NEUBACHER “RETIRES” AMID ALLEGATIONS
Yosemite Superintendent will step down
By Rea
National Park Service spokesperson Andrew Munoz confirmed on Thursday, September 29 that Yosemite National Park Superintendent Don Neubacher is retiring, following allegations that he allowed harassment to occur under his leadership and created a “toxic” work environment.
Neubacher publicly apologized on Sunday, September 25 to Yosemite National Park staff following allegations of harassment and other misconduct under his leadership for almost seven years. Last week, a congressional oversight committee heard from at least 18 Yosemite employees, some of whom singled out Neubacher for intimidating those who complained about mistreatment. Employees at other major national parks, such as the
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A HIGH WIRE ACT

Cody Peake, 6, Grace Gain, 8, Georgia Fogg, 4, and Grimm Gain, 5, keep it real at June Lake Brewing’s Shake Shake Luau on Saturday, September 24. For more photos, see p. 11.

LOVE THE WILD SIERRA? THANK GENNY SMITH
93-year-old Smith was instrumental in derailing Trans-Sierra Highway
By Giles
At 93 years old, Genny Smith has been hiking and skiing out of Mammoth Lakes since she first visited with the Bakersfield Ski Club in the 1930s. “There was The Mammoth Tavern, a real estate office, a bakery, a gas station and that’s about all. It was a tiny little town,” reflected Smith as we chatted at her dining room table. After hearing the High Sierra was “great country” from a friend, Smith and her husband began spending their summers exploring the region’s mountains, lakes and trails. She has been called “The Naturalist Queen of the Eastern Sierra.”

“I and others used to come up here all the time to ask Genny for advice about politics and change,” said Greg Newbry as we drove up to Genny Smith’s cabin in the Twin Falls Tract this week. “She’ll never tell you, because she’s a very humble person, but she’s the reason we aren’t driving on an interstate to Fresno right now. There were many others too, but Genny was the ring-leader.”

In 1954, Smith and her husband bought the little cabin on Twin Falls Tract. “We never thought we’d buy a cabin. People buy cabins and then they just go back to the same place over and over again,” said Smith, implying that would just be terribly boring. “But we came to this place, and we saw the White Mountains across the valley, and the view behind us, and we couldn’t stop saying ‘wow.’ When we found out the Forest Service Lease was for sale, we ran back to Bakersfield, scrambled up some money, and bought the cabin.” Smith and her neighbors call the Twin Falls Tract “Symphony Row.” According to Smith, the cabins were originally owned by members of the L.A.
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Not in my wallet
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Westin Kinney, Lamont Peters, Jess Harmon and Stu Need get some swings in during the 13th Annual Lakanuki Fall Classic at Sierra Star Golf Course on Tuesday, September 27.
WHAT’S IN YOUR WALLET?

There’s probably not a day that goes by where there’s not a credit card offer in the mail. For the most part, I just chuck ‘em, but eventually, those smart folks at Capital One were just too convincing.

They offered me $500 cash back if I spent $4,500 on the card in the first three months.

At least that’s what I understood. So I returned the application and several weeks later, the card arrived in the mail. The first month, I charged about $2,200 and the second month about $800. Oooh. Cutting it a bit close. So the third month I spent another $2,300 or so to get over the threshold and get my refund. But the refund was not reflected in the next billing statement. So I called customer service to ask why, and they told me that I hadn’t qualified for the cash back.

In explanation, they said that the offer applied from the date of application as opposed to the date they actually sent the card or the date of first usage. So even though I didn’t get to use the card until May 1 (I looked back in my records to find the date of first purchase), the clock on my first three months apparently started running on April 2, the recorded date of my application.

Shysters!

Now the customer service rep said she couldn’t make any promises, but said that it was highly probable the “Rewards” team would look favorably upon my case and grant me the $500 on appeal, and that I would be informed of the decision within 96 hours.

Regardless of whether or not they pay me (they should), I have no intention of continuing to use the card. This is not a forthright, ethically ally, those smart folks at Capital One were just too convincing.

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To follow up on the proposed County Government Center story we ran two weeks ago …

The Sheet contacted Mono County Assessor Barry Beck to get the valuation numbers on both the Sierra Center Mall and the Mammoth (Chart House) Mall.

The Sierra Center Mall sold for $8.6 million in June, 2012. It has approximately 75,000 net usable square feet (100,000 square feet total). The Mammoth Mall sold for $3.9 million in March, 2014. It has 33,000 net usable square feet.

The Chart House building is assessed separately at $600,000. Former District 3 Supervisor Vikki Bauer said that during the period leading up to the Great Recession in 2008, the County went into negotiations “four or five times” to buy the Sierra Center Mall. The price at the time: $26 million according to then, and now current, owner Paul Rudd. Bauer agreed that the number sounded right.

“It always our number one choice to buy the Sierra Center Mall at the right price.” Unfortunately, she said, that right price never materialized during her two terms.

As Bauer recalled, the County ultimately decided to sign a ten-year lease with a few lease options to give it time to explore a long-term alternative.

“At the time, there was a ‘better safe than sorry’ sentiment on the Board,” she said. “Then-CAO Dave Wilbrecht felt property values were about to explode,” and didn’t want to risk a month-to-month lease like the Town had, she recalled.

“The Town ultimately signed a long-term lease in 2009 at a price-per-square-foot that’s about half of what the County pays.

So the County signed a long-term lease with the Sierra Center at what Bauer believes to be an inflated rate. If the County is weighing a lease vs. build option, she opined, the last thing it should do is contemplate a lease renewal at the existing rate.

At the board meeting a few weeks ago, the lease renewal option with the Sierra Center was estimated to cost $26 million over 20 years. Who in their right mind would pay $26 million to lease an $8.5 million property (though Rudder might argue he’s invested a few million into the property since that purchase in 2012)?

Former Supervisor Hap Hazard recalled that the plan at the time (circa 2006) was to build a smaller administrative office building while continuing to lease space long-term for social service agencies.

The reason not to build an all-in-one county government center is that the state reimburses the county for the rent it pays on social service departments. The state would not reimburse if social services occupies space the County owns.

It is unclear why the current staff led by CAO Leslie Chapman would wish to house social service agencies within a county-owned structure and Ms. Chapman did not return calls for this story.

Bauer said that the County and Town were very well along in the preliminary design of a joint government building (to be built on the McFlex parcel where the courthouse and future police building are located).

“There are definitely files on that,” said Bauer. “That somebody was hired to do [create] a county-only proposal seems odd to me.”

But this is apparently what happens when Boards and staffs turn over. People tend to reinvent what’s already been done.
EDITORIAL: KEEPING WILDLIFE WILD

By Rea

I was scrolling through Facebook the other evening when I noticed a post by Mammoth Lakes Recreation Executive Director Rich Boccia with photos of his recent trip to Yosemite. “Nothing less than magical as we walked in the footsteps of past visionaries that have created today.” Boccia wrote. “It is our responsibility to build and pass these experiences on to future generations.”

This touching sentiment was accompanied by a photo of Boccia’s wife, Diane, petting a deer on the head on what I recognized as the trail to Lower Yosemite Falls. I worked in Yosemite for eight years, many of those years spent in the Valley. I have watched visitors feed squirrels, tempt deer with potato chips, and leave trails of marshmallows to lure bears to their campsites for photo opportunities. I have chided many a tourist for interacting with wildlife—I don’t like to be the fun police, and nobody likes to be scolded by some self-righteous young woman not even wearing a Park Ranger uniform, but I’ve spent the better part of my adulthood living in conjunction with wildlife, and I take that responsibility seriously. There are signs all over Yosemite National Park which warn, “If wildlife are aware of your presence, you are too close.” Animals like bear and mountain lions command a healthy respect from human beings, but deer, squirrels and even the bison in Yellowstone can seem like benign props in our wildlife experience. In June, a bison calf was euthanized after two tourists put the animal in the trunk of their car, fearing it was too cold.

“All too often, visitors arrive in the park with a ‘Bambi syndrome’—the perception that deer are gentle little creatures wanting love and affection,” Paul Anderson, a Yosemite district ranger, told the Los Angeles Times in 1968, after a park employee was kicked in the back by a young buck. “In reality, deer are wild, unpredictable animals that are capable of inflicting serious injury or death, he told The Times.

Rich Boccia posted this photo his wife, Diane interacting with a deer in Yosemite.

When I worked at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, I often cautioned visitors of the danger that these animals pose. For all the park’s wildlife, the only human-animal fatality to have ever occurred in Yosemite was in 1977, when a 5-year-old boy was gored to death by a buck while feeding deer near Wawona.

I called Boccia on Wednesday to ask him about the decision to post the photo, and he agreed it was a poor choice. He said that the deer had approached his wife suddenly. “It surprised us when the deer came jumping out, Diane was almost putting her hand up against the deer,” Boccia told me. He said once his wife pet the deer on the head, other visitors began crowding around the scene, taking photos. “I think we were more startled and shocked than anything else,” Boccia told me.

“Probably the best thing that I could have done was not to have taken a picture,” he admitted, and thanked me for my feedback. “I think that’s the highlight of [our] conversation,” he said at the end of our chat. “We all need reminders.”

I’m not saying I’m a saint. I’ve certainly felt egged on by the side of the highway to ogle bison in Yellowstone (though I haven’t fed a wild animal since beginning working in Yosemite and seeing the error of my ways). However, as Boccia said, sometimes we all need reminders. That’s why I try to be a bit of a gadfly when seeing people interacting inappropriately or even dangerously with wildlife. I’ve sacrificed tips at the Ahwahnee Hotel when I scolded my guests for feeding obese Belding Ground Squirrels bits of their Sunday Brunch. I’ve been booed for breaking up “deer jams” (a crowd of tourists taking photos of deer), by shouting at the animals to spook them. I’ve chased raccoons away from the Curry Village Pizza Deck more times than I can count.

I realize it’s probably an exercise in futility to hope for even a shred of wilderness from these animals who are so irrevocably accustomed to human presence, but if even a few of us can remind these animals that we’re not always friendly (and remind other humans that the animals themselves pose dangers they may not perceive), perhaps we can make a little bit of a difference.

I told Boccia that I felt that those of us, especially those of us in the public eye, need to be ambassadors. We need to set an example. My fear in seeing his photo posted on social media and “liked” by dozens of people (many of them Mammoth locals) was that this kind of behavior around animals would be normalized and seen as acceptable, and it’s simply not. Just as we don’t feed our bears in Mammoth, we don’t pet our deer, either.
**LETTERS**

**Hold on!**

In 2002, the Town Council voted 4-1 to approve the Intrawest Development Agreement (DA). The agreement, Exhibit E, Community Benefits, states: “Pursuant to the North Village Specific Plan, the offer of dedication (the one acre Canyon Boulevard Site) shall be deemed complete satisfaction of Developer’s duty and obligation to provide commercial parking for any or all commercial uses now or hereafter developed within The Village at Mammoth Project, including full build-out as permitted under the North Village Specific Plan. [160,000 square-feet or commercial space with no public parking, I voted ‘No.’] This paragraph is not intended to preclude voluntary cooperation by the Developer in pursuit of parking solutions, including, but not limited to, participation in an assessment district and/or obtaining financing from State or other sources.”

In 2008, the subprime mortgage market crashes. Intrawest leaves town. In 2010-11, Governor Jerry Brown issues a Fiscal Emergency Proclamation. In 2010-11, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law SB 628, which grants cities and counties the power to create ENHANCED Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) in order to finance public facilities or other specified projects that provide community-wide benefits.

In 2014, Jamie Licko, president of Denver-based financial consulting firm Centro, enthused in a power point presentation to the Town Council and Planning Commission an exciting new way to raise money via Enhanced Tax Incremental Financing via issuing Tax-Incremental Bonds.

Put simply, as tax property values increase, a certain percentage of the increased property tax revenues would be diverted to an EIFD authority to fund infrastructure such as a parking structure in the Village. By definition, those revenues are diverted away from where they would traditionally go (government, special districts, etc.).

Those districts do have a choice as to whether they would like to participate. My guess: Special districts and politically favored special interests or harm the community by denigrating municipal service levels: police, snow removal, asphalt overlays, trail maintenance, etc.

Town Councils have historically been told, over and over again, that to attract “outside capital” to complete the Village and revitalize Downtown, the Town has to be developer ready: lower Developer Impact Fees (Done!), eliminate the inclusionary workforce housing requirement (Done!), and now create an EIFD to incentivize and subsidize “outside capital” investors (Hold On! Let's think about this).

**The assumption is to start with a multi-level parking structure at the Village. You could generate funds to bond for a second structure on Main Street.**

- Dennis Burns

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**Hart/Howerton vision plan.**

Downtown stakeholders to reconcile the discrepancies between the existing Downtown district plan and the recent Hart/Howerton vision plan.

Town Council’s coming challenge: The stated objective surrounding a proposed EIFD has been to find a funding source for a Village parking structure. But to issue Tax-Incremental Bonds requires a 55% vote of those in the district.

Will those entities located outside the Village want to fund such a structure under the premise/promise that once the Village is taken care of, they’ll be next?

Or perhaps they’d consider creating a noncontiguous EIFD district that includes Eagle, Sierra Star, Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge, and North Village, (a billion dollars worth of development), now dedicate 2% of the TOT generated in this district and add in property tax increments, and you could easily fund a multi-million dollar parking structure.

Proponents of EIFD will argue that, if you build something, it creates value and that “outside capital” is motivated by these infrastructure investments. They’ll say you’re not taxing the general community. They’ll say that outside investors who benefit can and should pay for what they use.

Which is not exactly true. By definition, Tax Incremental Financing diverts money from cities, counties, and special districts. They can’t be justified if they are used to channel money to politically favored special interests or harm the community by denigrating municipal service levels: police, snow removal, asphalt overlays, trail maintenance, etc.

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**Kirk Stapp**

**Mammoth Lakes**
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n Thursday, October 6, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)ordered historic action to stock Hot Creek, a Wild Trout Water, with 6,000 diploid fish in Wild Trout Waters to “establish thriving and self-sustaining native and wild trout fisheries in wild trout waters.”

Levi Keszev of California Trout told The Sheet he observed normal temperature and dissolved oxygen patterns for a healthy trout stream. “Those things alone don’t explain why there are fewer fish and especially fewer big fish.” According to Keszev, the drought has diminished seasonal flows and allowed sediment to build up in the stream. The sediment fills the deep, cool holes where big fish like to hide and obscures the gravel streambed where they lay their eggs during spawning season. No gravel, no spawning, no more sustainable fishery.

Giusti echoed these concerns, and said “they’re hoping for another good snow year, so that the spring-fed stream experiences high flows and gets flushed out in time for the trout to spawn.” Giusti and Peterson said that the stocked fish will all be small, from one to three inches, and will look just like their wild cohabitants except for their clipped adipose fins. “These aren’t the giant hatchery fish that look like they’ve been in the mail for a month. They’re going to live and grow in a stream and be beautiful,” said Peterson, who added he was very grateful and impressed by the alacrity of CDFW’s response to the crisis on Hot Creek.

Mark Drew said the decline of fish in Hot Creek is a direct consequence of the drought. “It’s a good example of how healthy streams and rivers are tied to local livelihoods. It’s not just the fish who are feeling the burn, it’s local businesses and communities, … and we support the department’s action, as it is our understanding that it is within their legal code.”

“At the end of the day, Hot Creek has been in decline, and a lot of people are working really, really hard to get it back on track,” said Peterson, who is hopeful. “The best thing recreationists can do is take care of these fish. When you take a fish out of the water to take a picture, hold your breath. When you need to breathe, the fish probably does too.”

Volunteers interested in stocking the stream should contact Kevin Peterson in his cell phone, at 760.937.0519. Meet at 9 a.m. at the paved parking area at the bottom of lower Hot Creek, by the interpretive area, on October 6.
ICSOS ACCUSATIONS UNFOUNDED?
Details of the Grand Jury report on Inyo School Superintendent
By James

Most of the 2015-16 Inyo County Grand Jury’s report centered on the Superintendent of Schools and its role in the management agreement between the YouthBuild Charter Schools in Southern California and Superintendent Terry McAteer. There were inquiries into how the revenue from the agreement was spent, but the report also delved into the recommendations for funding specific programs. It also attempts to instruct Inyo County Superintendent of Schools on how to conduct its operations.

The Grand Jury investigation into the ICSOS and McAteer came as a failed attempt by several disgruntled ICSOS employees to discredit McAteer. These employees later accused McAteer of misconduct, which was never proven despite a determined campaign over months by the Inyo Register to promote the story. The report also cites stories and letters in the Register that prompted the story. The report also cites stories and letters in the Register that prompted the story. The Register to promote the story. The report also cites stories and letters in the Register that prompted the story.

According to several members of the Inyo County Office of Education Board, most of the grand jury report was based on misinformation, misunderstandings, and misconceptions of what the lawful role is between the ICSOS Board and the Superintendent. There was also a clear misunderstanding of the roles of the county’s school districts, their superintendents, and their district school boards, with respect to the ICSOS. The Grand Jury offered recommendations far afield of its jurisdictional authority, such as making suggestions on how certain funding should be handled, and how the Superintendent of Schools should interact with the school districts when conducting business.

It also waded into deep and murky waters on assessing student achievement in county schools, which is the purview of the state, not local school boards, Grand Juries, or County Superintendents of Schools. If it was looking for evidence of wrongdoing, apparently it found very little other than in making a “no recommendation” on whether the ICSOS breached confidentiality agreements. They wrote that they turned evidence on the issue over “to the appropriate authorities.” If the past is any indication of the future, nothing is likely to come of it.

Virtually every recommendation was dismissed in the ICSOS response prepared by Dr. Lisa Fontana, who replaced the retiring McAteer in June.

Overall, the conclusions of the 2015-2016 Inyo County Grand Jury Report were considered rather benign, if not misdirected, and slightly positive for the County Superintendent of Schools, on which you might “wholly or partially disagree.”

JLPUD BOARD MAY CHANGE
 Voters will choose three of five on November 8
By Bodine

On November 8, voters in June Lake will choose the best three out of five candidates to sit on the June Lake Public Utility District (JLPUD) Board of Directors. Challengers Vikki Bauer and Doug Smith will compete with incumbents Pattie Heinrich, Cherri Bromberger and Dale Greiner.

In January, former Mono County Supervisor Bauer spearheaded a recall campaign against then-Board President Heinrich but it fell short of the 339 signatures needed to be put on the ballot. It’s a he-said-she-said game as to what brought about the recall that pitted neighbor against neighbor in the small community. Bauer argued that Heinrich was running the JLPUD into the ground, Heinrich said it was nothing more than a smear campaign. JLPUD had also lost two of the men who knew the JLPUD water systems best: Director BZ Miller died in 2014 and Director Jerry Allendorf in 2015. This is when the infighting started, according to incumbent Cherri Bromberger. Then the General Manager left. The district is also $1 million in the hole, according to Heinrich and Bromberger. The district also looks for additional water sources, Heinrich says.

Heinrich explained financial difficulties and the 2013 Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) “necessitated changes” to employee benefit contribution. She said the JLPUD was paying $150,000 annually into the fund for employees, who decided that the employees must start contributing, in accordance with the new law. “Unfortunately, this decision was unpopular with two Board members,” Heinrich stated in an email to The Sheet.

The candidates spoke to The Sheet about how they would address the issues of personality conflicts and public squabbling at the JLPUD. Bauer said she’s running as a whistle blower and feels she’s carrying the flag for Miller and Allendorf by educating the public on what the board is doing and the consequences of its decisions.

Bromberger said that the board has been overseeing the financial wellbeing of the JLPUD but, “For” The last two years, some board members have started to take it upon themselves to micro manage the operation of staff.

Greiner said the board must perform despite personality conflicts. Heinrich said she has always been professional and trustworthy, adding, “It’s questionable if other board members and candidates can separate their personal friendships and special interests from the decision making.”

Smith said he has no conflicts and that most disagreements are “worked out with reason and simple negotiation.”

The candidates were then asked how they are perceived by the residents of June Lake. Smith divided residents into three categories: full-timers who know the board, summer residents who have no idea who the board members are, and second home owners who just pay their bills. Heinrich said that some residents want more financial transparency and some feel the board is unfairly asking employees to contribute to retirement accounts. Greiner said the public views the JLPUD as an entity that provides services. Bromberger said “The board and the attendees are seen as ‘toxic’ by the community.” Bauer said she hopes “The public has a sense that the current majority on the JLPUD board is not paying attention to the tasks at hand.”

The candidates have varying degrees of experience with labor negotiations. Bauer was a labor negotiator while a County Supervisor, Bromberger has owned two successful businesses with as many as six employees. Greiner has experience from being on the board. Heinrich was a member of a fortune 500 Corporation Labor Union and participated in negotiations over a 23-year period. Smith has been working for Rossignol for thirty-seven years.

The candidates were asked how via email, how they would increase transparency of the JLPUD to the public. Heinrich replied that transparency is in the eye of the beholder. Heinrich recommended contracting an accountant to audit the JLPUD so the board and public can make sound financial decisions when moving forward. Greiner suggested remaining transparent. Bromberger said the JLPUD has always been transparent. Bauer suggested, “giving better notifications to possible actions in closed session.”
BOO-HOO, YAHOO
Email users should change their passwords—now.

By James

If you have ever had a Yahoo email account, you should change your password immediately, along with your security questions and answers. I already have. Why? A few days ago Yahoo announced that “at least 500 million user accounts” have been stolen. Or as it boldly labels it a “state-sponsored actor,” i.e. an individual acting on behalf of a government. It’s known as being “pwned,” garner slang for being hacked. Even Yahoo now owns your login credentials, and possibly much more sensitive data.

According to numerous news reports, the massive breach occurred in late 2014. Incredibly Yahoo says it didn’t even suspect the breach until the summer of 2016, and it didn’t advise users to change their passwords until it was highly rated Gmail, which as of February 2016, was the most widely popular websites, online stores, health insurance companies, banks and government agencies have all suffered serious data breaches, so it makes some sense to assume that you may have been affected.

There are a few precautions that you can take to reduce the risk of your account being hacked:

1. Change passwords often and never use the same password twice. Hackers can use the password on one account to try to access other accounts that take the same credentials.

2. Pick better passwords. In fact, considering using passphrase, which are easier to remember, instead of single words. While experts advise not using common popular phrases, e.g. “timeismoney” or song titles or lyrics from songs such as “albunyaedelve.” I wish you luck with that. The most common thing heard by many people using computers is “I forgot my password!” It seems whenever we try to be clever, especially with words, it usually comes back to bite us.

3. Consider using a free password manager app instead, such as 1Password, LastPass or Dashlane. They will remember all your different passwords/passphrases, even create them for you, while you only have to remember just one master password.

4. Update security questions and change them often. Avoid obvious questions and don’t provide answers that can be easily found online at Facebook, through other social media, or through Google searches. Do not try to random two-factor authentication. Adding a second type of authentication, like a one-time code sent over text message or generated by an app, can greatly secure your online accounts.

5. Always be alert for suspicious activity. If something does not “seem right” in the subject line or text of the message, do not respond to it and delete the message. Finally, if you are a Yahoo customer and you are greatly concerned about your account, can call 1 888 294 2806 to speak with Yahoo tech support.

The account information may have included names, email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth...

-Yahoo, on massive data breach

LOCAL BRIEFS

By Bodine

Bishop High lockdown

Bishop Union High School was locked down for safety reasons around 10:14 a.m. on Thursday, September 29 following a suspected shooting incident in the City of Bishop on South Warren Street a couple hundred yards from the campus. Principal’s Secretary for Bishop High Wanda Summers told The Sheet at noon on Thursday that there appeared to be a shooting off campus and the suspect ran in the direction of the campus. There was not a shooting incident at the school, nor were any students involved and the school was not a target of the suspect, Summers explained. The school was still under a “soft lockdown” when she talked to The Sheet.

A message sent to parents at about 12:20 p.m. on Thursday stated the suspect was apprehended on school grounds and students and staff are all safe. Bishop Police Chief Ted Stec addressed parents in front of the school at 12:15 and a video of the address, including a Spanish translation, has been posted in the Bishop Police Department’s Facebook page.

Stec said dispatch received a call of a domestic violence situation on South Warren Street. Sources told The Sheet the incident happened at the Bishop Trailer Park located west of JC Penny. Bishop Police and Inyo County Sheriff’s Deputies arrived on scene and Stec said they saw a man running from the scene and perhaps heard gun shots. He added there was just one suspect.

Law Enforcement thoroughly searched the areas between the location of the initial call on Warren Street and the high school and determined the school was safe, Stec added.

Lewis Roberts found dead

On Thursday, September 22, 2016, at approximately 1 p.m., the Mono County Sheriff’s Office received a call regarding the location of a vehicle belonging to Lewis Roberts, 48 years old, from Bishop, who was reported missing on Tuesday, September 20. Responding deputies located the vehicle in a remote area in southeast Mono County. The body of Lewis Roberts was discovered a short distance away. Notifications were made to Mr. Roberts’ family. The Mono County Sheriff’s Office will conduct the coroner’s investigation.

The Inyo County Sheriff’s Office was seeking the public’s assistance in locating an at-risk and subject, later identified as Roberts, warning that Roberts was armed and dangerous and to not approach his vehicle.

Levis had formerly been an investigator for the Inyo County District Attorney’s Office.

Inyo County Sheriff’s Public Information Officer Carma Roper said it will not be releasing and further information about the incident.
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Grand Canyon and Yellowstone, have also complained of harassment and mishandling of employee complaints, news sources across the country have reported.

Kelly Martin, Yosemite’s chief of fire and aviation management, told members of the oversight committee that she has been harassed and discriminated against throughout the 32 years she’s worked for the Park Service.

In 1987 when she was working at the Grand Canyon, Martin reported being spied upon by a park ranger while she showered, but did not file charges against the ranger for fear or being ostracized, she said in written testimony to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. She said she left the Park Service, but returned in 2006 to find the same ranger not only still working for the Park Service, but promoted. “I feel that I can no longer remain silent,” Martin told the House Committee. She said she felt that there was a “clear failure of management to take action to investigate and advocate on a victim’s behalf.”

Martin said that at Yosemite, many people but mostly women “are being bullied, belittled, disenfranchised and marginalized from their roles as dedicated professionals” and that Neubacher has “publicly humiliated” workers under his leadership.

She said specifically that she was unable to do her job during the Park Service response to the 2013 Rim Fire, and that her authority was significantly undercut, according to the Sierra Star.

“There seems to be some patterns here that are just not anything we should come close to tolerating,” said Rep. Jason Chaffetz, chairman of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, during last week’s hearing. ABC News reported that Chaffetz also said that problems at Yosemite were likely worse due to the fact that Neubacher’s wife, Patricia, is the Regional Deputy Director for the Pacific West region of the National Park Service, a region which includes Yosemite.

Chaffetz said during the hearing that one investigator described the work conditions in Yosemite as “horrible,” having spoken to numerous employees who shared Martin’s sentiments.

“These employees lay blame at the top,” Chaffetz said.

In his announcement, Munoz did not say why Neubacher was stepping down, nor did he give a time frame for his retirement.

AN ODE TO ASPEN IN JUNE LAKE

Dave and Amanda Carmichael, new owners of June Lake Pines cabins, commissioned artist Jane Kim of Berkeley’s Ink Dwell Studio to create a mural on what was a bleak retaining wall in front of the Pines cottages on Main Street. Kim, along with artists Misaki Ouchida and Mammoth’s Julie Rolfe, can be seen working on the mural “until it gets dark,” Rolfe told The Sheet. The mural chronicles the life cycle and seasonal changes of aspen leaves, from small and pale green in the spring to empty limbs in the winter. There’s no hidden agenda or political message with the nature-themed painting of exterior latex: It’s simply something beautiful the community and the Carmichaels can all celebrate.

Kim also created the Migrating Mural series on the Eastside, focusing on the Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. Kim’s bighorn murals span the natural range of the iconic animal, from Regional Airport in Lone Pine to the Mono Basin Visitor Center in Lee Vining. Dave Carmichael said he and Amanda had been in contact with Kim before they even had the deed to the Pines. There’s a party when the project’s complete, slated for Saturday, October 8 with beer, music and food, at the mural site on Main Street in June Lake—that is, if you’re not already going to Forrest and Sarah’s wedding.
Philharmonic Orchestra at the turn of the century.

By 1960, Smith was a locally renowned author of guidebooks, the first of which was “Mammoth From the Inside: The Honest Guide to Mammoth Lakes,” initially published by the Sierra Club, the book is now published by Smith. She said her first guidebook started out as a simple pamphlet drawn up by a group of friends about how to bushwhack to McLeod Lake. “Little by little you learn because you live here, and the natural world is all around you. You start asking questions. I’m good at asking questions, according to my husband.”

“Mammoth From the Inside” is in its 7th edition and 50,000 copies have been sold to date.

In the late 1950s, Smith’s bent turned political. A group of businessmen and politicians from Fresno and Madera had pitched an eleventh road across the Sierra Nevada to the state and federal governments. The proposed Trans-Sierra Minaret Summit Highway started in Fresno and ended at Highway 395 outside of Mammoth Lakes. The proposal was shut down by Richard Nixon’s Administration after the State of California filed a formal objection to the project. The objection came from the state legislature and then-Governor Ronald Reagan, who was turned off the project by his Resources Secretary Norman “Ike” Livermore.

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For the fourth year in a row, the June Lake Chamber of Commerce will host its Autumn Beer Fest. Tickets for the popular tasting garden have sold out, but the Fest is still open to the public, with food stalls, music and events being free of charge. Unfortunately, the stein-holding contests are full, too. Sorry, Popeye.

The public is invited to bend an elbow, dance, be merry and enjoy the suds from June Lake Brewery (JLB). But Sarah and Justin Walsh, owners of JLB, want to keep the fun manageable; hence the cap on ticket sales. They want to keep it small and close, they say, just like June Lake. The Fest is known by reputation alone, and is not advertised.

Sarah called it “A boutique festival specializing in super awesome beer.” She added that only exceptional beer made by exceptional brew masters will be included in the beer garden. There will be 16 breweries this year including Green Flash, Great Basin, Booze Brothers, Mike Hess, and Four Sons. Mammoth Brewing Company, Black Doubt and Mountain Rambler will represent the Eastside.

A beer celebration was not the Walsh’s idea; it was the June Lake Chamber of Commerce that approached them almost as soon as they stepped foot on June Lake soil. “We were asked to put it on in 2013, not long after my husband and I arrived to live full-time in the town and begin searching for a location for our business. Their brewery was not even open yet, and did not participate in the first beer festival, Sarah explained. JLB opened in June 2014.

“The chamber was excited to have a new business in town and people who knew beer!” she added. “It was a good festival to enjoy the fall colors and maybe increase visitation to our town during a somewhat slower time.” JLB isn’t in this to sell beer, but rather to help the neighborhood. The chamber puts the Fest on and the community gets the proceeds; organizations like the June Lake Women’s Club, Mammoth High School Football team and the June Lake Fire Department all benefit. These same groups will be volunteering at this weekend’s event.

June Lake is a small town, and everyone is family there, said the Walshes. There’s no need to make a giant spectacle, just hang out, relax and look at the sights.

There has to a balance struck between making money and time to enjoy living, said Sarah. She said they could have settled somewhere else and make plenty of money with a massive brewery, but they’re nesting in June Lake where there is time for family and friends and festivals.

There will be food from Ohana’s 395, and the Lee Vining High School will be serving their legendary brats. There will be music provided by Bodie 601 and Bird Dog.

The fest is Saturday, October 1 from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Gull Lake Park. There’s a free bus between Mammoth and June starting at 11:30 and running every thirty minutes until 4:30.

For more details, visit www.junelakebrewing.com/happenings.
June Lake Brewing’s Shake Shake Luau brought a crowd on Saturday, September 24 for Ohana’s traditional Hawaiian food, beer specials and contests on a warm fall afternoon. Below: Caitlin Rea won the women’s limbo contest. Joe Hamlin and Cristiane greet Johnny Widen, who is in high spirits despite having broken his neck and back in the Kamikaze games. Some limbo hopefuls consider their options. Justin Walsh and Ryan March announce the rules for the hula hoop contest. Contestants in the keg hold keep their cool. Right: “Local wild man” Chainsaw dressed for the festivities. Far right: Jon Crowley and Laura Beardsley were just looking for some refreshments after a hard morning cutting firewood.
**WALK THE LINE**

Remote, alpine “highlines” being established in the Sierra as the sport grows in popularity

**By Rea**

A group of adventurers are pushing the boundaries of their sport, and literally walking where no human has ever walked before.

Maxwell Silver, who (mostly) calls Mammoth home, recently spent four days with a group of fellow “highliners” ascending the top of the middle tooth of the Sawtooth range to establish a “highline,” a length of climbing webbing stretched taut between two highpoints. Highliners walk these spans, generally attached with a safety harness, focusing on balance while battling fear, exposure, wind and feedback of motion as the line swings back and forth in order to cross a void hundreds, or even thousands, of feet above the ground. Highliners are not on a stiff highwire, this is extreme slacklining.

“You just see a gap in the peaks and you’re like, ‘That.’” said Silver of how he and his friends choose their First Ascents. A First Ascent is, in both climbing and slacklining lingo, the first time an individual or party accomplishes a particular “line.” In climbing, a “line” is known as a route up a rock face. In highlining, it’s the line itself—the span across space.

Silver got into slacklining (the gateway drug to highlining, where the webbing is stretched several feet above the ground, usually between two trees) after crashing his bike and “nearly chopping off my toe.” He was a rock climber, but couldn’t put his feet into climbing shoes, so he began walking on slacklines.

People unfamiliar with the workings of this rather esoteric enterprise often picture the classic tightrope walker—holding a pole, standing stick-straight, putting one foot carefully in front the other. However, Silver says, slacklining is, besides the visual, almost nothing like tightrope walking.

“The best way to explain how you’re balancing is like you’re balancing a baseball bat in your hand,” says Silver. “So what you’re doing is you’re keeping your hand underneath the baseball bat. The baseball bat isn’t trying to balance on your hand.” With wire walking, Silver says, the walker is trying to create no movement at all. With slacklining, the body is moving along with the line. “You’re trying to keep this line underneath you… it’s like a one-inch trampoline.”

Silver has been slacklining for about ten years, and highlining for about eight. He’s seen the sport grow exponentially in the last several years, due most likely to the allure of the breathtaking photographs highlining affords—beautiful people assuming a zen-like stance, poised over a void and surrounded by blue sky and granite.

“You’ll almost always see a few highlining photographs in climbing magazines,” said Silver. He’s seen his Facebook group, Highlining Yosemite, grow to over 600 members in the last several years, many participants likely attracted by Silver’s photos on his
to respect everyone’s need and want at it from a wilderness ethic, you have that might not like it. If you look from those who view the sport as offensive.

“Above Yosemite Falls on the top of the detached pillar adjacent to the Falls. A highliner across that span can be seen from many locations in Yosemite Valley below, and, in summertime, the line is up for a majority of the season. “I started slacklining with the intention of highlining,” said Rowland, whose “friends all think [he’s] crazy.”

He does agree, with the growing popularity of his sport through photos in magazines and on social media, highliners may face some backlash from those who view the sport as offensive.

“As the sport goes forward I see some kind of permitting system [being instituted…] for the people who’d like to see Yosemite Falls without the ‘tightrope walkers,’” he said.

“Ninety-nine percent of all people will be amazed [by the athletes],” said Silver, “and then you get that one percent that might not like it. If you look at it from a wilderness ethic, you have to respect everyone’s need and want for finding solace in nature… It’s a human marvel in itself but if you work in Yosemite park and Yosemite Falls is rigged every weekend from April through June, it’s just like, ‘What the f**k are these guys doing?’”

Silver said that the growing popularity of the sport may be one of the factors pushing groups like his to get it into more isolated places. That’ll compromise. Like maybe we shouldn’t do these high-profile places… bring it into more isolated places. That’ll regain your sense of solitude too [as a highliner].”

Hence the growing focus on First Ascents in remote areas, said Silver. His recent foray into the Sawtooths was “terrifying,” but also “amazing.”

“We basically put a First Ascent up the east face of the middle tooth and we called it ‘Don’t Die’… which I hope no one ever climbs again. It was so bad. Stuck between s**y rock and death blocks.”

“I think we officially called it ‘Choss and Floss’ [‘choss’ is a climbing term for loose, crumbling rock],” said Rowland. “We flossed the teeth, and it was super chossy.”

Silver said the climbing to get to the attachment point of the highline was “like climbing up kitty litter.” It took four days to complete the project, though the total time that the five highliners spent on their painstak- ingly-prepared line, at an elevation of 11,700 feet, was only about two hours. “It’s pretty much a team sport,” Silver said of erecting highlines like this.

“When it comes to the alpine stuff and taking on these unusual missions. They’re trying to “Walk into a space where no one’s ever been before,” said Silver. “I mean, climbers have been here, but as soon as you get out onto the highline, no one’s ever been there.” He then quoted one of the pioneers of the sport, Andy Lewis: “Highlining,” he said, “is one inch from flying.”
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Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5 p.m. Closed Mondays.
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Rock Creek Lakes Resort, Friday and Saturday, 3-5 p.m. with a happy hour menu.

TOWN STUFF
Sept. 30-Oct. 2/ Fall Colors Cruise and Car Show @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Classic cars, music, food, Altrusa Fine Arts show, arts, crafts, more.
Geology of the Mono Basin: Land of Fire and Ice with the Mono Lake Committee. Explore the geologic wonders around Mono Lake with Yosemite National Park geologist Greg Stock. Register: www.monomake.org or call 760.647.6595.

Saturday, October 1/ Mammoth Lakes Job Fair @ the Westin Monache from 1-4 p.m. followed by a networking happy hour @ the Whitebear restaurant. If you’re an employer and would like to set up a booth email craig@ mammothlakeschamber.org.
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UCLA’s Kyodo Taiko drummers play a free concert at Bishop City Park starting 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Inyo Council for the Arts, Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Yamatani Japanese Restaurant. See ad, p. 2.
BLM National Public Lands Day with Friends of the Inyo and Bishop BLM. Help care for areas impacted by the Round Fire. Meet at 8:30 at the Paradise Fire Station. Work runs until 12 p.m. and is followed by BBQ at the fire station. Info: ben@friendsoftheinyo.org.
Annual Bunco Fundraiser hosted by Moms of Military Servicemen & Servicewomen. Bishop VFW Post 8988, 484 Short St. Bishop. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tasty treats, auction items.
Farmer’s Market in Bishop. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Behind City Hall.
CSA #1 Nordic Dry Land Training class with instructor Niki C-Fiddler. Location: Crowley Lake Park. Get your mind and body ready for cross country skiing this winter. Participants need running shoes and attire, short ski poles (about sternum high) water bottle and a towel or mat for strength training. All abilities welcome, some physical fitness is required. Tuesdays and Saturdays 9-11 a.m. through Nov. 5. Cost is $5 for non-CSA #1 residents and free for CSA #1 residents.
Rotary: Got Duck? Bishop City Park Visitors Center, 12-1 p.m.

October 3-7/ Whitney Portal construction in the upper section of road starting after turn-off to Lone Pine Campground. 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. See sidebar, next page.

Monday, October 3/ Manic Mondays all night happy hour at John’s Pizza Works. 4 p.m.-midnight. See ad, p. 11.

Tuesday, October 4/ Trivia Tuesday at Mammoth Brewing Co. Bring your game face. Prizes for the winners. 6 p.m.
Two for Tuesdays @ Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. See ad, p. 6.

Wednesday, October 5/ Wine Wednesday at Black Velvet Coffee. Free tasting with purchase of a hot beverage and a free waffle with tasting. 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 6/ Ladies’ Night @ Mammoth Rock’n Bowl. Ladies get free shoe rentals and two free games. It’s a screaming deal. See ad, p. 6.
Mammoth Hospital construction

Mammoth Hospital will be starting construction on a new employee parking lot on the North Side of campus adjacent to the Orthopedic and Physical Therapy Clinics.

Construction is expected to last from four to six weeks and will allow more convenient parking for Mammoth Hospital patients.

Please be advised Centerline rumble strips, moving equipment, dump trucks and other construction vehicles will be very active.

It is recommended to avoid the construction zone if possible. Please excuse any dust and noise that may result as contractors will be doing their best to minimize impact for the general public.

Construction on the new parking lot is expected to be completed by the November 1. In the meantime, your cooperation with personnel and attention to safety is much appreciated!

Whitney Portal construction

Monday–Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Plan for extended delays: 8:00 am-11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the upper section of road starting after the turn off to Lone Pine Campground.

Expect 30 minute delays outside of the extended delay times and areas, but within construction schedule.

Road side parking will be unavailable throughout the project until further notice.

The paving operation is nearly complete with only asphalt curbing left to do. The curbing machine is very wide and extended delays are necessary while they complete this work. Centerline rumble strips are also being installed.

Community flu clinics

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over the age of six months. The cost of the vaccine is $10 for adults (19 years or older) and $5 for children (6 months to 18 years). Community flu clinics for 2016 are as follows:

- Thursday, October 5: Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission meets in Suite Z, 9:00 a.m.
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- Monday, October 9: MCHS Volleyball plays at home v. Mojave. Starts 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 10: Sign-ups for Sierra Classic Theater's fall youth production of "Whateverland:" an original play written last year by 3rd-5th graders in a class taught by producer/director Allison Page. Time: 2:45 p.m. Location: M.L. Community Center. Info: 233.646.5055.
- Thursday, October 12: MCHS Volleyball plays at home v. Boron. Starts 5 p.m.
- October, Friday 7: MHS Football homecoming game v. Yosemite. Starts 7 p.m.
- October 7-9: Enjoy the annual Lone Pine Film Festival. Tours, stars, panels, parade. More info: 760.876.9909.
- Saturday, October 8: Bishop Sunrise Polite COSA, Bird Walk and Census Dates. Meet at BLM/Forest Service on West Line St in Bishop. Contact Hillary Behr at hillarybeh@yahoo.com.
- October 8-9: Pumpkin Patch and Haunted Swamp fundraiser at the Bishop FFA Farm on Sunland Drive. Pumpkin Patch, BBQ, Bake Sale, Corn Maze, Craft & Pie Auction, Stick Horse Races, Costume Contest, Wheelbarrow Decorating, Cow Pie Bingo, hayrides, etc. at, Haunted Swamp open 7-10 p.m. $8 admission.
- Bodie Hills Stewardship Day sponsored by Friends of the Inyo, Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership, Bishop BLM, and Bodie Hills State Park and the Bodie Foundation. We will plant native plants in a disturbed area and remove old fence and brush against historic buildings. Come prepared Tools and gloves provided. Breakfast, lunch and free entrance to the park provided. Meet at the Red Barn in the center of Bodie at 8:30 a.m.
- November 26: Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission monthly meeting, 2nd floor, MCHS Library. Time: 6:30 p.m.
- December 1: Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission monthly meeting, 2nd floor, MCHS Library. Time: 6:30 p.m.

The proposed project is 667 acres and would include thinning of selected trees up to 30 inches in diameter. Trees that are dead and dying from drought, insects, and/ or pathogens will be targeted for removal while larger, more vigorous, fire resistant trees would be retained. A combination of ground based mechanical equipment and hand crews would be used to accomplish the work.

There will be a public meeting about the proposed action on Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Mammoth Ranger Station, 2400 Highway 203, Mammoth Lakes, CA.

For additional information or to comment on this project please contact Eric Vane at 760.924.5509 or by email at ericvane@fs.fed.us.
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Ice Ring Staff
The Town is looking for full-time and part-time seasonal Ice Ring Facilities Staff and an Assistant Site Coordinator, to work midweek, weekends, evenings, and/or holidays. With flexible hours, these positions are ideal for people who are looking to pick up extra work and earn some extra cash for the winter season. Visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov for more information.

Stellar Brew is hiring for Mechanic, day & night shift with benefits available for someone with years of experience in this field. Job offers attractive wage, plus benefits and Beer Bux. Go to http://www.stellarbrew.com.

Also, Sierra Bounty Produce is looking for someone to work in their vegetable and fruit section. We are looking for motivated and love to bake. Some experience in QuickBooks a huge plus. $21 per hour, self-motivated and team player, with experience in stocking and customer service. Please inquire with Tom at 760.934.3399.

Mammoth Car Rental/Hertz: Looking for someone willing to work a full year round position. Please inquire with Tom at Mammoth Chevron: Seeking responsible individuals. Job offers attractive wage, commensurate with experience. Currently hiring for Mechanic, day & night shift with some counter help. This can be a year round position. Please inquire with Tom at 760.934-3399.

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We need FULL TIME BAKERS at Stellar Brew. You must be self motivated and able to work a flexible schedule. Some experience is nice, even if it’s not professional. Also, Sierra Bounty Produce is looking for someone to drive the van and do the produce pick up on Mondays. Plan on committing 6 hours on Mondays until the end of September. Email stellarbrew@gmail.com if you are interested, or bring a resume to Stellar Brew.

Stellar Brew is looking for an Office Administrator to join our dynamic team. Responsibilities include A/P and A/R management, clerical and administrative duties and customer relations. Position is located in our distribution office near Mammoth Airport. Must be self-motivated and team player, with experience in office work. Hourly wage is $21-$25/hour, plus benefits and 401k. Go to http://mammothbrewingco.com/employment for more information.

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P/T Counter-Delivery Person Must have clean driving record. Flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Pick up and deliver food and job description to 3280 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes.

Smokeyard in the Village at Mammoth has a few openings in all positions. Stop by in person or email resumes to info@smokeyard.com.

The Village Community Services District is hiring for someone from people who can provide snow removal services on some private roads in the Mammoth Lakes district and at the sewer treatment plant for the 2016/2017 snow season. The snow removal equipment would need to be located in Crowley Lake for the snow season, and removed to Mondovi at 7,000’ a.m. There is a 2’ accumulation or more. If you are interested, or for further information, contact the General Manager 760-935-4500 before October 10, 2016.

IMACA JOB OPENINGS Inyo Mono Monitors for Community Action, Inc. (IMACA) has the following open position:

Open: September 17, 2016 Closing: September 30, 2016 by 5:00 pm
Application forms and job descriptions are available at: 137 E. South Street, Bishop, Ca. 93513 or on line at www.imaca.net. Applicants must complete an IMACA application form and submit to ADVOCATES FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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

Newbauer Construction, Inc. 53 Sierra Manor Road P.O. Box 3579 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 03, 2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 26, 2016 File Number 2016-0123 (9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8)

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The Following Person is Doing Business As:

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Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa

Casino Wonder Woman, 1686 Lakeview Blvd. P.O. Box 478 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above in July 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on Sept. 22, 2016 File Number 2016-0154 (10/10, 10/15, 10/25, 10/30)

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The Following Person is Doing Business As:

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Advocates for Community Action, Inc.

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Scorpio: Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean recently suggested that Donald Trump may have been on cocaine during the presidential debate. If only that would explain it. Trump apparently responded with a debate. (If only that would explain it.)

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Capricorn: Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean recently suggested that Donald Trump may have been on cocaine during the presidential debate. If only that would explain it. Trump apparently responded with a debate. (If only that would explain it.)

Aquarius: October look promising, especially for your family. You’ll probably head to some new places as well this month. They may be as close as your backyard or as random as Ely, Nevada—which, by the way, has a good pizza joint. Therefore, please remember to gracefully accept and embrace anything life serves you. And don’t be surprised to find yourself asking for seconds and thirds just down the road from a maximum security prison.

Pisces: As October arrives your career takes center stage. To make the most of this, work on streamlining your process, on saving money where it’s wasted and be sure to sneak in several mental health activities each day. Such activities could include taking walks, spending time at the gym and making bacon, preferably with a partner.

Aries: Aries occasionally suffer from bouts of self-hatred. While self-medicating is the usual cure, Clouds suggests mixing the routine up a bit and practicing forgiveness, redemption and self-love. To help get you started, try telling your body you love and forgive it, or at least tell it that Clouds would like to love and give it something.

Taurus: To properly celebrate the onset of autumn, Clouds is asking you to spend the next month figuring out how you can refocus on your dreams and goals in life and reconnect with people who are important to you. If by “reconnect” you think Clouds is referring to something sexual, give yourself a pat on the back (and backside).

Gemini: The Stars want to let you know that the only thing that’s preventing you from accomplishing your dreams is that you don’t spend enough time dreaming about them. Therefore, you new assignment is to work on creative visualization. You know the Tuesday night dream about your dream life. But whatever you do, don’t let reality stand in your way. It never slowed down successful people like Ryan Lochte, Roger Goodell or the famous Slovenian model/speech-writer Melania Trump.

Cancer: Your new assignment is to simply live life as if your soul is eternal. Most of us spend so much time worrying about today, tomorrow or last Tuesday morning that we forget that we’ve only got so much daylight to burn. So here’s hoping your life becomes like an endless series of Saturday afternoons outdoors followed by Sunday mornings of Netflixin’ and chillin’, and not like a series of Monday morning staff meetings followed by Tuesday evening reruns of “Naked and Afraid.”

Leo: The Stars are saying take it slow and steady this month. They’re afraid you might try to take on too much and wouldn’t want you to go and spontaneously combust like an over-microwaved burrito. Therefore, always remember that the keys to life are moderation and kindness (for yourself and others), while the keys to a good microwave burrito is to let it cool down a little first and to wash it down with a cold beer.

Virgo: What it all really comes down to is that you can have anything you want, but there’s a catch. What you want, under the new rules of the Universe, must also be beneficial to others. While this certainly doesn’t rule out any dreams of becoming a politician or an adult film star, the best way to accomplish your goals is by making others feel special, too, which only one of the professions is capable of.
**POSTPONE THE CORONATION**

By Hartley

Before we go and anoint Eagle rookie QB Carson Wentz as a Hall-of-Famer after three weeks, let's slow the heck down, folks. The real season starts now 6. Until then, this week's select picks …

The Seahawks laid 3 to the Jags in London. Good idea. Send these sorry franchises to London so most of America doesn't have to watch. Colt QB Andrew Luck may not have a lot of talent around him, but why does he feel compelled to throw the ball to the other team all day? Take the Jags plus the points.

Patriots laying 5.5 to the Bills. Pats have real QB problems this week, but Bills Coach Rex Ryan, after one win, has gone from Humble Rex back to Blowhard Rex. Hard to call this one, but count on Rex to do something stupid and count on Pats Coach Belichick to make Bill QB Tyrod Taylor stay in the pocket and throw the ball. Take the Pats.

Seahawks laying 2.5 to the Jets … in New York. Wow, good thing the Jets paid Fitzpatrick so he could come back and save their season, by throwing 6 interceptions last week. He ended 5 drives in a row by throwing 6 interceptions by last Thursday. He's on the hot seat, and the Jets have said the 'Hawks defense will kill him. And if he gets hurt, a couple of years ago I would have said the 'Hawks defense will kill him. And if he gets hurt, a couple of years ago I would have said the ‘Hawks defense will kill him. And if he gets hurt, a couple of years ago I would have said the ‘Hawks defense will kill him. And if he gets hurt, a couple of years ago I would have said the ‘Hawks defense will kill him. And if he gets hurt, a couple of years ago I would have said the ‘Hawks defense will kill him.

Panthers laying 3 points at Atlanta.

Lay the points even though the Panthers still have Mike Shula as their offensive coordinator. His last name is still carrying him. It's why he still has a job. I hope a portion of his salary goes to his mom and dad for the stupid and egg dance they did that is keeping him in the league.

Lions laying 3 at the Bears. The Bears are so bad that if they tried to protest the National Anthem they’d kneel down, lose their balance, and fall over like a set of dominoes. Take the Lions.

Titans laying 5 at the Titans. Take the Titans plus the points. Looks like the Texans just lost J.J. Watt for the year and they overpaid their new $72 million QB by $68 million.

Steeler laying 3.5 to the Raiders. Raider Coach Jack Del Rio is a gambler, because he doesn't know what the hell he is doing. When people ask about why he made certain decisions given the odds, he mumbles some old-time b.s. that sounds tough but translated, means “I couldn't figure the odds with a Vegas bookmaker in my headphones and a calculator in my brain.” Take the Raiders just because the Raven offensive strategy is lob ball deep and pray for interference call.

Broncos laying 3 at Tampa. Wow, I thought the Bucs would be better but I also said … they switched coaches and this new guy Koetter, I'm not sure about him. I like Buc QB Jameis Winston but the offensive scheme is flawed and the Broncos will turn him over like a $20 hooker.

Steelers laying 5 vs Chiefs. Oh boy. The Chiefs defense woke up last week, and they can put pressure on the QB and pick the ball off in the secondary. I want to take the Steelers to win but the Chiefs plus the points. But the Steelers don't win close games because their coaches suck, and the Steelers have a ton of injuries.

Vikings laying 5 points to the Giants. Lay the points. I keep hearing how the Giant defense is so great now thanks to all the offseason spending on free agents. Word to the wise: Just because you spend money on enhancement pros, it wont guarantee you a “big” return. Vikings defense makes up for Sam Bradford at QB.

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Bronce QB Trevor Siemian. Before Sunday, he had 1 TD and 3 INTs. After the game, he had 5 TDs and 3 INTs. Good week, sure. But the moron on TV said “look at what he has done all season … he has been very good.” What? Before Sunday, he'd had a mediocre season. And then the numbers get padded and one good game becomes the entire resume. Week 6, folks. Talk to me after week 6.

Dallas WR Cole Beasley is the new Keyshawn Johnson. He should be the star for their team. But count on Beas to take the ball at the 20 yard line, he is falling down at the 20 yard line. I mean, as soon as the ball hits him, his ass slipped some cocaine in his wallet. Doesn't turn around and look for a move, he just sits right down. He looks like kids when they first learn to catch and they concentrate so hard, the ball hits them, they curl up in a ball to surround the ball so they don't drop it and fall right on their ass.

Patriot Coach Bill Belichick. He believes convention. When someone's starter gets hurt, they all run out and get a veteran QB. Belichick takes whoever is in his system and has them play, because he knows what that player can do, and plays him. Second year, rookie, doesn't matter. Coach your players up and you don't have to go fumbling in desperation when someone gets hurt. And you know they're gonna get hurt.

Will Smith reportedly said he was surprised people didn't stop watching football after his concussion movie. He should be surprised people still watch his movies. People know you can get STDs from unprotected sex and are still screwing like rabbits bareback. People know cigarettes kill you and are puffing like dummies. And you think people will stop watching football because OTHER people are being exploited? Hollywood. Life in a bubble.

Surprising news. Former Cowboy Deion Sanders was arrested again. And this one is HILARIOUS. He says he threw a party and wanted to pay for everyone so he passed his wallet around … and someone must have slipped some cocaine in his wallet. Let me get this straight. He wanted to pay, but instead of giving the server his credit card, he passed his wallet around to give people cash or let them personally handle his CocaineExpressWomanBeter Visa Card?? And someone, who couldn't pay for their drinks and decided to tip him out by putting a bag of cocaine in his wallet? For him or the waitress?
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