The Slinkard Fire, believed to be started by a lightning strike in Slinkard Valley, off of Highway 89 (Monitor Pass), closed Highway 395 on Wednesday and caused evacuations in Topaz. As of press time, no buildings had been lost. See p. 8 for more details.

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SADDLING UP
Are volunteers like Bill Carter the last of their kind?

People like Dr. William Carter aren't talkers, they're doers—and these days, they don't make them much like the 82-year-old Bishop optometrist who spends much of his free time repairing hundreds of miles of trails in the backcountry.

"If we don't do it, nothing happens," says Carter of the trail work he’s been doing for about the last two decades in the Eastern Sierra and points beyond.

With the amount of time Carter spends on his horses and mules in the great outdoors, you’d expect him to deliver some folk song-esque exhalations of the beauty of the backcountry, the meaningfulness of his work, how being on horseback in the High Sierra brings him closer to God. But Carter is almost deadpan about his work—he just plain gets it done.

BOOKS ON A SHOESTRING
Inyo County Free Library System gasps for air

The Inyo County Free Library system is grossly underfunded. Its budget was cut by 30 percent in 2014 and the funds have not been replenished. Branches are only open a couple days a week and staffed with a skeleton crew. There are five employees operating six branches in Lone Pine, Independence, Bishop, Big Pine, Death Valley and Tecopa.

Staffing is so short that if just one employee has to take a day off, the branch closes that day.

These book-filled institutions are also community centers, a place where locals come to chew the fat or get in out of the heat. In some communities, libraries are the only places with reliable internet access. In Tecopa, located just outside the eastern border of Death Valley, when the phones go down, as they frequently do, the library with its internet access is the only place to communicate with the outside world, says Inyo County Library Director Nancy Masters.

Masters said there had been a gradual decline in funding throughout the years, but the budget was cut significantly from $538,651 in 2013-14 to $467,651 in 2014-15. In 2001, there were 19 library employees, 12 of whom were full-time. Now there are nine employees, six full-timers. Based on Library Journal’s Annual Budget Survey for 2016, a library system the size of Inyo’s should have a budget of $931,000.

Masters said that the budget allowance for new books and materials in 2001 was $37,533, and in 2016 the amount was $30,829. She said other libraries of equal size spend about $100,000 a year on books.

The Library Automation Project, which would digitize the county-wide catalog, was largely paid for by the Bishop Friends of the Library and still needs funds to finish the project. Masters said on
THE TESLA ARGUMENT

Sierra Nevada Resort and Spa and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have been discussing the possibility of entering into a Development Agreement since February.

The Resort currently operates a 150-room hotel, three restaurants (Rafter's, Jimmy's Taverna, Red Lantern) and a spa.

For the past decade however, the Resort, owned by Jim Demetriades, has entertained the idea of tearing it all down and building a new 338-room hotel with underground parking, restaurants, retail and convention space.

The estimated price tag: $250 million.

Given the scope of its proposed investment and its potential economic impact (earlier this week, General Manager Brent Truax told The Sheet the new development could generate $1.5 billion in economic activity over 20 years), the resort is angling for additional development incentives.

The ask: $23 million (net present value) in Transient Occupancy Tax forgiveness, or an estimated $46 million over 20 years.

The Resort proposes to pay a guaranteed set amount in Transient Occupancy Tax over the next twenty years, plus a certain percentage above that total.

Despite meeting for the past seven months, Town Staff oddly did not present any sort of financial analysis of the proposal, which is something that Mayor John Wentworth requested at Wednesday's Special Town Council meeting.

There were also no numbers given at the meeting regarding employee generation (~650, according to Demetriades in a Thursday phone call).

Town Attorney Andrew Morris acknowledged bluntly that "this DA [development agreement] is not ‘fully baked.’" Greg Newbry politely described it as "highly unusual."

So, let's pretend for a moment that the Town actually came prepared to pitch the DA on Wednesday. What follows is what that pitch might've looked like.

As Truax said, "There's a reason nothing's been built [in Mammoth] in more than a decade."

That reason, or reasons, says Jim Demetriades, are the Town's bankruptcy/airport litigation settlement, the variability of the weather, stagnant airport traffic, decaying infrastructure …

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TOIY’ALL BE CRAZY
Internal politics the apparent cause for administrative suspensions
By James

Following the 60-day unpaid suspension of four of the Toiyabe Indian Health Project’s top administrators, ousted TIHP Chair and Board member John Glazier, of the Bridgeport Indian Colony, has confirmed that at least five of the current Board members made comments about getting “white people” out of the top administrative positions.

The Sheet first reported on the suspension of CEO David Lent, COO Rick Frey, CFO Mary Daniels and Human Resources Manager Cyndee Kiddoo after an August 3 meeting with the United States Department of Agriculture and the TIHP Board of Directors (see “Simmering Rezentment,” August 12, and “What a Tangled Web we Weaver,” August 26).

While Glazier said he supports Indian/Native employment preference laws, he feels that the best qualified people should be in the top positions, especially when it comes to a multimillion-dollar enterprise such as the TIHP.

CEO David Lent is Native American.

Recently-obtained copies of two anonymous letters, which preceded a signed complaint letter presented to the Board from Human Resources Assistant Geraldine Weaver, seems to confirm Glazier’s observation of TIHP Board members’ comments about non-native employees.

HR Director Cyndee Kiddoo was suspended shortly after Weaver’s grievance letter was presented.

The first anonymous letter, dated February 2017, opened with: “As an employee I am writing this anonymously for fear of losing my job. I enjoy working for my community and the clinic but I have become unsure of what kind of services we are offering our Native community. I see more and more white employees running everything and I am offended by it.”

The second anonymous letter involved mostly a listing of personal attacks and claims of collusion among both white administrators and other tribal members working for Toiyabe.

That letter accused COO Rick Frey of being “disloyal to the CEO” and of nepotism for allegedly having his brother (a doctor) hired “on a contract for pain management run through CRIIIB (sic)” (the author was likely referring to the California Rural Indian Health Board, or CRIHB) by the Preventive Medicine department.

The letter also accused Frey of being responsible for the previous Director of Preventive Medicine resigning. The letter writer charged that “[Frey’s] only cultural sensitivity for Indian people is for how much of our money he can get” and that he was trying to open up the Diabetic Clinic to non-Indians.

Rick Frey’s brother does not work for the TIHP.

HR Director Cyndee Kiddoo, who holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Science in Healthcare Administration and a MBA in Business, was accused in the second letter of incompetence and “not following personnel policies from day one.” She was accused of “using her own selection and hiring process” and not having “a clue in how to do her job.” The writer referenced “an increase of TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) complaints over the past 8 years,” although another source told The Sheet that it was Geraldine Weaver.

LETTER

Don’t poison our dogs!

Dear Editor:

We took our dog running on dirt roads and trails near the Inyo Cra- ters (off Mammoth Scenic Loop). A few hours later he became in- continent, weak, uncoordinated, and nearly comatose. We immedi- ately took him to the veterinarian in Bishop, who told us that they now see many cases like this from the Mammoth area, some cases very dangerous.

Dogs off-leash eat human poop, the person who deposited that poop has been eating marijuana products, which come out the other end, and the drug is in concentrated form. We assume that these items are left by ATV or bicycle riders who use those marked trails.

Valerie B. Cohen
June Lake
COMING UP WITH THE MASTER PLAN
MUSD Board approves new Facilities Master Plan ... now school just needs the cash

By Rea

The Mammoth Unified School District Board approved the new Facilities Master Plan for the District at its regular meeting on Thursday, August 24, which paves the way for MUSD to potentially place a bond measure on the November, 2018 ballot to fund the improvements to the schools.

MUSD decided to update its Facilities Master Plan in the fall of 2016, and subsequently hired HMC Architects to help with the plan’s development. The District also solicited input from students, community members, School Board members, and a leadership team which included Superintendent Lois Klein, Chief Business & Financial Officer Brooke Bien, and Maintenance, Operations and Transportation Director Gary Taylor.

A “90 percent plan” had been presented at the last School Board meeting on June 22, said Bien. “There were a few changes made,” between that plan and the finalized plan, she said, noting that the District had input from the “vast majority of community members listed in the Master Plan,” which is available on the District’s website.

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The projected total project costs for improvements to MES are $22,500,000, and recommendations include a new entry and remodel of the front portion of the school with the intention of creating a secure entry for visitors. The multi-purpose room would be opened up and the school’s kitchen would be extended. Portable classrooms would be removed and replaced with permanent structures, and exterior siding and windows would be replaced, as well as a roof which would be made “solar panel ready.” An alternative has also been proposed, which comes in at an estimated $6,000, to add an enclosed District sports structure/field house.

The Mammoth Middle School, being the newest of the three facilities, would receive the least in funding for the Master Plan, with estimated project costs coming in at $5,200,000 and including a larger media center, and an addition to the kitchen which would allow the school to do all its own food preparation. It would also include improvements for security, including a security system with cameras (all schools would get this new feature), and the addition of a teacher support space and science labs.

The high school, which has one of the most critical needs for repair in its leaking roof, would get an estimated $35,000,000 in total upgrades, which would include “completely [changing] the front appearance of the high school to truly be the center point of education for Mammoth Unified School District,” states the Plan. More natural light in classrooms and corridors would be a focus of design improvements, “to take advantage of the beautiful natural environment of Mammoth.” Portable classrooms would be replaced with permanent structures, a quad area for students to gather would be developed, and science lab, shop space and flexible learning spaces would be added. The MUSD office and Sierra High School, a relatively new building, would also be outfitted with approximately $125,000 in security and electrical systems upgrades, including cameras.

Now that the Master Plan is finalized, the District will decide whether to put a bond measure on the November 2018 ballot to fund the improvements. Taxpayers are still paying off a $14.1 million bond approved by voters in 1998, which funded the construction of the MMS building (see “A Facelift for MUSD?” May 12). That bond won’t be paid off until 2028.

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Thursday, August 24, that the County has dedicated $20,000 to help complete the work. The project officially started in 2012, and while the County budget states that the automation is complete, Masters said there’s still work to be done.

Librarians do more than scan books and help people find a copy of the Koran. There is another world behind the scenes with librarians and volunteers sorting through books, assisting with digitization projects and being in “the business of preserving cultural heritage,” says Masters.

The Inyo County Libraries have an extensive collection of local records such as original forms and communications related to Manzanar Relocation Camp, as well as local maps and mining information.

“People often take libraries for granted, as they have always been there for us; making books and information available, archiving the nation’s history, providing a community gathering place that is open to all—regardless of economic status,” Masters said in an email. “I believe that the nation’s libraries are at risk because of the belief that ‘it is all on the internet,’ and because of shifting purchasing patterns by the middle class… this belief leads government to want to de-fund libraries in favor of other funding needs.”

Emily Lanphear is the Library Specialist at the Bishop branch. She works three days in Bishop and one day at the Eastern Sierra Museum in Independence. She said Bishop sees more than 100 patrons a day checking out books, reading or using the WiFi or computers. She said the public expects the library to be open, and the public gets frustrated when it’s not, and sometimes they don’t come back. She said it’s equally frustrating for her when she can’t do her job.

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She’s not there every hour her branch is open, but Lanphear said no County administrator or supervisor has ever come to the library to ask where the fiction section is or how the operations are flowing. “There’s a real disconnect,” she said. “It’s challenging and frustrating being so passionate but not getting any support.”

Lydia Baldwin is the Branch Head at the Big Pine branch located on the Big Pine School campus. There were two additional part-time employees when she came on but they have retired and not been replaced. The library serves as the school library as well, manned with a school employee in the morning and open to the public in the afternoon. Inyo County and Big Pine schools are 11 years into a 20-year contract stipulating the County provide a librarian as long as the library is on school grounds. She said she’s not sure what will happen to the least-visited branch in Inyo County when the contract is up.

The library, along with the Country Kitchen and Copper Top BBQ, are the only establishments offering WiFi in Big Pine. The library is the only one that doesn’t make patrons buy a sandwich to use the service.

County management has never visited the Big Pine branch, Baldwin said. If the budget continues to be cut, Masters said she will have to resort cutting hours at the branches, something she does not want to do.

The Inyo County 2017-18 Budget was published August 25. The budget request from the Library is for $84,043 more than last year. Personnel costs have increased due to unfunded retirement and the request to hire a Librarian III position. According to the budget, the additional librarian would prevent branch closures when the regular librarian is out.

Budget Hearings begin 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 5 at the Board of Supervisor meeting in Independence. The full budget can be viewed at www.inyocounty.us. The Inyo County Grand Jury investigated the Inyo Free Library system for its 2016-17 report published August 11. It found the system under-funded and understaffed. The County has 90 days to respond to the report.

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A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME
MLR, Rec Commission, announce plans to market the Multi-Use Facility to locals and visitors as “The Park”

By Giles

On Friday, August 25, the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission hosted a special public workshop to discuss programming and fundraising for the Multi-Use Facility at Mammoth Creek Park West. At that meeting, Recreation Director Stuart Brown said the project would no longer be called a Multi-Use Facility, but rather “The Park.”

The latest design of the facility, rendered by HMC Architects, includes a large lobby space with room for a snack bar and skate rentals, as well as storage space and a few staff offices. The largest portion of the building will be devoted to an Olympic-sized ice rink, which will have a roof but will be largely open-air.

At its May 17 meeting, Mammoth Lakes Town Council committed $8 million towards the estimated $9.5 million project, leaving a $1.5 to $2 million funding gap. Mammoth Lakes Recreation is expected to fund raise the remaining $2 million over the course of the project’s construction, which is set to begin at the end of September. Recreation Manager Stuart Brown told The Sheet in an email this week that $12,000 has been raised to meet that funding gap since May.

Public Works Director Grady Dutton told participants in Friday’s workshop that, provided this winter is less severe than last, the project will be completed by Thanksgiving 2018. Dutton said it was important that Town Council understand that, “once we start grading the project [at the end of September], that’s pretty serious momentum and things have to happen.”

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McClain said that MLR is still “developing our key messaging and storytell- ing points,” but that he anticipates co-ordinating that marketing effort with Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s campaigns. He said he anticipates hosting salons to recruit second homeowners who may be interested donors.

“The biggest reason funds don’t get raised is that people don’t make the ask,” said McClain. “We need to find these people who want to give back, and make their mark,” said McClain.

At the current rate of fundraising ($3,000 per month since the project was approved in May), it will take 500 months to raise the funds necessary to complete the MUF.
TOML HITS THE ROAD
Grant ensures Mammoth will take over Reds Meadow Road
By Rea

The Reds Meadow Road has been selected for $24 million California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant to repair the badly-detoriated road into the Reds Meadow valley and Devils Postpile National Monument. The grant, preliminarily funded in 2022, will fund reconstruction and widening of the upper 2.5 miles of the road, as well as resurfacing and slight realignments of the lower 5.8 miles of road. As a stipulation of the funding, the Town of Mammoth Lakes will take over future responsibility for care of the road.

Currently, Mammoth Lake’s share of the valley are required to take a shuttle down the main road, a service that is run by the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA). The National Park Service, which runs the Devils Postpile National Monument, states that visitors who ride the bus save an average of 437,799 miles of vehicle emissions annually. Exceptions to the bussing requirement include those using the road below 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m., those staying at campgrounds or accommodations in the valley, hunters, those displaying handicap placards and those transporting livestock.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is currently responsible for the maintenance of the road, but that will change once the reconstruction is complete, said Haislip Hayes, Engineering Manager for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. He said future maintenance costs will be handled by the Town. “Part of the way we worked out the agreement is we have the funding to maintain the road through a surcharge with ESTA. So, ESTA will increase to increase their fares $1 for an adult fare, and that dollar will go towards maintenance of the road.”

John Helm, Executive Director of ESTA, said the Town has proposed a $24 million grant for the road, that will include $1 million to be used for the maintenance of public lands. Wentworth said the FLAP grant program offered by the government “is a mechanism that the Federal government has set up saying, ‘We’re getting out of the road business.’”

In 2001, the then-U.S. Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck approved a new road management policy for the agency, which will “rely heavily upon public involvement at the local level” to tackle the then-$8.4 billion maintenance and reconstruction backlog, according to the U.S. Forest Service’s website.

“We need to work better with local people to make decisions about forests’ local roads,” said Dombeck at the time of the announcement. “This policy will help us bring communities together to make common sense decisions in the best interest of the land about the roads we should keep, those we should close and those we may want to convert to other uses, such as walking trails.”

“We have to look at the choice,” said Wentworth. “If we don’t take on the road…what we—and I’m including the American public in this—lose are all of the outdoor recreation opportunities in the Reds Meadow Valley, including Devils Postpile National Monument. We cannot afford to lose these assets. We will see a return.”

The Reds Meadow Road Improvement Projects Draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Study will be available for public review and comment and is available on the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority website at www.esta.gov/myo. A meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 5-7 p.m. in Suite B at 437 Old Mammoth Road for public comment on the proposed reconstruction.

SLINKARD SPREADS FAST

By Giles

Firefighters work to defend an evacuated home along the Highway 395 corridor in Antelope Valley.

On the morning of Wednesday, August 30, fire crews responded to the Slinkard Fire, which originated in Slinkard Valley, off State Highway 89 on Tuesday. The fire burned through invasive cheatgrass and nascent sagebrush, pinyon, and juniper. Over the course of Wednesday night, the fire spread to the western slope of Antelope Valley, threatening several homes and businesses.

The fire burned to Highway 395 and crossed Highway 89 at Monitor Pass. As of press time, Topaz was under evacuation from Highway 89 north of the Nevada state line. Additionally, Highway 395 was closed from the junction with State Route 182 in Bridgeport to the Nevada state line.

The fire caused power and phone outages in Walker, Coleville, and Topaz. Emergency shelters were established in the Walker Community Center, and the Douglas County Community Center, across the border in Nevada. As of press time, no structures had been lost and no injuries were sustained in the fire.

As of Thursday, August 31 at noon, the fire had grown to 5,000 acres and was zero percent contained. Air quality advisories have been issued for Antelope Valley and the surrounding region.

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Mono County Assessor Barry Beck spoke at the Tuesday, August 29 meeting of the Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission (EDTFC) to give the Commission an update on the status of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area transfer to Aspen-KSL Investments. “The clerk-recorders office has sent a request to the new company for a preliminary change of ownership report,” said Beck, “so the...office can calculate the documentary transfer tax” of the sale, which is 0.011 percent of the acquisition price. “Word from supposed insiders is that [the sale price for the Aspen-KSL deal] was $800 million,” said Beck on Tuesday. “We’ll find out sooner or later” what the actual number is.

Beck said assessing the value of the property transferred is a fairly complex process, due to the fact that two of the properties are in southern California and not Mono County (Bear Mountain and Snow Summit), and that Chairs 13, 14 and the Outpost Camp are in Madera County. Beck said that there are about 60 parcel numbers associated with the part of the ski area that lies in Mono County, and that “different parts of MMSA are considered differently.” For instance, “lifef and gondolas are considered to be fixtures rather than real property,” and the fleet of vehicles owned by the ski area have to be “backed out” of the assessment, as they have previously been taxed.

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EASTWOOD, MOONLIGHT AND BAT PEOPLE

Chris Langley to present a film history of the Eastern Sierra at Mono Basin Historical Society meeting

By Giles

Inyo County Film Commissioner Chris Langley first came to the Eastern Sierra almost 40 years ago to take a job as a teacher in a now nonexistent mining town called New Idria. A Long Islander and graduate of Dartmouth College, Langley fell in love with desert landscapes while serving in the Peace Corps in Iran.

When the mercury mine at New Idria closed three years after he arrived, Langley found himself driving through Lone Pine with his wife. She said, “This looks like a John Wayne backdrop.”

Always a fan of film, Langley learned that, in fact, it was the backdrop for no less than 12 John Wayne movies, in addition to the 400 or so other films that have been shot in Lone Pine.

Langley runs the Lone Pine Film Festival, and is the Executive Director of the Lone Pine Western Film History Museum. He’s served as the Inyo County Film Commissioner for the last eight years, and he’s seen most, if not all, of the films that have been shot around Lone Pine that are still in existence. Langley is currently in the process of writing a trilogy about film history in Death Valley, Eastern California (Big Pine to Coleville), and Lone Pine.

Langley has identified and cataloged many of these films by studying stills, or shots preserved and extracted from film reels. Some are so old that the films themselves do not exist anymore. The earliest known feature-length film shot in Inyo County is called “Children of the Banishment,” produced in 1919.

“I look at film in terms of landscapes,” said Langley. “That’s why filmmakers came here, and so my studies have been about how landscapes shape people’s lives, how people shape landscapes, and in turn how those landscapes shape the films that people make.”

Langley said that films made in different regions of the Eastern Sierra reflect the unique cultures that exist there. “In Death Valley, which is an extraordinarily unique landscape, almost all of the films feature themes of abandonment, doom, and destruction. There’s a real sense of ‘me against the desert.’ In contrast, films shot in Lone Pine often feature wide shots of landscapes, in contrast with intimate scenes among the rocks of the Valley,” Langley said.

Langley said that films shot in Mono county tend to focus on characters’ relationships with the harsh climate.

Some highlights from Langley’s studies include “Out of the Past” (1947), a film noir shot in Bridgeport with Jane Greer and Kirk Douglas. Charlie Chaplin’s most famous film, “The Gold Rush,” was shot at Donner Summit. Langley researched that film after discovering that Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh, who represents Lone Pine, had a grandfather who was the photography director for the project. The palace from “The Scorpion King” (2002), starring Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson was staged in the parking lot of either June Mountain or Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, as were portions of “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom” (1984).

One of Langley’s favorites is “The Bat People,” a 1974 horror film in which a doctor is bitten by a bat in an Eastern Sierra cave and undergoes a transformation that renders him a “Bat-Man,” causing his wife great distress and inevitably ruining their ski vacation. “It’s the kind of thing I’d recommend watching on a Friday night, when maybe you only need to use about half your brain. But it’s awesome. I found it on a few lists of ‘the 100 worst movies of all time,’ said Langley.

Langley will present stills and history of the 140 or so films he has discovered that were filmed in Mono County at the Mono Basin Historical Society monthly meeting and potluck on Monday, September 7. The potluck and meeting start at 6 p.m. at the Lee Vining Community Center, and Langley’s talk will start at 7 p.m.

Langley will also present on a few films that feature landscapes he thinks might be in Mono County, with the hope that attendees will be able to identify them. Langley’s talk is titled “Snow Capped Mountains, High plateaus, and Green Pastures: The Film History of the Eastern Sierra.”
Art without audience is dead and music without ears is silence.

- John Millerburg

There are more artists on the Eastside than there are places to show their work, says John Millerburg, artist and one of the organizers of this weekend’s Eastside Art on the Corner: A Creative Consortium. There are several businesses in Bishop that allow a few photographers or painters to bless their walls, but not all art hangs on a wall.

He added that he’s grateful for the opportunity that local establishments provide local artists, but, the work is only up for a short time then replaced with another artist. Additionally, it can be months before an opportunity arises for another opening.

Millerburg said there are plenty of lonely, empty walls in town that need to be filled. But, instead of waiting or an opportunity, local artists are making one for themselves. Those stray artists are taking to the street on Labor Day, September 1-3, filling the southwest corner of Line and Main streets in Bishop with art.

As Millerburg tells it, local artists need a place to show their stuff. “Art without audience is dead and music without ears is silence,” Millerburg posted on Facebook.

Millerburg said he’s seen towns with the same pre-existing empty storefront condition that Bishop has that fill the walls of the empty buildings with art and open them up a weekend a month as mini-galleries. He said the idea turned into an economic boon for those community.

The show’s about drawing attention to Bishop’s “creation of a creative vortex.”

“We’re going to see if we can pull it off,” said Millerburg.

Eastside Art on the Corner: A Creative Consortium will run from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, September 1, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Kamoroff is seeking a more cost-effective and timely way of determining whether or not an invasive species is present in an aquatic ecosystem. Kamoroff presented her latest research at the Mono Lake Committee on Wednesday, August 23.

Kamoroff told lecture attendees that Yosemite National Park is engaged in a long effort to remove non-native Brown and Brook trout from the top 10 percent of high country lakes that are deep enough to not freeze solid during the winter. The fish, which were introduced during the 1800s, are being removed to restore habitat for the native Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, which is found exclusively in a very small portion of Yosemite’s high lakes.

Kamoroff works for Yosemite National Park, and has participated in many invasive species removal projects in the High Sierra. While doing research for her Masters Degree from the University of Washington, she worked on a crew that removed non-native Brook trout from selected high country lakes.

The process of mechanical fish removal is slow, expensive, and labor-intensive. As a graduate student, Kamoroff wondered if there were a better way to determine whether a species is present and alive in a body of water. She eventually began perfecting a method of extracting miscellaneous DNA from a water sample and testing it for the presence of genetic information that matched that of an invasive species or disease. The DNA Kamoroff collects is called eDNA, or environmental DNA, and comes primarily from feces, urine, and pieces of skin deposited by critters, macroscopic and microscopic, in the water column.

Kamoroff said it only costs about $50 to process a sample of eDNA. She said the process is relatively inexpensive when compared with other research methods.

To collect the eDNA, Kamoroff filters water from a source she is surveying through a break-bleeding kit. She then removes the filter, which contains particulate matter from the water source, and transports it to a laboratory. In the lab, Kamoroff uses a piece of technology known as a Polymerase Chain Reaction Machine to compare eDNA samples collected from various lakes with DNA from various invasive species believed to be present in those lakes. After a lot of lab work, Kamoroff tested the efficacy of the method in the field by collecting and processing water samples from 30 lakes across Yosemite and Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. She found that eDNA extraction was largely an effective means of detecting the presence of fish. She also determined, following tests in the field, that it is possible to determine whether or not the eDNA collected is from living individuals, as opposed to decaying matter from deceased organisms. This nuance was important in distinguishing between restored lakes, in which no fish were present, versus lakes where restoration was ongoing and there were dead fish present in the water.

eDNA extraction has also proved useful for detecting the presence of pathogens that could derail an ongoing restoration project. One of these pathogens is Chytrid fungus, which is a threat to the survival of native amphibians like the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog. Chytrid fungus has been observed to cause massive die-offs even in lakes where fish have been removed, a phenomenon that has the potential to undermine years of costly restoration efforts. eDNA presents an opportunity to test for the presence of the fungus in a lake before it is selected as a restoration site. Additionally, eDNA collection allows wildlife biologists to identify Chytrid-resistant frog populations and prioritize their habitat for restoration before they are eaten by trout.

Kamoroff said that Yosemite National Park has since used eDNA to search for “remnant, historic populations” of certain rare species that used to be present in the Park. These include the California Red Legged Frog and the Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog, which Kamoroff described as a “cryptic, nocturnal species” whose habits make them difficult to observe even when they are present in their historic ranges in healthy populations, let alone in their current diminished states.

At Wednesday’s talk, Kamoroff said she believed her method of extracting and processing eDNA to test for the presence of a species in an aquatic ecosystem was best used as a compliment to traditional visual surveys. “It can be very helpful in detecting the presence of species that are difficult to find or in identifying potential restoration sites, where, using fish as an example, there may be too few individuals present to detect them using gill nets. Visual and counter surveys can be weather and observer-dependent. This is a cost-effective way to bolster your confidence in those results.”
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WHOSE FOOT IS IN THE DOOR?

By Paul Oster

Q: The 2017 Mammoth Lakes draft housing plan states that one of the local housing problems is that second homeowners aggressively compete with local residents for low-end housing. It also states that this is rather un-typical of mountain resort communities. Why do you think this is the case and is there anything that can be done about it?

A: Some years ago we developed the concept of “crashpad” condos here in Mammoth. Some thought it was a silly description but it was quite fitting for the market condition. For decades there was reasonable demand for simple second homes because the priority for many owners was to be outside recreating — that was the whole purpose of being in Mammoth (and it still is). For them it wasn’t about having a “trophy” home in Mammoth. It was quite the opposite.

The demand for those lower-end condos and homes wasn’t so great that it obstructed local residents from the opportunity to “get a foot in the real estate door.” But then came the era of pre-sold cheap ski passes in the late 1990’s (we’ve gone from Gold to MVP to California and whatever the next iteration will be). The massive interest in having a ski pass launched increased demand for lower-end properties. The new pass holders decided that since they had a ski pass, they needed permanent, efficient and flexible housing accommodations in Mammoth so they could come more often. Many also reasoned that they were skiing for cheap so they had to buy a condo. It was a bizarre phenomenon at first.

And initially most of these new owners kept the units for themselves, they didn’t want to be shut out when the ski conditions were great because their unit was rented. They wanted the flexibility to jump in the car and make the drive. Many wanted to be “first on the hill.” It became quite competitive for many of the ski fanatics. What made it work was having a small condo where all the equipment could be stashed and knowing the snow would be removed when they arrived and there was a good bed and a hot shower. A crashpad.

By Paul Oster

Ultimately this demand has created strong competition for the local residents looking for their own homes/crashpads, and many have inevitably purchased a much smaller home than they would really like. The whole scenario is certainly responsible for many local residents not purchasing at all and remaining renters, or simply moving away.

So the cheap ski passes combined with the “drive-to” aspect of Mammoth has created strong demand among second homeowners for the low-end condo market for many years. And now the Airbnb craze has driven that demand even further. And, making matters worse, Airbnb has compressed the booking time for many local units. So units that in the past were exclusively committed to owner use now can play the “option” game. If an owner can’t or doesn’t want to make the trip they have the option of making a last-minute rental listing (often driven by those good snow conditions).

And even worse, many of these smaller units make great Airbnb rentals with solid ROI (return on investment) for their owners. They increasingly perform well in the off season periods, when these small units function very much like hotel/motel rooms. Would you rather stay at a 1-bedroom at Snowcreek or a room at Motel 6? Condo owners on Airbnb have much greater pricing flexibility that hotels, making their properties highly competitive options for visitors seeking lodging.

The great weather and snow reporting and webcams of recent years have only increased this last minute demand. And a great deal of that last minute demand is from pass holders who don’t have their own place. None of this is likely to change. The Ski Area recently reported that they have already sold 40,000 of these season passes for next winter. So the numbers are big. And if the Mountain’s new ownership expands the number of pass holders who have “free” access to the ski runs, the demand could skyrocket.

The consultants (WSW Consulting) working with Mammoth Lakes
An even worse phenomenon is when local condos that were previously rental long-term become shorter-term transient rentals. According to research, this has even happened in our mountain resorts, including Mammoth. The second homeowners and out-of-town pass holders compete against local residents through all price ranges in the market, not just the low-end. But the low-end market is what most locals can afford. Their research also shows “second homeowners in comparable resort communities have typically preferred higher-priced, higher amenity units.” So Mammoth is somewhat unique in this capacity.

But this pass holder crashpad problem arises not only in the ownership units but also in the rental market. Local landlords find these out-of-town renters appealing; they typically have good jobs and income based in southern California and they can offer pre-payment of many months of rent as an incentive. And they aren’t forced many of our competitors and our mountain resort communities, including Mammoth. The cheap ski passes have become a very successful business model for the ski industry. It is key to Vail Resorts’ massive success and has to be in the crosshairs of Mammoth’s new owners. It is all about Intrawest’s old business model of “increasing revenue per skier day.”

But there are other parts to the problem. The Hooper-style apartments, the fourplexes and triplexes built in the late 60’s and early 90’s are valuable housing stock in Mammoth for a variety of households. While there is vacant and redevelopment land where new buildings like this could be built, they don’t make economic sense. The permit and construction costs are just too high. If it made economic sense to do so, these units would be under construction.

So does that mean the rents have to rise?? Landlords who raise their rents beyond what local residents can afford end up with increased vacancies and that is a serious expense that erodes the bottom line. We’re pushing those boundaries now. Experienced local landlords know the value of keeping rents in line, but they will ultimately test the upward boundary.

And what if Mammoth does attract a bunch of new tech workers? Then there will be a compounding problem. As Dr. Hettinger’s recent presentation so aptly explained, Mammoth’s real estate values are driven by out-of-the-area economics, namely those of southern California. That is where the majority of the money is actually made that pays for these second homes. Local rents on the other hand are driven by inside economics. There isn’t enough outside demand to truly affect local rents. But if the demand changes by dozens or hundreds of tech workers who make their income based on outside economics, then the current housing crisis could become catastrophic.

Another quandary of the market: the suppressed values of the past market cycle did give many buyers the opportunity to buy. But they also barred developers the economic opportunity to build new units, including condos, apartments and affordable housing units. So there has been no real increase in supply in Mammoth Lakes. Today, many second home buyers looking at condos have to consider older condos and the prospect of remodeling. Many of these properties would make good housing for local residents — more competition from second homeowners.

And if and when the local real estate values rise significantly, the developers aren’t likely to be building small units unless they are part of a luxury condo hotel project. The real profits are in larger properties. So all of the smaller and more affordable units that were built in the 60’s and 70’s should remain popular.

A recent survey from realtor.com quipped, “The housing shortage forced many first time home buyers to consider smaller homes as a way to literally get their foot in the door.” That first rung on the property ladder is critical. Many local residents have been shut-out of that opportunity because of the nature of our community. Others unrealistically want a “perfect” home as their first home. There is no easy solution.

The 2017 housing action plan should ultimately influence the Town fathers and the Ski Area’s new ownership into some sort of motion. We are in the “bust” phase of affordable housing. And the real crisis appears to be in the middle-income affordable housing segment. Hopefully we get into a boom phase to the point of overbuilding again like in the late 2000s. It would certainly help stabilize the community. We can only hope.

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LUNCH

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At the Bishop City Council meeting on Monday, the Council unanimously passed an ordinance that will give police the latitude to cite and suspend people from City, Talmage and Holland Parks.

As Mayor Joe Peci said, the ordi-
nance was passed because the City "needs the ability to keep the park a safe, family-friendly venue."

City Manager Jim Tatum added, "We haven't had a mechanism to keep people from the park for a period of time—a 'cooling off' period to handle people who are chronically bothering or offending other people."

Councilmember Karen Schwartz did express some concern that the "moral turpitude" clause was so vague that the City might open itself up to charges that it is harassing people.

A person will be able to appeal their suspension to the City Council. A violation of suspension carries maximum penalties of a $500 fine or 6 months in jail.

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Also at Bishop Council …

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A lot of Airbnb users tend to be couples, he said, so they're looking for smaller places, and it sets up these 1-and 2-bedroom units as attractive investment properties.

The Town, said Lehman, is missing out on a huge revenue opportunity as it has yet to formally regulate and collect tax from Airbnb units. Right now, it relies on those unit owners to remit.

Estimates on the number of participat-
ing Airbnb units in Mammoth range from 600 to 1,000.

What's interesting in the charts at right, Lehman noted, is that median condo and home prices are not in lock-step as they usually tend to be.

And finally, a thought on affordable housing. Lehman believes affordable housing eligibility should be based upon residency, not income.

As for provision of such housing, Lehman believes increasing supply by buying depreciated condos is still a wiser financial decision than building new.

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The Maven Bike Shop offers service in every season, and drinks to boot

By Giles

The Maven Bike Shop, owned by husband-wife team Alan and Angela Jacoby, is the only business in town to sell bicycle parts, accessories, and service year-round.

As avid cyclists and mountain bikers, Alan and Angela noticed that, come November, there is no place to buy the necessary parts to, for example, fix a flat bike tire, or get a tune-up. All of the existing bike shops become ski shops in the fall. “That’s the season,” said Angela this week. “That’s when we get what bikers like to call Hero Dirt. There’s more moisture, but also sun, so the soil gets a little stickier.” Alan, a bike mechanic, saw such a need for a local bike shop that stays open during the fall that he started helping friends and fellow riders with bike work during the shoulder seasons.

Alan Jacoby is the President and founder of Fatbike Mammoth and Sierra Eastside Mountain Biking Association (SEMA). He and Angela have lived in Mammoth Lakes for eleven years. She was a teacher and he is a camera operator for television and movies, who specializes in steady handheld shooting. “He’s the guy in the thick of things in action shots, running around with a big old camera on his shoulder,” said Angela this week. When he’s not filming, he can usually be found working in the shop as the head mechanic, arranging group rides for SEMA, or biking with his kids.

Alan has been doing bike mechanic work out of his garage for friends and members of SEMA for the last two years. The Jacobys have two daughters, Lucy (8), and Molly (4), and knew they wanted to “find something else we were passionate about to keep dad home,” as Angela put it. “It got to the point where we had ten to twelve bikes in our living room pretty regularly,” said Angela. At the Jacobys’ new shop, you can have anything from a kid’s rig to a high-end road bike, or get a downhill mountain bike serviced, with complementary drinks while you wait. The Jacobys are passionate about providing specialty parts and services for serious bikers, but they’re also on a mission to get local kids on bikes, even when their parents are on a budget. Alan is eager to spread the word about free mountain biking opportunities in the Eastern Sierra. “We want this to be a place where people come to learn, to find out about where to ride, and to share information with us. We want people to feel like they can come and hang out and talk about biking,” said Angela.

Most serious mountain bikers custom-build their bikes, assembling them piece-by-piece to meet their unique needs as riders. In addition to assembling custom bikes, The Maven Bike Shop specializes in building wheels and servicing suspension systems, which are rare services. “Wheel-building takes time and patience,” said Angela. “It’s not something every bike shop is prepared to do, and it’s not something that many bikers, even those who have custom-built their own bikes, are prepared to do at home.” The Maven Bike Shop is the only certified vendor of Pivot and Niner bikes in town, and of Salsa, a high-end fatbike company. They plan to offer fatbike rentals come winter.

Angela noted that locals are picky about who they allow to work on their bikes, so she and Alan only hire the best. To help them get started, the Jacobys brought in one of Alan’s bike mechanic mentors, Frankie Sotomayor of Santa Fe. They’ve also hired an apprentice, Keith Roberts, who worked in the Trails Department at Mammoth Mountain for eight years before joining the Maven Team.

“The more people we can get on a bike, riding safely and having fun, whether on a custom build or a beloved, beat-up, older bike, or anything in between, that’s our passion. Everything else is just icing on the cake.” The Maven Bike Shop is located in the Mammoth Luxury Outlet Mall on Main Street, in the same block as Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. The Grand Opening will be this Sunday, September 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be beer, coffee, and bike talk.
### THE BODIE KID IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR

**Bridgeport gears up for the 16th annual Founders Day Celebration**

*By Bodine*

The Mono County seat of Bridgeport will be holding its 16th Annual Founders Day Celebration September 1-4. There will be a rodeo, the “Stampede” race, comedy theater, live music, a barbecue, and a masquerade ball.

Sarah Jenkins, Volunteer Coordinator for Bridgeport Founder’s Day said it all started in 2001. Steve Marti, former president of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, partnered with Kent Stoddard, president of the Mono County Historical Society, to create Founder’s Days to recognize the pioneers that built the town.

Bridgeport was founded in 1859 and is located a few miles from Dogtown, the first gold-mining camp in the Eastern Sierra, according to records from the Mono County Historical Society. Centrally located near Bodie and other mines, Bridgeport became a resupply hub and lumber mill for those early and prolific claims. The dam that created the Bridgeport Reservoir was built in 1923, and the reservoir continues to be one of the best fishing spots in the state.

The Bridgeport Founder’s Day Celebration begins on Friday with a rodeo, featuring calf branding, kids dummy roping, and ladies steer stopping. The rodeo continues on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a one-time showing of local quilts—some more than 100 years old—and miniature golf, wagon rides and the famous Corn Cob Toss.

Hank the Prospector, the unofficial mascot of Bridgeport, will also be present. Hank is named after Hank Cole, a.k.a. the “Bodie Kid,” so named by members of the gun club he started, the Bridgeport Vigilantes. Students in Bridgeport wrote Hank’s Adventures short stories and decorated their own masquerade masks in preparation for the event.

On Saturday, there will be trail races and a free kids dash by the Courthouse. Go to bridgeportcalifornia.com to register.

Bridgeport's World-Renowned Theater Cast will perform “The Boardinghouse,” a hysterical search for lost treasure, written by Vern Harden, on Saturday.

Sunday is the Founder’s Day Dinner and Masquerade and Fancy Dress Ball. The best mask wins a prize.

“The Founder’s Day Masquerade dinner will sure be fun,” Jenkins said. “My family’s old crank-record player records are going to delight all in the background during the night’s festivities.”

The celebration closes with the 7th Annual Walker River Cleanup & BBQ on Monday. Participate and earn some free barbecue. Proceeds from the event fund future Founder’s Day events.

“It has been a treat for me to coordinate as my family history goes back to just about the beginning of when the town was established,” Jenkins said in an email to The Sheet.

For the full calendar of events, go to bridgeportcalifornia.com or check out Bridgeport Founder’s Day on Facebook.

Bridgeport Elementary School students get ready for Founder’s Day this weekend. The adults from, left, include, Sarah Jenkins, Volunteer Coordinator Bridgeport Founder’s Day, 5-6 Grade teacher Chris Gohlich, Superintendent Don Clark, 2-4 Grade teacher Suzanne Scholl, 7-8 Grade teacher Brianna Brown, and K-1 Grade teacher April Lowery.
Kevin Green previously wrote about Carter in The Sheet (see “Devastated Trails need Love, Volunteers,” July 22), and volunteered for his trail maintenance crew in early August. Green called Carter “Batman without the low voice and the suit, though he possesses a few gadgets and a tool belt.”

After his stint working with Carter in Reds Meadow earlier this month, Green was even more enamored with the man. “I found him to be one of the most interesting people I’ve met in many, many years,” he told me this week. “He’s also just a gentle man.” Green said he pitched his tent in Reds Meadow on the first day of work “and fifteen minutes later, [Carter had] laid down a ground cloth in front of my tent. It was like the Four Seasons all of a sudden.”

Carter, Green said, was “always seeing to it. Asking if I needed food, a beverage, a shower. He watched me hike out ahead of the stock for two days, and on the third, found me a horse. He even lent me long pants for the ride.”

“If it wasn’t for volunteers and people like Bill Carter to organize them, most of these trails would be closed,” said George Boone, 63, who works with Carter and the Pacific Crest Trail Association to restore hundreds of miles of trails each spring. Boone said he’s been around long enough to have a stockpile of old trail maps of Forest Service lands, and he’s watched them change as the years have passed. “I have maps going back 30 years that show trails that are no longer on the new maps,” says Boone. “By lack of funding and allocating resources … the end result is fewer trails and less access for the public.”

Carter doesn’t get too political when he talks about the way the U.S. Forest Service has stepped back from its role in maintaining public lands. He says simply, “I don’t see that our government’s priorities are directed towards our wilderness trails. I don’t see that in the future.”

Donald Trump’s new budget calls for a 73% cut in capital improvement and maintenance for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the umbrella organization for the U.S. Forest Service. Under that budget, the trail maintenance allocation will also drop from $77 million to $12 million.

“What I think is happening is that the decision-makers have put public lands on the back burner,” said Boone this week. “The Forest Service kind of lost their mission, which was to keep our public lands open for the enjoyment of the public.”

So people like Carter and Boone (and relative young bucks like Green, 50, who was the youngest person on Carter’s volunteer crew this year) are doing it themselves. Carter has already spent about two months of this year volunteering his skills (which are myriad—he runs stock, knows how to bust rocks apart, is chainsaw-and-crosscut saw certified, has trained himself to use grip hoists to pull trees out of the way of trails) on public use trails.

He goes down to the southern portion of the Pacific Crest Trail when the snow’s too high in the Sierra and works with people like Boone, digging out crucial springs for through hikers and clearing trails. Then, when the snow melts (very late, this year, causing Carter some headaches when it came to the volunteer roster), Carter heads up to the High Sierra. Green said they cleared some 70 miles of trail during his volunteer stint alone.

“Bill is like the most precious thing they’ve got there” in the Inyo National Forest, said Boone. “His efforts alone are responsible for keeping hundreds of miles of trails open…the amount of work that gets done every year that he organizes is incredible…We always try to give the [PCT] hikers a little guilt. Most people have no idea, they think the Forest Service is maintaining their trails. I did once.”

“It’s the key,” said Liz Bergeron, Executive Director of the Pacific Crest
to enjoy.“

Carter moved to Bishop in 1973 after his first child, a daughter, was born in Huntington Beach. That was after he served in the U.S. Air Force as an eye doctor in South Korea, Washington, DC and in the Azores islands.

He met his wife, Marilyn, while he was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in DC. “We go our separate ways together,” he says of the woman who has “put up with me for 48 years“ (Marilyn isn’t quite as passionate about cutting up fallen trees as her husband). He and Marilyn moved to Bishop because Carter “wanted a place that couldn’t get lost,” so he chose the Eastern Sierras. His son, also Bill Carter, now has a dental practice down the block from his dad.

Living in Bishop came with its cultural influences. “Of course, my daughter got me into horses,” said Carter. “My wife said, ‘Your daughter is going to be in 4-H, and you may need some horses.’ I said ‘No way.’ Of course, women always win.” It turned out to be a fortuitous request.

Carter, who always loved to venture into the backcountry for hunting and camping, started making friends at the local pack stations to figure out how to work to his growing number of stock. “It just evolved. You have one horse, and then two, why not get another one? Then I got involved with mules. They make my life so easy.”

Those mules have helped haul untold pounds of tools into the backcountry for Carter’s trail work. Carter says he sometimes gets some flak from hikers about mule and horse poop by the edge of the trail as he cuts trees, but he hasn’t got the time to try and change people’s minds. “Nobody’s ever wrong,” he says. “But then again, nobody’s ever right.”

“The PCT would not exist without the equestrians that helped build the backcountry trailwork possible.” Bergeron says that partnerships like those the PCTA has formed with Carter and the many volunteers who find reward in helping keep trails open is a great example of the type of public-private partnerships that the U.S. government’s Framework for Sustainable Recreation touts, though Carter expresses concern about the next generation of volunteers and the lack of the USFS’ ability to pay skilled trail workers. He says he’s definitely noticed the Federal government pulling back from public lands maintenance.

“Going back 17-18 years, every year my trails guy from Mammoth would hire six or seven people and they would go and fix the trails. That’s how it was done. Every year it was like that, and I’d help them when I could. Then they got fewer and fewer.”

“We cannot lose that institutional knowledge” that people like Carter have amassed, said Mammoth Mayor John Wentworth. Wentworth also expressed concern that future generations of outdoor lovers might not step up to the plate. “We can’t get by with volunteers,” said Wentworth. “They have a role to play, but we have to be invested in sustainable” maintenance of public lands.

“We have all sorts of issues, so it’s just hard to predict who will fill in when I pass on,” said Carter. “And maybe the trails just won’t get fixed then, I don’t know.”

“If it wasn’t for guys like Bill, you know, we’d be a lot sadder story,” says Boone.

Carter says one of the most rewarding things about volunteer work, and trail work specifically, is that it brings together people of all persuasions. “I have vegetarians, I have tree huggers, I have everyone on my crews,” says Carter. “I accept everybody. I take gay people, I take trans people, as long as you’re a good worker.”

To reach out to Dr. Bill Carter to volunteer with next year’s crews, contact him at drfwcarter@yahoo.com. Visit the Pacific Crest Trail Association at www.pcta.org.

Left: Kevin Green gets in the saddle. Right: George Boone and the pack animals that make backcountry trailwork possible.

GRAN FONDO TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

CONTACT: STUART BROWN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (760) 965-3696

Mammoth Lakes, CA - The Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride hosted by the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Over 1,200 cyclists are expected for this ride, and as a result of this large scale event, traffic and normal public transit operations will be impacted from the following road closures and traffic delays - please plan accordingly.

TRANSIT ADVISORY

Please take note of the following changes to the routes operated by Mammoth Resorts and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

MAMMOTH BIKE PARK SHUTTLE

New route: Down Minaret Road, turn around near Golf Course, stop across from the New York Deli in The Village.

LAKES BASIN TROLLEY

New route: Lake Mary Road to “The Voodoo Chute”, turn on Lakeview toward Canyon Blvd, crossing on Hillside to reach Forest Trail and then stopping on Minaret in front of The Village below the Main Plaza.

PURPLE LINE

New route: Lake Mary Road to “The Voodoo Chute”, turn on Lakeview toward Canyon Blvd, crossing on Hillside to reach Forest Trail and then stopping on Minaret in front of The Village below the Main Plaza.

TOWN TROLLEY

New route: Main to Minaret, wrap around The Village on Forest Trail and Hillside, then up to Canyon Lodge and down Lakeview.

Please welcome riders to our community, share the road, and maintain three feet between you and a cyclist at all times.

A full schedule of all road closures and traffic delays as well as more information on the Mammoth Gran Fondo road bike ride can be found online at www.MammothGranFondo.com.
NFL PREVIEW

BODY BY CUTLER = NO BRILLIANCE BY G.M.

By Hartley

We did the NFC last week so let’s beat up the AFC. Okay as much as I hate it I will start with the champs and their perennial 11 wins and a division title. I swear the NFL has a conspiracy to keep the Dolphins, Jets and Bills stupid, poorly run and in the Patriots pocket every year.

AFC East

Patriots 12-4. They were virtually guaranteed a couple wins when the Dolphins brought Jay Cutler back from a nude beach sipping tequila out of his own belly button to be their QB for the year. More on that later. The Pats are the smartest, best run, best coached and have the GOAT at QB.

Bills, 9-7. They are offensively challenged, but I think the defense will be great. QB Tyrod Taylor is on the verge of falling apart … if he’s out for a significant amount of time, they’re in deep trouble.

Dolphins, 6-10. Another supposedly brilliant GM about to torpedo his own team. When you have guys working their asses off every day to make the team and learn the system and fit into the locker room and then you bring in Jay Cutler to QB that group … you are guaranteed to lose them. Winners like Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers work out all offseason. Brady won’t drink a beer and has a nutritionist and won’t eat anything he deems bad for his body so he can be fit physically. As opposed to Jay Cutler, pudgy and soft after playing on the beach and drinking. He stepped up to the podium during his first presser and said “I am a quarterback. I don’t need to be in shape.” How’s that for a glad to be here, F%$& YOU to everyone?

Jets, 5-11. Oh my. When you look up sitcom in the dictionary the Jets logo is there. They have Hackenberg and McCown at QB which means they have NO QB. The fans will be pining for Geno Smith by week 4, and that’s saying something. Reports are the Jets lost their best WR to injury for the season and they are devastated. Their best WR? Some guy named Quincy Enunwa. Who? Coach Todd Bowles looks lost. When you see him on the sidelines he makes Jim Caldwell look like an excited genius.

AFC West

Raiders, 10-6. They have enough offense but their defense is SUSPECT. Signing RB Marshawn Lynch was a tragic mistake. He doesn’t give a damn about football or the team. He is all about Marshawn. If he doesn’t take their money and sit out half the year with a dreadlock injury I will be amazed. And why do you need him in that offense? He is a plodder and not what they are trying to build around. Bad move.

Chargers, 9-7. I think the Chargers have the makings of a great defense. They will go 9-7 and be respectable. QB Philip Rivers is going to throw his customary 20 interceptions and it will be everyone’s fault but his as usual. They keep relying on Keenan “IR” Allen and that is a mistake. DE Joey Bosa I may have been completely wrong on. He is balling after I crucified the Chargers for drafting him last year.

Chiefs slip to 8-8. This team will have a QB problem. Everyone knows they drafted Mahomes to eventually take over for Alex “Checkdown” Smith. But with Mahomes on the bench and the dynamic Tyreek Hill being wasted by Smith’s inability to throw the ball more than 7 yards, the team will eventually get fractured with players calling for Mahomes to start.

Broncos, 8-8, but they could easily slip to 6-10. John Elway is being heralded as a genius, when his signature move to date at QB was sign … Peyton Manning. Gee, that required a lot of evaluation, right?? The QBs he has drafted or signed are Paxton Lynch, Brock Osweiler and Trevor Simien. That isn’t a Who’s Who of great draft picks. All his best moves are free agent pickups not draft picks. Note to all GMs … don’t draft 6’8” QBs with long deliveries.

AFC South

Texans, 10-6. They have a tremendous defense in a weak division. Their offense could kill them. They’ll need DeShaun Watson at QB at some point to open the offense up.

Titans, 9-7. I am not a fan of their game because it is ugly to watch but I think they will play defense and pound the ball enough to stay close in games and win about 9 of them. They should start Derrick Henry at RB and not just because I drafted him in my fantasy leagues. He is better and younger than Murray.

Colts and Jags both 6-10. Let’s put them together because they both have problems. The Colts have a QB in Andrew Luck who can’t stay healthy, so they’re starting the season with Scott Tolzien at QB. They knew Luck see HARTLEY, page 27
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**For Sale**

- **Garage Sale**
  - **YARD SALE 800am Sat. 9-2-17 348 Manzanita Rd.**
  - **Lots of art supplies, Kitchen wear, etc.**

- **Mammoth Giant Garage Sale/ Labor Day Sale**
  - **763 Nevada Street June Lake, CA 93529**
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  - **September 3rd 11am - 3pm**

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**Sponsors:**

**BARS & MUSIC**

- **Happy Hour**
  - **The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill**: Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. Lake View Saloon: Monday - All Night Happy Hour; 4-Midnight, Tues.-Fri 4-6 p.m. Tuesday: $2 Jacos 10-pm.; 6-8 p.m. $4 wings Wednesday 50% off all wings. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 4-9 p.m. See ad, p. 19.
  - **Roberto's**: 4-6 p.m. every day.
  - **Austria Hof**: 5-8 p.m. daily.
  - **Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge**: Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Half price sushi Mondays.
  - **Clocktower Cellar**: Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. Monday and all Sunday, $5 dollar menu items, drink specials.
  - **Petrus**: 5:30-6:30 $22 Bolognese (drink special) $3 off specialty cocktails and food discounts.

- **Mammoth's famous Slocums Happy Hour**
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  - **Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcreek**: 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily.
  - **Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour**: Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.
  - **Smokyard weekend Happy Hour**: 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.
  - **Side Door Happy Hour**: daily 3-6 p.m.
  - **Giovanni's Happy Hour**: daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you tree wings.
  - **Lakanuki Happy Hour**: daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais, Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m. - close.
  - **Black Velvet Coffee's Happy Hour**: from 4-6 p.m. every day.
  - **Morrison's Happy Hour**: Daily 4-6 p.m.
  - **Food Cache Cafe**: Happy Hour 3:30-6:30 Sunday-Thursday. Street tacos $2.50, $3.50 beers, $7.50 beer/wine and house fries.
  - **Tanaka Lodge and Resort**: Joe Gray Jr, at the Baby Grand playing smooth jazz and romance 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sundays.

- **Sept. 1-2/ Calitun**: plays 53 Kitchen and Cocktails. 4-11:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Sept. 1/ Dead Violence and Carpenters** play Mountain Rambler, 7 p.m. Tickets: $12 @ 760.920.7544.

- **Saturday, Sept. 2/ Silver Mountain String Duo** play East Side Bake Shop. 1-4 p.m. Free.

- **Sunday, Sept. 3/ Aficulture** plays Rafter's, African, Latin, and Funk. 10 p.m. Free.
- **Good Medicine** plays The Mobil Mart. 4-7 p.m. Free. See ad page 29.
- **Swing Dancing** at Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m. Free. Lesson at 8 p.m.

- **Monday, Sept. 4/ Bowling & Beats** at Mammoth Rock n’ Bowl, 9 p.m.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 6/ Post-Farmers Market Jazz at Liberty Bar**: Bentwood players happy hour, 4-7 p.m. See ad page 21.

- **Thursday, Sept. 7/ Everyday Outlaw** plays The Mobil Mart. Free. 6-9 p.m. See ad page 29.

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- **Everyday/ South Tufa Tours** with the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association/Mono Lake Committee. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. every day through the summer.

- **August 30-September 3/ Always Patsy Cline at Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater.** 7 p.m. Wed.-Sat. 4 p.m. Sun. See ad, p. 2.

- **September 1-2/ Mammoth Lakes Library Rare and Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Mammoth Lakes Library. See ad, p. 7.

- **Sept. 2-4/ Labor Day Arts Festival @ Sam’s Woodside, 10-6 Saturday and Sunday and 10-3 on Monday.** 110+ artists, music, food, kids workshops, et. al. See sidebar next page, ad p. 11.

- **September 1-3/ Mammoth Rock N Rave Festival.** Free event at the Village in Mammoth. See sidebar next page.

- **September 1-4/ Labor Day Weekend Arts and Crafts Show** at the Bishop City Park, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday.

- **Friday, Sept. 1/ Mammoth Lakes Library rare and vintage book sale.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Saturday at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

- **Eastern Sierra Interpretive Ass. (ESIA) Campfire Program at Shady Rest Campground in Mammoth.** Naturalist program around the campfire from 7-8 p.m. See ad, p. 7.

- **Big Pine Nawanki-Ti Farmers Market, 5:30 p.m. p.m. to dusk next to the Big Pine Tribal Office, 825 Main Street.**

- **Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair** continues through Sunday. Exhibits, displays, rodeo, decoration derby, and homemade/homegrown items on display. Info: 760.873.3508. See sidebar next page.

- **Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater production of “Always Patsy Cline” continues through Sunday.** Friday, Saturday shows @ 7 p.m. Sunday @ 4 p.m. Tickets Online: $20, $18, $10 for each show. Tix at door: $22. Info: mammothlakesrepertory.org.

- **Saturday, Sept. 2/ Sunset Summit Party @ Mammoth Mountain.** Ride gondola to the summit for views, music, food, beverage, et. al.

- **Top of the Hill Car Show @ Tom’s Place Resort.** Time: Noon. Pre-1972 vehicles on display, BBQ. Entertainment by Good Livin’. California Free Fishing Day. No license needed.

- **Train Rides at Laws Museum, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets @ The Depot, $5 per person, children under 13 ride free with an adult. Info: 760.873.8405.

- **Wild Harvest: Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Eastern Sierra hike, with Friends of the Inyo.** Meet 10 a.m. at the Rush Creek/Parker Bench Trailhead at Silver Lake. Join Trail Ambassador Astra for an interpretive hike which will include a few steep switchbacks and cross in and out of a riparian corridor and explore the differences in wetland and desert plants.
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Mammoth Rock ’n Rye

Whiskey, Music & Sunshine over Labor Day weekend in the Village at Mammoth featuring three days of FREE live music, 2 tastings, 30 distilleries, 15 craft breweries and endless fun.

Event Schedule:
Friday, Sept. 1
3 p.m. Food and bars open.
3-6 p.m. Locals Happy Hour. $1 off mules, Coors and Coors Lite
Live Music: Jaded Haters, Moondog 5,000, Pintos, Goodnight Musical Frie

Saturday, Sept. 2
1 p.m. Food and bars open.
5-8 p.m. Tasting on the Gondola Skydeck featuring reserve whiskey and craft cocktails with unlimited tasting.
Live Music: Jocelyn, Cashed Out, Reverend Tall Tree.

Sunday, Sept. 3
1 p.m. Food and bars open.
2-6 p.m. Grand Tasting. Unlimited whiskey and rye tasting.

Mono Arts Council Labor Day Festival of the Arts

The Mono Arts Council will present its 48th annual Labor Day Festival of the Arts this September 2-4 in Mammoth Lakes. Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sam’s WoodLot in Mammoth.

Over 3 days, visitors and residents of Mammoth Lakes will enjoy 110+ exhibiting visual artists, sample international food, local craft beers and wine, listen to live musical performances, and entertain families with kid’s art workshops.

Local band Bodie 601 will perform Saturday, September 2 at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 3 at 4:30 p.m., and Monday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m.
Dredd Poppins and the Professionals play Saturday at 11:30 a.m.
There will also be performances by the Idle Hands String Band and Lava Moon. See ad, p. 11.

Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair

This year’s Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair will run at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop from Thursday, August 31 through Sunday, September 3. The rodeo events will fall on Saturday, September 2, and run from 1-9 p.m. at the Mike Bostoe Arena. To register, visit www.tricountyfair.com/events.

The Bishop Volunteer Fire Department Destruction Derby will run from 7-10 p.m. on Sunday, September 3. Over 30 cars enter, and only one leaves the arena as winner in the compact, pick-up, and classic categories. Tickets: 760.873.3588.

June Lake Jam Fest

The third annual June Lake Jam Fest will be hosted by Mono Arts Council and run from September 9-10. This year’s line up includes Melvin Seals, Cubensis: a Grateful Dead Musical Experience, Moonalice, GrooveSession, Achilles Wheel,

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Sunday, Sept. 3/
Mono Lake Bird Walk with The Mono Lake Committee and the State Park. 8-11 a.m. Meet at Mono Lake County Park.
Open Gate day at White Mountain Research Center. Starting at 6:30 a.m., WMRC will allow hikers to park at Barcroft Station for the day.
Book Chalet Bag book sale. $5 for a tote bag of hardbacks and paperbacks, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Nancy and Ron Smith share Owens Valley-inspired poetry @ The ImaginatIon Lab in Bishop. 621 West Line. 3 p.m. 760.872-2446.

Monday, Sept. 4/
Mono Basin Historical Society monthly potluck meeting and lecture. Potluck @ 6 p.m. Presentation by Christopher Langley on the history of film in the Eastern Sierra, 7 p.m. at the Lee Vining Community Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 5/
The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 118 will hold its regular monthly meeting on September 5 at 3 p.m. in the Alta One conference room, 452 N. Main St, Bishop. All women with a military family member background are welcome. Info: Danielle White, 760.873-5839.
Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission meets. 9 a.m. Suite Z. Mina
Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board meets. 5 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall.
Mono County Supervisors meet. 9 a.m. Bridgeport Courthouse.

Wednesday, Sept. 6/
RefresHing/RobogaS Trials: Mike McDonald. Free lecture at the Mono

UPCOMING

Lake Committee Book Store, Lee Vining. Topic TBA, 4 p.m.
Farmer’s Market in Mammoth Lakes at the Mammoth Luxury Outlet Mall parking lot, 4-7 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting. 1 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall.
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. 6 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall.

Thursday, Sept. 7/
Bishop Paiute Tribe Community Market. 5 p.m. to dusk at the Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center in Bishop.
Public Meeting: Reds Meadow Road Reconstruction in 2022. 5-7 p.m. in Suite Z, Minaret Mall, Mammoth Lakes. Provide public comment on the proposed reconstruction project. See story, p. 8.
Summer Movie Series at The Village, Mammoth: Casino Royale. 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9/
Memorial Service for Mike Levine. 3-5 p.m. at Whiskey Creek in Bishop. Coffee and snacks, Hawaiian wear, and sharing stories.
Amaranth Harvest with Quachuu Aloom Guatemalan Farmers. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 50 Tu Su Lane, Bishop. Learn about seed saving. Free event hosted by the Bishop Paiute Tribe.
23rd Annual Mammoth Gran Fondo. Supported 102, 70, and 42 mile races from The Village, Mammoth. Registration: fallcentury.org. Race @ 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 9-10 /
June Lake Jam Fest 3 @ Gull Lake Park. See sidebar.

Sunday, Sept. 10/

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Wind River (R): Rookie FBI agent teams up with a local game tracker to solve the murder of a young girl in a small town.
Logan Lucky (PG-13): Two brothers set out to execute a robbery during a big car race. Stars Channing Tatum.

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.

Mammoth Kamikaze Games

From Wednesday, September 13 to Sunday, September 17, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area will host the 2017 Kamikaze Bike Games. The festival features 3 days and racing in cross country, downhill, and endurance mountain bike riding.

The event was started in the 1980s as a small event by then Sierra Vice President Bill Cockrill. Registration for the weekend’s events will run from 4-7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of Canyon Lodge at the Mountain, Wednesday, September 13. Thursday will be a day of practices for riders participating in the various events.
On Friday, the Cross Country race will run at 3 p.m. and the Legends of the Kamikaze race will start at 3:10 p.m. The awards will start at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday’s events include races for kids all day, and downhill races for adults. The enduro race will start at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday.

In addition to races there will also be an exposition for gear, and live music and food available at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Visit: kamikazebikegames.com for a full schedule of events and registration options. See ad, p.3.

Labor day in Reds Meadow Valley

The Inyo National Forest and the Devils Postpile National Monument anticipate a busy holiday weekend. Here are some helpful tips for people planning to visit the Reds Meadow Valley and Devils Postpile over the Labor Day weekend.
Pick up the shuttle from the village at Mammoth or park at the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge and purchase your shuttle passes at the Main Lodge Gondola Building (Adventure Center). The bus ride takes approximately 30-40 minutes each way. Most visitors should allow a half-day or even a full day to enjoy and explore the area. Visit http://www.estranist.com/ for more information and rates.

Labor Day weekend will be crowded with more difficult parking at the Main Lodge and longer queues and wait times at bus stops. To have a better visit, plan to come early in the morning and allow enough time in your day to visit these locations and plan waits at the stops into your schedule.
Sunday is typically the busiest day. Try to plan your trip for alternative days and times if you want to have a quieter experience.
Visitors can take some additional precautions for a safe and enjoyable experience. Although the day may be hot, the lake and river waters can be very cold and dangerous for swimming.

For more information and rates.

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Notice Inviting Bids
The Board may continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday, September 13, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission will hear a application request for the following:

Application Request: The Planning and Economic Development Commission will consider forwarding a recommendation on the proposed Old Mammoth Place Development Agreement (DA 17-001) to the Town Council for consideration. Development Agreement is a contract between a developer and the Town in which regulations/rules/policies are set in place at the time of agreement execution. The Old Mammoth Place Development Agreement proposes to vest regulations in place at the time of the agreement execution and also proposes that the Town provide assistance to the project through a rebate of a portion of the Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) generated by the project over a period of up to 20 years. There are a number of public benefits included in the proposed Development Agreement. Ex- ecutives of the agreement must be to be in the best interest of the Town, consistent with the Clearwater Specific Plan, and to promote the public interest and welfare.

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines an Initial Study with Environmental Findings Report was certified for the Old Mammoth Place Project (SC-17-009). The Increase in the number of units in the project is the only project change. The purpose of the CEQA review is required. The project is CEQA Minor. CEQA review is required. The project is CEQA Minor.

Location: 164, 202, and 248 Old Mammoth Road (APNs: 230-005-001-000, 230-005-000-000, 230-005-002-000)

Zoning: Clearwater Specific Plan (CSP)

Proponent: Brent Truax / Metric Mammoth, LLC

All persons having an interest in the proposed application at the Planning & Economic Development Commission may appear at the hearing and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations, and within 30 days of the public hearing, a project description may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or e-mail at: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. or e-mail at: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Contact: Questions or comments regarding the project may be submitted prior to hearing.

The Notice of Public Hearing shall be published in the following public meeting can be directed to Wendy Longley, Project Manager FHWA-CFLHD

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TS #2017-0118

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Consulting Business As:

Mammoth Pet Products

CB Worldwide Inc.

P.O. Box 4832, 28 Laurel Mtn. Rd.
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Corporation. The following person has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1999. This application was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 14, 2017 File Number 2017-171

2017-0118 (9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Consulting Business As:

Mammoth Houses

Dan Corning

P.O. Box 66, Industrial Circle A-2
Mammoth Lakes, Ca.

This business is conducted by a Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to trans- act business under the fictitious business name listed herein.

This application was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 3, 2017 File Number 2017-16-175

2017-0118 (8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Consulting Business As:

Lone Pine Snow Removal

Robert Scott Walker

94 W. Park Road
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546-9724

This business is conducted by an Individual. The following person has commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 2017

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 28, 2017 File Number 2017-176

2017-0118 (9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

For a couple years now Hartley has been holding out for more than $15 million to get paid like the best RB and second best WR on the same team! Then he dropped more rap lyrics this morning saying he needs $17 million. That dummy needs some work on his math. Yet the offense will click enough to win 12 games.

Bengals at 6-8. I am sick of the Beng- als with Marvin Lewis. Vontaze Burfict is a team captain and constantly sus- pended and doing absolutely abhor- rent s%&t, jeopardizing other players’ careers. And even when you show him on tape the stupid s*&t he does, he pulls a Trump and claims nothing is wrong with it. The only way to get him out of the league is a team mate putting a hit on him. He should be a rule, not a rule.
BISHOP BRONCOS READY FOR THE BIG WIN

Coach Arnie Palu teaches football, toughness, and hard work on and off of the field.

"It's about time we win another championship," Bishop Bronco Varsity Football coach Arnie Palu told The Sheet on Monday, August 28. The Broncos last took the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section championship in 2010.

A lot has changed in those seven years. Palu moved from junior varsity coach to head coach for the varsity squad following the retirement of long-time coach Bill Egan. Most of Egan's staff moved on or retired with him.

Palu was the Voice of the Sierra on KIBS for many years before taking a full-time teaching position. For this interview, he was the calm, collected and considerate Arnie Palu that this reporter has always known. Out on the field for practice, Palu is intense. No one was going to stand around, not even the other coaches. It was hot, but they were there to practice. Palu made that known, loud and clear.

At one point, he asked a player next to him to get something. The kid got up grudgingly. "If you're going to roll your eyes, I'll find someone else that wants to play," Palu said as the kid trotted past.

Guard Cristian Landaverde, is quiet but a dedicated player and one of the hardest working on the team. Fellow lineman Sebastian Molina is a Mammoth Lakes ex-pat. He is also the best dancer on the team. Senior Mohit Bhakta joined the squad this year.

The team is small this year [in terms of numbers] so younger players such as Sophomore Manny Talavera and Freshman Steven Pako got to try their hands at varsity ball during the game against Yerington.

Bishop High School Football has its first female player; freshman Camile Talavera is on the JV roster. Palu said Talavera has worked and tackled her way through youth football and will be intimidating players throughout the season. JV Coach Chris Connolly said she's a little quiet but since she sacked a burly Yerington player, she's getting deserved respect.

The Broncos' first home game will be Friday September 8, following a BYE week for the Labor Day holiday. The game will be against traditional rival Boron.

Defensive Coordinator Rick Beall said this year's team has great potential, due in large part to the youth football program, and to players doing their time in the weight room. Players coming up from youth football have a good grasp of the basics and come to the program ready to learn plays and new responsibilities unique to their position. Pumping weights has become mandatory, Palu said.

Jake Evangelist, who started coaching at the Bishop Youth Football level, is now Defensive Back coach for the Broncos. The defensive backs have been dubbed the "Killa Beez."

Coming off a 29-12 win in Yerington, NV on August 25, Palu gave the rundown of the six seniors on the team. Technically there's seven, but Hunter Waasdorp broke his collarbone earlier this year and isn't expected to make it back for the rest of the season.

Captain Mike Molina ran for more than 100 yards in the game against Yerington, NV and scored three touchdowns. Co-Captain and lineman Ed Piper is listed at 5’11” and 225 pounds. He recorded a team high of seven solo tackles in the game against Yerington and was named Defensive Player of the Game. Wide Receiver Lorenzo Parra had two catches for 42 yards against Yerington. On the defensive side, he had seven tackles, two solo.

Bishop Bronco Football Head Coach Arnie Palu is ready to win a championship.

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HUSKIES HOPE THAT EIGHT WILL BE GREAT
Mammoth Football downsizes to eight-man team

By Lunch

At first, Mammoth High School Football Head Coach Tyson Kaylor was resistant to the change.

The starting quarterback for Mammoth’s 2003 team, Kaylor is partial to the 11-man per side version of the sport.

But eventually, he realized he was staring at a numbers game he couldn’t win.

Last year, Mammoth suited up 22 total players among its four high school classes.

This year, the team has about the same number of players, but due to injuries, only 18 played in its first game of the year last Saturday vs. Whittier.

Kaylor acknowledges that the media spotlight surrounding football and brain trauma has also had an impact on turnout.

“One of the biggest reasons our numbers are down is over medical concerns,” he said, “but we teach [football] way differently than when I was playing.” For example, players are taught to keep their heads up and no longer lead with their helmets.

Despite an opening, shutout loss to Pierce. The Huskies battled but eventually lost fumbles inside the team’s own 15-yard line), Kaylor and the team are embracing the new challenge.

As Kaylor points out, there are some players who’ve played 11-man their entire lives, and are now “relearning” offense and defense in the 8-man game, which features a playing field which is just 40 yards wide and 80 yards long, (as opposed to the traditional 100 by 53.3 yards).

The team’s strengths: An athletic QB with a good arm in Omar Prieto, a big Tight End in Max Tolley, and a stout defense.

Sheet: How do you figure out a new playbook, new strategies?
Kaylor (deadpan): The internet is very useful.

Kaylor, the Cat Crew Manager at Mammoth Mountain as well as a volunteer firefighter, said that strategically, one of the interesting parts of 8-man is that “no one kicks field goals.”

There’s always an edge rusher unaccounted for and the edge of a 5- or 6-man line is a lot closer to the kicker than an 8- or 9-man line.

Kaylor is in his 2nd year as head coach. He coached for three years in the program before getting the top job.

Sheet: What would Coach Kaylor have told QB Kaylor if he’d been coaching him in 2003?
Kaylor: Work out more. Stop being stupid. Be more committed … if you start now, focus now [in life], it’ll make it easier on you later.

MHS VOLLEYBALL SET FOR SUCCESS
Girls Husky volleyball team takes to the court for the first home game of the season

The Mammoth Huskies Volleyball team began their 2017 season on August 25 at the 30 team Yerington NV Tournament. The Huskies went 3-0 in pool play Saturday morning with a great win 25-22, 18-25, 15-7 to tie for 7th place.

Standouts for the Huskies were Senior setter Mallory Podosin with 77 assists, Senior Libero Hayley Moss with 34 digs, Junior Outside hitter Morgan Sanders with 6 aces and 17 kills, Junior Opposite Hitter Allie Williams with 5 aces and 9 kills, Sophomore Outside Hitter Kendal Lach with 3 aces and 21 kills, and Sophomore Middle Hitter Ella Thompson with 10 aces, 34 kills and 11 blocks.

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Mammoth Varsity won 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 25-20. Mallory Podosin had 21 assists, Devon Cole had 10 assists, Drew Presson had 8 kills, 2 aces, 7 digs, Ella Thompson had 3 aces, 6 kills, 5 blocks, and Syd Willingham had 8 kills.

On Wednesday, August 30, Mammoth JV won 25-19, 25-20 against Desert Christian. Mammoth JV then faced perennial powerhouse Dayton on the consolation match with the Huskies pulling out a great win 25-22, 18-25, 15-7 to tie for 7th place.

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Horoscopes

By Clouds McClouds

Virgo: The focus of this next year of your life will be your current and future financial states. So this will be the ideal year to get all your ducks in a row so you can enjoy your life now and for years to come. Therefore, please remember that a little hard work never hurt anyone, that work is best when balanced with fun, rest and restoration, and this line from Thoreau: “The cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.”

Libra: Even though it seems like we are way too big to fit, sometimes we all fall through the cracks. We seem to get stuck down there with cigarette butts, crusty chewing gum and crumpled receipts from Taco Bell. So the next time you happen to find yourself crunched between the cracks, please try to remember this: Clouds still loves you, thinks you look incredible and entertaining abilities. That’s why if Clouds had to hire an assassin it would one of you folks.

Scorpio: Scorpio: It’s easy for Scorpios to forget that inside all the protective armor beats the heart of a playful kid to come out more—be curious, be accepting of others, play, giggle, explore and enjoy running through the sprinkler in your undies.

Sagittarius: Like many people, Clouds is inspired by Sagittarians. This sign is blessed with a bravery and sense of adventure even B.B. King would be jealous of. Since Bear is a Gemini—one of your perfect matches—here are some words of wisdom from the British madman: “Survival can be summed up in three words: Never. Give. Up.”

Capricorn: While some signs like Scorpio and Taurus are known for breaking hearts, breaking barriers, many things like the arts, acting, and entertaining abilities. That’s why Capricorn: Aquarians are known for being able to see into people. This is a very good skill to have after the recent solar eclipse and all the energy and truth it has fostered. That’s why you should always trust your gut about people. And why you should always fill your gut with good stuff like fresh fruits, veggies and beer. Aquarius: Aquarians are good at many things like the arts, acting, breaking hearts, breaking barriers, flatulence and a few other useful and entertaining abilities. That’s why if Clouds had to hire an assassin it would one of you folks.

Advice: Try knocking off any habits that are holding you back and give your altar ego a cool title like “Agent Double O-My.”

Pisces: A Pisces from Maryland recently asked Clouds for some advice as she prepares to spend a couple months riding a bike along the entire length of Highway 101. Clouds’ advice was threefold. 1) Be open to the gifts you'll receive from meeting lots of weird people, especially in Washington and Santa Cruz. 2) Let your angles guide you. 3) Stock up on bag balm for those saddle sores. Your ass is going to take a real pounding.

Aries: Aries have an ability to make people fall in love with them almost instantly. Of course, this can cause challenges, especially if you’re already married or you’re spending some time behind bars. Nonetheless, it’s best if you use this power for good and to inspire others to pursue what they really love in life... instead of using it in ways that will earn you nicknames like “Jerk Tard” or “Bucket of Buttholes.”

Taurus: Here are your great questions about the Universe to ponder for the week. A) If Wal-Mart is always lowering prices, then how does it seem like you’re always running on an egg timer when you should be using a sundial? B) Why do some signs like Libra always fill your gut with good stuff like fresh fruits, veggies and beer. Aquarians are good at many things like the arts, acting, breaking hearts, breaking barriers, flatulence and a few other useful and entertaining abilities. That’s why Capricorns are known for being able to see into people. This is a very good skill to have after the recent solar eclipse and all the energy and truth it has fostered. That’s why you should always trust your gut about people. And why you should always fill your gut with good stuff like fresh fruits, veggies and beer. Clouds’ advice was threefold. 1) Be open to the gifts you'll receive from meeting lots of weird people, especially in Washington and Santa Cruz. 2) Let your angles guide you. 3) Stock up on bag balm for those saddle sores. Your ass is going to take a real pounding.

Gemini: The Stars are reporting that positive light is shining on the financial and work aspects of your life. To help you make the most out of this, be thankful and generous, try to always eat a nutritious breakfast and try adopting this saying: “I’m magically delicious.”

Cancer: Studies have shown that women are twice as likely to find a man attractive if they know he’s in a relationship. Studies have also shown that men don’t care if a woman is single or not, they just want what they want. Therefore, always remember that the love you give is the love you get, so you might as well buff yourself out.

Leo: This is a great time to be a member of the Leo tribe. The Stars are working on lots of good things in the background and all they’re asking is that you do your part, which is simply to be yourself. You know, inspire others with your attitude, positivity, friendliness, kindness, self-confidence and willingness to go pant-less at the drop of a hat.

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2. Dakota Yates
3. Juliette Gallagher

Micro Grom Boys Street
1. Kyler Green
2. Cam Clayton
3. Dylan Molnac

Mid Grom Girls Street
1. Sylvie Schaubmayer
2. Kenzie Schaubmayer
3. Edyn Neale

Mid Grom Boys Street
1. Liam Hodges
2. Hudson McCall
3. John Scheidle

Grom Boys Street
1. Shane Stacy
2. Kaden Klassen
3. Ewen Tomaier

Super Grom Girls Street
1. Sonny Alba
2. Kate Gray
3. Kaitlin Schaubmayer

Super Grom Boys Street
1. Jake Uchalik
2. John Connolly
3. Jason Zipp

Shredders Street
1. Zenon Foster
2. Dillon Henrickson
3. Ethan Rodriguez

Women’s Open Street
1. Zeia Rose
2. Nicole Escobar
3. Dakota Cox

Men’s Open Street
1. Cole Perera
2. Willie Willis
3. Lukas Daley

Tandem
1. Zeia Rose & Tyler Brooking
2. Steve & Kinsley Klassen
3. Sean & Luci Pierce

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1. Kinsley Klassen
2. Dakota Yates

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1. Dylan Molnac
2. Kyler Green
3. Cam Clayton

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1. Kenzie Schaubmayer
2. Sylvie Schaubmayer
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3. John Scheidle

Grom Boys Bowl
1. Shane Stacy
2. Kaden Klassen
3. DJ Gray

Super Grom Girls Bowl
1. Sonny Alba
2. Kaitlin Schaubmayer
3. Kate Gray

Super Grom Boys Bowl
1. John Connolly
2. Jason Zipp
3. Beck Bentley

Shredders Bowl
1. Dillon Henrickson
2. Joey Zipp
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1. Tyler Brooking
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