SUPER DAVE
“Stuntman” Wilbrecht returns to run Mono County?
By Benham
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lthough Leslie Chapman, the man that led Mono County’s administrative office for the past three years, is now retired, he will be returning to contribute to the county.
Chapman’s salary without its benefits because he already receives a pension.
In 2012, the Mammoth Times named Wilbrecht “Person-of-the-Year.” That proved a jinx. He was gone months later.
The Times quoted Councilman Rick Wood about Wilbrecht, “He has the ability to see beyond the horizon. He can see a larger picture than most of us can see, and that, along with his steady hand, is what we’ve needed.”
The county through a recruitment company will continue to look for a long-term replacement.

JUNE SAD ABOUT JUNE
June Lake community bemoans April 7 closure
By Benham
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une Mountain closed last Sunday, April 7. Last year, the mountain closed April 8.
In the past Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) has closed the mountain on or around Easter Weekend.
Easter comes later this year—on April 21. Last year, Easter landed on April 1.
MMSA is not closing because it’s its special use permit with the U.S. Forest Service set April 7 as the last day of the season.
Section III.B. titled Period of Use stipulates that MMSA use the land for a minimum of 100 days per season. “Failure of the holder to exercise this minimum use may result in revocation of this permit under clause VII.A.” (Clause VII.A. states that the National forest can revoke the permit “for noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.”)
Deb Schweitzer, Public Affairs Officer for Inyo National Forest, told The Sheet “Our permit authorizes use on forest service lands consistent with the US Forest Service mission (safety, resources issues, experience, etc.), but does not oversee the permittee’s business model. Again, that is true if it’s a ski resort or an outfitter/guide or any other business that operates on the forest that provides a service to visitors.”
This season, June Mountain opened on December 15, putting the total number of days for the season at 117.
On Monday, April 1, the June Lake Loop Chamber of Commerce (JLLCOC) met with MMSA to try and convince it to keep the mountain open longer. MMSA did not agree to the chamber’s suggestions.
According to a chamber recap of the meeting, Julie Brown, Senior Director of June Mountain, explained that less skiers visit in April than other months.

A Klass ABOVE
Steve Klassen turns back the clock at the Freeride World Tour finale
By Gorman
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Steve Klassen executed a revolution on March 23.
When the 54-year-old snowboarder leapt off a cliff at the top of the Bec Des Rosses, in the culminating competition of the Freeride World Tour, Klassen forced onlookers to redefine the limits that they associate with age. His jump pushed at the margins of human endeavor.
Hanging there, in the air above Verbier, Switzerland, Klassen stripped some meaning from the word “old.”
Klassen wanted to discuss his trip to Verbier at his office in Wave Rave surrounded by some of the employees that took the trip with him. Klassen goes to Verbier every year, though he hasn’t competed in years. His employees can earn points throughout the year that give them the chance to come along. Alex Carlson earned his ticket by being the top salesperson at Wave Rave. Marcus Cassidy got his spot on the trip by winning a competition in the Hemlocks on Mammoth Mountain. Also hanging in Klassen’s office were Devin Tubbs and Joaquin Sahagun.
Klassen wanted to meet this way because, he said, “I couldn’t have done it without these guys, and that is the real truth to this whole thing.”
These bearded, tattooed guys are Klassen’s employees, but they are also his friends, his fans. He is clearly the mentor. Klassen has long hair and a cool southern Californian steadiness on the surface. He speaks passionately and sentimentally, but his voice stays slack. His electric serenity gives him the energy of a snowboarding sage. He seems

OH, BEHAVE!
Fourteen people from Hong Kong visited the Mono County Behavioral Health on Wednesday to learn about of strengths model of case management. Front Row (left to right): Matthew Blankers, Stephen Weng, Calvin Su, Iris Lo,サンズ Li, Winnie Yuen, Jerry Wai, Samson Tse, Jo Fung. Back Row (left to right): Elaine Lee, Oi-Ying Siu, Eppie Wai, Tim Topnis, Gail Zawer, Andres Villalpando, Rick Goscha, Salvador Montanez, Bun Lam, Cal Lee, Ming Liu, Stacy Corless

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LET ‘EM UP EASY

It’s not often one gets to break bread with a former U.S. Senator, but The Sheet caught up with Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) and his wife of 63 years, Ellen, at Bishop Country Club’s 19th Hole Bar and Grill on Wednesday.


Boschwitz spent Tuesday evening at Furnace Creek and was headed to Napa to attend a wedding this weekend.

When he arrived, he spread a whole bunch of highway maps on the table, which I found endearing.

Former Senator Majority Leader and Republican Presidential nominee Bob Dole used to refer to Boschwitz as his favorite fellow senator, because Boschwitz was not born in the United States, and therefore not eligible to run for President.

That made him just about the only senator Dole could trust, since Boschwitz didn’t and couldn’t have greater political aspirations.

Boschwitz was born in Berlin, Germany in 1930. His family fled Nazi Germany in the summer of 1933, ultimately settling in New York state.

Though he obtained a law degree from New York University, Boschwitz made his mark as an entrepreneur, founding the Plywood Minnesota company in Minneapolis (he had initially headed west to join his brother in Wisconsin). Within 15 years, the company had 68 warehouse stores in eight states.

When I asked Boschwitz about the partisanship and lack of civility these days in Washington, Boschwitz advised to not spend too much time worrying about it.

Partisanship is cyclical in nature, he said. And he predicted a leader (or leaders) would come along who would break the cycle.

Which is a very similar philosophy to that of my father. Not a huge surprise since they were born two days apart, and my father is a Minneapolis native.

About the only investing advice my father ever gave was this: Look for beaten-down companies with a solid core business. Eventually, some smart guy or gal will come along and turn it around.

Is it so far off-base to characterize America as a beaten-down company with a solid core business?

Boschwitz just hopes Americans will turn away from the siren call of socialists cropping up these days to fill the void.

Boschwitz is a huge believer in America. In fact, there’s a lecture he gave posted in his lecture, which has a total of 44 Youtube views (It should have a million and forty-four. Such a simple and elegant history lesson), Sen. Boschwitz references President Lincoln’s advice to General Godfrey Weitzel, who asked for advice on how to treat the citizens of recently captured Richmond, Virginia.

And Lincoln’s reply was to “Let ‘em up easy.”

And Boschwitz also referenced Churchill’s admonition to be magnanimous in victory.

He calls the Marshall Plan adopted after World War II “one of history’s most unselfish acts” and credits the long peace since (74 years without a war fought between major powers) to America’s commitment to rebuild friend and foe alike.

In today’s dollars, America’s Marshall Plan investment would be $250 billion, says Boschwitz.

Sen. Boschwitz remains as disarmingly unpretentious as ever. As President Reagan once remarked, “Rudy’s the man who made the flannel shirt famous in Washington.”

What does Rudy Boschwitz think of President Trump? He said he liked a lot of the things the President was doing (particularly the President’s recognition of Israel’s claim to the Golan Heights, captured during the Six Day War of 1967) and tiptoed around the rest.

That was probably the most interesting position Boschwitz took during our lunch.

On the one hand, there’s the “Let ‘Em Up Easy” philosophy he espoused. On the other hand, this was his take on the Golan Heights: “Aggressors can’t be restored to pre-aggression [territorial] lines.” Which I took to mean, picking a losing fight should at least leave one with a bloody nose.

Ellen and Sen. Rudy Boschwitz.
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On Tuesday, April 9, Mono County Board of Supervisors met.

A new California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer was introduced: Commander Chuck Mairs. He’s a journeyman. He grew up in Independence but has worked for CHP in Altadena, Death Valley, Bishop, Hollister-Gilroy, Monterey, King City, ran the canine program at Central Division Headquarters in San Luis Obispo, worked on the lottery for a few months, then the Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento.

"I’m very happy to back here on the eastern side of the Sierras," Mairs told the board. He added, “I was almost going to be late. A Corvette blew past me at almost 90 mph while I was coming to work.”

The meeting turned to discussion of the County Administrative Officer (CAO). County Counsel Stacey Simon talked through the history of the CAO position. Mono County added its first CAO in 1983. Before that, department heads reported directly to the board. CAO in 1983. Before that, department heads reported directly to the board and continued to run the administrative show until 1999. The CAO didn’t have the authority to hire or fire, to appoint or dismiss or transfer non-elected county officials. In 1999 the county code was amended, giving the CAO power, turning the position from ‘weak’ to ‘strong’.

The board continues to look for a replacement for current CAO Leslie Chapman who will leave Friday, May 3. But on Wednesday, the board hired Dave Wilbrecht as interim CAO.

An impending power vacuum has department heads Nate Greenberg (Information Technology) and Robin Roberts (Behavioral Health) concerned. They want to create an Executive Leadership Team (ELT) to ensure departments communicate in the absence of a head administrator. ELT would consist of some but not all department heads.

The board supported the idea, but Stacy Corless was the only member who advocated for creating the ELT ASAP.

Supervisor Jennifer Halferty said, “I just think it’s the cart before the horse.” She explained that a new CAO should be included in the creation of an ELT so they don’t feel threatened. Halferty called change, ‘an opportunity.’

Supervisor Stacy Corless praised Greenberg and Roberts for bringing the proposal forward.

She said, “The county administrative office needs some support and capacity. This might be a good way to build that. Most companies and organizations this size have some kind of executive or management team.”

Supervisor Bob Gardner supports the concept, but does not want to form the ELT right now.

“More eyes and brains do help make a better organization. Period.” He thinks it will keep the board accountable to staff and visa versa. “We are at our best when we spread accountability and that ownership of all the things that we do.”

Gardner added, “I do think we should do this. But let’s do it right.” He proposed having monthly updates once Leslie leaves.

The acting CAO, Dave Wilbrecht, will give the board monthly updates on strategy.

Supervisor Fred Stump wants complete “organizational buy-in” for the idea.

Chapman is resigning in part because she wants less responsibility. She oversaw all departments mostly by herself.

Finance Director Janet Dutcher showed the board an organizational flow chart. In the chart, ELT severed the connection between the CAO and the board. She felt it would supersede the CAO’s authority, but after hearing others’s support, she too started to support the idea.

Tony Dulinno, who was an assistant CAO before becoming Public Works director, was skeptical of creating an ELT. He said about the team, “It’s another level of bureaucracy that’s unnecessary and unjustified.” He doesn’t want a committee to speak for his department.

CAO Leslie Chapman said, “I think it’s a good idea.” Although she won’t experience the ELT she thinks it would help future CAO to have a committee to talk with.
Proposed new fishing regulations could put pressure on sustainability of popular fisheries

By Maddux

Environmental Scientist James Erdman of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) briefed Bishop’s City Council about the much ballyhooed proposed changes to fishing regulations at Council’s regular meeting on Monday.

The proposed regulation came about based upon, “too many seasons, too many bag limits and gear restrictions throughout the State of California,” Erdman said.

One of the biggest proposed changes would allow year-round fishing on certain waters, including Crowley Lake.

“The Crowley regulation is a big one that people are hitting on,” said Erdman. “The new regulation would be that Crowley Lake is open to 5-10 bag limit, no gear restrictions, the last Saturday before Memorial Day to September 30, but it would be open year-round to catch-and-release fishing. All the inlets: The Upper Owens, McGee, Whiskey, Convict have the same regulation as Crowley Lake,” he said.

After Erdman’s brief presentation, Councilmember Muchovej asked about the sustainability of the fish, if the season is to be year-round.

Erdman answered that, “most of our stocked waters are hatchery dependent, and we have stocking criteria. We cannot stock fish when water temperatures reach 72 degrees or above for extended periods of time. The same goes for low temperatures. We do not stock fish when water temperatures are below 40 degrees. “For the health of the fish, the waters have to be a certain temperature, the waters have to be able to support year-round fishing."

Mayor Ellis raised a question about waterways that are owned by different entities.

Erdman told the Council that CDFW is soliciting information from various partners and neighbors, and “we are looking at the economic impacts also.”

Councilmember Muchovej asked Erdman how the decision to revise regulations was made.

Erdman replied that it was an analysis of different waters and based upon the capture rates of fish spawning.

When it came time for public comment, former City Councilmember Joe Pecsi came up to the podium to make the Council aware of a letter to the Department of Fish and Wildlife that expressed concern for the new regulation.

The letter is from Inyo County’s Fish and Wildlife Commission. Pecsi is Chairman of this Commission.

Pecsi mentioned that the Commission would need Inyo Board of Supervisors approval of the letter before it is sent.

The letter, “addresses the new regulation in four areas."

1. It’s a resource issue, and whether or not the resource in Inyo County is able to support year-round fishing.

2.) Impact on Search and Rescue and law enforcement, such as the five game wardens.

3.) Economic Impact.

4.) How would new rules affect the relationship between waterfowl hunters and fishermen on Crowley Lake and the Owens River.

Pecsi stated to the Council, the “next step is to go to the Assembly and Senate, and put some pressure on the Commission,” he said.

The presentation to the Board was only a proposal, so there will be no change for this year’s fishing season, Erdman said. Even though Erdman expressed mixed opinion, he said the new rules would provide more fishing opportunity.

NIH Update

CEO of Northern Inyo Hospital (NIH), Kevin Flanigan, updated the Council on several past events and accomplishments for the hospital. First, he mentioned that March was colorectal cancer awareness month, and through NIH’s partnership with Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance and the various businesses in Bishop, they were able to raise $6,000.

The funds are, “used to support local cancer patients and their families to assist them with getting access to services, and covering costs,” Flanigan said.

Flanigan told council that 170 people attended the walk/run bike event.

Twelve healthy lifestyle talks were conducted by Dr. Allison Robinson.

On April 11, NIH will have the last open house for the Da Vinci robot, which is a “surgical assist device that allows the surgeon to more accurately and with a greater fine tune handle surgical procedures in the abdomen or pelvic,” Flanigan said.

Currently, NIH has three surgeons trained to use the device. But they are also looking to upgrade their equipment. In the next five to ten years, NIH hopes to make this technology standard in the operating room.

Flanigan said NIH is working to expand its student clinic.

There is a nurse practitioner on campus who specializes in adolescent medicine. But that person is only available one day per week. NIH wants to have the nurse practitioner on campus two or three half-days per week.

Flanigan mentioned that the nurse practitioner’s impact on behavioral and physical health of the students “has been unprecedented in regard to what our expectations were.”

He told the council that students are coming to the clinic for things they are not able to provide.

He advocated for doing more outreach.

“If we come to the school instead of making them come to us. You’re going to be able to touch their lives in a positive way and help them enter young adulthood in a healthy way,” he said.

On another note, the Northern Inyo Healthcare District was 1 of 31 statewide recipients of a Bridge Grant for $175,000. The funds for the grant will be used to “expand access to medical treatment, counseling, and a patient navigator for those who are suffering from opioid use disorder,” he said.

NIH is also partnering with Bright Heart Health, which Flanigan explained is “a tele-health service, so that you can get counseling while you’re here in the Emergency Room.”

The next Bishop City Council meeting is at 6 p.m. on April 22.
Mono County budget update

Mono County Finance Director Janet Dutcher gave the second of three budget updates, leading up to the creation of the county’s 2019-2020 budget in late June.

Dutcher wants to move tech charges into the county’s Internal Service Fund which allows county staff more flexibility because they don’t need board approval to access or use those funds.

The county’s unfunded liability with CalPERS continues to rise and the county claims it can’t do anything about it. The county’s payment to CalPERS unfunded liability increased $438,730, 12.74% from last year’s budget.

“We’re hoping if the market’s good and the state’s retirement and health benefits manager return on investment estimates continually come in high. The county has to cover the difference, the unfunded liability,” said Supervisor Fred Stump asked about advocating CalPERS to lower its estimates in hopes of reducing the unfunded liability.

Finance Director Dutcher and CAO Chapman have implemented new budget practice. They replaced a carryover budget system by creating a baseline budget. Dutcher told The Sheet that the baseline budget is targeted for department to its "money to go shopping with."

Part of this budget process is to give departments the power to decide how to spend their money. The business school term here is a "decentralized budget process." When the baseline budget was slated to cap the county’s deficit, what Dutcher referred to in her report as the ‘aggregate net county cost,’ at $5,000,000. From Dutcher: “The net result from this process plus using $3,000,000 in carryover fund balance is allocated to departments (GF allocation), which departments distributed to their object accounts using their judgement about how best to utilize the resources provided them.”

Sheet translation: The targeted budget deficit has increased because costs came in higher than expected. The base budget deficit was estimated to be $2,874,200 but the proposed budget deficit has come in at $5,320,260, $2,446,069 over budget.

According to Dutcher, at this time last year, the deficit for the upcoming budget was $7.8 million. Dutcher’s job is to whittle the deficit down as much as possible so the county doesn’t have to draw from it’s carried over savings. In a perfect world, she’d get it to zero. In this world, it will be harder. 60% percent of the county’s costs are for workforce and if she slashes that she’ll be slashing county services.

Chairman Peters wanted to know if any department heads are resisting the budget process.

“The majority of us are on board. No one is fully resistant. There are those that are feeling unsure they have enough to survive on,” Dutcher answered.

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Inyo County budget update

Inyo County Supervisor Matt Kingsley noted, “Well, we’re clearly not doing any of this to bring in a bunch of revenue to the county. We just want to control the situation so we can protect our local housing market, protect community values, and serve the best interests of county residents.”

The supervisors concluded that the ordinance should be changed to only allow hosted short-term rentals in the future, with the concerns that non-hosted short-term rentals being that absent owner/operators cannot effectively respond to problems on the property in a timely manner. Allowing non-host permits might encourage investors outside the county to buy houses just for the purpose of short-term rentals which could negatively affect the community values, and hurt the availability of long-term housing needs in an area already without enough affordable housing.

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Inyo Supervisors talk short-term rentals.

During the past year, the county’s planning department has been working on ways better process permits, collect data on the numbers of units using short-term rentals, and identify the property and the owners offering short-term rentals.

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to emit a vibration, a low hum. His crew snaps onto his frequency.
He says exactly what he means, sometimes repeats himself when the insight is vivid, then stops short and lets the words hang in the air. The room hangs on these sparkling silences.

The Preparation
The story of Klassen’s ride at Verbier starts with surfing.
The organizer of the Free Ride World Tour, Nicolas Hale-Woods, wanted to go on a surf trip that Klassen was organizing. Klassen said he would get Nicolas on the trip in exchange for a wildcard spot at the Verbier Xtreme.
The Verbier Xtreme is the culminating event of the Freeride World Tour and has been the pinnacle of free skiing and snowboarding competition since 1996. It takes place on the Bec Des Rosses, a mountain towering over Verbier with some of the toughest terrain in the world.
Nicolas agreed to the deal. It was worked out that there would be a mas-

ters division for Klassen to compete in with other retired riders.
Then Klassen got a hip replacement in the Fall of 2018 and lost his confidence. The Bec Des Rosses is dangerous for a rider at his best. For a 54-year-old coming off a hip surgery it’s just foolish.
“Sometimes when you go into uncharted territory it’s hard to believe in yourself because there is no precedent,” Klassen said. “This is where the help from his team came through.
“Alex [Carlson] during the season was the most influential person to me in terms of getting my head where it needed to be and truly believing in me.”
Klassen said he was told by his doctor two months after surgery that he could ease back into snowboarding, and after three months that he could do whatever he wanted. After three months and one week, he did a contest in the Hemlocks.

That’s when Alex Carlson started to put the pressure on him.
“This dude’s not that far off a hip replacement and he sent the big cliff,” Carlson said. “I started out as something just like, ‘All right dude, take that wildcard spot.’
“You were the only one that really believed that I could step in that start-
ing gate,” Klassen said to Carlson. “You pressured me, big time. You made me feel like I’d be a coward if I didn’t.”

Klassen had two other things motivating him to get back to Verbier. The first: he wanted to beat Travis Rice. Rice has consistently been considered one of the best snowboarders in the world. Klassen said that he’s challenged Rice to come to Verbier to compete before but Rice has never showed. “I think it’s lame that he just relies on camera angles and budgets for his professional career and refuses to get in the start gate at the biggest show,” Klassen said. “I was prepared to go head-to-head to beat Travis Rice.”
The second, and more important, Klassen had a cliff on his mind. “It had been eating at me!” The cliff in question is a 50-foot drop near the summit of the Bec Des Rosses. Only a few riders have ever successfully cleared it, and Klassen can name them all. “I tried to do it 7 or 8 years ago and rag dolled off it... I just really wanted to not die someday having not landed it.”

With these things bolstering him, Klassen started training seriously to get ready for Verbier. He rode the hardest lines at Mammoth Mountain. He dropped off The Egg Rock on Top of The World twice, “doing it with the intention that if I can do that it’s pretty similar to that big rock at the top [of the Bec Des Rosses].”
That kind of training put a lot of stress on his body. He’s noticed that his ability to recover has gotten slower as he’s gotten older. “It’s not that many times you see KLASSEN, page 9
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can jump The Egg at low tide. It puts a big toll on your body," Klassen said. He uses three things to help him recover during training: yoga, cannabis, and Ayurveda. His girlfriend, Erin Koehler, has helped him get into Ayurveda, which is a “sister science” of yoga aimed at healing.

“Yoga and Ayurveda, those two things really make it so that I can move that stuff around. Recognize where it’s at, and get back to training,” Klassen said.

Verbier

Klassen and crew arrived at a town below Verbier called Martigny on March 17. Martigny was on a Roman trade route at one point in time, and the Romans built a coliseum there. As a tradition, the newest members of the trip each year must battle in the coliseum. Joaquin was one of this year’s gladiators. He was blindfolded and led into a holding cell under the coliseum, next to a deep pit once used to dispose of corpses after battles. The guides will usually put in that boot pack, but the wind had covered it up the easiest way cause it’s been so long…

This is a silly tradition, but it is also a reminder of the stakes that riders are head first. Joaquin quickly lost.

Joaquin and another newbie removed their blindfolds and shirts and entered the coliseum. They battled to see who could take the other guy’s beanie off his head first. Joaquin quickly lost.

The guides complained that there was no boot pack to the summit or the shoulder, they found that there was no boot pack to the summit. It was blank snow.

“I was a little panicked,” Klassen said. “We gotta get up another 700-800 vertical feet from where we’re at and it’s a gnarly hike… I personally don’t know the easiest way cause it’s been so long…

The guides will usually put in that boot pack, but the wind had covered it up the so they continued from page 8.
I’ve ever heard them from riding there 25 years. It was incredible.

The revolution was televised.

“What we just described, that community, that group of skiers or whatever you want, they just couldn’t find a spot to fit it in.”

What we just did, it just isn’t worth their time.”

Klassen said that his gang of riders gets pushed down by the community at Mammoth. He believes that Mammoth can learn something from the Freeride World Tour.

“It doesn’t matter what you’re riding down the hill. That’s just a tool… It’s about the spirit and the line and the acknowledgement and the props. It’s about how you act within that culture, and they don’t, so they don’t get it. They won’t ever be a part of it. They can’t be a part of it because they don’t act appropriately according to the culture’s rules…

“The group of skiers that I hang around, our lives are in each other’s hands, so we treat each other appropriately like that. This older group of skiers in Mammoth, they don’t. They don’t get that part. I wish they would. As soon as they do, our community will be a whole lot better.”

Until then, Klassen and his Wave Rave disciples will continue pushing it.

“We are our own island of positivity,” he said. “We’re just gonna keep doing it how we do it, and it’s magic here. It’s totally magic here.”
Ted Dardzinski has come out of retirement to bring his original workout method to Mammoth Lakes.

Dardzinski described his system, the TEDD (Therapeutic Exercise Design and Development) system, as “basically sports conditioning for life.” What exactly his system entails depends on what the client is training for, but it involves a lot of resistance work, band exercises, free weights, and lateral movement. It attempts to improve people’s efficiency and restore symmetry to their bodies.

Dardzinski had a soft opening for his facility in the Mammoth Mall in February. He has lived in Mammoth full-time for five years. There are centers using his method located around the country.

Dardzinski does not look like the meathead trainers found at most southern California gyms. He is in his mid-fifties, neither slim nor buff. He has with a salt-and-pepper beard and youthful disposition. His facility has astroturf on the floor, racks, bands, resistance machines and free weights around the soon-to-be-mirrored walls.

Dardzinski said his program is for, “The best athletes and the worst injuries, and everything in between.” He believes that his facility is filling a niche in the community. Snowcreek is a health club, “That’s for everybody and good at nothing,” he said, and the Body Shop is more aimed at bodybuilders, whom Dardzinski doesn’t usually work with.

Dardzinski’s keystone clients in Mammoth will likely be the aging or injured skier looking to get back on the hill. “I have a client whose goal is to ski better at 70 than she did at 60, and to continue skiing at 100.”

His method provides what he calls “functional aging,” which involves addressing the structural and postural deficiencies that come from aging. Along with regular people looking to improve their performance, Dardzinski works with elite athletes. He said that the current options in Mammoth don’t cater to the elite athletes who come here to train.

“World Class athletes go to Snowcreek, and there are kids running through their workout, and people stealing their spot,” he said.

Dardzinski wants to give elite athletes and teams a space that they can rent out for an hour to workout in the way that they are comfortable doing. He hopes to partner with the Mammoth Track Club and athletes staying in The Crib, the condo for visiting athletes run by Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

He also has a history of working with the critically injured. In 1999, he founded Project Walk Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center (PWSCIR), “the first spinal cord injury recovery center in southern California.” His method is widely used to aid those who have experienced spinal cord injuries. TEDD is slated to have a grand opening sometime in May.
DeCOMEBACK KID
Jorge DeCastro seeks to trade acronyms: From IED to MBA

By Lunch

Immigration has been in the spotlight for many years, and the conversation surrounding immigration has largely had a negative tone, focusing more on what immigrants take versus what they give back.

Getting to know Army Ranger Jorge (pronounced like George) DeCastro means getting to know the other side of that conversation.

It’s one thing to risk dying for your country, but quite another to risk dying for your adoptive one.

DeCastro, 53, was born in Brazil. He emigrated to the United States in 1990 at the age of 24 and moved to New York City.

In 1994, Jorge joined the U.S. Army. As he explained this week, when he entered the military, “you could join the armed forces as long as you were a resident alien, and then you could stay in the service up to seven years before you have to make a decision.” The decision being, if you wish to continue in the armed services, you need to become a U.S. citizen.

DeCastro became a citizen in 1999. He ultimately served in the Army for 22 years.

Admittedly, he didn’t initially join for patriotic reasons. Initially, the reason was more practical. His ex-wife got pregnant and he wanted a stable job so he could support his family.

But the Army being the Army, he was tossed a curveball right out of the box. The native Brazilian’s first stop: Fort Richardson, just outside of Anchorage, Alaska.

But here’s the thing about Jorge. He’ll tell you about something that sounds less than ideal, and then he’ll follow it up with a few positives. “It’s a dry cold,” he said of Alaska. “And I learned how to ski there.”

DeCastro was injured during his 3rd tour in Iraq. He also served in Kosovo in 1999.

His Iraq tours took place in 2004 (15 mos.), 2007 (12 mos.) and 2010 (9 mos.). In 2010, he was six months into his tour when his unit fell victim to an IED attack. The impact of the explosion knocked him cold for ten minutes.

He recalls nothing but the flash and the explosion. Following the explosion, his unit then came under heavy enemy fire. When DeCastro became conscious, and despite his injury, he reengaged in the fight and led his team to contain the enemy attack.

Though he suffered no visible injury, it’s the unseen that is often the cruelest and the most damaging.

After the attack, he asked to stay on for the remainder of his tour, despite suffering constant, brutal migraine headaches.

“They train us to be hard,” he said simply. “I just kept pushing.”

He left Iraq three months later upon completion of his tour. It was three months after that where his health really began to deteriorate.

Not only was he suffering from physical issues related to his balance, but the memory loss became acute. He couldn’t remember addresses, faces … and sometimes I still get disoriented driving,” he confesses. He’ll have the navigation on in his car, telling him the directions, but he just gets … side-tracked. “I end up in the wrong place,” he says. “It’s like spacing out. It’s hard to keep my mind focused on the task.”

The physical issues affected his emotional self. He became more insular, less social, drank more, and experienced serious sleep problems. He was more prone to anger, sadness and depression. He was later diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). It was difficult for his family, particularly his children, to understand the changes.

Post-discharge in 2016, DeCastro and his wife Brianda moved from Hawaii to San Jose so he could seek rehabilitative treatment at the VA Palo Alto Polytrauma Network Site (PNS). The PNS is a Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) partner site.

He sees six different specialists. He doesn’t know how long he can stay in the Bay Area, because the cost of living is so high, but he also doesn’t know if he can afford not to stay, because he’s doing so much better, to the point where he enrolled himself in business school starting last October at the University of Phoenix campus in nearby Santa Clara.

“I like being in school,” he says. “I like being around other people, and working in teams.”

What’s really turned things around for DeCastro has been getting out and doing things recreationally. That’s how he discovered Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) for Operation Mountain Freedom.

“I hadn’t skied since 2010,” said DeCastro. “It was an incredible experience, and very emotional for me, to be able to do something I used to do … Not only do they teach you to ski, but it inspired the freedom and confidence to push to the next limit and not settle on boundaries. That was the main lesson I took away from it: The only limits we have are those we set up in our own minds. If you work hard enough, you can do just about anything. The DSES winter camp is a life changing experience.”

Or, have the freedom sometimes to not do anything.

DeCastro recalls one ski day where he was just getting tired, taking falls, then harder falls. His nature, his training, is to keep going. But he said his instructor, Michelle Lint, looked him in the eye and said, “You know, we can take breaks. You got to let that Ranger go. Your mission now is to heal yourself.”

And perhaps, to help heal others. When asked what he wished to do with his business degree, DeCastro said he was thinking of starting a non-profit to provide service dogs to veterans, as he has experience training service dogs prior to his injury.

His wife Brianda is just finishing her doctorate in psychology.

It’s something, he says, the couple may be able to do together.

DeCastro has three children, Gillian (24), Jorge Jr. (21) and Tehani (18). He hopes to return to the Sierra this summer for DSES’s Operation High Altitude.

The National Wounded Warrior Center, proposed to be built on the Cerro Coso college campus in Mammoth Lakes, would allow Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra to provide support services to more than 300 veterans and their families each year.

The 36-room facility would provide transitional housing designed for veterans, and include areas for recreation, learning and dining.

Veterans would also have access to educational and vocational programs, wellness and PTSD management training and therapeutic opportunities.

DSES is in the midst of an $18 million capital campaign. See the facing page for details.
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BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour / Austria Hof. 4:7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 4-6 p.m. Friday & Saturday. See ad, p. 5.

The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill Slider Mondays, Monday’s @ 9 p.m. Taco Tuesday, 3 homemade tacos for $8. Wine Wednesday is 1/2 off the entire list all day, happy hour wine from 3 p.m.-close) See ad, p. 7.

Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Mon-Fri., Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.

Morrison’s Happy Hour Mon-Thurs., 5-6 p.m.

The Mogul Happy Hour Sun.-Thurs. from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.in the bar with food and drink specials.

Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl Mon. DJ 9:00 p.m. Bowling & Bears, Thurs. DJ 10 p.m. Latin Night, Saturday DJ 9 p.m.

Petra’s Bistro & Wine Bar Daily, 5-6 p.m. $5-10 menu items and drink specials. See ad, p. 18.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Sunday: open at 10 a.m. for football. See ad, p. 18.

Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily.

Sunday open at 10 a.m. for football. Famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon.- Fri 4-6 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 4-5:30 p.m. Dining at 5pm, daily. “No Reservations, just come on in” See ad, p. 5.


Giovanni’s Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings. See ad on this page.

Shelter Distilling Happy Hour 3-5 p.m. daily; half off all drinks. Free Spirit tasting flight 2-3 p.m. daily. See ad, p. 4.

Bleu Daily Happy Hour 5-6 p.m. $5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates.


Devil’s Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 2:30-5:30 p.m. every day. Location: Industrial Park (off of Meridian). 123 Commerce Dr. Info: 760.793.7131.

Black Velvet Coffee happy hour 4-6. Wine tastings on Weds.

Lynne’s Wine & Spirits happy hour 4-5. $1 off beer and wine. 1/2 off apps and crepes. See ad, p. 8.

April 12-13/ South Central Skankers play Liberty Bar. Genre: ska. Time: 9 p.m. Free.

Beach Bar Apres, music by DJ WLDCT. Featuring a champagne zipline. Village Gondola open till 6 to return to The Beach Bar. Location: Canyon Lodge. Time: 1-6 p.m.

Friday, April 12/ You and Me and Marty play The Warming Hut. Time: 4-7 p.m. Genre: Jazz Trio.

Saturday, April 13/ You and Me and Marty play The Warming Hut. Time: 4-7 p.m. Genre: Ween covers and more.

Metal Echo plays T-Bar Social Club in June Lake. Genre: ska. Time: 9 p.m. Tix: $5/5GA, $17 w/ T-Bar Express online at itbarsocialclub.com

Sunday, April 14/ Sarah McConnell plays The Warming Hut. Time: 4-7 p.m. Ukelele and Vocals.

Groove Crater Method plays Black Doubt. Time: 7-9 p.m.

Monday, April 15/ Open mic at Black Doubt Brewing Co.

BARS & MUSIC

Time: 6:59 p.m. Sign-up at 5:15 min sets.

Tuesday, April 16/ Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 6 p.m. Free. Prizes for 1st & 2nd.

Karaoke at Rafters starts at 10 p.m. Free.

Wednesday, April 17/ Open Mic In The Loop at T-Bar Social Club in June Lake. Hosed by Mike McGuire. Time: 7-11 p.m. Free.

April 19-21/ Ben Misterska and Collective play Liberty Bar. Genre: Jazz. Time: 9 p.m. Free.

Friday, April 19/ Open Mic at Black Sheep Coffee. Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Billy White Memorial at T-Bar Social Club. Time: 9:30-11:30 p.m. Info: itbarsocialclub.com

Saturday, April 20/ 420 Party with Jauntmark and the Soul Shakers at T-Bar Social Club. Genre: Reggae. Time: 9 p.m. Price: $12, $24 with Shuttle from Mammoth @ itbarsocialclub.com

Highest Party in the West at Rafters. Dreddie Poppins, Pidder Padder, and DJ Rodney O play. Time: 10 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

April 12-14/ Sierra Classic Theatre’s Summer and Smoke by Tennessee Williams continues. A co-production with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre.

More info: see sidebar column next page.

Friday, April 12/ Lone Pine Future Farmers of America Fundraiser. Wine and beer tasting. Live western entertainment, 50/50 drawing, silent auction. Time: 7-10 p.m. Museum of Western Film History, 781 S Main Street, Lone Pine.

Saturday, April 13/ Eastern Sierra Audubon Monthly Bird Walks. All are welcome. Extra field guides and binoculars will be provided. Meet 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of BLM/Forest Service building. 351 Pacu Ln., Bishop. Info: 406.396.5291/www.esaudubon.org.

Sierra Bighorn Field Trip. This is the best time of the year to see some of the 600 Sierra Bighorn left in the world. Meet in the Bishop CDFW parking lot, 787 N. Main St. (Cottonwood Grove Shopping Center, behind El Pollo Loco). Time: 9 a.m. ’til 12 p.m. Pre-register at www.asknsb@wildlife.ca.gov.

Par 3 Tournament at Bishop Country Club. Info: 760.873.3826, or Steve at steve@bishopcountryclub.com

Symposium: The Impact of Trauma on Children’s Brain Development & Building Resilience As A Community. Speaker Lori Poland, CEO of The National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect. Breakfast and Lunch served. Price: $15. Location: First United Methodist Church, 205 North Fowler Street. Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, April 14/ Tamarack Challenge XC Event. Dress up in your craziest costume for a day with friends, food and good cheer. Must have a valid season or trail pass. www.asksnbs@wildlife.ca.gov.

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Driver Safety Program Class
Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, 17th AARP Driver Safety Program Class
AARP Driver Safety Program Class held at the VFW Hall, 486 Short Street, Bishop. Please call for your reservation and details as soon as possible. Danielle White. 760.873.5839. Class is limited to 30 participants.

High Sierra Triathlon Club Season Opener
Friday, April 26 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Crowley Lake Community Center. Join us for dinner, a power point show, information on our training program, and race schedule. Meet fellow athletes, buy uniforms and participate in a raffle. If you are not yet a club member, at our dinner or online at www.highsierratri.org. Please bring your own table settings. RSVP to president@highsierratri.org, or call 760.935.4088.

Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship
Each year Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary awards college scholarships to residents of Mono County who are pursuing a career in a medically related field. The Scholarship Fund was established in 1965 and has awarded $589,000 to deserving locals. Applications for 2019 Scholarships will be available April 1 and can be picked up at The Cast Off Thrift Store, 3053 Chateau Rd., Mammoth, or Mammoth Hospital. Eligibility requirements are:
1. Pursuing a course of study in a medically related field.
2. A current resident of Mono County and resided there full time for a minimum of two years, or currently working in Mono County full time for a minimum of two years.
3. Completed two years of prerequisites in a medically related college curriculum with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, or worked for two years in a medically related field in Mono County.
Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30 and awardees will be announced in August.

Summer and Smoke
Sierra Classic Theatre, in conjunction with Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, presents a play by Tennessee Williams, “Summer and Smoke.” This is the play’s final weekend.
Synopsis: A tragic love story that takes place a year before the start of World War I in Glorious Hill, Mississippi.
The show runs April 12-14. Showtimes are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets: $20/EA, $18/senior, $10/child 14 & under, @ edisontheatre.org.

Holy Bowl
The Unbound Terrain Parks host Holy Bowl April 15-21. A snowboarding contest, Holy Bowl is an annual international gathering of riders committed to getting as creative as possible.

TOWN STUFF

Sunday, April 14/ (cont.)
Bishop Paiute Tribe’s Annual Earth Day, Environmental information tables, spring market, food vendors, live music, film screenings. Free. Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Location: 2300 West Line Street, Bishop.

Monday, April 15/
Mammoth Lakes Recreation Special Board meeting. Location: Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes. Time: 5 p.m.
Inyo Associates meeting. Time: drinks at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Location: Patio Building at the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds. Price: $20.

Tuesday, April 16/
Mammoth County Board of Supervisors meet. Location: Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes. Time: 9 a.m.
Inyo County Board of Supervisors meet. Location: County Administrative Center, Independence. Time: 10 a.m. Mammoth Chamber Power Lunch at Jimmy’s Taverna. Time: 12-1 p.m. Cost: $20/member, $30/non-member. Info: ewoods@mammothlakeschamber.com.

Wednesday, April 17/
Bishop Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon. Location: Astorga’s Mexican Restaurant, 2206 N. Sierra Highway. Time: 12-1 p.m. Price: $15 per person. Info: 760-873-8405
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.
Primary Care Dr. Erica Rotondo celebrates the opening of her new medical office @ 811 West Line St. in Bishop. Refreshments, tours, et. al. 2-5:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Thursday, April 18/ 
Mammoth Lakes Board of Supervisors meet. Location: Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes. Time: 10 a.m.

Black Lake Stewardship Day with ESRT. More info: see sidebar column this page.


Friday, April 19/ 
Easter Egg Hunt at Mammoth Creek Park. Time: 3-4 p.m. Jelly bean guessing competition and egg hunt beginning at 3:15. Info: 760.965.3699.

April 20-21/
Holy Bowly at Mammoth Mountain. A snowboarding competition in a skatepark of snow. Schedule: April 15-19, contest, April 20-21, public access. Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. More info: see sidebar column this page.

Saturday, April 20/ 
Earth Day Celebration at the Village at Earth Mammoth. Informational and interactive booth fair, ski and snowboard donation, raffle and live music. Time: 2-5 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at the Sierra Nevada Resort.
Over 2,000 eggs will be hidden around the resort! Free hot cocoa. Arrival at 9:30 a.m. for a hunt at 10 a.m. Location: 164 Old Mammoth Road. Info: 760.934.2515.

Earth Day Celebration at Bishop City Park. Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Info: 760.709.2452.
Millpond Disc Golf Tournament. $10 entry. Registration begins 11 a.m. More info: see sidebar column this page.

on hand-shaped bowls, hips, spines, berms and transitions.
Contest: April 15-19
Public: April 20-21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: 800.620.6684

1st Annual 4/20 Millpond Disc Golf Tournament/ Grand Opening
On Saturday April 20, Millpond County Park hosts a Disc Golf Tournament, $10 entry fee. Registration begins at 11 a.m., ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:45 a.m., tournament begins at noon. The Millpond Golf course is the first 18 hole Disc Golf course with official baskets (chains as they're referred to) and tee pads in California. The course features a variety of holes with manicured lawn, native brush, some sand, and several holes where the pond itself is in play. Designed to be challenging for the advanced player yet also forgiving for those new to the sport as well. Info: Billy at boyobilly@gmail.com.

Sierra Bighorn Field Trip
Saturday, April 13. This is the best time of year to see some of the 600 Sierra Bighorn remaining. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation provide free public field trips to view them.
Meet in the Bishop CDFW parking lot, 787 N. Main St. (Cottonwood Grove Shopping Center, behind El Pollo Loco), at 8 a.m. The weather and in sturdy footwear. Sun protection is highly recommended. Bring binoculars or scopes if you have them. We will try to carpool from the office as much as possible, and vehicles that can be driven off pavement are preferred but not required. Field trips are usually concluded by noon and typically involve very little walking.
Pre-registration to www.askbibs@wildlife.ca.gov is required as space is limited and field trips are weather and road condition dependent.

Mamma Mia!
Playhouse 395 presents Catherine Johnson’s “Mamma Mia!” from April 26-May 11.
Shows start at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
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Black Lake stewardship days
Stewardship days at the Black Lake Preserve are on April 18 and May 17. The Remote preserve has a geologic and agricultural history. Help to preserve the preserve in conjunction with the Eastern Sierra Land Trust.
Info: Marie @ 760.873.4554

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Austria Hof Lodge is seeking full time and part time housekeepers. Day shifts available, must be able to work weekends. Starting salary at 15.00 per hour. Apply in person at 924 Canyon Blvd or 760-934-2746

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Innkeeper Gull Lake Lodge in June Lake is looking to employ 2 person team to help operate our municipal. Salary: based on experience

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The Inyo County Sheriff’s Office cautioned the public, “Because of a high amount of snow on the ground, there still has a significant amount of snow. Difficult and potentially life-threatening alpine conditions will likely remain in the Sierra backcountry throughout the spring and into summer; and climbers and hikers attempting Whitney and surrounding peaks need to be properly prepared and experienced.”

If April flowers bring May showers... let’s get in the shower and soap up for a monthly wash.

I saw you... using a hairdryer to clear snow off the golf course. Can you blow heat on my lawn, too? I hope to see you... at Summer and Smoke. I’ll bring the grass if you bring the flask. Oh, that’s right. You can’t bring the flask anymore.

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Mammoth Valley is surrounded by 1.3 million acres of public land. Surrounding peaks need to be properly maintained during the winter months.

A group of four climbers attempting to summit Mt. Russell (14,088 feet) had gotten off their planned descent and became stuck on the side of a cliff above a steep, narrow gully (around 13,000 feet in elevation). The group of climbers could not go up or down, so they sent out a call for help, using a personal locator beacon (PLB). A PLB is a satellite-synched GPS device, which sends an S.O.S. signal to rescue agencies, along with a location, which is important in areas where there is no cell phone coverage.

Inyo County Search and Rescue (SAR) and Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol and operations were asked to assist in the rescue. The climbers were located at 5:30 p.m. by CHP on Mt. Russell. An Inyo County SAR team member dropped from the helicopter on a 100-foot cable hoist. The rescuer secured climbers on the cliff, and then hoisted one climber to the helicopter. They flew to the Lone Pine Air- port to drop off the rescued climbers and refueled. The helicopter returned to the mountain and picked up the remaining three climbers and dropped them off at camp near Lower BoyScout Lake.

The Inyo SAR member was finally hoisted into the helicopter around 7:30 p.m. and taken to Lone Pine.

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Mammoth Lakes. The public is invited to attend.

Consider Adoption of a Housing Impact Mitigation Fee

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is proposing to adopt the Housing Impact Mitigation Fee. The fee would be charged to developers and would be used to finance the construction of affordable housing. The fee would be charged on a per unit basis and would be determined by the size and type of housing unit.

The fee is intended to address the affordable housing needs of the community and to encourage the development of affordable housing. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is committed to providing affordable housing opportunities for its residents.

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber. The public is invited to attend and provide comments.
In the name of tolerance, a great deal of intolerance is being dished out to the American public, most of it via media venues which profit in various ways by its relentless agitation and incessant noisy racket.

Nowhere perhaps is this phenomenon more audible and visible than its presence in the 2020 presidential campaign cycle already well underway. At first, it might have been supposed that the verbal, physical and legal confrontational rancor would be mostly between the two major political parities and their nominees --- with a continuing emphasis on attacking the incumbent president.

An apparently record number of nominally serious candidates for the challenging party’s presidential nomination, however, has quickly produced efforts to attack certain candidates and push them, or keep them, out of contention --- from forces within that party itself.

A lament, has subsequently been heard about about the lack of civility, fairness and clarity in the rhetoric and tactics of the political combat now taking place.

The truth is, it is time to say, that politics in America has just in fact returned to its bare knuckle origins. We tend to forget that at the very beginning of the republic the discourse of U.S. politics was personal, defamatory, often slanderous, and usually contemptuous. No one was spared --- not even George Washington, Thomas Jefferson or Abraham Lincoln. As the nation grew in size, population, and economic and military power in the 19th and early 20th centuries, its political discourse became only slightly less contemptuous --- that is, until mass communications in radio and television began to moderate its tone when identified speakers voices and faces were seen and heard.

With the sudden advent of the internet and social media, anonymity returned and so did the contempt. As with other forms of public violence, mass attention could also be obtained by many of those who eschewed anonymity for public displays of revenge, ugly put-downs and sensational ex post facto political allegations.

The laments about this state of public affairs do not hinder it in any way --- and so it not only continues, but grows louder, more vicious, and more uncivil. Furthermore, it now appears to know few if any allegiances, alliances or restraints.

It is not going away any time soon. In fact, it will now grow louder, especially as the 2020 political cycle now underway proceeds toward election day eighteen months ahead. Even when that election determines winners and losers, it will not fade away, as the precedent of the 2016 aftermath has established.

One profound consequence of all of this is, and will continue to be, that some of the most qualified and talented men and women in our nation will simply and understandably avoid or pass on contributing to public life, elected or appointed.

Nothing, of course, is permanent in human affairs, but the politics of contempt will not go away until it so exhausts voters that public opinion finally reasserts itself and declares, like a parent to a spoiled child, a firm and unchallengeable “NO!”
WESTIN WORKSHOP

Local businesses learn about better marketing practices

By Gorman

Caroline Casey of Mammoth Lakes Tourism put on an events workshop that was free for local business owners and event organizers to attend. The event brought in speakers from national media companies as well as locals with knowledge of the events industry, like the Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department. It took place in a conference room in the Westin Monache.

Casey said that she wants to organize conferences like this biannually to help give new marketing tools to local businesses.

"It’s about building the community and making us better event producers," Casey said.

The conference was well-attended, with business owners from June, Bishop and Mammoth filling up the room at the Westin. The presenters, even the out-of-towners, used Mammoth specific examples to drive their points home.

Gavin McGarry from Jumpwire Media used "an expensive piece of software" to dig up the social media data on each business in attendance. He showed how many posts each company made, how effective they were, and how they could improve. The most effective local posters are Mono County, VisitMammoth, and Mammoth Brewing Company. His advice was simple, practical, and targeted, for example, "post once a week."

McGarry used Bluesapalooza, a client of Jumpwire, as a case study. He talked about a grassroots sales effort wherein a team drove around to each campsite in town the week of the festival and handed out flyers. This effort could be tracked, and McGarry said that it brought hundreds of visitors to the Bluesapalooza website.

Casey also said that she was happy to utilize a newer venue in Mammoth Lakes at the Westin.

"I like highlighting the venues that we have. That was a nice presentation. It’s obviously not a massive space but we could present a nice experience in Mammoth," she said.

Casey hopes to host more in-depth quarterly events for event organizers as well.

"Maybe we could do one that’s very specific about how to do cross-sharing, that could be a 45 minute session on its own."

LOPSIDED V. LONE PINE

Mammoth baseball crushes, Mammoth softball crushed

By Maddux

On Friday April 5, the Mammoth Huskies varsity baseball team beat the Lone Pine Eagles, 13-3, at the JV field in Bishop.

The game ended when Freshman Mitchell Parsons singled, scoring Senior Storm Patrie from second base. Patrie’s run invoked the 10-run rule, ending the game.

The Mammoth Huskies softball team lost against the Lone Pine Eagles, 0-23.

The Sheet asked Head Coach Dave Swisher how the girls are still smiling after their loss. "Because we have a team! I don’t yell at them, I encourage. I watch out for the girls’s health. We only have positive encouragement, because most coaches don’t do that. I’m different," Swisher said.

In the top of the 5th inning, Mammoth pitcher Cardiff Smith hurls one by Lone Pine’s Lopez.

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