POWER OUTAGE THREATENED

Due to projected weather conditions, SCE is exploring options for a potential Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) of electrical circuits in High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA) serving portions of unincorporated areas in Mono County as early as Friday, September 27.

Please note that while these areas may already be experiencing weather-related outages, SCE has not proactively shut off power at this time.

The primary source for outage information in Mono County is the dedicated Public Safety Power Shutoff page on the Mono County website. Data for this updated page that includes detailed maps is populated from the SCE PSPS webpage or by calling (800) 611-1911.

In addition, regular updates are posted on the Mono County Sheriff Facebook page, the Town of Mammoth Lakes website under ‘Latest News and Announcements’ and the Town’s Facebook page.

Public Safety Power Shutoff Information and Map: https://monocounty.ca.gov/preparedness/psps.

The National Weather Service special weather statement issued by the Reno office on Thursday at 2 p.m. calls for a strong cold front and breezy winds for the Eastern Sierra.

“Ridge winds are expected to peak on Friday, gusting to around 60 mph. Areas of critical fire weather are possible in the Eastern Sierra where vegetation remains quite dry.”

LITTLE NELL, BIG DEAL

Colorado-based developer purchases seven acres next to the Westin

The Little Nell Hotel Group, a division of Aspen Skiing Company, has purchased the seven-acre lot that sits between the Westin Monache and Lake Mary Road above Canyon Boulevard.

In the middle ages, sometime around 2006, a development group led by former Dallas Cowboys football star Roger Staubach announced plans for a Ritz Carlton hotel at the site.

The property was sold to The Little Nell Hotel Group by Cerberus Capital Management.

Mammoth Land Co. was the local LLC it operated under.

The company hired Mammoth local Dave Harvey to shepherd the property through Mammoth’s Planning Commission and Town Council in 2015 and 2016 to extend and amend a development agreement and entitlements through 2021.

According to a press release, “The intent by The Little Nell Hotel Group (TLNHG) is to develop a Limelight-branded hotel and residences to complement its existing owned and managed portfolio. Since being formally introduced in January 2019, this is the first land purchase made by TLNHG, which is actively seeking acquisition and development opportunities in and out of mountain markets.

With this purchase, we also look forward to being an engaged member of the Mammoth Lakes community, and are committed to developing a property which supports the community’s values and aspirations,” says Alinio Azevedo, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, The Little Nell Hotel Group.

Editor’s note: I’m glad Mr. Azevedo is familiar with the community’s values and aspirations. I’ve lost track of what they are.

“Our really like Mammoth as a market and it has the right elements to make for a successful development, including a strong feeder market in Southern California and recent and forthcoming investments by Mammoth Mountain,” Azevedo told the Aspen Times in a story which appeared September 20.

“He must love the escalator at Canyon.”

Todd Vogel, 55, of Bishop, has spent nearly his whole life outdoors.

He grew up skiing and rock climbing and once he graduated high school in Michigan, decided to head west and hike the Pacific Crest Trail.

He then went to college in Santa Cruz and has been a Sierra fixture ever since.

Rock climbing is his passion as he has been a mountaineering guide since the 1990s after moving to Bishop in 1988.

He has been a co-owner of Eastside Sports, inc. in Bishop since 2012.

Vogel recently ran the Tahoe 200 (as in miles) and finished in eighth place with a time of 63 hours and six minutes. Two days and 15 hours.

On how much sleep he got during the 200, Vogel said, “I got about 26 minutes, two ten minute naps and about half a dozen one minute naps” He called them naps and described these so-called "naps" as “almost like hallucinations, but they were completely lucid and I controlled everything about them. They were wild.”

He explained that the race is not really a competition but rather a bunch of people on the same team because finishing one of these races is an accomplishment regardless of time.

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KRAINE U BELIEVE THIS?

I don’t normally delve into national politics but ... it’s hard not to look at the Trump/ Ukraine mess and feel like he’s finally managed to not only shoot himself in the foot, but to blow his foot entirely off.

The Russian interference in the 2016 election. The reason that never quite galvanized the American people is because the whole notion is too abstract. Some planted fake news. Some fake Facebook pages. Some democratic emails dished out at opportune moments via wikileaks. People can find a way to dismiss those things because an election is about a body of evidence, a vast collection of impressions. Did the meddling really sway votes? If so, how many? It’s too fuzzy.

Not to mention that Hillary Clinton is every bit as polarizing as Donald Trump.

But asking a “favor” of a foreign leader, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (who is bound to you if he wishes to receive American financial assistance) to investi- gate the son of the person you perceive to be your chief rival? This is pretty straightfor- ward blackmail. Easy to follow.

People think Trump is invulnerable. That the country is too polarized for Trump sup- porters to see criminal activity for what it is. I think more highly of my fellow citizens than that.

This is how Nixon went down, according to a summary by Pew Research published this June.

“Nixon had won reelection in 1972 by a landslide and began his second term with a lofty 68% Gallup Poll approval rating in January 1973. But the Watergate scandal – which started with an effort to bug the Democratic National Committee office at the Watergate Hotel and subsequent efforts to cover it up – quickly took a heavy toll on those ratings, especially when coupled with a ramp-up in public concerns about inflation. By April, a resounding 83% of the American public had heard or read about Watergate, as the president accepted the resignations of his top aides John Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman. And in turn, Nixon’s approval ratings fell to 48%.

But that was just the beginning of the toll the scandal would take on the president that year. The televised Watergate hearings that began in May 1973, chaired by Sen. Sam Nunn, Ervin, commanded a large national audience – 71% told Gallup they watched the hear- ings live. And as many as 21% reported watching 10 hours or more of the Ervin proceed- ings. Not too surprisingly, Nixon’s popularity took a severe hit. His ratings fell as low as 31%, in Gallup’s early August survey.

If you’re an American citizen who gives half a shit, you need to follow this story and educate yourself. The Trump Presidency has long passed the point of being a sideshow or an amusement. It is a threat to who we are, and the values we hold as a people. And educate yourself. The Trump Presidency has long passed the point of being a sideshow or an amusement. It is a threat to who we are, and the values we hold as a people. And educate yourself.

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Finally, a transcript of the letter that the Bishop Unified School District Board sent out this week in the wake of last Thursday’s controversial board meeting. I transcribe it verbatim, and in the form it was received. With no paragraph breaks:

To Parents, Teachers, Students, and Staff

Bishop Unified School District is experiencing an epidemic of academic under-per- formance in our students. The most recent state data shows BUSD holding steady with two-thirds [1] of our students unable to meet grade level standards in math when they complete the school year. For example, according to the most recent standardized test given in the Spring of 2019, 31% of our students in 4th grade were at grade level; unfor- tunately, 69% were not. This means that over 100 of the 150 students in 4th grade last year were promoted to 5th grade, yet not scholastically ready to be 5th graders. The data shows the same level of under-achievement for the past several decades, in fact Bishop kids consistently score approximately 10% below the California state average in English Language Arts and 3% below the average in math; the state average is unacceptable on its own. The Board of BUSD has taken a stand through our new Superintendent Jon Ray to reject the notion that our students are really this disparate from benchmark. The BUSD Board is not pointing blame, but blaming everyone collective effort (failure) between genera- tions of board members, administrators, teachers, parents and community members.

We are now asking the question: can we be better? And the next question: how can we be better? Both of the hot button issues at Thursday’s meeting were tools that the BUSD Board is evaluating to answer the latter. Mandated state testing occurs in May before the school year is finished, yet the results are announced in September, which is too late to change a student’s trajectory. MAP testing is an instantaneous diagnostic test to assess the academic health of each individual student in real-time. The advan- tage? We can now know that the 4th grade student is under-achieving BEFORE he/she reaches 5th grade and maybe we can help him/her accelerate and reach grade-level in a timely manner. The problem? The burden that is placed on the teacher to analyze and produce specifically targeted material to that struggling student, to ALL struggling students, simultaneously in the classroom. A teacher cannot possibly be everything to their students, particularly dumbfounded by the ‘not pointing blame, but blaming everyone’ section.

The letter, we have learned, was penned by Board President Taylor Ludwick. I was particularly dumbfounded by the ‘not pointing blame, but blaming everyone’ section.

I asked Mammoth Mountain this week about the status of its long-awaited zip line. Communications Manager Lauren Burke replied as follows: “We’ve had some signifi-
The Rotary Club of Mammoth Lakes invites you to the annual

Diamond Masquerade

Honoring Judy Bornfeld

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Location: The Bistro @ Snowcreek

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ODE TO JOY

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Sept. 29, 2019
Cerro Coso College, Bishop

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TMZ Paparazzi

Dear Mr. Carleton,

I am writing to express my dismay and shock regarding the professionalism of your reporter, Charles James, at last week's school board meeting in Bishop. Mr. James spoke during the open session of the board meeting, asking the board and the new superintendent, Jon Ray, about a laundry list of salacious and unfounded accusations from an anonymous email he received earlier in the day. He claimed that he could not find supporting information for the accusations, yet a simple google search could have answered one or two of the questions he brought forth. He then proceeded to act as a moderator, a la Phil Donahue [sic], passing a microphone around and asking questions from the audience in a clearly non-journalistic manner. Finally, when the discussion of Mr. Ray's proposal began, which brought out a record crowd, he had disappeared and no reporting of the actual debate on the proposed $300,000 software program was done.

Now please don't get me wrong here. 99% of the attendees were there to argue against Mr. Ray's expenditure, which is most likely what pissed off Mr. DesRocher. And no, I did not moderate the public's trust in the near future.

Mark DesRochers
Bishop

Lunch's reply: I emailed Mr. DesRochers and said, “If Charles was doing anything other than just sitting there observing and reporting and asking the occasional question for clarification, yes, that does sound ... inappropriate, and it is something I will discuss with him.” I then forwarded Mr. DesRochers’ letter onto Mr. James. What follows is his version of events:

As you know there was a laundry list of “salacious” and malicious charges made in the anonymous email and the widely distributed parent’s text message that we received, maligning the character of the new superintendent and school board members, and mischaracterizing what was actually happening at the school as well. Those malicious emails and texts are what brought all those people to the meeting last Thursday, and not, as Mark DesRochers would have you believe, just for the proposed agenda item, the $300,000 Edgenuity education software program. Edgenuity was on the agenda for discussion and not necessarily for board action and vote. That may be why he and a few others were there, but many were there for other reasons as well. Parents, students and teachers complained about a new math assessment program the school kids were given at the very beginning of school, saying it was poorly scheduled and communicated to them, and that there was “a lack of transparency” and poor planning in its rollout. Several students complained that it was “boring” and its importance poorly explained. Others said it was a waste of time, and so on.

When the public comment period was opened, NO ONE RAISED A HAND TO SAY WHAT HAD BROUGHT THEM THERE! The board was getting ready to move on to the next agenda item so—hell yes—I raised my hand and front-loaded the topics and accusation made in the email and text messages. People were looking for answers to all the crap they
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Former Mammoth Mayor Shields Richardson was a bit more plain-spoken and direct in his assessment. “Mammoth is the last major resort that hasn’t been brought up to current standards,” he said. “They see huge opportunity here.”

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“I also have Delivery Commission and approvals – further updates will be provided when ready.

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A little history

From Katie Vane’s coverage of the Mammoth Planning and Economic Development Commission in December, 2015.

According to Town Associate Planner Ruth Traxler, the tentative tract map for the original project was approved in 2006. At that time, the Hillside Project was proposed to be a two-phase development. Phase one would be a 325-bed- room condominium hotel with under- structure parking for 259 vehicles, and would include a spa, pool, and patio with meeting facilities, restaurant and bar. Phase two was proposed as a town-home development with 107 bedrooms. The original applicant proposed an additional 36 bedrooms of affordable housing to be allocated in both phase one and phase two. By doing so, the project met the North Village Specific Plan (NVSP) requirement for affordable housing mitigation, and qualified for a 35 percent state density bonus.

At Wednesday’s meeting, Commissioners considered a time extension request for the project brought forth by applicant Dave Harvey, who began working on Hillside in 2010. The extension request would give the project another five years, or until January of 2021, to break ground. Commissioners approved this request unanimously, although Town staff cautioned that should the project fail to come to fruition by 2021, the project’s application process would begin all over again.

Also on the table for consideration by Commissioners were several amendments to the project’s original use permits. Traxler explained that staff had determined the Town should no longer require the Hillside project to be a four- or five- star resort. Staff also determined that neither the Town nor NVSP require a pedestrian bridge from the Hillside project across Canyon Blvd. to the Gondola building and Village Plaza. The project can also now pay affordable housing mitigation in-lieu fees (agreed upon at $5.6 million in 2008) rather than provide on-site housing. Finally, staff concluded that Hillside and 80|50 must work out a private parking arrangement that would reserve 50 of the total Hillside parking spaces for 80|50’s use.

These changes were intended to remove “barriers to development and financing,” said Traxler. Commissioners questioned the removal of the pedestrian bridge, which many see as a necessity for the Village. But according to Traxler, while the bridge was referenced in 2006 project documents, neither the Town nor NVSP ever required it as part of the project.

LEE VINING STUDENTS MARCH FOR CLIMATE

On Friday, Sept. 20, all of Lee Vining High School, plus the 5th-8th graders of Lee Vining Elementary School, participated in the worldwide Youth Climate Strike. While not a strike per se, since the event was approved by the school administration, students walked out of school to the Lee Vining Solar Pavilion to hear about climate change and the work that Lee Vining activists—including the students that traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby for climate action this summer—are doing to combat it. High school students also walked down the main street of Lee Vining holding signs, in line with the protest part of the Youth Climate Strike. –Ben Trefry
I don’t wear headphones because I like being aware of my surroundings. And from there I try to get into a ‘flow state’ where I don’t think about anything but what I am doing, like breathing and pace of steps,” he said.

For 63 hours, he ran with nothing but his thoughts and like any man that has to go through something like that, all Vogel wanted was a drink, “I got to the finish line and was still wired from running so I really wanted bourbon. I went and grabbed the bottle I had and started asking people if they wanted any. They looked at me and asked ‘how are you doing that?’”

He was a modest man who described his impressive accomplishments like they were as simple as buying groceries. This is likely due to the people Vogel has seen while racing. “Doing this kind of racing is extremely humbling because you see people who are more impressive than you all the time. At the Tahoe 200 there was a guy who finished who was 69 years old.”

To prepare for a race like this, Vogel runs 60-80 miles a week and if he is about to do a race that number goes to 100-120 miles a week. “I would say if you have a base of being able to run 50 miles it would probably take someone six months to train for a 200. If your base was a marathon then it could take up to 18 months.”

For anyone seriously considering ultra-marathons Vogel said the rule of thumb for training is to take it gradually. “We put money in the bank quickly so it can start to earn a return, but most of our money is in LAIF or in commercial paper like T-bills or other short term bonds,” said Dutcher.

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This is where our governments put assets for a low but safe return. The last option is a joint investment fund that involves Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes. This fund is where a majority of the dormant money ends up going. There are stipulations to what the fund can invest in, “these are our most speculative investments, but they are still safe. We can’t hold anything that lasts longer than five years, and we aren’t allowed to invest in the stock market,” said Dutcher. The assets held are mostly short term bonds or other AAA rated securities.

Even though the money ends up in other funds, it all goes to the bank at first. “We deal with millions of dollars of property taxes every day which makes the bank we deal with essential,” said Dutcher. Myrold iterated a point that a government chooses can make the bank we deal with essential. “Said Dutcher. Myrold iterated a point that a government chooses can make the bank we deal with essential. “We can just walk down the street and deposit our money. If we had a big bank, I would have to pay someone to drive three hours to deposit our money.”

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TYPICAL BUSINESS TAXES

If you're renting out your property, the government wants a cut for personal property as well

By Owen Page

Six months ago (just to show you how inefficient Sheet management is), Lunch received the following email:

Dear Sir,

I am a condo owner at SnowFlower; we have received a form from Mono County For Personal Property Business Tax.

What is this all about? In all the years of ownership, more than thirty, we have never received such a form or been told that we will be taxed on the personal property within the condo.

The condo is on a rental program and the rental service requires furniture, such as beds, couches, chairs, tables, TV, etc. Can you look into this new tax and enlighten us as to why?

Roger A. Harris D.D.S.

The belated reply, courtesy of Mr. Page:

Mammoth Lakes rental owners take heed: if you've been renting out your property and haven't paid attention to your status with the assessor's office, your tax liability may be more than you initially thought.

Typically, furniture and the other contents of residential dwellings aren't subject to property taxes in any capacity. However, that exception changes if the property in question generates income (i.e., renting out a condo) and the contents of that property become subject to what's called personal property business tax.

Beck did note that high personal property tax amounts are usually related to short-term or nightly rentals: "Typically, long-term rentals have little or no business property," said Beck. He referenced the ease of renting out an already furnished and equipped property, given that short-term renters would want those things taken care of when they move in. “It’s not that we didn’t feel like assessing it in the past,” said Beck. “When that information became available [as a result of the town’s enforcement efforts], we were required to enforce that.”

If you’re a renter who previously hadn’t filed the proper paperwork with the county, then you may have already noticed this tax on your list of taxes, in which case you may have already contacted the assessor’s office seeking answers. As it turns out, the uptick in personal property business taxes on people’s tax forms is tied into an effort by the Town of Mammoth Lakes to collect taxes on businesses in town.

Danny Earls, Revenue Accountant at Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department, explained that condominium renters are regulated under Tax Schedule E, which differs from the tax schedule for higher occupancy lodging like hotels and campgrounds. As Earls explained, “That’s not just short term, it’s also long term. If you have two or more long-term rentals, you have to get Schedule E. It’s not like you’re renting out a room in your house; if you have two or more, you’re a business.”

Beck’s office received the first compiled list of all TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) accounts from the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department in 2017. That year, “we added about 1,000 [businesses] that we were unaware of that were doing nightly rentals,” said Beck. “When the town cracked down, they found all that stuff.”

The Town was able to determine these unregistered nightly rentals through the services of Host Compliance, a consulting firm that “helps municipalities understand the scale and scope of the impact of short-term rentals and enact regulations.” As Beck said, “They’re putting in a great deal of effort in terms of staying up to date.

Sheet: Is it illegal not to declare an intent to use a property for income?

Beck: It’s illegal to lie but there’s really no penalty. There’s a ‘true and correct’ statement on the form, but unlike other forms, checking that box on this form does not equal perjury if the information therein is false.

Sheet: So it’s frowned upon?

Beck: Yeah, frowned upon. The Town of Mammoth Lakes defines illegal activity as “any rental activity that is not consistent with the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, or any rental activity that is not compliant with the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance... it can also include transient rentals in a zone where it is permitted, but the operator does not have a valid Business Tax certificate or a valid TOT Certificate or is not remitting TOT and/or TBI to the Town.”

If you don’t have that TOT certificate and you’ve been renting, you’re probably going the town’s “naughty” list, in which case, you’ll be getting a form from the Assessor’s office that features a section for declaring the value of any business personal property.

Beck noted that this can cause some people to balk as there’s a concern “that the bank would see this document and would then refuse or want to subtract something from their loan.” But as Beck pointed out, the form does not go to the bank, it goes to the clerk recorder and remains confidential. In the event that the form is not returned, the assessor’s office estimates the value of the business personal property.

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FUELS PROJECT UNDERWAY

By Hite

The fuels reduction project designed to thin out the forest to improve wildfire safety is currently taking place in the Lakes Basin from Twin Lakes to Horseshoe Lake and even past Lake Mary all the way to Coldwater campground.

“We normally get a wind from the southwest so a fire could be pushed through the Lakes Basin towards Mammoth Lakes,” said Eric Vane, the North Zone Vegetation Planning Manager for the Inyo National Forest, in summarizing the rationale for the project.

In preparation for the project, Vane and his team modeled the effect of a forest fire in the area with different densities and locations in the basin. “It is a balance between being effective with the treatment of the forest and keeping the forest looking natural and healthy,” he said.

The modeling led to the creation of a map that outlines what type of treatment work will be done and where. The contractors have a team of a little over twenty, and they go through the forest cutting down trees with a diameter less than a specified size. In some places, that number is eight inches and other areas require all trees with a diameter under 12 inches to be cut down.

Due to lessons learned from the ‘Rainbow Fire’ in 1992 that originated six miles below Devils Postpile National Monument, there is a 50-60 acre section of trees starting at Horseshoe Lake and extending towards Mammoth Mountain that will serve as a “fuel break” to inhibit fires coming from Red’s Meadow area.

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MLRT’s production of “The Glass Menagerie” opens at the Edison
By Page
“...I am the opposite of a stage magician. He gives you an illusion that has the appearance of truth. I give you truth in the pleasant disguise of illusion,” explains Tom Wingfield, narrator and central figure of The Glass Menagerie, during the play’s opening soliloquy.

Given that Menagerie stands as Williams most autobiographical work, Tom’s “truth” can be interpreted as Williams’ own and as such, provides the audience with an intimate view into his own life as well as the lives of his characters.

This voyeuristic interaction between characters and audience is a key component of Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre’s staging of the play, directed by Shira Dubrovner. Characters enter and exit through the audience. The walls of the apartment have been cut away to reveal the drama that unfolds in the Wingfield residence, leaving behind jagged, haphazard spikes and angles that complement the manner in which the members of the Wingfield family have their own respective illusions ripped to shreds.

Tom, played excellently by L.A.-based actor Brian Stanton, moves effortlessly between the world of the play and the world of the audience, in some moments pausing the action on stage entirely in order to step out of the play and onto the fire escape outside for a cigarette and an explanation of his thoughts. Stanton’s Tom looks like he hasn’t slept in weeks. Even in his brief moments of relaxation, he carries a tension in his movements and words that threatens to boil over at any moment.

Williams called this style of writing a “memory play,” constructed from the memories of one of his characters, effectively turning the events on stage into a viewable history. The “present” of the world of the play remains in question throughout until Tom’s final monologue.

Tom’s stress stems from his relationship with his mother, Amanda, and sister Laura, who suffers from crippling anxiety and a constant limp; he is the only member of the family who works a full-time job. Amanda, played by Juliana Olinka-Jones, has never relinquished her past as a Southern Belle, projecting her failed hopes and dreams onto Laura, played by Madeline Roy.

The past haunts the Wingfields’ apartment; the portrait of the absent father that hangs on the wall is a constant reminder of the family’s stunted growth. Olinka-Jones’ Amanda drives the conflict between the family members; she transitions from fire-and-brimstone to pained nostalgia with ease, evoking sympathy, bitterness, and melancholy.

Roy’s Laura emerges from the couch (literally) at the onset of the show and often remains in the background, representative of her role within the family dynamic. It is when the lights go out and she is forced into conversation with a Gentleman Caller, played by Jeremy Goico, that she finds herself the focus of attention and in this moment, she becomes almost an entirely different character.

Goico and Roy’s moment alone, away from the rest of the family, is touching and puts the emotional breadth of the actors on display. When the spell is ultimately broken, the question of truth that Tom introduced in his opening words returns: how much of what these characters say can be taken for truth?

The Glass Menagerie is a difficult undertaking for everyone involved and MLRT rises to the task admirably, allowing the audience into not only the Wingfield home, but also providing a measure of access to the playwright himself, which allows the viewer to contend not only with Menagerie’s and Williams’ truths, but perhaps also with their own.

For times/tickets, see ad below left. The show runs for the next two weekends.
HARDWOOD FLOORS AS HIGH ART

By Owen Page

The only indication that there’s a renowned artist at work in June Lake is a white banner visible from the street. Reading “DM Hardwood Designs,” the banner is secured to the porch of a house across from the June Lake campground. The house’s driveway is blocked by a car, but further up the asphalt drive, the sounds of wood tools and low debate can be heard, with an extremely friendly Husky standing guard in front of the garage.

Above the garage, the morning sun streams through the windows, illuminating the wood dust air and giving the atmosphere a hazy quality. Three men confer around a heavily taped circular object on the floor, the centerpiece of a jigsaw-puzzle floor design that draws inspiration from the flora and fauna of the Eastern Sierra. Around the edges of the room, representations of local trout swim through a dark wood border, their distinct features carved precisely.

A stream, embedded with pieces of local granite, runs down the staircase up from the garage, hand-scraped into each step, with the dark wooden shadows of those same local trout swimming up the staircase. When the staircase is finished, the resin used to fill in the stream will glow in the dark.

The project is the brainchild of Dave Marzalek, an artist whose skill in flooring has taken him around the country and earned him twenty Hardwood Floor of The Year Designs. His customers have included actors like Tom Cruise and Gene Kelly, as well as athletes from Los Angeles-based sports franchises. Accompanied by a crew of fellow woodworkers from around the country and Canada, Dave arrived in June Lake to undertake a flooring project of epic proportions, one that, according to Dave and his crew, has captured international attention. “The world’s watching” has become a common expression around the work site.

“It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for everyone, including me. I’ve gone through hell in the last five years,” says Marzalek.

Marzalek got his start in woodworking at a young age, using a router to etch album covers onto wood and selling those pieces at concerts to cover the price of admission. That same router technique is visible in the scales of the trout, creating a fluid texture that appears to mimic the image of a fish underwater.

In a sense, the project in June Lake is a sort of homecoming for Marzalek, who began his career in Northridge and spent time living in Mammoth Lakes, where he installed his first-ever floor inlay, before departing for Denver, New Mexico, and Los Angeles. It’s also a return to the flooring scene for Marzalek, as a bad accident in Denver left him in the hospital for nearly a year and his business stalled.

“I haven’t done a piece in seven years, or entered a contest in seven or eight years,” said Marzalek, “I’m going to show the world how to do real driftwood grey floors”.

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MARZALEK continued from page 10

Marzalek describes the June Lake project as "A thank-you piece" for his builder’s father, and as a result, the floor installation’s price clocks in at $0. It’s an unofficial part of a “school” program that Marzalek runs at locations around the country aimed at training other flooring experts in his techniques. In this case, however, unexpected circumstances resulted in the impromptu school in June Lake.

“I had to cancel a school in Montrose, Calif., for medical reasons so I just made this one available for free,” although as Marzalek says, it’s not quite that. “They’re getting an education, I call it a group of friends coming together,” says Marzalek, “I always wanted to teach again.”

The presence of the two other crafts- men working on Wednesday morning, Horatio Myers and and Patrick Russell, spoke to Marzalek’s renown and respect within his field. Myers had made his way out to June Lake from Mansfield, Connecticut, while Russell had made his trip out from Gainesville, Florida. “I flew into Las Vegas and drove up from there,” said Russell.

“There’s one guy in my area who can kind of do stuff like this,” added Russell. According to him, trade knowledge like this can be a closely-guarded secret, making the opportunity to work with and learn from Marzalek free of charge a no-brainer.

As for Marzalek, he views the teaching process as almost a calling, and feels he was given his talent to pass onto others. In terms of his students, Marzalek only has to gesture to the intricate designs on the floor. “It gives them something to be proud of,” he says.

One of Marzalek’s specialties is hand-scraping floors, a labor and time-intensive technique that creates wave-like features in the wood and can run up to $13/square foot. He demonstrated the technique, applying pressure to the scraper head and handle while rapidly drawing the tool back and forth across the floor. Within the span of thirty seconds, Marzalek had textured a sizable portion of the floor in front of him with what appeared to be relative ease. When tasked with giving the scraping a try, the Sheet found that even scratching the wood with the scrape took considerable effort. As Russell noted, “[Marzalek]’s a beast with the scraper.”

Now that he’s returned to the Sierra, Marzalek hopes that the project can generate interest to the point that he can reestablish his business here. “I want to move back,” says Marzalek. “I want to do more.”
The Mammoth High School cross country team has had two meets thus far this season.

The team traveled to Reno for the Bonanza Casino Twilight Classic held Friday, August 30. As the name implies, the athletes had the pleasure of running under the lights in the cooler evening.

In the 3,900 meter JV Boys Race, Orion Sandvigen crossed the finish line first for our team in 88th place, (out of 167 runners in that race) with a time of 17:48. Mammoth’s Varsity team ran next and ended up taking home a first place team trophy.

Iain Ferguson was the Huskies top finisher in 4th place with a time of 14:13. On his heels was Ryan Furness in 5th place with a time of 14:17 and Aidan LeFrancois in 6th in 14:34.

Fellow team members finished as follows: Kazuki Okamoto (13), Devan Tenedora (16), Cardiff Smith (16) and Petr Zastoupil (18).

Rhona McChesney won the Girls Varsity race, narrowly edging teammate Jordin Harper. Both were clocked in 16:59.

On Friday, September 13th, the team traveled to the North Tahoe Kiwanis Mountain Motivational Invitational. Orion Sandvigen ran in the 2.8 mile Sophomore Boys division and finished in 25th place.

The Boys Varsity ran a 3.3 mile course. In 3rd place (out of 111 runners), was Ryan Furness with a time of 21:39.09. Right behind him was Iain Ferguson in 5th place with a 21:42.21. Others who scored points for Mammoth were Aidan LeFrancois (19), Kazuki Okamoto (28) and Devan Tenedora (29). The Husky boys finished 3rd in the 13-team field.

The Girls Varsity 3.3 mile race was another successful run for our team with another first place team trophy! Jordin Harper came across the finish line way out in the lead of the pack, with an exciting race at the finish. She ended up taking 2nd place with a time of 25:09.44. Next in was Rhona McChesney, in 3rd place and with a time of 26:23.44. Once again, sisters Lizetta Dardenne Ankringa and Emma Dardenne Ankringa were Mammoth’s 3rd and 4th finishers. Lizetta came in 7th with a time of 27:21.06 and Emma placed 9th with a 28:57.22. Laurel Wight finished in 12th place with a time of 33:35.31. Newcomer Laurel Satterfield crossed the finish line in 45th place.

The team travels to the Bell-Jeff meet held in Griffith Park (L.A.) this Saturday.

**Bishop 54 Desert 0**

The Bishop Union High School Broncos opened High Desert League play Friday night at Edwards Air Force Base, shutting out Desert.

Coach Arnie Palu named Luke McClean Bishop’s offensive player of the game, as he scored three different ways. He ran for a touchdown, caught a TD pass from Clay Omohundro (6-9, 90 yds., 2 TDs) and threw a TD pass to John Torres for good measure.

Senior Wes Pettet had a monster game on both sides of the ball earning overall game MVP. Wes scored a rushing touchdown for the offense while recording 3 sacks defensively.

Defensively Carson Evangelist and Tristan Valle both had a pair of quarterback sacks. Jordan Lopez had 5 tackles and Jordan Cooper made 3 solo tackles.

The team is home this Friday (Sept. 27) versus Burroughs (Ridgecrest).

**MHS Volleyball beats Burroughs**

MHS Volleyball beat Burroughs Friday night (Sept. 20) at home 3-1, improving its record to 19-4-1 for the season.

The set scores versus Burroughs were 25-17, 25-12, 17-25, 25-17.

Team stats:

- Ella Thompson 17 kills
- Drew Presson 9 kills
- Adison Wulf 7 kills 13 assists
- Sara Mueller 4 kills 3 blocks 7 aces
- Jessica Bonich 2 kills
- Kendall Lach 2 kills
- Sam Jones 18 assists 7 aces 9 digs
- Erica Lynch 15 digs

The team’s next game is a home contest on Tuesday, Oct. 1 vs. Kern Valley
The Sheet asked people on the street: Do you have any advice for young people ready to go out on their own?

“Be very detail-oriented, come prepared, show up with a good resume and dress the part.”
- Ryan Ford, L.A.

“Be curious. Look beyond the obvious. Dig deeper and ask good questions.”
- Lisa S., Zurich

“Don’t seek fortune. Do what you love. Follow your passion.”
- Jeff Mills, Mammoth Lakes

“No career path will ever be straight. Don’t expect yours to be.”
- Carl Fredrick, Lindberg, Sweden

“Education gives you choices. It’s okay to not know what you’re supposed to do.”
- Ralph Walker, Melbourne

“Take initiative always. Take things on yourself.”
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**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour**/

* Austria Hof, Happy Hour 5-7:30 p.m. Daily. Taco Tuesdays and Pollo Taco Mondays. Info: See ad p. 12.

* The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Happy hour 3-6 p.m. 1/2 off wings on Monday.

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

* Monday’s Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. all summer Sunday through Thursday in the bar.

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

* Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl Mon. D19:00 p.m. Thurs. D1 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 ad p. 13.

* 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. 1/2 Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays.

* Famous Slocums 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 free wings.

* Shelter Distilling Open 11am -11pm Daily Happy Hour: 3-5pm Sunday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks Taco Tuesday: $6 Blue Agave Cocktails and $2 Street Tacos All Day Thursday $8 Growler Fills All Day. Info: See ad p. 8.

* 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.

* Location: Industrial Park, 123 Commerce Dr. Info: 760.783.7131.

* 53 Kitchen & Cocktails happy hour Friday-Sunday. Time: 2-4 pm.

* 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.

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

* Mammoth Tavern happy hour 4-5:30 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks, and glass wine. Special on appetizers.

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**TOWN STUFF**

**September 27-29/**

* The T-Bar Social Club hosts two events. Friday: Live Gong Karaoke. Saturday: Farrow and the Peach Leaves Both events start 9 p.m. Info: www.tbarsocialclub.com

**Monday, September 30/**

* 15th Lakunaki 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

* Open Mic Night @ Black Doubt Brewing

**Tuesday, October 1/**

* Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 7 p.m. Free. Karaoke @ Public House. 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 2/**

* In the Biz Wednesdays @ Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl. $1 games and $1 shoes after 9 p.m.
TOWN STUFF
Saturday, September 28 (cont.)/ Historic Benton Hot Springs Fundraiser Dinner. Time: 5-9 p.m. Tix: $55/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. Join Friends of the Inyo and the Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership for Bodie Hills Stewardship Day. 8:30 a.m. ‘til 12:30 p.m. Meet @ the Aurora Ballfields beforehand (on Aurora Cyn. Rd. in Bridgeport) for breakfast, waivers, safety talk. National Public Lands Day with Eastern Sierra 4WD Club. Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. Join Friends of the Inyo, ES4WD Club and the Forest Service to take care of the Crestview Staging Area. @ Crestview, west side of 395 and just south of Deadman’s summit. Info: https://friendsoftheinyo.org/events/ Join Manzanar staff in celebrating Public Lands Day by helping us prepare for next year’s archeological digs and surveys. Meet in the Manzanar Visitor Center parking lot at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast provided. Must be at least 15 years old to participate. RSVP required. Contact Fatima Khan at www.fatima.kahn@partner.nps.gov/760.878.2194, ext. 3313.

Sunday, September 29/
Valentine Reserve Fall Art Series: Drawings with Lori Michelon @ Valentine Camp road, Lakes Basin. Spend a few hours in the beautiful Valentine Reserve, walking and sketching the micro and the macro of the environment, in pencil and pen. Supplies included. Info/register: https://west.nrs.ucsb.edu/education-outreach/outdoor-science-program-k-12/classes/drawing-lori-michelon-valentine-reserve

TOWN STUFF
Tuesday, October 1/

Wednesday, October 2/
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board. Meets. 1 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall. Mammoth Lakes Town Council. Meets. 4 p.m. Suite Z. Minaret Mall. 2nd Annual College/Career Fair @ Mammoth High School’s MPR. Time: 3–6 p.m. June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meets. 6 p.m. June Lake Community Ctr.

Thursday, October 3/
Bishop Area Climbers Coalition Season Kickoff. Time: 6-8 p.m. Join BACC and Friends of the Inyo to kick off the fall climbing season and raise money for the Climbing Ranger program. @ Izak Walton Park. 2019 Astronomy Fall Lecture Series. @ Cerro Coso Community College, Bishop. Free Lecture. Presented by Caltech’s Owens Valley Radio Observatory. Anna Ro: (Caltech) Dirty Fireballs and Stephan Albrechts: A Broader Landscape of Stellar Death. October 4-5/
Visit Mammoth Fall Instameet, Join Visit Mammoth on a scavenger hunt around town. Where: Pokonobe Marina in the Lakes Basin. Time: Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 7 a.m. Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) will host expert housing attorneys from California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. and the Housing Rights Center on Tuesday, October 1st for a day of free workshops and open house tours. Workshop times are as follows: Landlord/Tenant Rights & Fair Housing. Topics. 12-1:30 p.m @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Then again from 4-5:30 p.m. @ the Starbucks Conference Room, 2935 Main Street. Anyone may also bring questions and concerns to speak with an attorney during office hours from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at Mammoth Lakes Library. You can make an appointment by calling 760.934.4740. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information contact Patricia Robertson, Executive Director at (760) 934-4740.

Curley Fletcher Birthday Poetry Rendevous

Curley Fletcher was a local Owens Valley writer and poet, whose literature had a profound impact, not only in his lifetime, but is remembered and recited around the world today. Curley’s poem, the Strawberry Roan, was selected by the Western Writers of America as one of the top 100 Western songs of all time. A long-time poet in Bishop, Curley passed away in the spring from September 27-29 kicks off Friday night with a BBQ dinner reception at Hidden Creeks Ranch prepared by Duane Ross, Chef, and concludes Sunday morning with a toast at Curley’s grave in Bishop Pioneer Cemetery. Laws Railroad Museum and Historic Site hosts poetry and music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, with a concert at Hidden Creeks Ranch that night. For info/tickets, contact lawshod@
Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 19-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council will hear a request for the following:

Application Request: Zoning Code Amendment 19-001 — Amend various sections of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Zoning Code to: (1) Amend Tables T 17.20.020 and T 17.24.020 to clarify a Use Permit for Fractional or Timeshare Developments in the RMF-2 Zoning District and Commercial Zoning Districts is required; (2) Amend Sections T 17.36.130 and T 17.52.210 to refer to Municipal Code Chapters 8.12 (Solid Waste Management) and 8.14 (Solid Waste Recycling) for multi-family project requirements; (3) Amend Section T 17.44.030 to clarify that Clean Air Vehicle Parking Spaces count toward compliance with the required parking spaces; (4) Update Section T 17.52.180 to allow sidewalk vendors as a form of mobile business; (5) Update Section T 17.144.050 to require all persons engaged in the practice of massage be certified by the California Massage Therapy Council pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 4604; and (6) Correct the Zoning Map by designating 18 Tamarack Street (APN: 022-232-088-02) as Rural Residential-Establishment Overlay.

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 21083.3 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15183.

Location: Town-wide: Zoning Districts
Proponent: Town of Mammoth Lakes

All persons having an interest 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 correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(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 at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than September 6, 2019, contact Michael Peterka, Assistant Planner, at (760) 965-3696. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or email at mpeterka@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

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

TS #2019-0184

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Current Property Tax Due
NOTICE OF CURRENT PROPERTY TAX DUE
§2009

I, Janet Dutcher, Director of Finance, Mono County Tax Collector, hereby give notice that all property taxes assessments tax bills will be mailed on or before November 1, 2019, to all property owners and tax liens attached to the address on the tax roll. If you own property in Mono, the county listed in this notice is where you must receive a tax bill by November 10th, contact the tax collector’s office, at P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517 or call (760) 934-3401. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility to make timely payments.

The total tax bill is due and payable on or before November 15, 2019 and will become delinquent if not paid on or before that date. The first day of the delinquent period is the day following the due date. Failure to make timely payment of an account will result in the following charges: on or before November 10th, a 10% penalty will be added plus the cost to prepare the delinquent tax records and to give notice of delinquency. The Second Installment is due on or before April 10, 2020 and will become delinquent if not paid on or before that date. Failure to make timely payment of an account will result in the following charges: a 10% penalty will be added plus the cost to prepare the delinquent tax records and to give notice of delinquency. Both Installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

Payments may be made by mail to P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517 or on the Tax Collector’s website at http://www.mono-tax.com. The tax bill must be POSTMARKED BY THE DELINQUENCY DATE to avoid penalties. Payments also may be made in person at the County Tax Collector’s Office, 25 Bryant St., Bridgeport, CA 93517 or at the automated drop box in the Minaret Village Mall located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Ste. 220, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 between the hours of a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
Dated: September 16, 2019
The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to waive its serviceability or fitness for any purpose.

Item No. Description Minimum Bid
A002 1990 jeep Cherokee $1000
A003 2002 Ford Escape $1500
A004 2004 Ford Expedition (Not Running) NMB*
A111 1994 jeep Cherokee (Body Damage) NMB*
A117 2000 jeep Cherokee $1000
A114 1994 jeep Cherokee (Body Damage) NMB*
A115 1999 Ford Expedition $1000
A119 1998 Ford Explorer $1350
A122 2000 Ford Ranger (Partial Body Damage) NMB*
PD02 1999 Ford Expedition $1000
PD03 1999 Ford Expedition (Not Running) NMB*
PD05 2000 John Deere Gator (Not running) NMB*
SMB* No Minimum Bid

Bidder will be responsible for registration and smog certification.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the attention of the Director of Finance, Mono County Treasurer/Tax Collector, at 1150 Juniper St., Bridgeport, CA 93517, on or before November 1, 2019. Sealed bids must be submitted with the Town Corporation Yard (299 Commerce Drive), call the Town Vehicles and Equipment Maintenance Division, (760) 965-3682.

Bids will be submitted to the attention of the Director of Finance, Mono County Treasurer/Tax Collector, at 1150 Juniper St., Bridgeport, CA 93517, on or before November 1, 2019. Bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Payment must be made in cash, money orders or certified checks only and must be received by the Town within two (2) working days of notification of successful bid. Ownership and registration certificates will be issued at time of sale. Purchased items must be removed from the Town Corporation Yard within five (5) working days. Bidder will be responsible for registration and smog certification.

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The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to waive irrationalities and the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated: October 2, 2019
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
TS #2019-0184

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

Sierra Wave T-Shirt Company
Diane and Dean Hanson
17 Las Vegas St., E.O., Box 325
June Lake, CA 93529

This business is conducted by a husband and wife. No statement of service fees is filed. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 14, 2019
File Number 19-188 (9/9, 9/16, 10/20, 1/25)

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

Tioga Green

Tioga Green LLC
51005 Hwy 395, Lee Vining, CA 93541
P.O.Box 7033,Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an individual doing business as Tioga Green LLC. 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
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HORRORSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

Libra: Back when Clouds spent several all-night years sitting—and doing other things—on a mossy riverbank, many people would wander up and state, "I want happiness." To which Clouds would reply, "Remove the ‘I’ because that’s ego. Remove the ‘want’ because that’s selfishness. And then all you’re left with is ‘happiness.’ Of course, this often led to Clouds recommending removing other things like clothing, but you get the gist.

Scorpio: Children teach us three things: To be happy for no specific reason; That it’s best to stay busy; And that naptime and snacks are vital. Old people teach us a lot more, like this line from the Dead’s Touch of Grey, "Sorry that you feel that way. The only thing to say is that every silver lining has a touch of gray. I will get by. I will survive."

Sagittarius: Some folks say that marriage is just an endless sleeper with your favorite weirdo. Some folks say that blowing out someone else’s candle won’t make yours shine brighter. Some folks say that blowing out someone else’s candle won’t make yours shine brighter. Some folks say that blowing out someone else’s candle won’t make yours shine brighter. Some folks say that blowing out someone else’s candle won’t make yours shine brighter.

Capricorn: When you keep telling the reflection how hot it looks. In case you didn’t get the two previous hints, put down the bong and read this: attitude is everything.

Aquarius: It’s pretty easy to say that the perfect Grateful Dead song for feisty Aquarians like you includes this famous line, "I set out running but I take my time. A friend of the devil is a friend of mine." And while it’s impossible and unwise to let go of your devilish side, it might be a good idea to shed any people who only bring out that side of you. That’s why your new mantra should be: "I'm only hanging out with people who fit my future, instead of people who are still trying to weasel in from my past."

Pisces: There’s an old saying that "If it scares you, then it’s a sign that you should do it." There’s a new saying that your slogan for 2020 should be your name, then 2020 and then the last text you sent. While both sayings are valid, the second one is much more entertaining, especially if you’ve been sexting.

Aries: Life often comes down to three simple choices: 1) Give up. 2) Give in. 3) Give it everything you got. While all three have times when they are the right answer, when it comes to your big dreams in life you always have to go with 3, and maybe a little 2. So to summarize, just remember the 5 Second Rule: If it’s been on the floor for more than 5 seconds your underwear should probably stay there.

Taurus: Your most compatible signs are said to be Virgo, Capricorn and Cancer. Meanwhile, you least compatible signs are Leo, Aries and Aquarius. Regardless of the other person’s sign, what’s most important is that he or she is down with your favorite sexual position—which is the one where you make whooppee regularly with someone who cares about you as a person and likes to eat more than just edible underwear with you.

Gemini: Geminis may feel like being you’ve been living this motto: “It’s easy to get stuck between saving for a rainy day and you only live once.” To help with this conundrum perhaps try listening to some classic road trip music like “Sometimes the light’s all shinin’ on me, other times I can barely even see it, do you know what I mean, strange trip it’s been.”

Cancer: This week one of the most gifted lyricists California—or the world, for that matter—has ever produced, Robert Hunter, passed away peacefully. Since you share the same sign, you probably have a few other things in common with the now deceased Grateful Dead songwriter. You are great at helping others reach their potential. You can sometimes be odd socially. You are gifted at collaboration in all its clothed and unclothed forms. And this line makes sense, “One in a while you get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right.”

Leo: Since your powers of manifestation are as high right now as fellow Leo, Jerry Garcia, was most of the time, listening to more Grateful Dead music right now would be a good idea. That’s why Franklin’s Tower should be on repeat: “Some come to laugh their past away. Some come to make whoopee regularly with someone who cares about you as a person and likes to eat more than just edible underwear with you.”

Virgo: Much like Robert Hunter, Virgos can seem like they are simply the quiet ones in the background. But when you do decide to talk it is always impressive. Since it’s a good time to find more comfort in your communication skills maybe you should allow your self to enjoy some Ripple, “It’s a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken. Perhaps they’re better left unsung. I don’t know, don’t really care. Let there be songs to fill the air.”

PERSONALS

I heard you … were going to see a performance of the “Glass Menagerie” this weekend. If you join me and my boyfriend, we could make it a menagerie-a-thon! I hope to see you … volunteering this weekend for National Public Lands Day. Despite how you tend to get around, I don’t think you’ve been declared a National Public Land - yet at least.

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ONE GOOD START DOESN’T MAKE YOU MR. FOOTBALL

By Big Marv

The picks this week...

Eagles/Packers - The Eagles are over-rated not to mention QB Carson Wentz is the President of the National Overrated Society. Meanwhile, the Packers aren’t that good despite having a stout defense, but that’ll be the difference. Pack 20-13.

Falcons/Titans - You never know what you are gonna get with the Falcons. One week they can score with the best of teams. The next week, they look like the Titans lifeless offense. Falcons 24-13.

Patriots/Bills - Upset Alert!! No, I don’t believe in the Bills offense or QB but I do believe in their physicality and defense. Call me stupid, but the Bills pull a shocker this weekend as the Pats o-line and receiving corps has been thinned by injury, 16-14.

Chiefs/Lions - The Lions tied with the Cards the first week of the season, then beat a Chargers team which had two TDs called back due to penalties and then beat an Eagles team that dropped a TD in the endzone. Lady Luck has her limits.

Raiders/Cards - I told you all the Colts couldn’t score 10 points on the Clemson Tigers. Chargers 24-9.

Redskins/Giants - Case Keenum had 5 turnovers against the Bears and the other arrogant Guden (*Skins Coach Jay) still thinks he is the answer. The chair is getting warm in D.C. Giants 20-13.

Texans/Panthers - Don’t believe the hype that the Panthers will be better without Cam Newton. Yeah, he has looked bad but one good start by backup Will Allen doesn’t make him Mr. Football. Will Allen, meet JJ Watt. Texans 27-13.

Bucs/Rams - In a surprisingly close game where Buc QB Jameis Winston will throw for more yards than Ram QB Jared Goff, the Rams prevail 31-24. The Rams haven’t looked invincible yet.

Seahawks/Cards - When are the Cards going to unleash that high potent, never- seen- before offense they talked about in preseason? ‘Hawks 34-14.


Jags/Broncos - There will be more excitement at a closed strip joint than during this game. Jag 6th round rookie QB Gardner Minshew is better than Bronco veteran Joe Flacco. The Bronco offense averaged just four yards a play last week.


Cowboys/Saints - Ok, the Saints are at home and most of you will pick them to win there. Others will note that Dallas hasn’t played anyone yet. I say the Saints have the 28th ranked defense and the Cowboys are averaging 31 points a game. Cowboys 30-17.

Bengals/Steelers - The Steelers are like a horny, aging prostitute. A hot mess. No running game. No defense. And a coaching staff incapable of making in-game adjustments. The Bengals can score. Bengals 24-16.


Ranking the current NFL undefeated teams and identifying their weakness

1. Chiefs - Until someone can stop, the Chiefs are looking like they should? He looks like he’s throwing to one of the 7 dwarfs. Every- thing at his receivers feet. Plus, RB Todd Gurley doesn’t look healthy.

2. Packers - Their defense look stout and winning games for them despite the fact QB Aaron Rodgers looks mortal. Weakness - The relationship between the rookie head coach and Rodgers. What happens if their offense continues to look like the Titans offense? Rodgers knows how to throw a hissy fit. 6, 7, and 8 (in no particular order) 49ers, Bills, Lions by default (they have a tie to the Cards),. Weakness for all these teams: QB and coaching.
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