More than 300 concerned, but respectful parents and teachers packed the Bishop Union School District (BUSD) board meeting on Thursday night after several emails and texts were circulated accusing the new Superintendent Jon Ray and the BUSD board of plotting to implement their own private agenda. This along with a host of other accusations drew a throng of parents who sat on the floor, stood along the walls, stood in the hallway and even inside the library.

The board listened to dozens who spoke during public comment for more than 90 minutes. Board members appear to have been blindsided, as well as somewhat offended by some of the accusations.

An anonymous email was sent to over two dozen advocate and news outlets (including The Sheet) accusing Bishop Unified School District Superintendent Jon Ray of preparing to present to the school board at the September 19th meeting, “an array of racist and illegal policy changes to our district.”

It was quite a startling list. There was no supporting evidence offered, just accusations. And the public comment offered no further enlightenment - more of a kneejerk than informed reaction.

There were reports of other messages being shared between parents which also contained several separate accusations. The anonymous “Whistleblower” accused Superintendent Ray (and by extension, the School Board) of having the following agenda:

- The removal of undocumented children from our schools. (This is simply not legal...) nor was there any suggestion that this was ever discussed, but it is possible undocumented children were most likely confused with students from out of district.
- Purchase of a quarter million-dollar math testing system from his wife’s company. (Ray’s wife does work for the company that sells the software, but according to Ray, she works as an independent contractor for $20 an hour with no benefits, and any work she does for the school district in helping create rosters, etc. would be as a “volunteer”)
- The removal of a football captain for alleged homosexuality. (No one at the meeting appeared to know what this was about.)
- Refusal to pay substitute teachers. (This did not even come up, sounds like a union issue, and is patently illegal.)
- Nonunion staff termination threats. (Nothing was said at the meeting along these lines.)
- Violations of the Williams Settlement. (A ruling that appeared to know what this was about.)

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North of Bishop, the outside world was visible against the last light of the setting sun. A faint, smoke-filled haze hung over the mountains, while outside, the wind threatened to scatter any groceries not properly secured and traffic crawled along, unaided by stoplights.

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That left only five potentially unaffected SCE circuits throughout the entire county. 
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You’re invited!

Green Business Academy
Tuesday, September 24th at 9 a.m.
Location: Bleu Market and Kitchen

Join the Eastern Sierra Green Business Program and some of the certified green businesses in Mono county to work on your application, get answers and network. Ambassadors of the program will be present to share their lessons learned and to sign up as mentors to help your business through the process. Bring your laptop!

The certification program is free and a $500 rebate is currently available for upgrades.

Coffee and breakfast pastries provided by Bleu
RSVP: greenbiz@highsierraenergy.org
Learn more: www.greenbusinessca.org

Rider Appreciation Day
Saturday, September 21st
As a way of thanking our loyal Mammoth Bike Park riders, we’re throwing a BBQ party on the Yodler sundeck with music and giveaways. Enter the raffle for prizes from Yeti and Oakley – plus the chance to win a 2020 Mammoth Bike Park Pass.

Official Kick Off Party!
Friday, September 20th
12 pm-9:45 pm
2:00 pm Ceremonial Keg Tapping
Free Live Music
West Coast Prost 12 pm to 5 pm
Hazelnuss 5 pm to 9:45 pm

Game Day
Saturday, September 21st
12 pm-9:45 pm
2019 2nd Annual Bier Run
12:00 PM Women and Men’s Divisions
Hosted by the Mammoth Track Club, it is a 1km RUN and CHUG. Includes a Commemorative T-Shirt
$30.00 - BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE
2:00 pm: Keg Toss for all
4:00 pm Stein Holding: Women & Men’s Divisions
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Mammoth Council gives go-ahead on architectural, engineering services for Multi-Use Facility/Ice Rink

By Lunch

Mammoth Lakes Town Council decided to move ahead with the MUF (Multi-Use Facility) by approving a $710,000 contract with HMC Architects for architectural and engineering services. The item appeared on the consent agenda. Somewhat surprising, given the dollar figure. Councilman Kirk Stapp pulled the agenda item.

His objections can be summarized as follows:
1. The Town hasn’t officially prioritized its CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) list, yet is willing to make this expenditure. Suggesting that Council priorities are essentially ad hoc.
2. Even at the revised $13 million number for a tent structure, there is still a funding gap associated with the project. Has the gap been filled?
3. Is the Town prepared going forward to fund what Stapp believes will be a $250,000 annual operations and maintenance deficit?
4. The first phase of affordable housing at The Parcel promises a $60 million funding gap according to consultants. Stapp questioned blowing money on a rink when housing is putatively the Town’s #1 goal.

Mayor Bill Sauser replied that just because you have a #1 priority, that doesn’t mean you just stop functioning in regard to everything else.

Stalling on the MUF, he continued, is precisely what has led to inflated cost which has led to a different (tent) project.

Councilman John Wentworth added that the $710,000 fits within the project scope, so he recommended spending the money and then, once architectural/engineering is complete, then we’ll reach a “decision point” as to whether to continue with construction.

The vote was 3-1 to approve the contract with HMC. Stapp voted no. Councilmember Cleland Hoff was absent.

Speaking of 3-1 votes, Stapp was on the short end of another consent item he pulled.

This was in regard to hiring yet another consultant, Kosmont Companies, for “Public-Private Transaction Advisory Services.”

Huh?

What this alludes to is that a number of private developers - Jim Demetriades most prominently - have suggested to Council that temporary TOT (room tax) forgiveness may be a tool to incentivize new development.

In other words, if a developer agrees to pull the trigger on a $250 million development, maybe there’s a time during or post-construction where the requirement for the property to collect room tax is lessened or even waived.

So the Town proposed to hire Kosmont now to give it a little more background knowledge and potential ability to analyze such overtures by developers.

The Sheet asked why the Town would preemptively spend $12,500 on Kosmont’s analysis. Why not wait until a developer comes forward with a proposal and make the developer pay for the analysis?

Mayor Bill Sauser replied, and I’ll paraphrase: Because then the local paper would rip us for appearing to make insider deals.

To which I replied (and I’ll paraphrase, because I’m too lazy to look at the tape): I think such a remark is unfair, seeing as the Mammoth Times isn’t even here to defend itself.

In other Council action ... retiring Police Officer Andy Lehr was recognized for his 16 years of service. Lehr joined the Mammoth Lakes Police Dept. in 2003. Among his roles, he served as a School Resource Officer as well as a Detective.

Lunch observation: With Lehr’s retirement, the department just lost 50% of its sense of humor.

Town Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes predicted the Main Street sidewalk project would be completed the third week of October and there’s an early November target for the new signage.

And Council voted unanimously to require online rental platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo to list only legal rentals on their respective websites.

The City of Santa Monica has passed a similar ordinance which has withstood repeated legal challenge by online rental companies.

Mammoth Lodging Association President John Morris was supportive of the action. “We need to protect the TOT [revenue],” he said, which accounts for 60% of the Town’s General Fund revenue.
**Hey’s Cooked**

Four-term Congressman Paul Cook announces retirement; Democrat Bubser making bid for 8th

By Lunch

The Los Angeles Times reported this week that four-term Congressman Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley) will not seek reelection.

Cook has instead decided to run for the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Cook’s retirement, reports the Times is “the latest in a series of House Republican retirements as the lawmakers confront life in the minority. In all, more than a dozen GOP members have announced plans to leave Congress after 2020, including several in Texas.”

... The four-term congressman is not the first to seek a return to local office after leaving Capitol Hill. In 2015, Janice Hahn announced she would leave Congress to run for a seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis was elected to the county board after eight years in Congress and a stint as U.S. Secretary of Labor under President Obama.

Cook, not known as a prolific fundraiser in Congress, was out-raised by Democrat Christine Bubser in the quarter ending June 30 — she brought in $204,800 to Cook’s $139,299. Bubser is the only Democrat who’d filed to challenge Cook in 2020.

Cook has already endorsed State Assemblyman Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear), a former Mayor of Big Bear, whose 33rd District largely overlaps with the 8th Congressional district.

Obernolte has officially announced his candidacy, though he does have an official website that is live.

Trump carried the 8th District by 15 points in 2016.

Meet Chris Bubser

But maybe now it’s time to talk about the Democratic candidate for the seat who’s been in the race since Earth Day.

Her name is Chris Bubser, and she has owned a home in Mammoth for the past fifteen years and splits residency between Mammoth and Los Angeles.

And, despite the speculation regarding Obernolte, Bubser is the only official candidate in the race.

Bubser grew up in Pennsylvania but moved to California in 1991.

The first weekend she was here, she says she visited Mammoth Lakes and fell in love with the place.

Both her children skied on the Mammoth Ski Team. She and her son both volunteer for Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra.

She has been married twenty years to husband David Baran.

Bubser’s professional background is in the biotechnology industry.

And while she is a political neophyte, she’s a fast learner and a tireless worker.

Our phone call had to be postponed twenty minutes because she had to tell her staff about a key political endorsement from Representative Katie Porter (D-Irvine).

When asked why she decided to jump into the 2016 race, Bubser cited a few factors.

One was the outcome of the 2016 presidential election and the threat, which appalled her considering that the 8th District is home to Joshua Tree National Park, Death Valley National Park and the Eastern Sierra.

When asked about her stand on specific issues, Bubser chose her words carefully.

“I want to hear from voters before I’m too preemptive about saying what people need ... I don’t label myself (liberal, progressive or moderate). I’m supposed to represent all 700,000 people in the district, not just the people who agree with me. It’s not about ideology. It’s about being a representative.”

But she did say this. Three key issues are health care, the environment and public lands.

And her travels have revealed a lot of commonalities in the district, despite its geographical vastness.

“When I speak with teachers, nurses, healthcare workers ... we all want the same thing,” said Bubser.

Sheet: I’ll bite. What is that ‘thing’?

Bubser: People of our district tell me they want good jobs that allow them to earn enough to support their families, access to quality, affordable health care and to make sure that we are protecting our public lands and solving the climate crisis for future generations.
The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) took one step closer to finalizing a Joint Powers Agreement on Friday the 13th, but toning down the JPA language before formal submission of the agreement to member agencies. The special meeting, attended by representatives from both the Inyo and Mono supervisors as well as town council members from Mammoth Lakes and Bishop, was called for the purpose of reviewing amendments made by each respective agencies’ legal counsels.

The root of these amendments, and thus the meeting, had to do with concerns from member agencies about decision-making within the coalition as well as ESCOG’s potential assumption of debt.

Mammoth Lakes’ Town Attorney Andy Morris summarized this, stating “We’re not sure there’s a consensus of how much autonomy ESCOG should have.” City of Bishop Attorney Ryan Jones clarified that “potential assumption of debt” was a key issue for Bishop City Council.

Bishop City Councilmember Karen Schwartz noted that the language of the staff report indicated that “ESCOG would supersede individual jurisdictions, and that there was” concern about Bishop being small and yet contributing equally (financially).”

“We are in as a one fourth because if we have cumbersome requirements that over 90 JPA’s in California; they don’t have authority and that “there are initial concern dealt with cost as opposed to power. The counsels chimed in to inform the board and audience of ‘I do not support any changes to the ESCOG out of the box...it does not say that the ESCOG is actually trying to do anything’ and concluded by stating “we need to have a home for these types of opportunities going forward.”

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Chair Jeff Griffiths cautioned against being hasty to limit the coalition’s “I think we have to be careful about putting so many restrictions into what that basically makes ESCOG non-functional,” Griffiths said. He didn’t outright dismiss the worries of Mammoth agencies, however, as he recognized that “there’s this fear that Mammoth is going to run over everybody, but put forth that such a scenario won’t exist “if we keep voting the same way.”

Mammoth Lakes Mayor Brown’s teacher - Miss Othmar. While his objection, saying that “The Eastern Sierra needs attention. Period. We frankly don’t do that as well as four entities than we do as the Eastern Sierra,” and concluded with a firm statement “of “I do not support any changes to the original agreement.”

The original agreement does not contain limits for contributions or contractual agreements. Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember John Wentworth noted that the JPA “does not allocate power to the ESCOG out of the box...it does not say that the ESCOG is actually trying to do anything” and concluded by stating “we need to have a home for these types of opportunities going forward.”

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Griffiths wisely chose this moment to call a short break. After the break, and sorting out some of the technical difficulties, the board launched into review and then voting on the proposed amendments. This discussion was punctuated by the return of technical difficulties. As Stacy Simon, Mono County Counsel, began talking about protections of authority within the JPA, her voice abruptly cut out and the sound on the other end of the line morphed into something reminiscent of Charlie Brown’s teacher - Miss Othmar. While the other attorneys were able to continue without significant issues, the ten minute delay continued to cause issues.

Supervisor Gardner ultimately did not get his wish to see the JPA go totally unchanged, as language regarding debt, definition of terms, and the extent of ESCOG’s power was added into the final JPA.

To summarize: “Debt does not become a burden of member agencies. Is this like claiming one is not responsible for his/her spouse’s credit card balance? “Nothing that ESCOG does overrides anything in a member agency’s bylaws. “The final JPA asserts its members are not trying to create any group that has overriding power.

Upon completion of voting, the coalition adjourned until October 11th, when each member agency will return with any final concerns.
**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TARGETED FOR SPRING**

By Lex Brode

On June 5th, 2018, Mammoth taxpayers passed Measure B, a $63.1 million bond plan for the improvement, rehabilitation and construction of educational facilities in Mammoth, namely the elementary middle and high schools.

Considering the construction of Mammoth High School predates the Sony Walkman player, some consider a facelift long overdue.

Others are concerned about the expensive nature of plastic surgery. The you-are-what-you-eat/you-are-where-you-study argument comes courtesy of new Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent Jennifer Wildman.

When the schools’ facilities are improved, she says, students will be better equipped to learn in an environment where they feel “safe, healthy, and happy.”

“Judging from my own experience at Mammoth High, I’m sure we all would have been in a better mood if we hadn’t spent four years smelling the same plumbing system from the ’70s.”

While the $63 million plan won’t be complete for awhile; it’s multi-dimensional, multi-year, multi-project and multi-everything-else, initial projections for each school site (available on the district website www.mammothusd.org) courtesy of the Facility Master Plan are as follows:

- **Elementary School** $22.5 million
- **Middle School** $5.3 million
- **High School** $35.3 million

MUSD’s Chief Business and Financial Officer Brooke Bien said this week that construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2020 and start with the Elementary School.

Then, says Wildman, the hope is to reuse and repurpose materials from the Elementary school (notably the classroom trailers) to use at the High School while construction is going on over there.

“Our priority is to create as little disruption to students and teachers as possible while completing the projects,” said Wildman.

Mammoth Middle School is seeing the least amount of the bond largesse, since it was built in 2002.

The High School, by contrast, was built in 1974.

**Tax bills**

So how will the $63 million in bonds affect local property owners (taxpayers)?

A sample tax bill from 2018, found on the District Website, gives some insight.

On a sample property with a valuation of $267,750, a taxpayer can expect to pay:

- $59 for the school parcel tax
- $92 for a 1998 Facilities bond (which will sunset in 2026).
- $145 for the Series A bond (related to Measure B) which covers the first $10 million in bonds (carrying with them a very attractive 2.29% interest rate) floated by the district in November, 2018.

But that’s just for the first $10 million. Subsequent bond issues are forecasted for 2021 and 2024 (though Bien says the Series B bonds may be issued next year).

If the $10 million created a $145 tax hit for the sample property mentioned, then the next $26.5 million issuance will cost this sample taxpayer 2.65 times $145 or approximately $384 annually.

Come 2024 or so, you’d add another $384 annually for the final Series C bond.

And in 2026, you’d then subtract the $92 from the 1998 bond.

In 2022, the voters may or may not renew the parcel tax.

If the parcel tax is not renewed, the minimum tax obligation for this sample property would stand at approximately $913/year.

But using a $267,750 example is a bit lowball.

Currently, the median sales price for a Mammoth home is about $750,000 and the median condo price is $450,000.

So what the average homeowner can really expect to pay is about $2,500 and the average condominium owner can expect to pay $1,500/year as more of a long-range tax implication.
CLELAND GOES HOFF: “CRINGEWORTHY COMPANY”

Is there anything local residents can do about their Suddenlink hostage situation?

By Hite

I t was a short Facebook post on September 9. Mammoth Councilmember Cleland Hoff wrote the following: “Cringeworthy company... Suddenlink. How can one work for that company on a corporate level and hold one’s head up when it comes to customer service? #onhold #onholdforever".

Little did she know it would lead to 38 responses. Cheryl Corey-Witherill, who manages 1849 Condominiums, rejoined, “Can’t we push for an alternative in our area? Or require they have a local contact or office for issues? It’s sooo frustrating! We make trips to Bishop five times a month to trade out equipment for our HOA!”

So what are the options for Mono and Inyo county residents?

It mostly depends upon where you live. And there’s also an absurdist element to it.

According to Connected Eastern Sierra, a site the Mammoth Chamber of Commerce will direct you to if you want to check what wi-fi service you can get, “In 2009 the concept of Digital 395 was born. Leveraging money from the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) under the America Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) and the California Advanced Services Fund, a $110 million, 450-mile long state-of-the-art fiber optic network was built throughout the Eastern Sierra. “

By 2014, the project was largely complete and the 450 mile stretch from Barstow, Calif. to Reno, Nev. had fiber optic cables running through it. With Digital 395 wrapping up, it became a matter of internet providers connecting the cables to towns and giving people access to the gigabyte speeds.

It’s that little bit of language in there that’s the sticking point. “A matter of internet providers connecting the cables to towns and giving people access.”

That requires investment.

Leaving things the way they are requires little more than collection. This is especially attractive to Suddenlink, which is the only Gigabit service provider in Mammoth and June Lake.

An IT guru told The Sheet, “For another provider to come in, the cost of infrastructure to give all of Mammoth Lakes fiber optic [service] would be $10-20 million dollars, and economic incentives for a company to do that are simply not there.”

So what do you do?

Mono County IT Director Nate Greenberg chose to take a positive approach. “For our area, the prices and speed of wifi are actually better than many alternatives.” Greenberg went on to explain that the government is working with Suddenlink to improve customer service.

Hoff was a bit more cynical.

In a conversation with the Sheet, Cleland Hoff jokingly said “Honestly, the most important thing is to keep them in business and give them to the government. They are never going to work for free.”

According to Connected Eastern Sierra, the concept if you have ever threatened to drop the price or offer a deal. A familiar voice and pace of speech to determine if you have ever threatened to leave Suddenlink.

So reader, you are not alone. The ability to reach a customer service representative is not exclusively a problem pertaining to the Eastern Sierra.

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Suddenlink’s office in Bishop is understaffed as it lost a receptionist over the summer and one can only imagine how slow it is to hire someone who knows how to make some money off of it.

Customer disservice

The customer service of telecommunications companies is known to be dismissive and at some times, impossible to reach.

But did you know that some of the poor customer service might actually be described as purposeful?

According to a Wall Street Journal from its August 3-4 weekend edition, “Some companies now equip call centers with software that analyzes a caller’s tone of voice and pace of speech to determine how upset the person is,” writes the author Sharon Terlep.

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Suddenlink has one local location, and the small number of employees there provide the best service they can (given their numbers).

The problem does not rest squarely on the shoulders of Suddenlink. One rival company that provides service in Mammoth is Frontier Communications but their nearest office is on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe.

Another provider, Schat, although local, has setup costs of $200 and for 50 mbps download speed they charge $150 a month (for comparison Suddenlink offers almost 100 mbps for $70 a month with a router).

Then there is Race Communications which is head and shoulders above the rest. If you live near Highway 995 or in a rural community there is a chance you can get internet that is 1 gbps for just $60 a month. The company is able to offer this deal because they have setup fiber optic infrastructure that connects to Digital 395.

According to Connected Eastern Sierra, in 2017, “1 Gb Internet becomes available in the Mono County communities of Lee Vining, Chalfant, Tom’s Place, and Sunny Slopes by Race Communications.”

In 2018, Walker, Bridgeport, Benton, Crowley Lake, Aspen Springs, Paradise, and Swall Meadows got 1 Gbps courtesy of Race Communications.”

By 2014, the project was largely complete and the 450 mile stretch from Barstow, Calif. to Reno, Nev. had fiber optic cables running through it. With Digital 395 wrapping up, it became a matter of internet providers connecting the cables to towns and giving people access to the gigabyte speeds.
Construction on Main Street in Mammoth expected to continue until late October

If the current visual of the Main Street sidewalk project in Mammoth Lakes displeases you as much as the wait until ski season, you may be forced to do some soul-searching and figure out which aggravates you more. As it turns out, an early ski season would mean that Main Street would remain in just about the same condition until the snow melts.

The Lower Main Street Sidewalk Project’s final phase, the South Side, has occupied the right lane of Main and much of the parking on the Frontage road since early September.

The project is the final aspect of a much larger sidewalk and road project that was accepted by Mammoth Town Council in 2014. The project includes the sidewalk work done in the Village and along the north side of Main Street over the past few years.

The good news, as Town Public Works Director Grady Dutton notes, is that “there aren’t a significant amount of walls in that whole area … we expect this all to go much faster.”

The walls Dutton refers to are the cement walls along the north side of Main Street that were completed during an earlier phase of the project. Dutton also noted that the contractor, Mark Walter of Speiss Construction, expects that the sidewalk will be finished before winter hits.

“Mark is well aware of the conditions ... should winter hit early, he has proven himself to be very good at insuring that as much sidewalk as possible is open and clear,” said Dutton.

That being said, “Winter could hit next week or in December,” Dutton admitted, and with a tentative plan of working until the first week of November, the possibility of disruption in the project extends through that point.

The truncated construction season, which extends from April to June and Labor Day through October means that the timelines for these projects move quickly. Currently, the biggest priority for the Main Street Project is getting the concrete poured, as the end of October is the last time concrete work can be done until it warms up.

In terms of pitfalls for the project, “There are so many things that can go wrong that we basically just do the best we can,” said Dutton.

That being said, Dutton firmly rebuked any notion that halting the project before completion would leave Main Street looking the worse for wear. “We do not leave things in a state of disrepair during the winter,” he explained. Additional grading and signage work can be continued past the end of October, depending on the height of the snow banks.

Jennifer Shedden, project manager for the Main Street Project, stated that the project is “pretty much on schedule” with “no issue related to the power outage.” Shedden also relayed that concrete pouring begins next week.

In response to questions about potential pitfalls, Shedden explained that “some things get drawn out longer than we want [them] to,” but noted, “the bulk of it should be done fairly soon.”

According to employees at businesses along Frontage road, the timing of the project during the shoulder season hasn’t really had an impact on business; in fact the notion of a sidewalk running along Main Street is seen as a good thing by impacted businesses on the Frontage road. In terms of parking, no one was all that stressed, as the potential for parking issues is eased by parking lots between businesses.

So the project should be totally fine if snow doesn’t begin to fall until sometime in October. Speaking of which, Mammoth Lakes saw the first dusting of fall snow in the early hours of Thursday, September 18.
SHEET SURVEY

Seeing as this week’s power outage could be a preview of coming attractions, we figured we’d solicit a few ideas ...

The Sheet asked people on the street: What’s your favorite power outage activity?

“Read a book or sleep.”  - Kimberly

“Board games or instruments.”  - Morgan

“Kevin: Battleship.”  “Nicole: Try not to panic.”  - Kevin and Nicole

“BBQ at night and drink whiskey.”  - Amato and Bobby

“Candlelight laptop movie date.”  - Sean

“Scare the hell out of my neighbors.”  - Katelyn

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OUTAGE
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That forecast came in at about 11 a.m. and was dispersed to officials throughout the county, who discussed next steps, like setting up an Emergency Operation Center. “We ultimately decided to … continue to monitor things,” said Greenberg. Just before 1 p.m., word came down that a widespread shutoff was imminent at which time Greenberg and county officials “started to scramble and make sure that we were ready to react.”

Although Suite Z in Minaret Mall and county data centers retained power, Greenberg noted that there were some power issues “primarily with the generator in dispatch” which impacted government operations and outreach regarding the shutoff. County offices in the Sierra Center Mall had to be closed as the fire alarm system lost power.

Some county offices in Bridgeport were without power Tuesday as well, meaning that many employees in those offices were working out of Memorial Hall. Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun reported that the generator powering the county jail had lost power for a few minutes but it came back online soon after SCE turned the power off. Braun also reported that 911 services remained operational throughout the shutoff, with a brief switch to Inyo County to ensure “continuity of service.”

Cal Rossi, Regional Representative for SCE, spoke about the shutoff at the Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday morning. Reading off of what amounted to a script, Rossi assured the supervisors and everyone else in attendance that “public safety is our priority.” Rossi reported that SCE “did have vegetation in our lines and so we’ll never know if we prevented a fire but we sure know if one is caused … and so out of a preponderance of caution, we did make the decision [to shut off the power].”

Rossi also responded to those frustrated by the PSPS, stating “in response to restoring power, we’re working to do that as conditions permit and crews have inspected the lines to confirm that it is safe to re-energize. And I think that that point is lost on a lot of our customers, that as soon as the wind dies down, there’s an expectation that the power may come up immediately.”

Rossi repeatedly fell back on the public’s responsibility to stay prepared and informed, “There is a role for the public to make sure they’re on our communications list,” said Rossi.

Supervisor Fred Stump noted the significance of the timing of the event, stating “I’m grateful this happened because it wasn’t freezing and it wasn’t in the middle of a high tourist weekend.” He also said, “For all the effort that has gone into … I think we still need to do more.”

According to the Weather Channel’s website, temperatures dipped below freezing early Tuesday morning. Supervisor Stacy Corless pushed Rossi on the subject of communication, citing the SCE website and phone line. “PSPS information didn’t seem to be staying up-to-date,” said Corless.

Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz commented on public perception noting that there’s “a sense that maybe SCE had carte blanche ability to turn off the power,” and stressed the importance of “building trust with the community so that they feel the right decisions are being made.”

“People didn’t know this was coming in Mammoth,” said Kreitz.

SCE brought in a Community Outreach Vehicle to assist customers with signing up for notifications as well as providing customers with snacks and a charging station, parking it in the back of the Minaret Mall parking lot across from Union Bank.

The Sheet was able to speak with an SCE representative in Alhambra, CA after being passed off to Rossi and then onto the media hotline.

Robert Villegas, spokesman for SCE, stated, “We try to provide as much advance notice as we can. Typically we aim for 24 hours.” But in this case, “we ended up having very short notice provided to customers,” although Villegas noted that SCE is trying to improve its response system.

When asked about how SCE’s decision-making was informed by lawsuits against it and other California power companies, Villegas offered that “even though we don’t want to turn off the power … what the fires have shown is that the scope and scale of these fires has grown truly catastrophic.”

Villegas also addressed concerns that communications in Mono County, where a quarter of the population speaks a language other than English at home, may not be universally effective. Villegas advised customers whose primary language is not English to take advantage of their phone line.

“I don’t think this was an economic suicide.” “If this happens during Christmas week …” To wit, Easterby presented the Sheet with a message from SCE about an imminent power outage. The message was received at 4:54 p.m., nearly four hours after SCE turned the power off. In terms of telecommunications, Suddenlink services went down as did AT&T, while Verizon stayed operational, albeit with slowdowns as network usage increased throughout the day.

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Cindy McConnell, who splits her time between houses in Bishop and Malibu, recently got back into amateur and LPGA-sponsored golf events.

Golf has always had a certain gravity to it which has kept drawing Cindy in - even though she was playing the game competitively at one point for two decades. While her mom was a member of the Los Angeles Country Club, Cindy didn’t begin playing golf until she was 11 and even then it was held to “more of a summer activity.”

She entered high school with her favorite sports being volleyball, tennis, skiing and softball. She did not play golf in high school.

McConnell attended college at the University of Utah, still more drawn to mountains than links, but spent summers golfing at the Los Angeles Country Club and taking lessons from the golf pro there, Fay Coleman.

After encouragement from Coleman and other people close to her, tours of Stanford and UCLA, and an eventual round with the UCLA women’s golf coach, McConnell decided to transfer and walk-on to the UCLA women’s golf team. She eventually made the five person travel squad in 1980-1981.

After college, her amateur career took off, McConnell won the 1983 Los Angeles City Championship and advanced to the quarterfinals of the California Women’s Amateur Championship.

In 1985, she qualified for her first U.S. Women’s Open and advanced to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women’s Amateur. In 1986, she claimed the Doherty Challenge Cup in Florida and won the California Women’s Amateur Championship.

1987 was her best year of golf. She won the prestigious Broadmoor Invitational, beating her good friend Kay Cockerill in a semifinal match. Then she won the 1987 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur by beating another good friend Pat Cornett in the final.

McConnell then decided to turn professional after applying for the LPGA Tour qualifying school. McConnell would spend the next four years playing professional golf, first on the Ladies European Tour, then the Asian Tour Order of Merit and finally the LPGA in 1991.

According to an interview with USGA “Her best moment came in the LPGA Bay State Classic at Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, Mass. McConnell, Meg Mallon and Cockerill shared a house that week. Cockerill wound up with her best finish (third) and McConnell posted a third-round 66 en route to finishing ninth, her best-ever showing.”

This was the pinnacle. “We thought this (playing with Cockerill and both placing top 10) is what it’s all about. This is the way we want to play,” said Cindy.

However, McConnell failed to qualify for the LPGA tour in 1992 and took some time off. She played her last competitive match in 1996 before committing to family life. She had a daughter, Rachel, in 1998 and a son, Joshua, in 2000.

On what happened with golfing after 1996 McConnell explained: “Well, I didn’t really do much golfing (after her last competition) until 2014 when my son wanted me to coach the Malibu High golf team. Being the coach really served as a catalyst to getting back into competing.”

McConnell described Malibu High as “a small school” which allowed her to practice her golf as well.

She told the Sheet, “It’s hard to be on tour and I didn’t want to compete until the kids were out of the house … But now that I am playing I really enjoy being able to rekindle relationships I had when I was playing a lot.”

Golfing at the Bishop Country Club also contributed Cindy make the leap, “I was working with Tani (Tatum) who I met on the LPGA tour way back, and she helped me get back into it, which helped me participate in my first match since 1996.”

McConnell has competed in multiple Women’s U.S. Senior Amateurs since 2017. She even had the opportunity to compete in the inaugural Women’s U.S. Senior Open in 2018.

The Senior playing age group (50+) never existed professionally when McConnell was coming up through the ranks.

When the Sheet contacted McConnell, she was vacationing at the Grand Canyon fresh off a loss in the Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship to Kelsey Chugg, just 28.

“Well she was many years my junior, but I would have liked to go further than the round of 64, “ lamented Cindy.

On what she wants out of golf going forward, McConnell said, “Golf is just a hobby for me now. I play for fun. But I guess if I kept at it, I would want to win the Senior Amateur for Women.”

When asked how she could accomplish that, McConnell stated, “It just has to be your week because there are a lot of good golfers out there.”

Cindy was the first U.S. Mid-Amateur champ back in 1987. Back then, her last name was Scholefield.
BISHOP STUFFED AT THE RIM
Press Release

The Bishop Broncos suffered a tough road loss at Rim of the World last Friday night, as a final drive ended on downs deep in Rim territory. The final score was 20-17.

According to Coach Arnie Palu, “We grabbed the lead early with a 91-yard interception return for a score by sophomore linebacker Kennedy Batchelder.

Luke McClean also scored on a 56-yard touchdown in the first half. Bishop led at intermission 14-12.

Christian Morales added a 26-yard field goal in the third quarter, putting Bishop up 17-12, but Rim scored the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth.

“Tristan Valle had a big game on defense including a 75-yard return in the 3rd quarter after the Rim of the World center picked up the ball, then placed the ball back on the field, Valle quickly picked it up and rumbled 75 yards setting up the Morales field goal.”

Valle also had three tackles for losses during the contest, as did Batchelder.

Team leaders were Clay Omohundro with 70 yards passing, McClean with 58 rushing yards, Steven Paco with 32 receiving yards.

This week the squad travels to Edwards Air Force Base for its High Desert League opener with Desert.

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Mammoth High School Volleyball won the Cal City Tournament last weekend, rudely defeating their hosts in straight sets in the championship match.

Over the course of the tourney, Mammoth defeated Boron, Burroughs (Ridgecrest), Vasquez, Frazier Mountain and Cal City.

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MHS Sophomore Cody Lambert returning a kick in last Friday’s home loss to Pahranagat Valley (Nev.). MHS hits the road to take on Trona Friday night.
**calendar of events**

**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. 12]
- The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Happy hour 3-6 p.m. [More info: See ad p. 9]
- 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.
- The Mogul Happy Sun.-Thurs. from 5:30-6:30 p.m in the bar with food and drink specials.
- Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl Mon. 11:30 a.m.-9 p.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. 13]
- Petra’s Bistro. Happy hour 5-7 p.m. Signature cocktails. Wine by the glass. [Info: See p. 13]
- Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily.

**Public House Local Mondays** (all drafts are $5 a pint). Karaoke Tuesdays @ 8:00. ½ Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays.

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


**Giovanni’s Happy Hour** daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you 5-Beer, Wine and Small Plates.

**Bleu Daily Happy Hour** 5-6 p.m. $5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates. Devils Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 3-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

**Black Velvet Coffee** happy hour 4-6. Wine tasting on Wednesdays.

**Raiders** happy hour 4-6 p.m. All night happy hour on Thursday

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


**September 20-21/ The T-Bar Social Club will feature live music this weekend. Friday: The Moves Collective. Saturday: David Gans. Both shows start 9 p.m. Info: www.tbarsocialclub.com**

**Monday, September 23/ Open Mic Night @ Black Doubt Brewing**

**Tuesday, September 24/ Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.**

**Wednesday, September 25/ In the Biz Wednesdays @ Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl.** $1 games and $1 shoes after 9 p.m.

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**BARS & MUSIC**

**Monday, September 30/ 15th Lakanuki Fall Golf Classic @ Sierra Star. 4-person scramble. 10 a.m. start. Costumes encouraged. Sign up at Laka or the Star. Info: 760.258.6860**

**TOWN STUFF**

**September 20-21/ Fourth Annual Oktoberfest @ the Village at Mammoth continues. Celebrating and preserving Bavarian culture. Beer, Schnapps, food, music. Info: see sidebar this page**

**Saturday, September 21/ Bike Park Rider Appreciation Day @ MMMA. 11 a.m. ‘til 4 p.m. Highlights include giveaways, discounted food and drinks on the Yodler deck, music by DJ Rodney O and a raffle including prizes from Yeti and Oakley, as well as a free 2020 Mammoth Bike Park Pass. Please join Forest Island Project for two very special back-to-back dance/vocal performances of the original work in natural 1 by FI Session 3 Artist Nina Waisman. Performances (3:30 and 6:45 p.m.) will take place on the shore of primmordial Mono Lake, South Tufa Interpretive Trail. Performance is free / Space is limited / $3 parking fee per person required in cash.**

**Sembah Social Mountain Bike Ride. Meet at the Uptown Trailhead In The Village at Mammoth. Time: 10 a.m. All abilities welcome. Must have a valid Mammoth Mountain Bike Park pedal or bike pass to participate.**

**Great Sierra River Cleanup with Eastern Sierra Land Trust. Meet 8:30 a.m. @ the ESLT offices at 250 N. Fowler St. in Bishop. Info: 760.673.4554/marie@eslt.org.**

**Sunday, September 22/ Sierra Club hike: Spillaway-Helen-Bingman Lakes, Yosemite NP. We’ll take the Mono Pass trail to Spillaway and then retrace our steps. (10mi. RT/1600’ elevation gain). No dogs. Meet 8 a.m. at the Mobil/Whoa Nellie Dillon on Hwy 120 in the gravel parking lot before turning in.Bring a pass if you have one. Public welcome. RSVP through MeetUp: https://www.meetup.com/ROLG-SierraClub-Outings-Meetup/ First of three others are 9/29 and 10/13 Fall Art Classes @ Valentine Reserve. Time: 10 a.m. Info/registration: Email Carole Lester @ carole.lester@ucsb.edu.**

**E-Bike weekend Electric Sunset Cruise. Meet 5 p.m. @ Wave Rave.**

**Tuesday, September 24/ Movie Night-Dirt Magic. Time: 6-9 p.m. Join Mammoth Lakes Recreation outside, under the stars, for a free showing of Pedal Driven – a “bikumentary” that explores the framework and ideology needed to get sustainable trails on the ground. Location: Footloose Sports. Price: Free. Tip: Dress warmly and bring a lawn chair. Free Seminar for Local Businesses @ Alta One Federal Credit Union in Bishop. Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Topic: Do you need to lead, manage, or both? Speaker: Dr. Arianne Weiner. Co-sponsors are Coso Grocers, Bishop Chamber. RSVP to 760.873.8405/execdir@bishopvisitor.com.**

**Attend the Green Business Academy @ Bleu Market and Kitchen. Starts 9 a.m. Learn what it takes to become a certified green business. More info: See ad p. 3**
TOWN STUFF


Thursday, September 28/ Bishop Paiute Museum. Time: 5 p.m.-dusk. Local produce, artisans goods, food vendors, live music, etc. Free. Location: Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center.

"Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative" Public Workshop. An Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership between the U.S. Forest Service and Eastside cities. 5-8 p.m. with the introduction to the initiative scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Location: Tallman Pavilion @ Tri-County Fairgrounds.

Mammoth Lakes Repertory’s production of "The Glass Menagerie" opens @ the Edison in Mammoth. Info: See ad p. 2.

September 27-29/ Curley Fletcher birthday poetry readings @ various locations, including Hidden Creeks Ranch (off Reata Rd.), and Laws Museum just east of Bishop off Hwy. 6. Special BBQ dinner and music programs at Hidden Creeks Friday and Saturday night. Info and taxi: lawsbbox@gmail.com/760.920.6008.

Pabananamiana Pow Wow in Bishop, Calif. The Pow Wow event is held annually on the 4th weekend of September to celebrate California Indian Day. The festivities include a parade, road run, and traditional hand games but the highlight of the weekend is the Pow Wow! which attracts some of Indian Country’s best dancers and drummers, food vendors and Native American Craft vendors. It has become one of the favorite fall events.


Saturday, September 28/ Bridgeport Autumn Festival. Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food, drinks, live music, vendors, pumpkin patch, kids games. Main events include the Ridge Rambler Half Marathon, Wrecks and Rods car show and the first responder chili cookoff. More info: bridgeportcalifornia.com/Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library SUPER PHOTO SALE. 12:00-4:30 p.m @ Mammoth Lakes Library. There will be framed and matted prints, 30% of proceeds go to the Friends of the Library. Historic Benton Hot Springs Fundraiser Dinner. Time: 5-9 p.m. Tix: $50/person with all proceeds going to Historic Benton Hot Springs non-profit thanks to a Mono County Grant. Dine in rarely-opened historic buildings and enjoy a fun and fascinating presentation on the history of Mono County’s oldest living town. Tix/Info: 760.933.2287.

June Lake Autumn Beer Festival @ Gull Lake Park, a gathering of craft brewers, food vendors, crafts people, and is generally just an all around fun event. The festival music, food vendors and overall festival fun will be free and open to the public. Free Mammoth-June June shuttle runs all day.

Join Friends of the Inyo and the Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership for Bodie Hills Stewardship Day.: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet @ the Aurora Ballfields beforehand (on Aurora Cyn. Rd. in Bridgeport) for breakfast, waivers, safety talk.

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. Admissions counselors from various 2- and 4-year schools will be there. Tech and Vocation counselors as well.

Podsom: Hi again - also - would you like a "table" to talk about journalism/newspaper careers? We have local business people showcasing their chosen careers/fields.

Lunch: Would I be there to talk to them about journalism or talk them out of it?

Podsom: Haha! Is that a "yes"?!

Lunch: I will publicly answer yes here. And will be happy to give a read-through of any drafts of college essays handed to me. Although Lunch would note such critiques are not for the faint of heart.

Altrusa Art Sale & Fall Colors Craft Show

Date: Saturday, October 5
Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Location: Heritage Arts Building (formerly Home Ec Building), Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop.

Join the members of Altrusa International of Eastern Sierra as they host artists from Inyo and Mono Counties in the northern half of the building. Laura Diko is this year’s featured artist. Her watercolor of the “Slim Princess” was voted Best of Show in 2018.

Laura has been an Eastern Sierra resident since 2013. She escaped the city life for a medical transcription in San Diego where she was a member of the San Diego Watercolor society.

Altrusa International of the Eastern Sierra is a group of civic minded people committed to making our community better through leadership, partnership, and service.

Fall Colors Craft Show: Get an early start on your Christmas shopping! Crafters from throughout the Eastern Sierra will be selling their wares in the southern half of the building. There will also be coffee and baked goods available for purchase.

For more information, call Trish Schllicting at 760.872.4066.

Child Passenger Safety Week

Bishop CHP offers free child car seat checks and installations for those needing assistance. We also provide free car seat presentations for any group or organization. Call 760.872.5150.

State law requires that all children under the age of two, weighing under 40 pounds and under 40 inches tall, to ride in a rear-facing car seat. All children under the age of eight must ride in the back seat in an age-appropriate seat. Safety experts recommend that all children ride in the back seat until the age of 13.
Mammoth Rock N Bowl has immediate openings for a 2 Assistant Pinsetter Mechanic. Must be available to work nights. A great opportunity to learn an important skill with time to use it. Must have excellent attitude. Email: recruiting@fivestarlodging.com to apply.

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Now Hiring Cafe Team Member

Job Title: Browse Great Basin Bakery is seek- ing energetic, out-going people for part- time and full-time cafe positions. Excellent customer service and work ethic and enjoyment of a fun, fast-paced environment required. Duties include basic food/beverage prep, P.O. handling, cleaning, and cleaning the Cafe. Both early and afternoon shifts available. Call Great Basin Bakery Manager and holidays. We offer excellent benefits, competitive pay and great free food! Apply in person at 275 South Main Street in Bishop.

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- In air quality monitoring field work or in an air quality monitoring filter laboratory or
- Any combination of training and/or experience that could likely provide the desired knowledge and abilities.
- Highly related industrial and technical experience can substitute for college coursework.

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

Air Monitoring Technician II – The fully experienced, journey level class of the series.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 19-001
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PDEC Determination: The Planning and Economic Development Commission (PDEC) considered Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 19-001 at a noticed public hearing on September 11, 2019, and recommended to the Town Council approval of ZCA 19-001 as recommended by staff.

CEQA Determination: Exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21063.3 and State Guidelines section 15063.3.

Location: Town-wide Zoning: All Zoning Districts
Propponent: Town of Mammoth Lakes

All persons having an interested in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written comments pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65060(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes or prior to the public hearing. For additional information, contact Michael Peterka, Assistant Planner, at (760) 935-3639, or email at mpeterka@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Town Council
P.O. Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2101-0182

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

White Horse Inn
Doug Goodwin/Jon Goodwin
P.O. Box 2326, 2180 Old Mammoth Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an Limited Liability Co. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 23, 2019 File Number 19-185
2019-09-07 (9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

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

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 23, 2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 23, 2019
File Number 19-186
2019-0170 (8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21)

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2019-0170 (8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Sierra Wave T-Shirt Company
Diane and Dean Hanso
37 Lincoln Ave. P.O. Box 365
June Lake, CA 93529

This business is conducted by a husband and wife. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 19, 2019
File Number 19-168
2019-0179 (9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5)

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TS #2101-0182

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Tioga Green
Green Team Holdings, LLC
474 Industrial Circle
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 19-185
2019-09-07 (9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

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

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File Number 19-186
2019-09-07 (9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

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

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2019-09-07 (9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

SK Consulting
Steven Kent
459 Sierra Springs Drive
C Crowley, CA 93548

This business is conducted by an Individual. This registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein.

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Dolphins for their homecoming game? fine with Jacoby Brissett at the helm.

drew Luck less than you think, because result. You lose.

let your wife search your phone. Same on your fantasy team, you may as well

Chargers.

with you, I won't come in last.

mance, let me in your league. Trust me, on your fantasy team after his perfor-

one good game. If you picked him up

MY. I am convinced he is not healthy.

like the postgame attire he wears, BUM.

better. Panther QB Cam Newton looked

during NFL Sundays. Good luck.

gave Hartley The Sheet’s Twitter login,

Why is every team scheduling the

They’d be 2-0 if it wasn’t for kicker

The Colts will miss the retired An-

If you have Viking QB Kirk Cousins

When you have 2 TDs called back

is it?

is it that he is good at? Seriously, what

field goal position last week, but what

better. He threw a key pass to get into

for a few more to jump on their train.

I can hear it now. “I have always been a Chiefs fan”. Liar!!! But they are good. Offensively.

I’m sorry Chicago fans, but QB Mitch Trubisky just doesn’t seem to be getting better. He threw a key pass to get into field goal position last week, but what is it that he is good at? Seriously, what is it?

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And from Hartley, another political diatribe:

Okay. Time for the bleeding hearts to stop reading. A mother of a British teen

For me, it isn’t that simple. I can hear it now. “I have always been a Chiefs fan”. Liar!!! But they are good. Offensively.

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Saints/Rams. Brees got knocked out. But they were gonna lose anyway if he had finished the game. Ram WR Cooper Kupp went 60 yards and stiff-armed the entire defense. The Saint defense is about as good as band aid on a bullet wound.

I’ll bet ... whomever drafted Jared Goff in your fantasy league has him riding the bench.

I’m not sure why the Eagles are ranked so high every week. Their defense has as many leaks in it as a old water hose. Falcon WR Julio Jones caught a bubble screen and went the distance, untouched. The Eagles have holes right now. The Falcons and Matty Busch Ice are suspect. Either you put your money in the bank or you keep it in a sock under your bed. Right now, the sock is better.

The Jets bright green helmets make them look JV-ish and they play like it too.

So here is where it gets odd. How did he get a Vitamin A deficiency? Well, it’s because his diet consisted of “for years, a mixture of Pringles, chocolate candy, french fries and fried processed meats.” I laugh and get pissed off at the same time. He ate “not really any fruit and vegetables.”

Now I know you can immediately see her in the interview sitting next to him - and you know she ain’t a small lady, right? So she set the tone here. And when he was eating that crap every day ... you know she laughed and thought it was funny. Until it messed him up. Then it wasn’t her fault as a parent - not no her fault. It was the government’s fault. The medical system’s fault. Aliens fault. Anybody but her.

She even said, while sitting next to her son who is now 18, that she is not a bad mom and that she “couldn’t have done any more” to alleviate her son’s condition.

“I’ve done everything,” James said. “I know people say it’s probably because I’m a bad mom and neglected him. I don’t listen to any of that.”

The key words there are “I DON’T LISTEN TO ANY OF THAT” Of course she doesn’t. She can’t be accountable. Blame someone else. Always easiest.

You haven’t taught your kid a thing by allowing him to eat this way and you double down by teaching him to not be accountable either.

see HART & MARV, page 19

Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Statement:
Hronesh Wood & Stone
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
Hronesh Hardware Floors, Inc. 141 Commerce Dr. #E16, P.O. Box 4025
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 12, 2019, 2019-0161 (9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12)

Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Statement:
Ridgeline Snow Removal
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
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Statement Of Abandonment
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Statement:
Lonsdale Masonry
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
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Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546
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Statement Of Abandonment
Of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Statement:
Estate Planning
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
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HART & MARV
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You should be sued for negligence but you attack the system. How does she not have neighbors throw garbage at her while she walks down the street? How many times do you think family and friends told her to fix this? She didn’t listen cuz she was too busy shoveling stuff down her throat.

Then doctors said he was diagnosed with illness starting at age 14 and they started giving him nutrition shakes and other health products, which he refused to stick with.

They say he had some rare disorder which made him sick when he smelled or ate certain foods. He would gag or choke or cry not to eat them. Those awful foods? Fruits and vegetables his body “rejected.” Conveniently, processed foods like Pringles, chocolate, french fries and potato chips ... those weren’t part of the disorder at all.

He ate what she forced on him, because she started him. But at some point between 15 and 18 he decided he was gonna roll with it. He probably didn’t believe how bad it could get. But he gave in at some point.

The real travesty is how she isn’t being arrested. She shouldn’t be allowed to raise guinea pigs.

And she was taking selfies of the two of them “sitting in his OWN dressing room before going on the set” of some TV show. Like that’s worth the tradeoff...
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