Mammoth Mountain hosts its winter kickoff party this Saturday, November 9 at the bottom of Broadway Express next to Main Lodge.

Skiers looking to take the first turns of the season can show up as early as 7 a.m. for a live DJ and free coffee, but the first chair doesn’t ascend until after the banner breakthrough at 8:30 a.m.

“This is a fun way to get your ski legs back,” said Lauren Burke, Communications Manager for Mammoth Mountain. “It is going to be a ton of fun ... we will have a few special announcements for different giveaways going on during the weekend.”

In addition to the morning coffee, the mountain will have live music starting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday (and Sunday) on the Tusks sun deck.

The skiing might be an afterthought to the party since warm weather conditions have affected the ski area’s ability to make snow.

Nevertheless, Burke laid out what runs skiers can expect to find open. “Broadway Express will operate with access to Broadway. We will expand terrain towards Main Park/Unbound Express and the race runs like Andy’s Double Gold and Fascination as conditions allow, and then onto Discovery Chair for beginner terrain.”

But for opening day, count on Broadway and a small terrain park offering. “The Sheet contacted Mammoth Lakes Tourism Director of Marketing Matthew Gebo to see what kind of crowd can be seen this weekend.”

“We expect the driving markets and Ikon passholders to make up the majority of attendees,” he said.

Gebo added that MLT’s efforts are directed towards specific markets rather than getting people here for opening day specifically. “We have campaigns aimed towards folks from all over. Nevada, Reno, Vegas and Colorado because of the direct flights near those markets. We are also targeting the northeast after noticing people who used the Denver direct flight.”

Beyond macro marketing tools MLT has used social media to spread the opening day message to its 35,000 subscribers on its own channels; they have also reposted the countdowns and whatever Mammoth Mountain releases.

Burke agreed that the event is more of a skiing get-together for passholders. “We expect to see Southern California Ikon passholders head up for opening weekend as the event tends to be a celebration of the upcoming ski season.” The Ikon pass is in its second year and allows skiers and riders one pass access to dozens of resorts. In addition to action at the lifts, 53 Kitchen & Cocktails will host a viewing of the new Red Bull movie ‘JOY: A Snowboard Film’ featuring world renowned snowboarders Red Gerard, Sage Kotsenburg, and Ben Ferguson.

On Monday Mammoth Mountain offers active military and veterans a free skiing day to cap off the weekend’s festivities. “By the way, celebrate Veterans Day at MLFD #1 on Main Street at 9 a.m. on Monday.”
I'M WITH KEYNES

There was a great essay in November 2 issue of The Economist on credulity and politics, pretty much asking "Why isn’t lying more damaging [to politicians]?

I could quote the whole piece - it’s fascinating. But the excerpt I’ll give you is as follows:

"At the heart of the lying-politician paradox (people trusting leaders for whom they have voted, whatever those people say) is an uncomfortable fact: voters appear to support liars more than they believe them. Mr. Trump’s approval rating is 11 points higher than the share of people who trust him to tell the truth. A third of British voters view [Prime Minister Boris] Johnson favorably, but only a fifth think he is honest. Voters believe in their leaders even if they do not believe them. Why?

The answer starts with the primacy of intuitive decision-making. In 2004, Drew Westen of Emory University put partisan Republicans and Democrats into a magnetic-resonance-imaging scanner and found that lying or hypocrisy by the other side lit up areas of the brain associated with rewards; lies by their own side lit up areas associated with dislike and negative emotions. At no point did the parts of the brain associated with reason show any response at all. If voters’ judgments are rooted in emotion and intuition, facts and evidence are likely to be secondary."

The tough thing about politics is that so many of the battles - at least the battles the public gets to witness - are in real time. And in plain sight. They’re not like those sparring matches one has with a child or a spouse or a friend where you have enough time to be able to digest a conversation, sometimes over the course of days, and get past the self-righteous part (where you keep repeating all your best arguments to yourself) so that you can realistically look in the mirror a bit and own your own shortcomings. The fallible are tolerable. The infallible are intolerable.

And a lack of a sense of humor is a full-blown crime. Which brings us to the wonderful conclusion of the essay.

"John Maynard Keynes, a famously intelligent British economist, is said to have asked someone: 'When the facts change, I change my mind. What do you do, sir?'

I attended the Inyo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday because I had a question about the Independence and Lone Pine water systems that was bugging me. How come places like Big Pine and Bishop have community service districts in place to manage their own water systems while Independence and Lone Pine rely on the county to do it for them?

This was Supervisor Mark Tillemans explanation. He said that at the time of handover of water systems from the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power, LADWP provided financial incentives to those communities which formed Community Service Districts (CSDs). Those incentives no longer exist. As County Administrative officer (CAO) Clint Quilter and other Supes explained, the county can’t force Lone Pine and/or Independence to form CSDS, and there’s no incentive for these communities to establish CSDS unless the water systems they are poised to inherit are in good shape.

So what’s the downside to the current arrangement (county as big brother) for Southern Inyo communities? It’s that they’re ultimately beholden to the goodwill and sympathy of Supervisors from other districts.

I asked a Bishop City Councilmember last week about the status of Bishop’s search for a new City Manager - in other words, how long will the city be content to have its City Clerk, Robin Picken, serve as the interim.

I was told that the City should have a new Manager in place within 90-120 days. I was also told that Picken has applied for the job.

And from Hite’s desk... Mammoth Councilman Kirk Stapp used the purchase of two properties at 550 Mono Street to make a larger point about the Town’s chronic inability to set any sort of standard or process when it comes to funding priorities.

Wednesday night’s discussion in Suite Z began with Town Manager Daniel Holler laying out the logistics of the purchase. It involves two properties located at Meridian Court; a one bedroom unit and a three bedroom unit. Holler claimed he negotiated a reduction in price and believes the purchase can be completed by the end of November. The negotiated price was $663,000 for both units before closing costs.

Community Development Director Sandra Moberly added that one more formality is needed before the deal can close. “The Planning and Economic Development Commission needs to make a finding to confirm the general plan consistency.”

The Town has a couple options of what it can do with the properties. The first is the preferred option of the Homeowners Association, which would be put the units on the market for sale under a 120% AMI (Area Median Income) restriction. The second option would be to provide the housing to those earning below 80% AMI on a rental program through Mammoth Lakes Housing. The third option: Use the units for the Town government’s own employee housing needs.

"The irony, of course, is that the units used to have affordable housing restrictions placed upon them - restrictions which were stripped away during the 2008 financial crisis when Mammoth Lakes Housing could not afford to buy back the units, triggering an ‘out’ clause on deed restrictions.

Mayor Bill Sauser didn’t want the discussion to be about the usage of the property. “I would ask us to stick to the purchase of the two properties and not get into the weeds of how they’re going to be used at this time.”

When Council was given the opportunity to comment, Stapp said, "I will be voting no because we haven’t, as a council, looked at all the different projects and prioritized them.”

Stapp expressed his concern with future expenditures looming over the town citing the $60 million funding gap for the Parcel, the town taking its trash to Nevada once the Benton Crossing landfill closes down, and finally the lack of workforce housing available - anecdotally referencing Mammoth Mountain shutting employees in from Bishop.

Another bit of irony, obviously, arguing against his #1 priority.

He wants the Town to decide what is important so they can solve issues with a coordinated attack. Right now, he says, the town has a lot of goals and is pursuing all of them at the same time.

"Lunch observation: If that’s the case, best to get to the front of the line!" Council passed the agenda item 4-1 and the purchase of the properties at 550 Mono Street will be completed by year’s end.
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Tuesday’s Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting featured the highly anticipated monthly installment of “What’s going on over on Sierra Park Road [with the new Civic Center]?” presented by Mono County Public Works Director Tony Dublino. These presentations to the board often carry with them a mixed bag of both bad and good news and Tuesday’s edition was no exception.

Dublino announced that the planning and permitting stage of the operation had been completed and approved by the proper authorities. “So that’s behind us,” said Dublino.

In terms of construction, the structure is close to being fully “dried in,” with about half of the roof and all of the door/window penetrations covered. The remaining sections of roof are expected to arrive in town in early December. In addition, Dublino reported that the first floor has been framed in with some special exceptions remaining while framing on the second floor should be complete by the end of this week. This will enable crews to move in and begin “roughing-in” plumbing, electrical and mechanical utilities.

On the outside, “It’s been kind of a mess for about a month,” admitted Dublino, with dirt and rock piles scattered around the property, and “finally, that is now starting to be cleaned up.” Part of that cleaning up process includes pouring cement for the sidewalks, beginning the leveling/grading process and removing the heavy equipment from the site. “By today,” said Dublino, “it’s starting to look like a more complete site.”

Dublino informed supervisors that particular elements of the project have potential for reimbursement from the town. The generator for the site, for example, will now also support the Mammoth Lakes Police Station.

Further, the construction project featured the rerouting of water and sewer systems around the building in a manner that “benefitted [the town] significantly.”

The good news ended as Dublino described potential changes to the existing floor plans. According to Dublino, County Administrative Officer Steve Barwick is looking to snag space in the new building, something CAO Leslie Chapman hadn’t pursued during her tenure. Dublino also introduced the possibility of building out the entirety of the second floor, an undertaking that could provide additional space upstairs (800 square feet) - at a price, of course.

This brought Dublino’s presentation to the dreary topic of the project’s budget and timeline. Some of the items that had been carried over came in with higher-than-expected price tags which resulted in a $21,437,000, including a $476,000 contingency. Were that to be removed, the project would come in close to half a million dollars over budget, described in the current staff report as “a significant change from the last report.”

Dublino stated that “just because this budget is over budget on their [the contractor’s] estimate ... does not necessarily obligate us to pay them more or somehow contribute to that. They, of course, are advocating for us to do that if the project does end up over budget and I think ... they brought some ideas to the table about the ways that they have enhanced the project to our benefit and I think some of those are reasonable.”

Speaking with Dublino on Thursday, he further clarified, “Some of the things that they suggested as part of the design are arguably upgrades but really they weren’t officially upgrades because we didn’t sign anything or approve anything.” He provided an example of one of these upgrades relying the effort to reduce the HVAC’s overall footprint that would in turn allow for more parking spaces.

Dublino also explained that he personally didn’t see the need to bring a budget increase before the board. If the board were to pursue a redesign, like building out the second floor, he would be back before them at a later date with a proposal to increase the budget, pending contractor input.

As to timeline ... since the last update, there have been some snags in the project’s timeline. Delays in underground utility installation caused delays with work around the site and final grading while an issue with the roof’s structural components took “a couple of weeks to rectify and that delay pushed the roofing contractor back” as stated in the staff report. Upshot: the Civic Center is three weeks behind schedule, pushing the completion date into March 2020.

The supervisors were all aboard with the idea of maximizing floor space on the second floor, with Supervisor John Peters in favor of exploring that possibility “while the building is being constructed and not after the fact.”

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Supervisor Stacy Corless made a comment about that space, if not built out, ultimately being filled with “hot air,” prompting Supervisor Fred Stump, who is not seeking re-election in District 2, to make a quip that “I felt there would be less hot air without my presence.”
SCAPEGOAT IDENTIFIED
By James

Bishop Unified School District Superintendent Jon Ray was relieved of his duties on Friday, November 1, the culmination of a tumultuous three-month tenure.

Ray’s position will be filled on an interim basis (until the end of the year) by Albert Einstein, who held a PhD in Mathematics and a joint appointment as Principal for Palisades Glacier High School, the continuation school located at the Bernasconi Center outside Big Pine.

“Opinion is really the lowest form of human knowledge. It requires no accountability, no understanding. The highest form of knowledge... is empathy, for it requires us to suspend our egos and live in another’s world. It requires profound purpose larger than the self kind of understanding.” - Bill Bullard

According to the recent average statewide multi-year Smarter Balanced Scale Scores (SBAC) in Math and English Language Arts released by the California Department of Education on October 9, which scores on how well schools and students are doing, there was not much more teaching their students English Language Arts and Math, the Bishop Unified School District basically sucks—and has sucked for the past several years.

To address the concerns of less than satisfactory academic performance by the school district, the school board hired a new Superintendent, Jon Ray, formerly of the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, over the summer. He was supposed to serve as an “agent of change” to turn things around for the past several weeks for more than three hours to find out what the SBAC scores meant for the district’s students, how the district could introduce changes in instruction based on assessments that would hopefully turn the district’s academic performance around and react to the many ad hominem attacks being made against him by some parents and the teachers’ union. It is interesting that, considering the charge against him for “lack of communication,” leveled by the teachers’ union, the three hours The Sheet spent interviewing him is three hours more than the teachers or their union leadership ever spent with him.

I interviewed Superintendent Ray three times over the past several weeks for more than three hours to find out what the SBAC scores meant for the district’s students, how the district could introduce changes in instruction based on assessments that would hopefully turn the district’s academic performance around and react to the many ad hominem attacks being made against him by some parents and the teachers’ union. It is interesting that, considering the charge against him for “lack of communication,” leveled by the teachers’ union, the three hours The Sheet spent interviewing him is three hours more than the teachers or their union leadership ever spent with him. I asked Ray for some comments on his departure and he offered the following:

“You are absolutely correct; I was hired as a change agent and that was not hidden from anyone ... all of my experience comes in the form of changing things based on student outcomes. That is how I approached the job interview with Bishop and that is what they wanted. They voted me in with a 5-0 vote and we immediately got to work on changing outcomes based on student achievement. As I informed the Board and everyone else on the interview committee, change comes with controversy and “sometimes people can get ugly and mean.” (This proved not only prescient, but if anything, greatly understated.)

Ray went on to note that “The only union to take a vote or issue a public statement on ‘confidence in the Board or Superintendent’ was the teachers’ union.” And “Even after multiple attempts to reach out to the teachers’ union to sit down and discuss how we can improve our student outcomes; my calls went unanswered:”

“...and value that we could be doing so much better for our kids but in order to accomplish this, some people have to change the way they have been doing things.”

He wrote that there were two “famous quotes that kept resonating” in his head while in Bishop... one by Albert Einstein who is widely credited with saying, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results.” And the other quote by Abraham Lincoln that, “My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.”

He graciously closed his comments by writing that, “In the end, I do believe the Board and I made the right decision by parting ways. People began focusing on me and everything that I said or didn’t say, rather than focusing on what is most important, the kids and their academic, social and emotional needs. My hope is now Bishop Unified can move forward and accomplish some great things with their students.”

The school board, at a special meeting on Monday night, appointed an interim superintendent, Katie Kolker, principal at Palisades Glacier High School. The Inyo County Office of Education will be coordinating the search for a permanent replacement. The board assured the public that the BUSD board will be “actively seeking input from community members and faculty.”
THE RETREAT
By Kirk Stapp

A
fter reading the title of the agenda for the Town Council's October 26-29th two-day retreat: "Team Building & Strategic Planning Workshop," I thought, wow, maybe the Council can prioritize its "wish-list" budget: Is workforce housing more important than a $13 million dollar ice rink? Is a $22 million dollar municipal office building more important than filling potholes? And how is the Town Council going to bridge the $60 to $66 million funding gap to develop housing workforce housing on The Parcel?

Identifying, prioritizing, and publicly acknowledging the Town's funding shortfalls is a priority for me, because it would communicate to the public that the Town can't do it all, at least not right away, or even in the next decade or two.

Day one, before the retreat began, Town Council, staff, a reporter from The Sheet, and a few members of the public were scribbled on the white board and butcher paper. The consultant's final exercise asked each council member to describe his/her "hope-for" six "Outcomes," i.e., what was: 1) Needed for better decisions, 2) top priority, 3) second priority, 4) third priority, 5) obstacles, and finally 6) "What are you willing to give up?" I would be more than willing to give up my participation in future therapy retreats. And? If the Council is supposed to be "non-judgmental," how is the council supposed to adopt policies?

I asked myself: What was needed for making better decisions? Information, data, framing issues, a rational council budget priority setting session, focusing on how to finance the Town's unfunded capital needs and ambitions. How about a candid discussion focused on municipal levels of service. Are they adequate? Do we have adequate staffing? Why can't Town staff talk to council members without first getting permission from the Town Manager? To be candid, I have a very long "to-do" list that I would like Council to "rationally" address and perhaps decide. So I came to think of it: Why isn't the Town working with the BLM or the Forest Service to install a solar panel field behind the airport? Climate change is REAL.

Thinking back on the two-day council, manager, staff retreat, I have the impression that my suggestion that we should do... was akin to dropping a turd in a bowl of therapeutic raspberry jello.

My suggestion that we should be rational ... was akin to dropping a turd in a bowl of therapeutic raspberry jello.

-Kirk Stapp

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NEW SPECIES: THE SIERRA PINE SAGUARO

By Hite

If you have seen trees around town that look like the victims of a pair of scissors and a bowl, then you have seen visual evidence of Southern California Edison’s new ‘vegetation management’ strategy.

SCE defines this management as, “...a broad term that describes work Southern California Edison does to minimize the impact trees and vegetation have on providing safe and reliable electric service.”

Everyone knows how this plays out. You live in Mammoth Lakes for 50-60 years and have a nice tree outside of your house that you planted in your front yard with your own two hands. Then, in 2018, wildfires burn down half of California and all of a sudden SCE representatives show up at your door telling you they are going to ‘prune’ your tree.

Pruning is the polite term.

What actually occurs (from what we’ve seen thus far) is that they hack it to all living hell and move onto the next and you are left with something from the upside down (“Stranger Things reference, Lunch is told. Lunch doesn’t watch Stranger Things. Just reports on them.”)

According to SCE representative Mary-Ann Milbourn, there is actually some thought that goes into the “pruning” of these trees. “All the trees are inspected by a certified Arborist,” she insisted. “Our primary responsibility is to keep the area safe”

SCE inspects approximately 900,000 trees a year and prunes about 700,000 of those. The arborist is supposedly there to make sure the trimming is not going to kill the tree.

Milbourn told the Sheet that cutting down and/or pruning trees has been a common practice for a long time. “We have been doing this for about 25-30 years,” she said, denying that the recent fires have caused an increase in the amount of trees cut.

She did point to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) guidelines as the agency requiring this action, “We are in compliance with California PUC and are trimming the trees at their direction,” said Milbourn.

In 2017, PUC updated its guidelines for high fire risk areas. This required SCE to “trim 12 feet of clearance (at the time of the trim) from a power line to ensure the minimum required clearance is never threatened.”

With insurance claims and lawsuits running rampant, SCE might be overdoing it but the utility maintains it is acting within the boundaries determined by the CPUC.

It still seems like a bad deal considering the trees are getting cut when SCE could just update their electrical wires to provide insulation hedging against these events. Wilborn said that was an option SCE is currently rolling out. “We are aware that in high risk areas it sometimes isn’t enough to just prune the trees. We have started insulating wires in these areas and have done about 300 miles worth of work. But our coverage area is about 50,000 square miles and it is hard to get to some places. The Eastern Sierra comes with its own set of complications and some lines are way out in the boonies making them hard to reach.”

The horizon looks optimistic but Wilbourn claimed this wouldn’t necessarily end the pruning. “We are all about safety and the insulation is an extra measure to achieve that.” She said.

For now, it appears the animosity might continue until people accept the reality of our post-wildfire stricken world. Milbourn seemed to agree. “I think the outrage comes from the heightened awareness in everything we (SCE) do.”

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The Civitas presentation came at the behest of the Board, which became interested in learning more about TBIDs during its planning and budgeting process for FY 2019-20.

Civitas, a consulting firm that specializes in creating TBIDs (or Tourism Improvement Districts/TIDs) is no stranger to the Eastern Sierra; it has served as consultant for Mammoth Lakes and Bishop as both entities navigated the TBID creation and implementation process. Their client list includes both tourism agencies and local governments around the state and country, covering areas from small towns all the way to cities like Las Vegas.

Farley described a TBID as “a really good opportunity to promote economies of scale” that would “really amplify a unified message of what Mono County is and who you guys like to be.” Farley stressed the importance of tourism as a means of economic development, as tourists are “leaving their dollars here and taking their experiences with them.”

To date, there are 177 TBID’s and 2,000 total business improvement districts nationwide, with the potential for expansion into other sectors as well, including restaurants, infrastructure, transportation, and commodities like beer and wine.

Mono County would hardly be the first county to implement a TBID, something that Janet Dutcher, County Finance Director inquired about. Farley gave examples of countywide TBID’s in counties such as Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and San Luis Obispo.

Farley also went into detail on the impact of a countywide TBID, citing the example of Siskiyou County in Northern California. Since beginning in 2015, Siskiyou has generated nearly $2.5 million for marketing and advertising purposes on a 2% assessment rate on short-term room rentals against an annual budget of $500,000.

Supervisor Stacy Corless expressed concern about “over-tourism” in the area and the negative impacts that it could have on the communities and lands of Mono County.

Farley noted that some locations have ceased promotion during peak seasons. The fact that the TBID dollars would become marketing resources was a point of contention for a number of the Supervisors.

“THERE’S A LOT OF THINGS THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE VISITOR THAT WE ARE NOT DOING OR DOING WITH GENERAL FUNDS,” said Supervisor Bob Gardner, stating “I don’t think we need to create a district to do more marketing...it’s really the infrastructure and the service that I think benefit the businesses. I don’t want to pursue it if it’s going to marketing.”

Supervisors Jennifer Kreitz and Fred Stump agreed with Gardner. Kreitz stated, “I don’t feel like this is the arena that Mono County is looking to raise revenue [in]...expanding marketing isn’t an area that I see a deficit in.”

They also expressed an interest in expanding a TBID to restaurants and other tourism-based retailers, something that Farley explained could become tricky given that there would have to be a way to distinguish the businesses that receive more foot traffic from locals as opposed to tourists.

Board Chair John Peters came out in support of exploring TBID options, noting, “There’s a desire for...people in northern Mono County, in Bridgeport to stay open, not just increase business but to keep their doors open a little bit longer.” Peters also spoke of the long-term potential of such a solution and expressed dissatisfaction with the idea that the county shouldn’t at least consider a TBID when Mammoth Lakes was reaping the rewards of one.

Corless agreed with Peters’ stance, adding that “I’m not comfortable telling business that marketing won’t be involved. It would be pretty onerous to have a district for each community.”

“If we don’t move forward with something, then we’re right where we started. We need more outreach,” Peters stated.
Mammoth Council met Wednesday night, November 6, in front of a completely packed North Lake Room. Some people left after the town announced its new hires and handed out awards to three long-term employees, announced its new hires and handed out awards to three long-term employees, but a significant number stuck around to make their voices heard as Council discussed a ban on flavored tobacco and vaping products.

When Council announced agenda item #24: “Development of proposed ordinance banning the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products in the Town of Mammoth Lakes,” a group of 5-6 women got up and formed a line to speak.

The policy matter did not require action from council. They were there to provide direction to town staff on the type of ordinance they would like to discuss at a future meeting.

The options available are a similar tobacco ban to the one adopted by Mono County. The other option is no ordinance at all.

The floodgates opened when the public was given the opportunity to speak.

Jane LaFrance, Principal of Mammoth Unified School District, started the outcry by pleading for town to ban vaping, claiming "Between a third and a half of our students have tried vaping." Annie Rinaldi, Principal of Mammoth High, was the next vaping naysayer to speak, as she described to council what her students go through because of vaping.

"I have students who try to quit and they have cold sweats, mood symptoms, trouble sleeping and coughing." Then Deena Campbell, the director of the Eastern Sierra College Center, informed council that “Nearly all of our students vape or use tobacco." As elected officials, she said, they need to value and protect the health of their constituency.

After three mothers spoke, the public comment ended with two middle school Girl Scouts telling council they wanted to see vaping banned because “it could harm the health of our friends and peers.”

Tom Boo, the Mono Public Health Officer, presented a slideshow showing the extent of the vaping epidemic, citing many alarming statistics including “80% of youth who have used tobacco started with a flavored product” and “half a million Americans die every year from tobacco-related causes.” Boo eventually urged council to “enact an ordinance banning the sale of all flavored tobacco products” which would be consistent with the regulations of unincorporated Mono County.

Then it was council’s turn to speak. Councilman John Wentworth wanted consistency between the county and the town while also hedging against the potential unintended consequences of a hastily adopted ban. Councilmembers Lynda Salcido and Kirk Stapp wanted the ban to go through with Stapp even saying he wanted the most extreme ban that could be drawn up.

However, Councilmember Cleland Hoff began to question why people were so riled up, at one point asking “why are we not banning weed vapes?” She continued, "Most people who became sick had vaporized THC, some with a mixture of THC and nicotine and a smaller number with only nicotine." This ban would only ban nicotine-related vaping products ignoring more than half the equation.

Hoff needed someone to clear up her confusion and Rami Akary, owner of Mammoth Vape and Smoke, stepped up to the podium. Akary said he would support whatever his community chose but explained that the problem of teen vaping will not be solved by a ban.

Akary told the Sheet that 70% of his business is from tourism and the children that vape are getting it from the internet or having someone buy them the products at his store, which he says he has no control over. He claimed he worked with officers in town to make sure his products weren’t being sold to underage users.

In a letter to The Sheet published on October 19, 2019, Deborah Bush, owner of Walker General store said "We have only 15 miles from the state line where our tourists can purchase menthol and flavored cigars. If they can not obtain the products they desire, they have only to take their business up the road and out of Mono County." Akary expressed a similar sentiment to Bush and believes the ban were to go through people would simply take their business elsewhere.

The meeting ended with Mayor Bill Sauser telling the crowd that he wants to be careful to not “try and legislate behavior” while endorsing a ban of the flavors that are specifically marketed towards kids.

Council directed Town staff to create an ordinance similar to that of Mono County, allowing council to go through such an ordinance point-by-point and create a document that weighs all the issues presented to them.

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MISSING HIKER FOUND DEAD

Press Release

NORTH LAKE (INYO NATIONAL FOREST), CA. November 7, 2019 – On November 4 (evening), Inyo County Sheriff’s Office received notification of a missing hiker. The reporting party said that Alan Stringer, a 46-year-old man from Huntington Beach, had planned on hiking somewhere out of the Bishop area on Sunday but failed to return home on Monday.

He was found atop Darwin Glacier within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks on Thursday.

Stringer, described as an experienced hiker, did not disclose his hiking plans or potential routes. However, he recently purchased an ice ax and crampons, and participated in mountain climbing training courses. Stringer was equipped for day-hiking only; he had an InReach device that he hiked with, but it was never activated. After checking trailheads throughout the Bishop area, Sheriff’s Deputies located Stringer’s vehicle at North Lake shortly after midnight on Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday, a forensic analysis of Stringer’s cell phone activity revealed only one call very early in the morning from downtown Bishop on Sunday November 3 (before his planned hike). Inyo Search and Rescue used aerial support to fly the areas near and around North Lake.

On Wednesday, ground teams searched the areas near Piute Pass, Lamarek Col and Mt. Emerson. Aerial reconnaissance with night-vision capability was used Wednesday night.

Thursday, ground teams continued to scour the areas near and around North Lake, paying extra attention to Wonder Lake Basin, Lamarek Col, Mt. Lamarek summit, and Mt. Emerson. Aerial support will be used again today (H-40 out of Fresno). Sequoia and Kings National Park is running a joint operation concentrating on the following locations: Darwin Canyon and Darwin Peak.

Searchers did not have a conclusive description of what he was wearing, but Stringer was a pretty big guy, 6’4” 230 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes.
PRETEND THE LAST THREE SEQUELS NEVER HAPPENED
Terminator: Dark Fate picks up where T2 left off

By Page

When I first saw the trailer for "Terminator: Dark Fate," I felt a familiar mix of excitement and dread, a sensation that any fan of a series can relate to. I distinctly remember feeling it with the announcement of the Hobbit series as a fan of both that book and the Lord of the Rings trilogy from the early 2000s. I was slightly relieved to find out that "Dark Fate" picked up where Terminator 2 left off, ignoring the wayward sequels that have come in the years since.

"Terminator 2" or "T2: Judgement Day" is one of those films that I’ll always watch if it’s on; it’s a rare action film that features great performances and a killer soundtrack along with the all the fast-paced car chases, explosions, and hand-to-hand combat that you’d expect in an action movie.

What "T2" also brought to the table was a deeper exploration of the lines that new timeline, as it removes prior continuity, but the way in which they pull it off is clumsy. While it’s a convenient way to write off the last three movies (Terminator 3, Terminator Salvation and Terminator Genisys) as an "alternate timeline" and remove them from canon, it feels cheap and hastily accomplished, a means of refocusing the series elsewhere.

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Ultimately, “Dark Fate” is a better movie than any of three that preceded it, although it feels like a shiny do-over of the first two; it’s derivative, but what cinema isn’t these days? It’s, above all else, a fun movie and the two hours I spent in my leather recliner in the refurbished Minaret Cinemas were undeniably enjoyable.

Terminator: Dark Fate plays at Minaret Cinemas in Mammoth and Bishop Twin Theater through November 14.
MHS MAKES CIF FINAL

BISHOP BEATS CAL CITY FOR LEAGUE TITLE, HOSTS BORON NOV. 8 IN FIRST ROUND PLAYOFF OPENER

The Bishop Bronco defense held California City scoreless in the High Desert League Championship game played last Friday night in Cal City. The defense allowed just two Raven first downs. Luke McClean scored the game’s only TD and also picked off a Raven pass to help secure the victory. McClean was named the overall player of the game. Joe Weaver, the team’s offensive player of the game, caught four balls for 53 yards. Trevin Moose was named defensive player of the game collecting 2 tackles for a loss and a quarterback sack. Jon Torres did a great job leading the special teams and recorded two solo tackles. JT was named the special teams player of the game. The win secures the Broncos 1st HDL title since 2012. The Central Section Division 6 bracket was release Saturday and the Broncos are the #1 seed. Bishop Union will open play with the #16 team, Boron this Friday Night. 7 p.m. kickoff. Bishop defeated Boron 56-6 two weeks ago.

-Coach Palu

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MHS Volleyball defeated Immanuel Christian in straight sets (25-9, 25-19, 25-21) Thursday evening in the MHS gym to reach the Central Section Division 5 CIF Final, to be played at Kernman or Frazier Mountain on Saturday. Counterclockwise from above: Lach and Thompson rise for the block; Presson to the rescue; Witherill with a set; Mueller sets up Thompson.

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**Happy Hour/ The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill.** Happy hour 3-6 p.m. 1/2 off wings on Wednesdays. More info: See ad p. 9.

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

**Morrison’s Happy Hour** 5-7 p.m. all summer Sunday through Thursday in the bar. More info: See ad p. 13.

**T-Bar Social Club** Mon. DJ 9:00 p.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m.

**Clocktower Cellar** Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. Info: See ad p. 11.

**Roberto’s (Closed this week)** Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily.

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

**Famous Slocums Happy Hour** Closed for vacation Nov. 3-Nov. 20 Re-Opening Thursday Nov. 21/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: 3-5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks Info: See ad p. 18.

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

**Devils Creek Distillery** tasting room hours. 3-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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

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

**Jimmy’s Taverna** 1/2 off select bottles on Wine Wednesday. 4-6 p.m. Happy hour every day 4-6 p.m. with special menu at the bar.

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

**Mammoth Tavern** (Closed this week) happy hour 4-5:30 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks and wine. App specials


**Saturday, November 9/ Battle of the Bands @ Rafters** featuring Padder Padder (Mammoth) vs. Barnsmoke (Tahoe). Doors open 10 p.m. Opening day apres ski party @ 53 in the Village. More info: See sidebar next.

**Sara McConnell** plays the Side Door. 6-9 p.m.

**Sunday, November 10/ Catch all the NFL action @ Liberty, Clocktower, Gomez in Mammoth and the Sweetate Palace in Bishop.**

**Tuesday, November 12/ Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.** Time: 7 p.m. Free.

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

**Wednesday, November 13/ In the Biz Wednesdays @ Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl.** $1 games and $1 shoes after 9 p.m.

**Thursday, November 14/ Open Mic Night @ Public House.** 8 p.m. 1/2 off wing night and extended happy hour for Thursday Night Football @ Liberty.

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**MMSA Opening Weekend**

Mammoth Mountain starts its 2019/2020 season with a full slate of activities over the course of the November tailwind weekend.

Festivities start at 7 a.m. Saturday— with a DJ and free coffee/ hot chocolate and the first chair banner breakthrough taking place at 8:30 a.m. Live music gets going at 11:30 a.m. at Main Lodge and the official Apres Party at 53 Kitchen & Cocktails kicks off at 7:30 p.m. accompanied by a screening of JOY: A Snowboard Film. DJ Fresh Tracks will spin until 10 p.m., with giveaways all night and a specialty cocktail menu courtesy of Red Barn.

Lift Tickets are only $50 on Opening Day and Mammoth Sports locations will be giving out free commemorative t-shirts to ticket buyers. Enjoy more live music at the Main Lodge on Sunday and Monday (Veterans Day), when active military and veterans ski/ride for free with a military ID.

Note: activities are weather dependent. Info and tix at https://www.mammothmountain.com/

**DSES Meet and Greet**

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra invites you to a "Get to Know DSES!" community social. Come learn what DSES does from staff and volunteers and get a preview of volunteer opportunities if you’re interested in helping out.

The meet-and-greet will take place at the Bistro East at Snowcreek, on November 8 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Light appetizers will be provided and beer and wine will be available at the bar. Come see what adaptive sports are all about!

**Mountainfilm on Tour**

Mountainfilm on Tour is coming to Mammoth Lakes on November 8, bringing a selection of culturally rich, adventure-packed and inspiring documentary films curated from the Mountainfilm on Tour Festival to the heart of British Columbia, the to the north island of Japan to In Death Valley, Stovepipe Wells and Texas Springs Campgrounds open today. Campground fees range from free to $36/night. Eighteen sites at Furnace Creek Campground offer RV hookups. All campgrounds are first-come, first-served, except Furnace Creek Campground. Campers can reserve for Furnace Creek four days to six months in advance. Call 877.444.6777.

**Fuelwood Season Extended**

Fuelwood collection typically ends at the end of October to reduce resource damage that can occur from wet conditions caused by typical fall storms. Due to unseasonably warm and dry conditions, the forest is extending fuelwood collection as conditions remain favorable.

Previously obtained fuelwood permits that haven’t been used are still valid or residents may purchase additional tags (as long as they don’t exceed the household limit). Fuelwood permits may be obtained at the following locations:

- Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center in Mammoth Lakes (760-924-5500), seven days a week, from 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop (760-873-2500), Monday- Friday, from 9:00 am and noon to 1:00 p.m to 4:00 pm

Please call ahead to confirm that staffing is available to sell permits.

Maps showing areas open to cutting are available with a purchased fuelwood permit. Copies of fuelwood maps are available on Avenza. Fuelwood permits are still $15 per cord with a two cord minimum.

Current locations to consider for collection include the Sherwin Creek Road tank area; where SCE and Caltrans are removing hazard trees removed from their corridors; Reversed Creek, and north of Northshore Drive in June Lake (across from the entrance to Oh Ridge Campground); where wood from fuels reduction has been bucked into rounds. All other areas on the map will continue to be open.

Please call 760-873-2555 (option 2 for public wood cutting) to determine if chainsaw use is allowed for the day. This automated message is updated at 4:00 p.m. daily for the following day.

**Joy: A Snowboard Film**

Where: 53 Kitchen & Cocktails When: Saturday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Who: 21+ to enter Get a first-hand look at a journey that follows the riding of snowboarders Red Gerard, Sage Kotsenburg, and Ben Ferguson in JOY. It was the path of Olympic gold medals and contest venues that banded together the cast of JOY, and the pursuit bigger mountains and deeper snow that propelled them into this film project. From airs to slashes and navigating lines, the crew’s prowess and board control in the backcountry is in harmony with their renowned riding in the contest arena. From the north island of Japan to the heart of British Columbia, the crew finds true joy in snowboarding. Appearances from Danny Davis, Brock Crouch, Hailey Langland, Gabe Ferguson and Nik Baden.

**Camping in Death Valley**

In Death Valley, Stovepipe Wells and Texas Springs Campgrounds will open November 14. At that time, all of Death Valley National Park’s 785 front-country campgrounds will be open.

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Vacasa is hiring full and part-time housekeepers in June Lake with pay starting at $18 per hour. Apply online at vacasa.com/carbondale or contact Cobey@Mammoth.com.

HOTEL NEAR TIOLA PASS
Rent Ski Rentals is now hiring for both Full-Time and Part-Time seasonal positions for the 2019-20 ski season. Seeking proactive and energetic individuals who share our love of the mountains and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. Ideal candidates enjoy working in a large team atmosphere and are passionate about providing improved customer service. Flexible scheduling is available but MUST be available to work weekends and holidays. Competitive wages plus additional compensation which includes: Sales Commission - Participate in our Point of Sale Program, Industry Pricing Equipment Deals, Personal use of Equipment and Tools, Family and Friends Discounts, and Year Bonus based on hours worked and season completion. If you’re passionate about skiing or snowboarding and enjoy sharing that passion with great Mammoth communities, this could be a great opportunity for you. Please email a resume with references to mammothblacktierski.com if you are interested in joining our team.

Full & Part Time preschool teacher:
Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Preschool is seeking a qualified Teacher. Must have or be enrolled in ECE units, have experience working in a licensed preschool setting and clear a background check. Candidates must have a love of and enthusiasm for working with very young children. Competitive pay, DOE. Email applications@outlook.com or call 818-681-9919.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chambers, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road to consider the following application:

Application Request: Update of Chapter 15.04 of the Municipal Code to adopt the 2019 California Building Codes and Update of Chapter 15.24 to include revised language in Section 15.24.100, “Use Permit Required”, to update the land and site criteria in Sections 15.24.10 and 15.24.020; correct minor errors, typos, and inconsistencies; and add a new terminology section (15.24.010) regarding the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District ordinance adopting the 2019 California Fire Code.


CEQA Determination: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15062(e)(3), this ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that it is not a project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Zoning/Location: Town-wide

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Council either in person or by representation or present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Town Clerk written correspondence pertaining thereto.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65069(a), 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 written correspondence delivered to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing.

Saturday, November 9, 2019

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HORRORSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

Scorpio: This is shaping up to be a very good year for Scorpios. Your birthday even coincides with a period of deep healing. Since healing is one of your favorite things to do, be sure to give in to this desire. While “giving in” is not one of your strong suits, just remember that doing so can often lead to more quality time in your birthday suit.

Sagittarius: Since the good folks of this sign tend to get right to the brass tacks of things in life, here are a few bumper stickers for you as you put this last year of your life in the rear-view mirror. A) “I never faked a sarcast.” B) “I’m not Willy Wonka!” C) “I don’t sugarcoat stuff. I’m always in a hole. Sometimes I’m a magical unicorn.”

Capricorn: Do you ever feel like you have something in common with world leaders like Justin Trudeau, Winston Churchill or Mini Me? Well that’s because it’s part of your nature to be a leader. But there is a big difference between being a leader and being a boss, or even a boss player. These words from Churchill should help you be leader and not just the boss, “Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.”

Aquarius: Some days you will solve your problems in mature ways that often include too much booze or pot-infused gummy bears. But the important part is that you keep trying. At least most of the time.

Pisces: The Stars are reporting that good things will be happening for you over the next few weeks. Since Pisces tend to be in touch with cosmic forces, this probably comes as no surprise to you. What may come as a surprise is that it’s your job to help share the joy. That’s why it might be wise to adopt this as your new motto: “Puff, puff, pass.”

Aries: There’s an ancient Chinese proverb that basically goes, “Do not be afraid of going slow, be only afraid of standing still.” Now that we are entering the shortest days of the year, it is a good time to get rest when you can, and then get back up and keep going after it until you reach a goal or you need a nap, a beer or some spooning time.

Taurus: There’s an old Celtic saying that goes, “It’s easy to be a critic, but being a doer requires effort, risk and change.”

Leo: As you embrace this healing time in life, please remember that it’s okay to be imperfect. In fact, it’s the only way we humans are made. It’s also okay to get knocked down every once in awhile. Not only can healing be rewarding, Hemingway was right when he wrote, “We are all broken…that’s how the light gets in.” The one-hit (Tub Thumping) wonder band Chumbawamba was right, too. “I get knocked down/But I get up again/You are never gonna keep me down.”

Virgo: Virgos can often be shy, but that doesn’t mean you don’t like attention. You just prefer to have the attention when and in ways that you want it. That’s why your new advice is to dance like no one is watching, because they’re not. They’re checking their phones.

Libra: Your old motto goes something like this: “I’ve stopped caring about what other people think! I hope everyone is okay with that.” That’s why your new motto should be something more like, “I can’t see any haters when I’m wearing my love glasses.” Or perhaps, “Sometimes it’s best to just stay quiet and smile and pass silent but deadly ones.”

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-Churchill

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