COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU

By Hite

Movie theaters in Mammoth and Bishop are going through renovations designed to improve seating and the overall quality of going to the movies.

Bishop Twin Theatre will be closed during the month of September in an effort to completely remodel the historic theatre.

In a conversation with the Sheet, theatre owner Holly Mullanix described the renovations, “Well right now it is bare bones, we have stripped the walls, flooring, everything.” ‘They gutted the theatre and are changing almost every aspect of the inside, “New wall coverings, new screens, new sound system, new paint, new flooring... it will be a totally new experience.”

The Twin Theatre is different from most theatres when it comes to seating. The theatre has been around since the 1920s where it originally showed plays. By the ‘30s, it was all film, and in the ‘80s the theatre was twinned. The entire time it kept its “historic sloped floor” said Mullanix.

Because of the unique setup, Mullanix purchased leather rockers for both of her theaters. Paired with a new screen and better surround sound, Mullanix said she has invested a lot into her historic theatre.

“What we really want is the best moviegoing experience possible,” said Mullanix. She described the community outreach that helped the project.

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ENJOYING A SHEET SHOW

PHOTO: SIMPKINS

From left, Jeff Leed, Meressa Tockey and Andy Thies demonstrate why the June Lake Jam Festival, which took place last weekend, is the most sophisticated festival on the Eastside.

DOPED UP AND DEPRESSED

Mono County high schoolers report high levels of sadness, hopelessness

By Page

The Mono County Community Health Assessment is anything to go by, the County may be facing severe public health issues.

At the regular meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday in Bridgeport, Mono County Public Health Director Sandra Pearce outlined a comprehensive picture of current public health conditions that featured some surprising, if not outright shocking, information.

The Health Assessment focused on four aspects of public health that the community and stakeholders had identified as important health concerns: substance abuse, behavioral health, clinical care, and dental care.

The California Healthy Kids Survey revealed that while rates for tobacco and alcohol/drug use were below state averages for the Eastern Sierra Unified School District (ESUSD), 27% of Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) eleventh graders had currently use electronic cigarettes, almost triple the state average.

This rate of usage appears concerning, especially in light of recent deaths and illnesses nationwide linked to the usage of vapes (for related story, see James’s story on p. 11)

In terms of alcohol and drug usage, 33% of MUSD ninth graders and 41% of MUSD eleventh graders report “current use. State rates for each group are around 20% for ninth graders and 30% for eleventh graders.

By comparison, ESUSD ninth graders reported 6% usage and eleventh graders reported 17% usage, both well below state rates.

However... the news from ESUSD isn’t all roses. ‘The information related to behavioral health, especially the numbers from the schools, illustrate an alarming trend in mental health within both ESUSD and MUSD.

Graphics revealed that by the time students in ESUSD reach eleventh grade, 57% report experiencing or having experienced chronic sadness or hopelessness in the past year; in MUSD, that number sits at 42%, both of which exceed the state average.

In addition, 42% ESUSD eleventh graders reported that they “seriously considered suicide,” a rate that clocks in at nearly triple the state average.

Supervisor Stump expressed concern that Bishop students who live in Mono County may not be included in the data presented, stating that it’s a “big piece that could provide direction...I don’t want to see them missed,” said Stump.

Stump later reiterated his support for “regional approaches that serve populations across the county line,” noting that “a county line is just a line.” Pearce informed him that such an effort was already in motion as “we’re all impacted by the same events and rely on each other heavily.”

Pearce reported the “most Important health concern identified for both adults and children was mental health” and the presentation cited a number of barriers to accessing mental health care, which included stigma and lack of mental health providers in the area.

Shelby Stockdale took over the podium from Pearce to discuss dental health issues in the area, noting that “in Mono County, there are a total of 6 dentists, 5 are in Mammoth Lakes and 1 in Coleville.” That equates to one dental provider for every 2,020 residents. Also of note: only two of these providers accept MediCal insurance. One of those providers, Mammoth Hospital Family Dental Clinic, reported an average wait time of 2-3 months for scheduling an adult exam whereas a child’s exam took 1-2 weeks to schedule.

The presentation highlighted a keen need for improving children’s dental healthcare, as a First 5 Mono County report revealed that only 20% of Mono County children between the ages of zero and five had more than one visit to the dentist in the course of a year. Pair that with info that 18% of...
STIR CRAZY

I sit here this evening reminded of that Jerry Jeff Walker song (written by Pat Garvey), “Trying To Hold the Wind Up With a Sail.” The allergies are killing me. I’m still trying to get my head around why an affordable housing unit can’t seem to be built for less than $475,000.

Hite reports that at the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting on Monday, MLH went over the cost estimate for its 11-unit project proposed for 238 Sierra Manor Rd. The per-unit cost on that one is estimated at $483,000. As we reported two weeks ago, he first phase of The Parcel (106-111 units) had an estimated price tag of $475,000/unit.

One clever reader suggested that the Town should simply buy out the proposed YotelPad project at the corner of Main and Minaret. They’re advertising units in the $300,000s. Another clever reader expounded upon my Sprinter van as affordable housing idea, suggesting we should sell advertising on the vans to help defray costs. I’ve had yet others suggest we just haul a whole bunch of single-wides and set ‘em up on The Parcel as temporary housing while we wring our hands about preferred alternatives.

Why are all the creative ideas dismissed as crazy? And why are all the stick-in-the-muds with the recycled ideas who insist things get done “by the book” (As if there’s a book. As if anyone’s read it) taken so seriously. In-the-muds with the recycled ideas who insist things get done “by the book” (As if there’s a book. As if anyone’s read it) taken so seriously. Why? Because they’re not crazy enough. Anybody could do The Pizza Wheel Star Wars Missile Defense system. Which the Russians took so seriously. They assume these robots we’re inventing, the artificial intelligence, will ultimately be benign - the authorities will make them safe. And so the busy geniuses in their genius campuses, all born in stability, mostly born in a post patriarchal and post-Christian west in which old loyalties not only lessened but came to be seen as wicked, are doing their thing, largely unregulated and in secret. They are like progressive Barry Goldwaters: Moderation in pursuit of justice. They often accuse those who disagree with them of being on the ‘wrong side of history’, as if it has a side, as if it flows ever upward.

It’s odd but in this cynical age they’ve grown too trusting of good fortune. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume these robots we’re inventing, the artificial intelligence, will ultimately be benign - the authorities will make sure they don’t make life monstrous. And so the busy geniuses in their genius campuses, all born in stability, mostly born in a post patriarchal and post-Christian west in which old loyalties not only lessened but came to be seen as wicked, are doing their thing, largely unregulated and in secret. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume these robots we’re inventing, the artificial intelligence, will ultimately be benign - the authorities will make sure they don’t make life monstrous. And so the busy geniuses in their genius campuses, all born in stability, mostly born in a post patriarchal and post-Christian west in which old loyalties not only lessened but came to be seen as wicked, are doing their thing, largely unregulated and in secret. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume these robots we’re inventing, the artificial intelligence, will ultimately be benign - the authorities will make sure they don’t make life monstrous. And so the busy geniuses in their genius campuses, all born in stability, mostly born in a post patriarchal and post-Christian west in which old loyalties not only lessened but came to be seen as wicked, are doing their thing, largely unregulated and in secret. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume no one will, through accident, miscalculation or madness, launch a nuclear missile. They assume these robots we’re inventing, the artificial intelligence, will ultimately be benign - the authorities will make sure they don’t make life monstrous.

Finally there was the review in this week’s New Yorker by Hua Hsu of “Indebted: How Families Make College Work at Any Cost” by Caitlin Zaloom. The review paints a book of real families dealing with crushing debt, because there’s really no limit as to what a parent will do when he/she feels the destiny of their child is at stake. So the cost of college is naturally inflated, because college has always been touted as the gateway to riches. And it takes guts (and creativity) to look at it differently, and not get drawn into the narrative that University X equals Outcome Y.

“Indebted”... is a story about modern families, about how we understand our responsibilities toward one another in a time of diminishing prospects, concludes Hsu. And about that dance that occurs when parents almost simultaneously prepare children for adulthood while shielding them from it. I would note that college, even at its most grandiose, does not cost $475,000.
**REMEMBERING 9/11**

Lunch had always wondered whether Mr. Newton’s bench, based upon date of death, had a connection to the larger events of 9/11. This submission received Wednesday finally answered the question. Mr. Newton’s bench (located on the bike path behind the college) is one of seven memorial benches around town dedicated by Steven Schriver.

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**LETTERS**

**Mining v. Rec: No contest**

Dear Editor:

In response to an article that ran on Saturday August 24th titled “There’s Gold in Them Hills!” I wanted to share some perspective about the Bodie Hills as the Director of the Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership. The Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership is a nonprofit coalition of groups and individuals committed to the health and vitality of the Bodie Hills and surrounding communities.

The Bodie Hills is a very important landscape that has important potential in the recreation and conservation roles of northern Mono County. The Bodie Hills offer scenic views, wildlife viewing, dirt roads for 4x4 trails and mountain biking, hunting access and are the backdrop to Bodie State Park. They are critical habitat for species like Bi-State Sage Grouse and pronghorn and include important wildlife corridors and watersheds. And, yes, there are significant cultural resources in the area. These lands serve many important functions for residents of and visitors to Mono County.

The new mining proposal from Radius Gold flags many concerns. Radius Gold filed a pre-application with Mono County. Any economic “stimulus” would be in Mono County, not Inyo County as mentioned in the article. However, these projects usually bring their own workers. Radius Gold claims they will have 0.9 acres of disturbance for exploratory drilling. This number was chosen to stay under the 1 acre of land disturbance cap that triggers reclamation bonding and review under the State Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) of 1975. We have concerns about how this number was conveniently calculated to avoid SMARA and if all factors of disturbance from exploratory drilling were included in this estimate.

Mining in the Sierra is an important part of our history but has also left a legacy of contamination and Superfund sites. The article also mentions the potential for acid runoff which is a major concern for several reasons. This could affect water quality to surrounding communities, species native to Rough Creek like the threatened Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, and runoff into the East Walker River.

Contrast the temporary economic stimulus of a drilling project to the continuous income that comes with recreation and eco-tourism. Open space public lands and protected areas such as National Parks and National monuments are a critical part of the nation’s economy, exemplified in our tourism counties of Mono and Inyo. Outdoor recreation alone generates $887 billion in consumer spending and supports 7.6 million jobs each year. Then factor in the destructive impacts of that left behind from mining; it is no contest.

April Sall, Director
Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership
Inyo County, City of Bishop discuss merits, impacts of proposed County Office Building

By Maddux

Inyo County CAO Clint Quilter updated Bishop City Council about the long-planned Consolidated Office Building project at Council’s regular meeting Monday night.

Six Inyo County offices maybe vacated when the new building opens (2021?).

Several issues were raised at the meeting, such as what will happen to the vacated buildings and how the exodus will affect the vibrancy of downtown Bishop.

The new building is planned for the lot on Highway 6 which has the Ford dealership on the one side and Grocery outlet on the other.

Councilmember Stephen Muchovej asked about the County-owned building at 207 W. South St., wondering if it will be used as storage after it is vacated. County Administrator Clint Quilter, gave the Bishop Council three of the options that might happen, such as:

- It will be used for off-site storage for departments that are not able to take everything with them to the consolidated building.
- A possible deal with IMAH (Inyo Mono Association for the Handicapped) where IMAH could use a portion of the building.
- Tear it down. “That is why we’re moving out of these buildings ... most of them are not habitable,” said Quilter.

“Has the County considered divesting from it?” asked Muchovej. “That’s 100% not what I said. I could sit down and talk with the Planning folks and we can see what room there is to discuss it, and we go from there,” said Quilter.

The next issue: Aesthetics. Muchovej mentioned that civic and religious buildings “shape the long-lasting character of a community,” but when he looks at the consolidated office building, he sees “a big, unappealing box.” His plea: Will the County be receptive to design input.

He also mentioned that Council has been looking to put together a new City plan with design and signage guidelines. Perhaps the project could mesh with that vision.

Quilter told Council he could explain the architectural features of the building and said this has been an ongoing process. The financial process is complete.

“We’re not in a position to make large changes, but we certainly can consider smaller things that might make it look better. Our intent is to do things on the side with landscaping,” said Quilter.

Muchovej mentioned the County has an extra $750,000 which is “used for parts and improvements—this would definitely fall into that category, and improve the aesthetic of the town,” he said.

“I think we’re in a deal where we’ve set the terms with somebody were leasing space from,” said Quilter—as suggestions would have been better before entering into the lease.

At this point, Muchovej questioned when would have been the time for the public to make suggestions to the consolidated building.

“We provided presentations in Council chamber for the last three years, and this was provided January 14 before the Board had entered into the agreement,” said Quilter.

“So, basically what I am hearing is that there is no working with the City to improve the aesthetics of this building?” asked Muchovej.

“That’s 100% not what I said. I could sit down and talk with the Planning folks and we can see what room there is to discuss it, and we go from there,” said Quilter.

After Monday night’s meeting, The Sheet spoke further with Muchovej. He elaborated as follows:

“The residents of the City of Bishop, they are very [focused] on economic revitalization of downtown. In particular, they want a town to be appealing, to have a Bishop character ... to actually have people drive by and think ‘wow, this is a really cute town. I want to hang out here, I want to spend more time.’

It’s a disservice to the public if we don’t spend that extra last bit to make it aesthetically appealing, he said.

When Muchovej heard about the consolidated office building in January 2019, a few things were addressed, such as aesthetic concerns, and also concerns about “making the building more green with, say, solar panels,” he said.

At the same time, Muchovej said the county administrator mentioned there would be more possibilities to give input. “It gave the impression that this was going to be an ongoing discussion ... and that was the last interaction we had about this,” he said.

The buildings currently occupied by the County are in commercial-only zones, and when they become...
GRAND MONOTONY
Mono Supes whine over 2018-2019 Grand Jury report
By Owen Page

The 2018-2019 Mono County Grand Jury Report seems to have ruffled some feathers both in Bridgeport and in Mammoth Lakes. The Mono County Board of Supervisors took time to discuss its response letter to the Grand Jury Report at its regular meeting Tuesday.

When paired with the Town of Mammoth Lakes’ response, it’s evident that the Grand Jury’s findings are taken with a grain of salt by both entities.

County Public Works Director Tony Dublino took the podium at Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting and promptly opened the floor for discussion of the draft response letter.

The draft letter takes specific issue with a number of the Grand Jury’s findings and conversation seemed particularly focused around Finding 5 in the jury’s report, which reads as follows: “Comments made by certain members of the Mono County Board of Supervisors and [Town] Councilmembers at public meetings demonstrate a lack of understanding in some cases, a lack of knowledge surrounding the issue of solid waste. Decisions, or lack thereof, made in the next few months may affect solid waste policy for many years to come.”

“Oh boy. Nobody likes being called ignorant. Particularly Fred Stump.”

The draft response letter from the Board dices the Grand Jury report, stating while “The Board agrees that decisions, or lack thereof, made in the next few months may affect solid waste policy for many years to come,” the Board does not agree that there is a lack of urgency or lack of knowledge surrounding the issue of solid waste.

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The response letter continues, “Although the Grand Jury may interpret comments made by the Board as lacking urgency or knowledge, the Board has been engaged in a frequent, public, and deliberate process to gather input and to plan for the closure of Benton Crossing Landfill and the system that will follow [to replace it].”

Supervisors elaborated upon these sentiments at Tuesday’s meeting.

Supervisor Stump opined in a conversation by declaring, “I was disturbed at the claims they had spoken to supervisors; no one ever talked to me about it.” He followed that up by stating, “I think the Grand Jury completely missed the complications that have existed between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the County.”

Stump concluded with a proverbial smackdown by arguing “I think that the Grand Jury did not do its job in assessing the relationship that existed five or six years ago.”

Supervisor Peters stated that no one had spoken to him either, even though he’d been in attendance at solid waste task force meetings.

The draft response took issue with two other findings that came out of the Grand Jury Report: Finding 6, which claimed a general lack of publicly available information on the Benton Crossing Landfill closing, and Finding 7, which claimed that there was again a lack of information on recycling in Mono County and Mammoth Lakes. “The subject of the Benton Crossing Landfill has been in local papers on several occasions over the last ten years,” the supervisors explained in the letter, adding that the Landfill “is among the most frequently agonized and constantly reported issues involving Mono County government over the last ten years.”

Supervisor Corless addressed the jury’s findings on recycling, stating “One thing I found lacking in the Grand Jury report in general... is that we’re in a recycling crisis. We can put [out] all kinds of information on landfills but the fact remains that we can’t recycle plastic.”

The letter also included a line-by-line rebuttal of the recommendation that Mammoth Lakes and Mono County partner to get the Pumice Valley site ready for a biomass reactor, sending a pretty simple message: it’s not as easy as you might think.

“The formal response letter is due early next week and will be published in due time on the Grand Jury’s website.”

The draft can be found in the agenda from the September 10th meeting.

ASK AND THOU SHALT RECEIVE
Mono County Assessor successfully lobbies for pay raise
By Page

Mono County Assessor Barry Beck made a successful appeal for a salary raise at Tuesday’s Supervisor meeting, pointing to the department’s efficiency under his guidance and a thorough digitization effort of the Assessor’s files as evidence of his work. Beck became County Assessor in 2015 and in that time, has overseen efforts to improve the operating function of the office as well as undertaken larger scale projects aimed at closing gaps in the information available through the department.

Beck’s presentation featured a break down of the office’s accomplishments since he came on board as Assessor, referencing consistent closing of the assessment roll, the 2016 restoration of map books from 1896, and the setting of a four-year span of appeals with Mammoth Mountain in 2019. According to Beck, the assessor’s roll has grown by nearly 6% during his time as Assessor.

In addition to his individual efforts, Beck talked through the history of the position’s salary, explaining that “the county assessor position is the only one on the list that’s making less now than in 2012.” The 2012 salary: $9,564/month. The current salary [pre-meeting]: $9,180/month.

“They don’t pay you to put in the time.”

“When Jody [Henning] resigned as assessor, the board at that time did not choose to appoint an acting assessor,” related Beck, “Larry Johnston had proposed they cut that budget, pick an arbitrary number, no survey or research conducted, and the board agreed.”

Bob Musil was eventually appointed as interim assessor until he was defeated by Beck in the 2014 election.

The proposed increase bumped the current figure to an even $10,000/month. The ultimate added cost: $14,310 (including $4,470 in benefits). How will it be paid? Likely out of the assessor’s office annual budget.

As part of his closing argument, Beck detailed a contract with Deckard Technologies that would use aerial and satellite imagery with a stated goal to “discover property that is not properly assessed.”

The deal, as Beck revealed, is structured such that Deckard won’t be paid unless their research uncovers something new.

Supervisor Stump inquired on the recent parcel characteristics project, completed by the assessor’s office in 2018, that saw the recording and digitizing the characteristics of 17,000 parcels. These characteristics can consist of description of land, slope exposure, access to road but “it’s really related to building on parcels,” said Beck. He referenced a request by fire chiefs for information about houses built prior to 1986; the office was able to provide that information on account of the physical characteristics project.

Ultimately, the Board voted unanimously for the resolution, whose purpose was described in the official agenda as aimed at providing “parity and salary structure to the Office of the Assessor.”
HIGERD’S PROPOSED GUN POLICY

By Phil Higerd

I have been a life long competitive shooter; hunter; instructor; concealed carry licensee, Federally Licensed Dealer, etc., etc.

I was a proud NRA member from 1966 until the days following Newtown, when I couldn’t abide the NRA’s adamantine and stone-cold insurrection toward any and all changes in law or gun policy.

Undoubtedly, my ideas will be dismissed out of hand by both the gun rights absolutists, as well as the gun prohibitionists, but I hope that the other 80% of us will find them reasonable, logical, practical, consistent with legal precedent and at the same time protective of American civil rights.

First of all, I consider the 2nd Amendment, as deliberated and written in 1789 to be one of the most important and fundamental rights of Americans, which refers not to sporting goods, but weapons suitable for fighting, for individual and collective defense. However, many decades of legal precedent including the National Firearms Act of 1934, as well as concealed weapon licensing have upheld the principle that that right is not absolute, and that there are reasonable lines drawn between risks to public safety and personal freedoms.

Personally, I don’t think, for example, that it’s prudent that a fatherless teenager who has spent years; blowing people apart by the thousands on a video screen for 5 hours a day (or anyone else); can walk into a store on his 18th birthday and walk out with an AR, or AK and 100 -round drum magazines; with no training, no mentoring, no oversight and no scrutiny whatsoever, other than having no criminal record as an adult. Basically, all the issues of gun policy boil down to two core questions:

1. What kind of weapons should the public be allowed to possess, and
2. Under what conditions should they be able to possess them?

Addressing the second question first: I was recently in a gun shop where a middle aged woman was shopping for a small handgun. She obviously had no training in firearms whatsoever, as she had violated every safety rule by handling it in such a way that it pointed at everyone in the store at one time or another, with her finger inside the trigger guard. All she wanted to know was “How many bullets does it hold?” I came away from that encounter with an even clearer conviction that in addition to the standard background check, there needs to be some standard of education before the gun is acquired; not merely the suggestion that it would be a good idea afterward.

We take Drivers Ed. and pass a test before we can buy, or drive any car unsupervised, and take flight training before we can solo an airplane.

Why? Because that equipment has the potential to kill us as well as others. But getting our Class 1 Drivers License doesn’t entitle us to go out and drive a fire truck or a tractor-trailer, and a Private Pilot’s License doesn’t qualify you to fly a jetliner. Those vehicles have greater injury potential and require far more training to operate safely.

Would it not be logical to apply the same principle to guns?

I mention aviation because it is an example of a federal agency (the FAA) implementing consistent and practical rules nationwide. For gun policies to be effective, they need to be consistent. The virtual gun prohibitions in Chicago and Baltimore have very little effect when neighboring states have different rules.

I sometimes hear the objection from gun guys that you shouldn’t have to have a license to exercise a Constitutional Right. But then I ask: Have you ever had your record checked; of course; many times? Have you ever been trained in safe gun handling and storage? “Sure” Do you have a concealed weapon permit? “Yep, it’s my certified ‘good guy’ permit.”

When you sell a gun to a private party, wouldn’t you like to see the proof that he’s a “certified good guy” too? “Well, yeah!”

I then ask: “Do you feel like any of those things infringe on your rights? “No, I guess not.”

I certainly don’t. I have always considered my gun credentials to be a badge of honor.

The next question is: “What if the licenses in your wallet were standardized nationally and recognized in every state; the same as Drivers Licenses?”

The response is generally: “That would be great, but the politicians will never go for it”

I believe the best possible system for America, whether you are a gun hater, a gun lover or anywhere in between, would be a multi-level, standardized “Firearm Certificate” as follows:

Class 1: requires background check and training in safe handling, use and storage. It would cover target shooting, hunting and home defense. It would be automatically renewable every 5 years with a clean record. It would be presented for all purchases of guns and ammunition, commercial or private; effectively eliminating all “background check loopholes”

Class 2: would add the additional required training for a Concealed Weapon Permit, and be subject to the review of local law enforcement officials, as is currently the case in most states.

Class 3: would add detachable magazine semi-auto centerfire rifles (aka “assault rifles”, “modern sporting rifles”, etc.) at the discretion of local law enforcement.

Such a system would not infringe on the fundamental rights of the law abiding citizen; but could in fact enhance them. For example: a hunter from California whose rifle is damaged in Colorado, should be able to present his license in a store there and buy a replacement.

For private party sales, buyer and seller would exchange photos of each other’s certificate and retain it for 10 years; for their own protection, as well as creating a non-governmental paper (or digital) trail in the rare event that it should ever be needed by law enforcement. It would be the optimum achievement of “universal background checks” without any undue burden on the gun owner.

Invariably, after every mass murder there is an outcry for “common sense gun reform,” which then elicits the predictable retort of: “What law could you pass that would have prevented this, or any other event?”

In the case of the most recent mass-murder in Odessa, Texas, the above plan could have prevented it. The would-be killer, having been turned down on his background check, would not have been able to buy a gun in a private sale; not purely because it would have been illegal, but because no good guy would ever want to furnish a gun to a bad guy. Furthermore, without a “Firearm Certificate” he would not have been able to purchase ammunition, unless of course, he was able to deal with gangs, drug dealers, etc. who will always have their illicit businesses on someone else.

The key to effective gun policy is that it be practical, reasonable and easy to comply with. An example of a law which is none of the above is California’s prohibition on all loaning of firearms. If my friend wants to borrow a shotgun for a day of quail hunting, it is required for both of us to go to a dealer; fill out paperwork to register the gun to him; pay $35.; wait 10 days to return and deliver the gun to him; then after the hunt reverse the whole process.

This law is absolutely useless; creating a crime for which there is no victim; is totally unenforceable, and seeing near zero compliance among otherwise law abiding citizens, and needlessly putting them on the wrong side of the law.

A “Firearm Certificate” in the hands of both parties would eliminate the whole mess.

Now to answer question one about types of weapons any citizens should be able to own.

Most issues, challenges and decisions are considered on the basis of a cost/benefit, or an “upside potential” versus “downside risk” analysis, and that is how this question needs to be approached.

While we have a “benefit” let’s say, of 15 million or so law abiding citizens who own detachable magazine semi-auto centerfire rifles: 99.999% of whom safely use them for target shooting, hunting and defensive use; we unfortunately now have a terrible “cost” or downside risk related to them in the form of mass casualty shootings.

In 1929, a group of gangsters in Chicago murdered 7 rival gang members using Thompson submachine guns in see HIGERD, page 7
what is known as the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre." In response to that event, Congress determined that the "cost" of these automatic weapons (that fired relatively low-powered pistol bullets), far outweighed any benefit of them, so they largely taxed and regulated them out of existence by way of the National Firearms Act of 1934. Interestingly, the Act was not opposed by the NRA of the day, which considered it good public policy and not at odds with the 2nd Amendment.

The reality is that the weapons predominantly being used in masscrses today are far more lethal than the Tommy Guns of old. How do we know that? Without going into the technical information, the simple answer is: virtually every modern military and law enforcement unit in the world uses AR, AK or similar platform weapons. Otherwise they would still be using Tommy Guns! I’m sure that at this point, there are gun rights absolutists whose blood pressure is now spiking; ready to tell me that I’m so ignorant that I don’t even know what I’m talking about: sure is now spiking: ready to tell me that they would still be using Tommy Guns!

Second: Our troops use 30 round magazines. The Las Vegas shooter used 50 round mags, and the recent Dayton killer had a 100 round drum magazine! These are all freely available to anyone in most states. A side note to the NRA: this is not a freedom that I need; or want; you to defend for me.

Third, military bullets are full jacketed as mandated by the Geneva Convention, so as to not be excessively destructive. Soft point and hollow point rounds; commonly used for hunting and home defense; expand when they hit, resulting in far more tissue damage.

So then, how can we reduce the “cost” and “downside risk” to public safety, while at the same time affirming the citizens’ right to the means of effective defense?

In my opinion, that balance is to be found in rifle magazine capacity. In my estimation, a semi auto rifle with a 5 round magazine is a hunting/target rifle. One with a 10 round magazine is a very effective home/farm protection rifle. One with 30, 40, 50 or 100 round magazines is a potential instrument of mass murder. Recognizing that semi auto rifles are widely owned and kept for lawful defense, the question arises: how often has a 30 round or larger magazine been a factor in the outcome in cases of citizen defense? I don’t know of a single one.

But how many times have those magazines been a factor in the body count of mass shootings? Too many to count.

What are the chances of a citizen using 30-plus rifle rounds in a defensive situation? Based on history: near zero. What are the chances of 30-plus round magazines being a factor in the body count of the next mass murder? A near certainty.

Consider the experience of Stephen Willeford: the citizen hero who shot the church shooter in Texas. He loaded “a handful” of loose rounds into a magazine for his AR when he heard the shooting. No criticism to this great American whatsoever: but he would have been better off with a 10 round magazine or two that was already loaded and ready to go.

What is achievable

I believe the licensing program described above could have bipartisan appeal for the reasons described, and do the most good to enhance public safety without infringing on the rights of citizens.

I believe an outright ban, and at attempt at confiscation or “buyback” plan for SADMRs (semi auto detachable magazine rifles) would see a very low compliance rate, (zero compliance by the criminally inclined) and would only trigger another feeding frenzy for them as has occurred before and after every recent election in which more gun restrictions were anticipated.

What would be very reasonable and moderate is to discontinue the further sale of battlefield and larger centerfire magazines, as was the law of the land between 1994 and 2004. The "AW ban" was not renewed when it sunsseted in 2004 because the weapons were not a problem at the time, however I have no doubt that if mass murders had been taking place with the same frequency that they are now, it certainly would have been.

I would not, however advocate for a return to the 10 round capacity limit for pistols, as standard capacities for service-sized pistols (up to 17 rounds) have not been a factor in mass murders; and any citizen trying to defend himself and others from violent attack armed only with a pistol is at great disadvantage in terms of power and accuracy compared to someone armed with a long gun.

Phil Higerd is a longtime Mammoth Lakes resident and business owner.

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**MLH WEIGHS IN ON THE PARCEL**

By Hite

The Mammoth Lakes Housing Board approved a draft letter at its meeting Monday commenting on the proposed land use planning effort for the Parcel.

The letter will be submitted to both the Planning and Economic Development Commission and Mammoth’s Town Council.

For the remainder of this calendar year, Mammoth’s Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) will only have joint meetings with Council. Community Development Director Sandra Moberly said the meetings will be focused on “going through the conceptual land use plans and honing in on all the components we want for the final draft.”

The three different alternatives are described as high density (450-550 units), medium density (400-450 units) and low density (350-400 units).

MLH Board member Tom Hodges, who serves as Mammoth Resorts’ V.P. for Development, pointed out “There is a gap in financing in all scenarios and the town needs to be realistic about how it is going to raise those funds to meet the gap.”

The gap is apparently more than $50 million all-in.

That was before MLH Executive Director Patricia Robertson pointed out, “That is without the $12 million the EIFD alloted.”

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But it’s a great way to pass the time.

As MLH Board member and Town Councilman Kirk Stapp said, the EIFD has been brought up before and “the water district; the fire district and the county all said no” due to these departments not wanting to miss out on future tax dollars.

Hodges responded that the EIFD was shot down a couple years ago due to the lack of a strategic plan for an EIFD.

The meeting began with an open work session and Tom Hodges suggesting, “I think we should begin a discussion for the affordable housing incentive zoning overlay for the commercial district.”

He immediately was asked “Would this function as an incentive for development?”

Yes was his reply.

“We might need to do more research,” he elaborated, “but it would be helpful to know the gap between income levels and the market rate, so we can understand what kind of subsidy would be necessary.”

There is no incentive to build affordable housing if you can rent out the same apartments for more money. Board Member Kirk Stapp provided an anecdote to explain, “John Hooper was offered two additional units, more density for workforce housing (in a development next to Sierra Center mall), and he said no. He wants whatever market rate units go for.”

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Million initial lump sum lease payment, said Quilter. “There is a $7.8 million initial lump sum lease payment, which is desperately needed by the residents,” he said.

As for the current buildings that Inyo County employees occupy, Quilter said they are falling apart and tend to lack heat in the winter, air conditioning in the summer and have on occasion leaked as if they don’t have roofs. The County has been working to get out of rented facilities in excess of 10 years, said Quilter.

The next steps in the process for the Inyo County Consolidated Office building is to have the lessor submit plans, get a permit and begin construction. The new building will be 42,000 square feet and include 260 parking spaces, the lessor/landlord who is in contract with the County is Wolverine/Inyo LLC.

Earlier this year, the County entered into the lease and the terms will not change, said Quilter. “There is a $7.8 million initial lump sum lease payment, monthly lease payments of $39,103.21, and additional $250,000 lump sum payments at the start of year 6, 11, 16,” he said. In 20 years, the County will own the building.

The Sheet asked Marilyn Mann, Director of Health and Human Services about the condition of some of the County buildings that are occupied.

Mann currently works at the May St. location in Bishop, but at the same time has also worked at four other buildings where County services are provided. Mann leads one of the larger County departments and has more than 90 employees working in various Bishop locations.

She is a strong supporter of the consolidated office building and believes that “it will not only improve the working conditions for her team and other Bishop-based County employees, but it is a fiscally responsible investment and will improve service delivery to the public.”

Often, clients in crisis come to her department to get services and have to go to more than one building to get their needs met. “Having the ability to access the full range of services they need in one building helps to reduce the crisis and ensures good public service delivery,” said Mann.

Mann also states that it is important to provide good working conditions for her team as well as other County employees. “The buildings where employees are currently housed are not conducive to a good working environment.”

As for the age of the some of the Inyo County buildings, Mann said she is unsure of the age of the buildings except for the South St. and Grove Street locations which she remembers housing County offices in the 1970s.
move along “On our demo days, we had an outpouring of local support, donations, and even volunteers who helped us move the materials.”

She said the theatre should be open the first week of October.

Minaret Cinemas is going through changes as well, but will remain open throughout the process, as Minaret Cinemas co-owner Damon Rubio explained.

“We have started our renovations this month and they should be done by October.”

In a previous article which ran in The Sheet, Rubio said, “When you come off the mountain, there’s three things you want: you want pizza, you want beer, and you want entertainment. We’re going to provide all three.”

Rubio had the vision of his theater and it was only a matter of time before it came to fruition.

“We just got approved to sell beer and wine and that should be done by the end of September. Part of acquiring that license meant we had to have a full food menu.”

When asked if he was going to have pizza to accompany the beer, Rubio said they would have the food when the kitchen is fully renovated.

Minaret Cinemas is also purchasing reclining chairs for both of its theaters “The experience of watching a movie is going to be improved with our new recliners. Earlier this year we started selling tickets online, and the new chairs will allow someone to pick out their specific seat when purchasing through our website.” He even mentioned that tickets were a dollar cheaper online.

The Cinema will also have new tiling and fresh paint. When asked about future projects, Rubio laughed and said, “Well, we are going to see if people like what we did, then we will start to think about the next step.”
ARE EFFORTS TO BAN VAPING SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE?

By James

Vapings and e-cigarette devices first came to the U.S. in 2007. While initially viewed as a public nuisance with its cloud of vapor and strong odor, its popularity exploded in 2015 with the introduction of JUUL brand of vaping devices which look very much like a USB thumbdrive.

Hystera over the recent deaths of six vape users in the past few weeks has created a panic, with calls from politicians to ban the products or at least to flavor the versions that are attractive to youth.

No cases of VAPI have been reported in Inyo and Mono counties.

While there does appear to be a rush to make this a story about e-cigarettes and vaping devices and the risks involved with their use, there more to the story that is being overlooked.

Vaping and e-cigarettes have been around for years and yet, nothing like VAPI has occurred before. This is not a sudden and dramatic unknown side effect and there is clearly something unusual and specific happening but calls for people to stop using the devices and ban them altogether is an overreaction.

It appears that vaping cannabis, specifically black-market THC oil, is the most likely culprit, along with vegetal-specific black-market THC oil, is the most likely culprit, along with vegetal-specific THC oil, is the most likely culprit, along with vegetal-specific THC oil. There is some evidence in studies, especially among youth, that they are more likely to turn to vaping devices.

No one is well-served by over-hyping a topic, yet in this instance vaping does present an immediate health crisis that medical and health professionals cannot ignore. At greatest risk are youth.

There are some take-aways from the current concerns on vaping:

One, if you don’t smoke, don’t start vaping, whether it contains nicotine or THC or CBD oils. There is some evidence in studies, especially among youth, that they are more likely to turn to vaping oils that do contain nicotine.

Two, there is still far too much unknown about the long-term effects of vaping oils which contain some known carcinogens.

Three, and perhaps the best is that you only allow something to enter your lungs that they are designed to have in them: Air!
The latest news on roads, campgrounds, and visitor centers for the Eastern Sierra is available online. The following text provides updates on various districts:

**Mono Lake Ranger District**
- Roads open: Sonora Pass (SR108), Monitor Pass (SR89), Tioga Pass (SR120W), Bodie Road (SR270), Saddlebag Road, June Lake Loop (SR158), SR120E (Mono Mills Road), Lundy Canyon Road.
- Campgrounds open: Oh Ridge, June Lake, Gull Lake, Aerie Crag, Silver Lake, Reversed Creek, Glass Creek, Big Springs, Hartley Springs, Obsidian Flat Group (est. closing 9/30), Upper Deadman (9/30), Lower Deadman (9/30), Lower Lee Vining, Moraine, Big Bend, Aspen, Ellery Lake, Junction, Tioga Lake, Sawmill Walk-In, Saddlebag Lake, Saddlebag Lake Trailhead Group (Res. only), Lundy Canyon (county).
- The Mono Basin Visitor Center is open daily, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Fuelwood Permits on sale Monday-Sunday – 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

**Mammoth Ranger District**
- Roads open: Mammoth Scenic Loop, Old Mammoth Road to Lake Mary Road, Lake Mary Road, Reds Meadow Road (shuttle from Reds Meadow, Resort – weekends only – 10:00 am - 3:30 pm).
- Campgrounds open: Mammoth Mtn. RV Park (private, year-round), Crowley (BLM), Convict Lake, New Shady Rest, Pine Glen Family/Group (est. closing 9/22), Brown’s Owens River (private), Twin Lakes, Lake Mary (est. closing 9/22), Lake George (est. closing 9/22), Pine City (est. closing 9/22), Coldwater (est. closing 9/22), Reds Meadow, Agnew Meadows Horse (est. closing 9/22), Agnew Meadows Group (est. closing 9/22), Agnew Meadows Family (est. closing 9/22), Minaret Falls (est. closing 9/22).
- Campgrounds closed: Old Shady Rest, Sherwin Creek, Upper Soda Springs, Pumice Flat Group.
- NOTE: The Lakes Basin Fuels Reduction Project is beginning September 9th. Twin Lakes, Coldwater and Lake Mary campgrounds will no longer take reservations. They will be first-come – first-served.
- The Mammoth Welcome Center is open daily 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Fuelwood Permits on sale Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.
- The Devils Postpile Ranger Station is open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- White Mountain Ranger District
  - Roads open: McGee Creek Rd. (open to the pack station), Rock Creek Road, Buttermill Rd., South Lake Rd., Bishop Creek Hwy 168 to Sabrina, North Lake Road, Silver Canyon Rd. (4x4-Hi Clear- ance), Wyman Canyon Rd. (4x4-HiClearance), Big Pine Canyon (Glacier Lodge) Road, White Mountain Road – (4x4, high clearance vehicle recommended beyond Schulman Grove).
  - Temporary road closures due to fire – Tinnemaha, Taboose Creek, McMurry Meadows. Please look to fire updates for the most current information.
  - Campgrounds open: McGee Creek, Tuff, French Camp, Big Meadow, Iris Meadow, Palisade Group, Pine Grove, Upper Pine Grove, East Fork, Aspen Group (res. only), Rock Creek, Rock Creek Lake Group (res. only), Mosquito Flat Backpacker, Horton (BLM) Grand-view (no water, no trash service, fire-wood is limited), Big Trees, Bishop Park, Bishop Park Group, Bitterbrush, Four Jeffrey, Forks, Intake 2, Willow, Sabrina, North Lake, Table Mountain Group, Mt. Glen, Pleasant Valley Pit (BLM – no wa- ter), Pleasant Valley (County), Cedar Flat Group, Big Pine Creek, Sage Flat, Upper Sage Flat, Clyde Glacier Group, Palisade Glacier Group, Tinnemaha and Goodale Campgrounds are closed due to the Taboose Fire, check incident updates for most current info. Taboose Creek Campground is temporarily currently. Check with county for updates.
- The Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Visitor Center is open 10-5 daily.
  - The White Mountain Ranger Station Visitor Center is open daily, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Fuelwood Permits are on sale Monday-Sunday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- Mt. Whitney Ranger District
  - Roads open: Foothill Road., Division Creek, Whitney Portal Road, Onion Val- ley Road (no water at trailhead), Horse- shoe Meadow Road., Sherman Pass Road - (across Kern Plateau), access to Blackrock and Monache.
  - Campgrounds open: Kennedy Meadows, Boulder Creek RV Resort, Diaz Lake (County), Cottonwood Lakes, Cottonwood Pass, Horseshoe Meadows Equestrian, Portagee Joe (County), Tuttle Creek (BLM), Lone Pine, Whitney Portal Family Campground, Independence Creek (County), Upper Grays Meadow and Lower Grays Meadow, Onion Valley (no water).
- The Eastern Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine is open daily from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, No Fuelwood Permits available.
MHS VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS BISHOP
Photos by Maddux

The Mammoth Huskies beat the Bishop Broncos on Tuesday evening, 3-0. The set scores were 25-9, 25-15, 25-23. Last weekend, the Huskies hosted the Mammoth Invitational, and placed second, losing the championship match to Yosemite two games to one. “The girls played great and with a lot of effort and heart,” said Co-Coach Erin LeFrancois, defeating Vasquez, Coleville, California City, Palmdale Aerospace Academy, Bishop, Oakwood and Rim of the World on their way to the final. The Huskies are set to play in the Cal City tournament this coming weekend.

Above left: Ruby Walker readies for a spike. Above right: Bishop’s Haven del Giudice plays big for the Broncos.

WOLVES NIP HUSKIES

In an overtime thriller, Mammoth High huskies football fell to the Coleville High Wolves. The game went to overtime tied 50-50, but the Wolves managed to get a touchdown before the Huskies ending the game 56-50. Despite the theatrics, the Huskies fall to 0-2 on the season.

The offense was led by 233 yards from scrimmage by tailback Jonny Hernandez. He ran 17 times for 161 yards and two touchdowns, while also providing two receptions for 72 yards, one being a 65 yard touchdown catch. Quarterback Cody Lambert was 9-15 for 136 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed seven times for 56 yards and two touchdowns.

The high scoring affair led to 107 total tackles by Mammoth High. Nate Satterfield was the leader with 12, while Charlie Gray, Daniel Hildebrand and Freddy Brown all had 11.

Mammoth High has a home game this Friday night against Pahranagat Valley before embarking on three straight road games. The non-conference opponent from Alamo, Nevada enters the contest 2-0.
**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**
- Austria Hof, Happy Hour 5-7:30 p.m. Daily. Taco Tuesdays and Poki Taco Thursdays. More info: See ad p. 8.
- Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Mon-Fri., Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.
- Morrison’s Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. all summer Sunday through Thursday in the bar.

**Trendy Girl’s Happy Hour Sun.-Thurs. from 5:30-6:30 p.m in the bar with food and drink specials.**

**Mammoth Rock ‘N’ Bowl**
- Mon. 9:00 a.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m.
- Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. Info: See ad p. 18.
- Petra’s Bistro. Happy hour 5-7 p.m. Signature cocktails. Wine by the glass. Info: See ad p. 18.
- Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily.
- The Public House Local Mondays (all local beers are $5 a pint). Karaoke Tuesdays @ 8:00. ½ Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays.

**Famous Slocums Happy Hour**
- Happy Hour: Mon-Fri 4-6 p.m.; Sat 4-5:30 p.m. Dining at 5:30 p.m. Closed Sundays. “No Reservations, just come on in.” More info: See ad p. 5.

**T-BAR SOCIAL CLUB**

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

**Shelter Distilling Open 11am -11pm**
- Daily Happy Hour: 3-5pm Sunday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks at T-Bar. $6 Blue Agave Cocktails and $2 Street Tacos All Day.

**Bleu Daily Happy Hour**
- 5-6 p.m. Full Bar, Wine and Small Plates.

**Devils Creek Distillery**
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**Black Velvet Coffee**
- happy hour 4-6. Wine tastings on Wednesdays.

**Rafter’s**
- Daily happy hour 4-6 p.m. All night happy hour on Thursday.

**Lakani**
- happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily.

**Friday, September 13/**

**Afoilicious**

**Full moon party @ Public House.** It may also double as a birthday party for Molly if she happens to show up! Band: Piddler Paddet.

**Saturday, September 14/**

**Valdor + Deathgrave**

**Cold without pants**
- plays the Liberty Bar. 9 p.m. - close.

**Sunday, September 15/**

**Good Livin’**
- plays the Mobil Mart. 3-6 p.m. *Final show of the season*

**BND Nevadense @ Mammoth Rock ‘N’ Bowl.** Live Music + DJ’s. Call 760.709.2197 for tickets and details.

**Monday, September 16/**

**Open Mic Night @ Black Doubt Brewing**

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**BARS & MUSIC**

**Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.**
- Time: 7 p.m. Free.

**Karaoke @ Public House.**
- 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 18**

**In the Biz Wednesdays @ Mammoth Rock ‘N’ Bowl.** $1 games and $1 shoes after 9 p.m.

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**September 13-17/**

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**National Electric Drive Day**
- @ The Village at Mammoth. Hundreds of electric vehicle drivers and enthusiasts gather to highlight the benefits of electric cars. Free raffle includes entry to the 2020 Mammoth Gran Fondo.

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**Bishop Community Concerts Assn. presents the Sean Stackpole Jazz Quartet.*** Straight ahead jazz of the 1950s-1970s. Time: 3 p.m. Location: Bishop Union High School. Tix: $15 with season membership or $25 at door. Info: bishoppca@gmail.com; 760.873.5991.

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Hosted by the Schaubmayers, mammoth’s 4th annual Oktoberfest celebration will take place in the Village at Mammoth from September 19-21.

Thursday, September 19, kicks off the weekend with a three-course Authentic Bavarian dinner which includes a 5L Stein filled with your choice of beer or wine. Limited seating. Live music. Tickets available at www.mammothoktoberfest.com

Friday is the official kick-off party. 12-9:45 p.m. Free live music all day long. The ceremonial Keg-tapping is set for 2 p.m.

Saturday is known as game day. The second annual Bier run will take place at 12 p.m. This is followed by a “keg toss for all” at 2 p.m. and then finally the Stein holding contest at 4 p.m. Kids, women, and mens divisions available.

The Mammoth Oktoberfest commemorates steins sold out every year. Purchase a stein or entry to the Bier run at the adress above.

**Fire Prevention Dumpsters**

Fire Prevention personnel on the Mono Lake Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest applied for and received a $6,000 grant to be utilized towards community wildfire preparedness programs. A portion of the funding has been allocated to provide 30-yard roll-off dumpsters to be placed in areas where residents can dispose of pine needles, leaves, slash and other green waste materials. Absolutely no trash or household waste is allowed, and residents are asked to help monitor and provide accountability for appropriate dumpster use in order to maximize the community benefit and ensure the continuation of such programs in the future. The dumpsters will be made available from September 12 to the end of September at the following locations:

- **Mono City** – The Mono City Volunteer Fire Station
- **Lee Vining** – The lot adjacent to the Lee Vining Community Center
- **June Lake** – June Mountain parking lot
- **California City** – The Mono County Volunteer Fire Station
- **Mammoth Lakes** – The Mono Lake Community Volunteer Fire Station
- **Los Angeles** – The Mono Lake Community Volunteer Fire Station

**Sausage, Kraut and Mustard**

The UCCE Inyo and Mono Counties Master Food Preservers are teaching a workshop called Oktoberfest: Sausage, Kraut and Mustard!

We will teach you how grind meat to make fresh sausage and how to flavor it with spices. We will teach you how to make sauerkraut from scratch and the fermenting process and how to make mustard! You will receive recipes, a sausage spice pack and tastes of everything that we teach you to make.

The workshop will be held Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jill Kinmonth Bonthe School, 166 Grandview Road, Bridgeport, Calif. The workshop fee is $25. Workshops generally sell out and space is limited.

For more information/register, please contact Melissa Yeager at 760.873.7854/melyeager@ucanr.edu.

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Line St., Bishop. Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee regular meeting, Meets 2 p.m. in Suite Z. Minaret Mall.

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**AT THE MOVIES**

- **TOWN STUFF**

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**Art & Wine with Bob Kent**

When: September 28, 3 - 6 p.m. September 29, Sunrise

Join Mono Arts Council on Saturday, September 28 for a workshop and glass of wine with expert photographer Bob Kent. Bob will teach you techniques to improve your photographs, regardless of the camera you have or you’re editing skills. You’ll learn about the importance of light and how to use it to your advantage, composition, and simple editing tasks. Everyone attending will be invited to do a ride along photo adventure the next morning. Tickets available at Monoarts.org

**College and Career Fair**

Presented by MHS and MHS NOW Foundation. October 2. 3-6 p.m. MHS MPR. Open to all students in Eastern Sierra. Administrators counselcors from various 2- and 4-year schools will be there. Tech and Vocation counselors as well.

Cindy Podosin was the one who sent the flyer. She followed up with an email.

**Fall Events Workshop**

Mammoth Lakes Tourism is hosting a free events workshop for local event producers on Tuesday, October 8 at the Westin Monache.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and features guest speakers and workshops on marketing, event permitting and community engagement. The event will include a complimentary lunch and a 5 p.m. social hour. RSVP to Caroline Casey at ccassey@visitmammoth.com.

**Curley’s birthday rendezvous**

Curley Fletcher birthday poetry rendezvous @ various locations, including Hidden Creeks Ranch (off Reata Rd.) and Laws Museum just east of Bishop off of Hwy. 6. Special BBQ and music program at Hidden Creeks Friday and Saturday night. Info and tix: lawsbod@gmail.com/760.920.6000.
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Mammoth Rock N Bowl has immediate openings for 2 Assistant Pinsetter Mechanic, who will perform maintenance and repairs of Qubica/AMF Bowling Equipment. We envision you, Adhering to company policies includes Facility Maintenance Projects. This is a part time, hourly position with flexible hours and a starting salary range between $16.00 – 18.00/hour.

Fulltime job in Mammoth and in Bishop. Apply at Mammoth Mountainier Supply, Alpine Approach, Mammoth Great Exchange, or to dave@mammotthome.com. Pay depending on experience.

Vacasa is hiring full and part time housekeepers in June Lake with pay starting at $18 per hour. Apply online at vacasa.com/careers or call 760-934-0523 in Bridgeport, Ca. 93517

Mammoth outdoor-related retail business seeks year-round, full time store manager reporting to general manager. Basic computer skills i.e. Word, Excel, etc. required. Salary negotiable based on experience and significant brings to the table. Call 760 914-1476.

Black Tie Ski Rentals is now hiring for both Full Time and Part-Time winter seasonal positions for the 2019-2020 ski season. Seek proactive and energetic individuals who share our love of the mountains and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. If you’re candidates enjoy working in a great team atmosphere and are passionate about providing impeccable service to our customers, flexible scheduling is available but MUST be able to work weekends and holidays. Competitive hourly wages plus additional compensation which includes; Sales Commission, Tips, Participation in Ski Pass Program, Industry Pricing Equipment Deals, Personal use of Shop Equipment and Tools, Family & Friend Discounts and End of Year Bonus based on hours worked and seasonal completion.

If you’re passionate about skiing or snowboarding and enjoy sharing that passion with guests of our mountain communities, this could be a great opportunity for you. Please email a resume with references to mammotthome.com if you are interested in joining our team.

Fictitious Business Name Statement The following person is Doing Business As:

Sportsman’s Bar & Grill
Sportsman’s Bar & Grill, LLC 371 Main St. P.O. Box 496 Bishop, CA 93517

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant conducted to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 25, 2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 25, 2019 at 10:15 am. Name of officer filing is Kristina Varela. File Number 19-186 2019-0170 (8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21)

Now Hiring Cafe Team Member
Join our Team! Great Basin Bakery is seeking energetic, out-going people for part- or full-time cafe shift positions. Excellent customer service, strong work ethic and enjoyment of a fun, fast-paced environment required. Duties include basic food/beverage prep, P/T set up and clean-up, and cleaning/stocking the cafe. Both early and afternoon shifts are available, may work weekends and holidays. Must have excellent customer service and pay great free food! Apply in person at Great Basin Bakery, 275 South Main Street in Bishop.

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST (AQS) I or II – 2 open positions
Bishop Office (Full-time, with benefits) Salary Range: AQS I $5,580 - $7,861/month
AQS II $5,408 - $7,874/month

Under general supervision, processes applications for permits to construct and operate, inspects air pollution sources to ensure compliance with air pollution control regulations and rules, and performs related duties as required.

Air Quality Specialist I – This is the entry and training class of the series. Incumbents learn inspection procedures, industrial processes and enforcement regulations.

Air Quality Specialist II – This is fully experienced, journey level class of the series. Incumbents work under general supervision and perform the full range of inspection and permit enforcement duties.

Education and Experience:

AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST I – Graduation from college with major coursework in engineering, biology, or the physical sciences and two years of experience in monitoring and testing, industrial control processes, or a related field; or any combination of training and experience that could provide the desired knowledge and abilities. Highly related industrial and technical experience is desirable but not required.

AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST II – Graduation from college with major coursework in engineering, biology, or the physical sciences, and two years experience in air pollution control or experience in monitoring and/or experience that could likely provide the desired knowledge and abilities. Highly related industrial and technical experience can substitute for college coursework.

For further information and a complete listing of position qualifications and instructions and materials, visit http://www.gobcpd.org/employment or gsbucpd.bam- book.com/jobs. Application, resume, and cover letter must be received by 3 pm Friday, October 25, 2019 for consideration for an interview MUST appear in person.

AIR MONITORING TECHNICIAN (MT) I

Bishop Office (Full-time, with benefits) Salary Range: MT I $4,705 - $5,718/month

MT II $5,408 - $6,573/month

Under general supervision, installs, operates, calibrates, and maintains the air quality monitoring equipment and equipment associated with air quality and meteorological monitoring. Calibrates balances, weighs air quality filter samples, and maintains gravimetric laboratory systems to required regulatory specifications.

Air Monitoring Technician I: The entry and training level class of the series.

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Those interested in this position and applying, submit a resume and job application instructions and materials, visit http://www.gobcpd.org/employment or gsbucpd.bam-book.com/jobs. Application, resume, and cover letter must be received by 3 pm Friday, October 18, 2019. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified in writing immediately.
Notice of Summons

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will rescind sealed bids for the
delivery of lights to be placed on light poles in Mammoth Lakes Basin, so we can christen that new bridge in the proper manner.

I hope to see you ... at Electric Drive Day in the Village at Mammoth, even though electric cars have two major negatives. 1.) The ride's too quiet. 2.) The back seat's not big enough.

The average life expectancy for Mono County citizens is higher than both the state and county averages. All depressed for longer these days. The underlying concern of these entities was that “the Hispanic population is growing at a rapid pace and is underrepresented in the community.”

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal service are served on you to file an answer with the Court or to make a formal response at that court and have a copy served on the Plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. Be sure to use a court form that is made available at the Court. In addition, you should file your response in writing and have a copy mailed to the attorney who is listed on the summons.

If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, and all subcontractor(s) under him, shall comply with all prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the County, and all subcontractor(s) under him, shall comply with all prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the County. The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the prevailing rates to be those shown in the Project Location.

The name, address, and telephone number of Plaintiff’s attorney is:

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130 E. Main Street
Lee Vining, Ca. 93541
Bishop, Ca. 93515
DUE DATE: May 10, 2019
Key Richardson
Manager
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HORRORSCOPES
By Clouds McCloud

Virgo: Your lucky birthstone for this next lucky year of your life is peridot. Called the “Gem of the Sun,” the green gemstones primarily come from deep in the earth like diamonds, but have been found in some meteorites. That’s why your keys for the year will be to find a way to stay grounded, while still reaching for the stars.

Libra: Opal is the birthstone for Libras. The tie-dyed looking stones have an exceptionally high percentage of water in them and are considered to be protective and to attract hope. Since faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, its probably time you started accepting things like Faith and Hope aren’t just the names of local baristas. They are also what you need to be protective and to attract hope.

Scorpio: Beryl is one of your birthstones, which comes as no surprise to Clouds. That’s because beryl is one of the most alluring gemstones on the planet. Resembling crystallized blue-green seawater, beryl helps ward off troubles and helps its wearers feel energized and youthful. Since trouble ages us, try to do more things that make you feel youthful and trouble-free, even if it means someone is going to call you a naughty girl or boy.

Sagittarius: One of the five birthstones for Sag's is topaz. Topaz is not only found in all the colors of the rainbow, it’s also the name of a town on the California/Nevada border. While the lake is only a decent place to fish, the stone is believed to have the power to drive away sadness and trouble when worn. That’s why you should either start wearing more real—or at least imaginary—topaz jewelry, and sometimes little else.

Capricorn: Garnet is the birthstone for Caps and you may find the reason behind this enlightening. It’s because garnet is considered to be the perfect balance of dark and light. It is the stone of transformation. That’s why you may often have a feeling of restless evolving. That’s also why your key in life is to not fight the steady movement between dark and light. To help, try to start leaving some lights on whenever you make love.

Aquarius: Amethyst is the birthstone most connected to Aquarians like you. These stones are considered to be natural stress relievers and help get rid of negativity. The purple stones can be found all over the world and have always been linked with luxury and the finer things in life. Much like the power of amethysts, you’re at your best when you’re telling stress to go screw itself.

Pisces: When most astrologers think of birthstones for Pisces they think about jade or amethyst. Clouds, however, thinks about bloodstones. Despite their rather gruesome name, the stones are an artistic blend of opaque, deep green with splashes of red—the blood. A semi-precious gem, bloodstones have long been popular as jewelry, especially of religious nature. Also known as the “Martyr’s Stone,” they are a proper stone for Pisces, so long as you aren’t living with a martyr’s complex.

Aries: When you really think about it, a diamond is just a piece of coal that handled stress well. That’s why it’s so fitting that diamonds are the birthstone of Aries. While they sparkle with a rare beauty, diamonds are also the hardest surface on earth. The word diamond actually comes from the Greek term “adamas,” which means invincible or indestructible. Please keep this all in mind, and try to eat more healthy stuff like Greek yogurt and sort-of healthy stuff like gyros.

Taurus: Emerald is the birthstone for Taurus. This may explain why you have an affinity for Seattle, the “Emerald City.” Of course, the other famous Emerald City was in “The Wizard of Oz.” Since emeralds are known for being tough, you should enjoy a line from that classic story: “I am content in knowing I am as brave as any of the best that ever lived, if not braver.”

Gemini: With a sheen that radiates light like trapped stars, moonstones look like something out of a Marvel Comics movie. They are one of your birthstones and are said to help calm and soothe. When Geminis are at your best that is the presence you bring others. That’s why your words of wisdom come from Iron Man, “Heroes are made by the path they choose, not the powers they are graced with.”

Cancer: Pearls are one of the birthstones for people of your sign. It’s fitting, especially since the Crab is your symbol and the stone is produced by mollusks, making them the only gems on earth that are produced by living creatures. This is why you always believe in others so much. It’s also why you should hear this Steinbeck quote from The Pearl, “It is not good to want a thing too much. It sometimes drives the luck away. You must want it just enough.”

Leo: Rubies are one of Leo’s birthstones. The red gemstones are a symbol of luxury and lore. Since these are things the Stars are bringing more into your life, your words of wisdom come from actress Ruby Rose, “If you want to succeed you must never stop learning, never stop trying and just keep being yourself. You are your own person.”

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A PICK 6 COUNTS AS A TD PASS, RIGHT?
By Hartley

Select picks for the week ...

Titans laying 3 points to the Colts. The Titans laid some wood to the Browns......oh so much more on that later. Don’t get overly hyped there. Colts looked pretty good and should have won. But game is in Tennessee. I’ll take Titan QB Mariota, although I’d never take Mariota if I were wagering real money.

Chargers laying 2.5 at Detroit. If anyone should be hoping the Chargers collapse, it’s BB Melvin Gordon. Gordon holding out is like a husband saying he won’t give his wife sex until she meets his demands - empty threat. She doesn’t care. While the Bolts are missing seven starters I don’t trust the Lions, long term or short term. Lay the points.

Bills laying 1.5 at the Giants. When you watch the Bills win it’s like watching fat porn ... you want to watch cuz it’s porn, but after you see it you just feel dirty. Take the Giants plus the points. Even Eli Manning gets a win now and then.

Ravens laying 13.5 to the Cardinals. Not buying this line. Not buying the Ravens offensive hype. Sure, Raven QB Lamar Jackson had a great game last week, and like I said last year, I didn’t understand why they were running him so much when he was a great passer in college. The Dolphins were GROSSLY unprepared for the possibility of him throwing and it showed. The Ravens ran basic plays and thee receivers were wide open. The rest of the league won’t make this mistake ... except the Steelers.

Patriots laying 19 points at the Dolphins. That’s a bunch of points. Belichick coaches this week against one of his moron disciples - Brian Flores. Dolphins usually play the Pats tough and it is in Miami. And last year disciple Matt Patricia and his Lions bushwhacked the mentor. Take the Dolphins plus the points. Hold on, I said that last week didn’t I? Screw that. Lay the points.

Cowboys laying 5 to the Washingtonians. Lay the points. Watching the Cowboys defense last week look like it had evolved into the 21st century was amazing. You mean they understand basic plays and thee receivers were wide open? That’s how much they think of him. Pack is at home. Lay the 3 points but don’t feel good about it.

Chiefs laying 7.5 points to the Raiders. Wow. I guess we see what they think about the Raiders stealing a win. Lay the points. The Raiders don’t have a defense. The Chiefs don’t either but the Chiefs have too much offense for da Raiders.

Rams laying 2.5 to the Saints. The Saints can still score. I am gonna take the Saints plus the points. Revenge game upset.

Bears laying 2.5 at Denver? Take the Broncos plus the points. The Bears don’t have a QB. They don’t have a real number 1 receiver. I don’t get this one.

I get that Flacco sucks, but ... I get that Trubisky sucks more.

Eagles laying 1.5 in ATLANTA. How do the Falcons go so hot and cold from week to week? The Falcons still have no defense. Take the Falcons at home plus the points. That will leave them .500, which is what they’ll be this year.

Browns laying 2.5 to the Jets on Monday night. For the love of all that is sane please stop these terrible Monday night matchups. I know before the season everyone was all in on the Browns going to the Super Bowl, but this is vomit worthy. Annnnnnnnnd speaking of the Browns. I need a new paragraph.

The Browns before the season were cocky. Paper champions. Talking Garoppolo (i.e. garbage). With a coach who looks like he should only be explaining to you how much it’s gonna cost to fix the transmission on your John Deere tractor. The QB hasn’t won a thing but talks like he is an MVP and a Super Bowl champ. The two WRs who are extremely talented ... are clowns.

They got their asses curb-stomped last week. I mean just whipped. They committed, like, 18 penalties. An undis-\n
PICK 6 COUNTS AS A TD PASS, RIGHT?

Mayfield says he “doesn’t give a damn about what people outside say.” We know that is a lie because you respond to EVERYTHING from outside so shut up. Meanwhile, Odell Beckham wore a $250,000 watch during the game. Knows it against the rules but does it. The NFL threatens fines. He says, “I’m still gonna wear the watch.” Of course he is. He isn’t a team guy. He is an Odell guy. Wear the watch, take the fines, make a scene every week.

And from Big Marv ... Google Facts that only Marv looks up

Mascots: How much do they make

- Philadelphia Flyers’ Gritty - $3,000 per hour for appearances
- Oklahoma City Thunder’s Rumble the Bison - Up to $100,000, $650 per hour for appearances
- New York Mets Mr. Met - $600 per hour for appearances
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