots of fishing to be had all over the Eastern Sierra. The Sheet cruised the June Lake Loop to catch some photos of fisherfolk and their prizes.

Photos, clockwise from top: Sharyn Connnett (R) serves up breakfast at Silver Lake Resort. Devin Runnerstrum of Oxnard caught a 5.7-pound lunker in June Lake outside the Big Rock Resort. Jacob Turouvez, 11, of Upland, California, shows off his catch.

Above: Leslie Sullins (l) and Gary Jones (r), owner of the Silver Lake Resort.

Right: Ruben Ruiz of Long Beach shows off trout he caught in Silver Lake. Left: Mike Pascetti, owner of The Big Rock Resort in June Lake, grills up sausages for anglers.

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TOWN STUFF

May 5-6/
Eastern Sierra Home and Garden Show at The Tri-County Fair Grounds. Check out new trends in home construction and gardening, Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 760.873.3586. Free Event.

Friday, May 5/
Taste of The Sierra at The Charles Brown Auditorium, Tri-County Fair Grounds, 6-9 p.m. Sample fare from local restaurants. Tickets are $25. Info: 760.873.8405.

Eastern Sierra Audubon Society Birding Field Trip at Topaz Lake/ Antelope Valley. Meet at Sweetwater Coffee Shoppe in Coleville, 8 a.m. Trips leave at 9 a.m. Contact Elena for info at 928.300.8088.

Saturday, May 6/
The Feltic Piano Trio presents “MayPlay” @ Cerro Coso College for The Arts at 7:30 p.m. Also Sunday at 4 p.m. Chamber Music Unbound.org, Booky Joint, ICA. See ad, p. 2

Walker Western Art Gallery Grand Opening, 12-4 p.m. @ 107038 Hwy. 395, next to Walker Burger. Art by local western artists on display. Meet The Pony Express Riders and view restored Bodie Brewery Wagon Train. Info: 530.721.2123

Laws Choo Choo Swap Meet @ Tri-County Fairgrounds. The Eastern Sierra’s biggest yard sale. Gates open @ 8 a.m. Sales start at 9:30 a.m. Master Food Preservers Workshop from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. @ The Mammoth Lakes Community Center. See sidebar next page.

Gardenfest Celebration @ The Eastern Sierra Land Trust, 250 North Fowler St., Bishop. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friends of The Eastern Sierra California Museum Association Barbecue Fundraiser @ The ESC Museum in Independence. 155 N. Grant St. at 6 p.m. $15 for adults, $10 for kids and seniors. Info: 760.878.9258.

Wild West Marathon in Lone Pine featuring 10, 26, 50-mile distances. Info: 760.876.4444

Jewelry Show with Bonnie Jay and students @ The Imagination Lab, 621 West Line St., Bishop. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 7/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre Mad Hatter Tea Party Fundraiser. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sierra Events Center. Tickets $45. Info: 760.934.6592. See ad, p. 4

Sierra Club Ski/Snowshoe Stump Trip @ Tri-County Fair Grounds. Trips leave at 9 a.m. Contact Elena for info at 928.300.8088

May 8-9/
Auditions for “As You Like It,” Shakespeare in the Park’s 2017 production. Monday, May 8 @ 6 p.m. and Tuesday, May 9 @ 9 p.m. Edison Theatre, Mammoth.

Monday, May 8/
Bishop City Council meets. Special meeting 3 p.m. followed by regular meeting 6 p.m.

What’s Up at Mono Lake? 6 p.m. at Black Velvet Coffee, Mammoth. Mono Lake Committee staff discuss state of the lake, post-winter.
**SNARL Spring Seminar Series**

On Tuesday, May 9, Dr. Eric Berlow and Patrick Cress of the Yosemite Soundscapes Project will give a talk titled, “What Good is a ‘Toad?’” at the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Center on Mt. Morrison Road. Berlow is a TED Senior Fellow and is Co-Founder of Vibrant Data Inc. The talk and accompanying musical performance will discuss the role that science can play in mediating legal and political conflict over conservation policy and the limitations of using science to address the emotional drivers of conservation conflict. The seminar will start at 7 p.m. in the Page Center at Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Center. Seminars run 7-8 p.m. every Tuesday through June 13.

**Mammoth Lakes Film Festival Tickets Available**

This year’s five-day Mammoth Lakes Film Festival will open with a screening of the Cheech and Chong film “Up in Smoke,” with star and uncredited director Tommy Chong in attendance for a question and answer session after the film. This year’s festival will run from May 24 - May 28 in Mammoth Lakes. For film schedules, see www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com. VIP Passes are available for $195 and include access to 10 film screenings, including opening night of the festival, advance screening selection, access to the filmmaker lounge from 9-11 a.m., and admission to 4 parties.

Additionally, you can purchase a Movie Pass for $125 that includes access to 10 movie screenings and advance screening selections. This pass does not include a ticket to opening night of the festival. Tickets for Opening Night Screening only, Individual screening tickets, as well as individual Gala Events and Filmmaker Parties, go on sale May 10. For tickets, visit www.MammothLakesFilmFestival.com.

**Sierra Adventure Summer Camp**

Registration now open for Inyo County Superintendent of Schools Sierra Adventure Summer Camp. The camp is open to all Inyo County students in grades 5 through 7. The camp is a 5 day overnight camp at the Sierra Adventure Center near Big Pine. Participants will learn survival skills, hike, do archery, star-gaze, and do crafts.

Boys camp runs from June 19-23, and Girls camp runs from June 26-30. Camp costs $20, and the deadline for registration is May 19. Bilingual registration work shop to be held at Bishop Elementary School on Friday, May 5 from 2:15-4 p.m.

Info: Hillary Behr at 760.878.3262 ext. 2311 or hbehr@icos.us.

**Sierra Club**

**Kayak/Canoe Mono Lake with the Sierra Club.** Meet 6 a.m. at Mammoth Union Bank, or 8:45 a.m. at Navy Beach. Contact Melissa Swan @ 760.937.0499 for info.

**Altrusa Garden Tea Party @ United Methodist Social Hall, Bishop.** Fundraiser for Altrusa of the Eastern Sierra. Tickets: $40. Info: 760.872.2428

**Mammoth Lakes Film Festival**

**UPCOMING**

Make sun prints for Mother’s Day with Mono Arts Council @ Mammoth Lakes Library. 12:30 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

**Saturday, May 13/ Eastern Sierra Audubon Society Costa Bird Walk. 8:30 a.m. @ The BLM/ Forest Service Office on Pacu Lane in Bishop. Kids Fish Free at Mt. Whitney Hatchery 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. Kids 15 and under fish free. Info: 760.878.2127. Unbound turns Twenty @ Mammoth Mountain. Free afterhours party in the park with DJ Rodney O. Info: www.mammothmountain.com.

**Monday, May 14/ Kayak/Canoe Mono Lake with the Sierra Club. Meet 6 a.m. @ Mammoth Union Bank, or 8:45 a.m. at Navy Beach. Contact Melissa Swan @ 760.937.0499 for info. Altrusa Garden Tea Party @ United Methodist Social Hall, Bishop. Fundraiser for Altrusa of the Eastern Sierra. Tickets: $40. Info: 760.872.2428

**Monday, May 15/ Public Meeting Regarding Mammoth Stamp Mill Site Closure @ The Auditorium in the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. From 5-7 p.m. representatives from the Inyo National Forest will field questions about the closure and share findings.

**Friday, May 19/ Eastern Sierra Symphony Spring Concert @ St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Mammoth Lakes. Starts 7:30 p.m. Performances of Dvorak and Wolfgang by Symphony conducted by Heichiro Ohyama. Students from Mammoth Lakes Public Schools will also perform. For tickets ($20), go to www.easternsierrasymphony.org.

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Minaret Cinemas**

Guardians of the Galaxy 2 (PG-13): The Guardians continue their intergalactic search for Peter Quill’s parents in this movie adaptation of a Marvel Comic.


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

**Unbound turns Twenty @ Mammoth Mountain. Free afterhours party in the park with DJ Rodney O. Info: www.mammothmountain.com.**

**Library Summer Book Club**

The Mammoth Lakes Library is considering re-instituting a Brown Bag Lunch Book Club this summer (June, July, August, and September). As you’ll remember, we met on one day per month over lunch to discuss a book from the library collection. If you are interested in participating, please email mlfol@monocoe.org with a day of the week and week of the month that would work for you.

**Master Food Preservers Workshop**

On Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Master Food Preservers of Inyo and Mono Counties will host a food preservation workshop at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Participants will learn to make dehydrated pasta sauce, fruit leathers, seasoning salts, and more. Participants will walk away with recipes, handouts, handy tips and tricks and get to taste dehydrated foods.

Participation in the workshop is by paid reservation only, for $15. For more information, contact Vivi at 760-937-5582 or vimm@ucanr.edu. To register, visit http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynum=20710 and click on the link to register.

**Ski Patrol Reunion**

Event runs from May 5-7. Currently, there are 270 past and present MMSA Ski Patrolers registered. Lodging discounts are available for former patrollers traveling out of town. The schedule of events is as follows:

The reunion will kick off with an “Opening Get Together” from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 5 at Little Eagle Lodge. Events on Saturday, May 6 will start with breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by skiing, toboggan races, a raffle, and a ceremony at the top of the gondola, followed by a barbecue. Tickets for the barbecue are $20 per person. The Master Food Preservers Workshop will be held at Old Gondola Room at Main Lodge. Events run until 7 p.m. On Sunday, May 7 there will be skiing all day and a barbecue at The Mill from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For more information and registration details, email mmsareunion@gmail.com. See story, p. 10-11.

**Pamper Pedal: Registration Open**

Registration is now open for Eastside Velo’s (ESV) 11th Annual Pamper Pedal, an all female, 44-mile bike ride from Mammoth Lakes to Bishop. This year’s event starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3.

Registration is $50 and includes an anniversary themed sticker. ENROLLMENT laut entry to the post-ride party in Bishop, and support during the ride. $15 from every entry fee will be donated to Eastern Sierra Conservation Center to fund first-time female backpacking trips for women in the Eastern Sierra. Registration is open to women riders of all ages and skill levels. Register at www.eastsidevelo.org.
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Part Time Admin Assistant needed for busy Interior design firm in Mammoth Lakes. Experience working in an office environment, type, and require a high level of proficiency with basic computer programs a must. Can be Flexible with schedule. Please email resume to julie@designbdg.com

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

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Owner of Gomez’s Restaurant & Tequileria is looking for a Kitchen Mgr., as well as Line Prep Cooks, and Dishwashers to start immediately. Good pay and plenty of benefits. Apply online or call 760-934-4993 for more information.

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ESIA is hiring seasonal part time associates for all of our beautiful locations: Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center, Mono Basin Visitor Center, Eastern Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine, and the Ancient Bristlecone Visitor Center at Shumman Grove. The ideal candidate has retail experience and a passion for the Eastern Sierra outdoors! Responsible for learning product base, cashiering, inventory, and customer service. Please send your letter of interest and a resume to Heidi Elridge at heidi-esiaonline.org. Call Heidi with questions at 760-934-1111. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority is seeking DRIVERS for the Mammoth Lakes area. Must be responsible, energetic and have a clean driving record. Training. For a Commercial License, Passenger Endorsements and Air brake Certificate is available. Seasonal non-benefitted positions with full and part-time hours available. Hourly salary range is: $15.25 to $18.41 plus Mammoth Premium Pay of $0.50 per hour.

Pre-employment and random drug screening required. Applications can be found: online at www.esistrans.com, Mammoth Office (210 Mammoth Mall), Bishop Office (7038 Airport Road) or Call 760-922-1201 ext. 11. EEO employer

Now hiring full & part time retail sales positions for the summer season. Apply at Practical Piglet Wine Bar, park with a person at Bronze Bear Deli, Stop & Go Vining or call 760-647-6465 or 760-647-6478. Some housing available.

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Room for rent in Mammoth. Your own bedroom, bath & entry and 400-square feet of living space. No pets. Call @ 760.709.1189. $750/mo. Includes free wi-fi and laundry. In Mammoth, 3BD, 2BA home with south-facing Sherwins view. Spacious, bright, updated, WD, wood stove, forced air, no pets, $2,500/mo. Call/text 760.920.1683.

Detached house - 2 bedroom plus den 1 bath, single level with pellet stove and forced air heating & cooling. $1350/mo. in Mammoth. VERY NICE. NOT PETS, NO SMOKE-ERS $1500 a month Long term lease only. Contact (530) 449-1849.

Small, VERY SMALL, ONE person only cabin for rent. $800.00 Pet negotiable. (760)937-1492.

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Handyman /Spring Cleaning/Cleaning (210)988-3289.

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HORRORSCOPES
By Clouds McCloud

Taurus: This is the perfect time to set some new goals for yourself. Be sure to write the big ones for the year down, but also set goals for the season and even for the week. Your goals should be as big as buying a new home or traveling to someplace on your bucket list and be as simple as being happier or feeling better naked. It will help to remember that Clouds thinks you always feel good. Sometimes, we all need a reminder of how great we are.

Gemini: Cloud’s editor recently said that these HorrorScopes are never too perverted. While this warms Clouds’ ample heart and loins, it also helps to remember that we’re all nutty, anal-retentive perverts in our own wonderful, delightful (and hopefully legally) weird ways.

Cancer: Play-Doh was originally designed as wallpaper cleaner. Elephants in India have been known to drink beer and then stumble down streets. So here’s hoping you like pachyderms. Sometimes they arrive like drunken, half-assed efforts beget half-assed results. But it’s also true that success begets success, that acceptance begets acceptance and that scantily-clad begets acceptance.

Leo: It looks like any bumpy roads you’ve been on should finally hit some brand new pavement. To help ensure that you’re not out of alignment, take some down time and get some exercise everyday—brisk walks or rubbing your brisket with your favorite bbq partner count. And be sure to remember, “If you can’t run with the big dogs, you can always lay low with the cool cats.”

Virgo: looks like your love life is making its way onto the stage. To help, here are a few tips for a happy relationship: attack the issues, not each other; talk about your dreams and your fears; be friends first; laugh together—and not just at each other; regularly make love, and occasionally do so like you’re vacationing on a tropical island that only serves drinks with little umbrellas; Never go to bed angry because you’re going to sleep like crap anyway.

Libra: The Stars are reporting that May should be a rather exciting month for you with lots of ups and downs. So here’s hoping you like roller coasters. Luckily, there are no height or clothing requirements to ride this one. But they don’t allow anyone wearing “pissy-pants” to ride, so put on your happy pants or don’t put on any pants at all!

Scorpio: May is all about teamwork for Scorpios. Since this is not always easy, you should be ready to work on issues, not people for your problems. Since Sagittarriuses tend to be very fact-oriented and detail focused, here are a few common misconceptions to please your ego. Contrary to what hat-makers say, you only lose 10% of your body heat through your head. It’s a myth that there are only five senses since we also have a sense of balance, a sense of time, and enough sense to occasionally make love with the lights on. Also, dust isn’t that bad. It’s what gives a home that fuzzy felling.

Capricorn: In honor of the celebration of “Fishmas” last weekend, all your advice will be, like Clouds, somewhat fishy. A) Life is better when you’re holding a fishing rod. B) From Libertarian Ron Swanson, “Fishing relaxes me. It’s like yoga, except I get to kill something.” C) From author Nick Lyons, “Fishing is not for wealthy men but for dreamers.”

Aquarius: Just in case you forgot, the world is always your oyster. It’s just too sometimes it needs to be opened, or it requires some hot sauce and maybe a chaser or two. Luckily, when you come across times when it just won’t open there are some options: Patience and faith; Asking for help; or smashing the crap out of it. Three all have their time and place.

The great challenge of life is deciding when to use each style.

Pisces: The Stars are saying you really should put your heart into something or someone. This can be challenging for Pisces since you sometimes go through periods when you refuse to speak or listen to your heart. To help, either stop being such a pensive and keep hearing your head’s advice, or start accepting that you’re going to live an unfulfilled life.

Aries: Just in case you forgot, failure begets failure. Just like lies beget lies, anger begets anger and half-assed efforts beget half-assed results. But it’s also true that success begets success, that acceptance begets acceptance and that scantily-clad begets partial-nudity. Therefore your new motto is “Never half-ass anything, always use your whole ass!”

PERSONALS
I hope to see you....on Cinco de Mayo. I heard that tequila makes your clothes fall off. That said, can we hang out somewhere where that’s distinctly-likable? I saw you.... at the craps tables with a shit-eating grin on your face. How about them pair o’ dice? In search of....a horse to bet on in the derby? Thunder Snow would seem like a good fit.

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, June 3, 2017 (Sábado, el 3 de Junio)
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Shady Rest Park, Sawmill Cutoff Rd, Mammoth Lakes

Ambulance Tours • Gun Safety Locks • Fingerprint ID Kits • Nutrition Education • Poison Prevention Information • Carbon Monoxide Detectors & Home Safety • Fire Department Helmets & Badges Hot Dogs, Fruit, & Water (while supplies last) • First 5 Express Bilingual Children’s Activity Center • Footsteps2Bilingual Literacy App • Information on Problem Gambling, Legal Assistance, & Community Assistance Programs

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Questions/Preguntas? Molly 760-524-7626 mollysaballos@monocoe.org
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The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Eastside Auto Glass

David P. Lane
76 Sunny Slope Road
Tom's Place, Ca. 93546

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Eastside Handyman

Troy McCall
87 Snowridge Lane, P.O. Box 8908
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 6, 2017. File Number 17-071

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Laetitia Welcome
49 Laurel Mountain Road, P.O. Box 7664
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
The Nest

Laetitia Welcome
94 Laurel Mountain Road, P.O. Box 7664
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Albert Bernard Pegorare

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Albert Bernard Pegorare
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Leslie Mullins Styler in the Superior Court of California, County of Mono, Mono County Superior Court Case No. PR17-2006
The Petition for Probate requests that Leslie Mullins Styler be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent; the petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This independent administration authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Under California Probate Code section 6020, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Mono County Superior Court as follows: Date: April 18, 2017, Time: 1:30 p.m. The address of the court: 276 Main Street Bishop, California 93517.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy of the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 6001(2) of the California Probate Code, or 90 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice of determination of insufficiency of the estate or a copy of the Petition for Probate. This section applies to any claim for which notice under California Probate Code section 5800 is required.

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