HE DID IT HIS WAY

Bob Todd: 1962-2020

By Page

B
ob Todd was a drinker, a toker, a gambler, a
slob, a Deadhead, an avid sports fan. He was loud,
outspoken, caustic and funny. He didn’t broker dummies and
fools. He was a lifelong bache-
lor. He lived life on his terms.
As his friend Chuck Scatolini said, “He taught me what liv-
ing unapologetically is about.
In all situations, he was always the real Bob. Utterly authentic.”
And beloved.
And the best friend one
could have - whether you were
a person or a dog.
Bob Todd died on Sunday, January 12 clad in his Forty
Niner pajamas. He was 57.
Bob was the longtime morn-
ing host of the Bob Todd Show
on Sierra Wave radio. So even if
you didn’t know him, you knew
him. You knew his booming
voice. You knew his musical
tastes. You knew his sense of
humor - particularly when he’d
get rolling during 10:20 Trivia,
with sidekick Catherine Hurdle.

You knew him because he
cared. About you. About your
children, and a mama’s boy.
“Parents try to tell you they
don’t have a favorite. Bob was
mom’s favorite,” observed his
brother Spike.
He was a bit different from
his elder siblings Randy, Linda
and Spike. “Todds are type A,”
observed his mom’s favorite, Linda.
He was the youngest of four
children, and a mama’s boy.
By Saturday morning.
He would joke to his brother Spike,
“We’ve gotta get home and
get this on-air so the 12
people that care can watch it.” It was about getting those
kids’ names on the radio, on
television. Giving them their
moment of glory. Giving their
parents and grandparents
something to brag about.
And he was the guy, accord-
ing to Sierra Wave colleague
Bill LeFever, who couldn’t help
but get emotional when read-
ing obituaries on-air, even if he
had never known the person he
was eulogizing.

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LEFT OUT TO DRY

Southern California Edison has its hands tied...again

By Page

S
outhern California Edison representatives
were in town earlier this week for a presentation on
a subject that refreshing had nothing to do with Public Safety
Power Shutoffs, although it may be just as controversial.
This time around, SCE came before the Mono County
Supervisors to talk about the Lundy Hydroelectric Project in
Mono Basin and water allocation as a means of respond-
ing to complaints about low water levels in Mill and Wilson
Creek.
The Lundy hydroelectric project sits on Mill Creek, the
3rd largest tributary to Mono Lake. After generating hydro
power, SCE is responsible for moving that water where it
needs to go (i.e Wilson Creek, Sherman Ranch, etc.). Conflict
arose during 2019 when Wilson
Creek ran dry during an
abundantly wet year, resulting
in fish kill in Wilson Creek,
which was originally a diver-
sion ditch from Mill Creek.
Cal Rossi, Governmental Af-
sairs manager for SCE, opened
the presentation with a brief
introduction, noting “There is
government interest in our activi-
ties” while assuring the super-
visors and gathered locals that
“SCE’s recent and future use is
fully compliant with both 1914
and 2014 adjudicated water rights.”
After his opening, Rossi then
gave the microphone to Mat-
thew Woodhall, a regulatory
advisor for SCE, and Geoff
McQuilken, executive director
of the Mono Lake Committee,
who spoke for the better part
of an hour on the Lundy proj-
ect and their 2020 goals.
McQuilken lead off with a
simple question: What is
controlling the state of Wilson
Creek?
Answer: the 1914 Adjudi-
cated Water Rights regarding
the creek. The settlement
agreement of 2004 “was never
intended to, and does not,
change any 1914 adjudicated
water rights”, said McQuilken,
who mentioned that only the
Mono Superior court could
alter those rights. SCE’s move-
tment of water in Mono Basin
is mandated by the quantities
and priorities laid out in the
1914 rights.
“If you imagine for a mo-
ment no hydropower project in Mill
creek,” explained McQuilken,
“water would be distrib-
uted according to those same
rights.”
1914 rights holders include Los Angeles Department of
see CREEKS, page 8

FIRE ON JOAQUIN

A fire broke out early Wednesday morning at 384 Joaquin Street in Mammoth Lakes. Responders from Mammoth
Lakes Fire Department were able to contain the fire to two of the five units in the complex. June Lake Fire and
Long Valley Fire provided assistance; an investigation is being conducted jointly by MLFD and Cal Fire.
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Bob and nephews Todd (left) and Eric Hambey

**BOBBO continued from page 1**

But no matter how unkempt Bob may have been in his personal life, he was meticulous in his professional one. The son of an English major and a librarian does not tolerate misspellings and dangling participles and run-on sentences.

Friend and golfing partner Phil Poirier said that Bob would go so far as to correct the punctuation in the texts Phil sent him.

And Bill LeFever said he’d always have Bob read whatever correspondence he was about to send out.

Bob graduated from Loara High School in 1981. He tried a semester of junior college but college wasn’t for him. He then moved to Mammoth where he spent the next three years living with his brothers and working for Rodger Guffey at Perry’s Restaurant.

Both Bob and Spike had evening shifts - Spike at the liquor store and Bob making the pizza dough for the next day. And then they’d walk home to the three-bedroom house they rented with brother Randy on Forest Trail. Back when two guys earning minimum wage could afford to rent a house. And back when two guys without a car didn’t have a bus to catch. They’d walk home together every night after their shifts concluded.

In 1984, Bob moved to Watsonville where he caught on with the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian as a sportswriter. He was sports editor from 1989-1995.

An obituary penned by Lane Wallace which will run in the Pajaronian quoted this anecdote from Dave Burge, who worked alongside Bob for nine years.

“One summer, Bob was between houses. He decided to pitch a tent at the beach and continued to lead our sports department every day,” Burge re-called. “He joked, ‘Next year, I’m going to rent a house for my vacation.’ That was Bob in a nutshell, always seeing the whimsy and humor in everything.”

It was in his mid-20s that Bob took up golf - and he was such a great athlete that he became a single-digit handicap player and even won a club championship at Bishop Country Club. He also indulged his love of the Grateful Dead, attending countless shows. Brother Spike said Bob had perfect recall of these shows, even three decades after the fact. The set lists, the highlights. The Grateful Dead eased his mind. Chased his demons. As nephew Eric Hambey said, when Bob was nearing the end and in a bit of discomfort, he just grabbed a pair of ear buds and put them on Bob’s ears and played the song “Ripple” and it soothed him immediately.

Bob returned to the Sierra for good in the late ’90s. This was his second act, where he transitioned from newspaper to radio. He didn’t know anything about radio when he started, but Benett Kessler, who was editor of the Inyo Register when Bob first returned to the area, liked his style, how he gathered information. His garrulousness. She thought it would translate.

It did.

When Benett left the Register for good (having gotten fired for another story about LADWP), she recruited Bob to come work for her. Theirs was a beautiful marriage of iconoclastic, very intelligent ducks. Bob couldn’t have been more different from hers. They’d battle but they didn’t hold grudges. They could hold a difference of opinion.

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"Sepe me offenditis, et facunt etiam tibi, Si oblivesci non possimus, vel non ita, ego coniecto ut per potuimus" -Grateful Dead

The law firm of Bretz, Todd, Todd and Shibley.
UP IN SMOKE
Press Release

The fire occurred at 3 a.m. on Monday. Fully-involved five-unit condo complex at 384 Joaquin. The two units on the left were fully engulfed when MLFD arrived on the scene. They were able to hold the line at those two units, which are complete losses. The middle unit sustained significant damage. All five units were unoccupied at the time of the incident. There were no injuries.

Property Manager Mike Delmotto said the cause was electrical, but Fire Chief Frank Friesd and Incident Commander Alex Tomaier would not confirm that diagnosis, merely saying the fire is still under investigation.

One of the homeowners affected just lost their primary residence in Ventura in the Thomas Fire.

The June and Lee Vining Fire Depts. provided backup. Approximately 20 Mammoth firefighters responded.

“It was a good save for us,” said Chief Friesd, who said the ladder truck, which provided an aerial stream to fight the blaze from above, was instrumental in keeping the fire contained.

BATTLE ROYALE

Candidates for Inyo county District Four Supervisor duke it out in Big Pine

By James

Three candidates are running to fill the Inyo County Fourth District Supervisor job being vacated by Mark Tillemans, the current 4th District County Supervisor. The candidates running are Jennifer Roeser of Independence, Deena Davenport-Conway of Independence, and Don Bright of Independence.

Jennifer Roeser said that she is a local owner of a dynamic business (a ranch and pack station) that requires a number of skills which include hospitality, event planning, tourism, raising livestock, agriculture, as well as knowing how to stay “debt-free” under the thinnest of (profit) see CANDIDATES, page 4
After the introductions, the candidates were asked the following questions:

Q: How will you ensure that veterans get the services they deserve? As a veteran, Bright said that he feels the county services for veterans are lacking in some areas, but that he would like to make sure “veterans get the help they need and deserve.”

Roeser said that she met with Jessica (Allmon) at the Veterans Service Office and “got quite an earful.” She feels that the office should be separate within the county and that Allmon could use an assistant, two things she will be committed to as a county supervisor. In support of veterans, she mentioned that her pack station partnered with Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra to host “Operation High Altitude,” providing the experience of horseback riding and wagon rides to Wounded Warriors.

Davenport noted that the success of the Veterans Walkway in Big Pine is one of the first things she would like to focus her efforts on should she be elected. Davenport also said that she would be attentive to the needs of veterans in the county.

Q: With increasing population of aging seniors and the need for services, how would you look to improve services to county seniors?

Roeser stated that she had met with Inyo County Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann to discuss the services provided to seniors. Roesser favors flexibility in the county’s budget to meet future needs, while Davenport wants to continue to “allow seniors to stay in the comfort of their own homes and support county services to that end.” She feels that the county’s demographics are changing however, and that more young people are trying to move into the area.

Bright agreed that the population is aging, noting that he is “married to someone who works for HHS,” and, as a result, is very aware of the department’s services. “It would be wise,” he said, “to look for more grant funding because one of the issues is the need to add staff, rather than go into county coffers.” He also advocated for a “robust visiting program for people who are aging, and often isolated and alone.”

Q: It’s been 8 years since the Veterans Pathway in Big Pine was proposed. What level of priority would you put on it in dealing with LADWP?

All three candidates expressed support for the project but admitted that other county budget priorities would likely determine what priorities the county takes. It was generally agreed that it would be nice to have, but Bright noted that he prefers to see funding first put towards providing to the needs of veterans suffering from issue through services previously discussed.

Roeser agreed, stating that it boils down to availability of funding and which services to veterans need to take priority.

Q: What experience do you have, or what approach would you take, in dealing with the various government agencies that control over 96% of the land in Inyo County?

Bright took the tack of talking about his military experience working with NATO during the Serbian-Bosnian crisis. He emphasized a “collaborative approach” in dealing with all the various local, state, special districts, and federal agencies that interact with the county. When dealing with LADWP, he noted, if all efforts fail, “you must take a stand and fight.”

Roeser noted that she has been working and partnering with the forest department for over 35 years. She emphasized that “These are our public lands,” and not the agencies appointed to manage them. The county’s move towards imminent domain is, says Roesser, is the right approach with DWP.

Davenport believes in collaboration and the need to protect Inyo lands from those that come to the area to visit and disrespect it. On LADWP, Davenport says that “I moved here to fight for water and I will fight, but I will fight nice, and I will fight steadily.”

How can the county improve relations with local tribes?

Roesser said that “All people in the county need to be treated equally and with respect,” going on to say that there is a legal requirement for the county to consult with local tribes on issues. Davenport said she would “ask how I could help or if my help was even appreciated.” Bright said that as someone who grew up...
By Page

Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting featured Mono County Public Works Director Tony Dublino’s first Civic Center update of the new year. Dublino began with an outline of the progress that had been made on the building in the past month. Dublino reported that nearly all windows have been placed at the building with the exception of the large windows at the main entrance, which are in the process of being installed/fabricated off-site. He also noted that the roofing effort has been hampered by weather conditions, with work expected to begin in earliest during the week. “I’ve stopped kind of focusing on [roofing] or obsessing on that,” Dublino told the Supervisors, indicating this his focus had turned to the building’s interior, which still requires some extensive work to be completed.

While the first floor is fully dry-walled, outfitted with mechanical systems and ready to paint, the second floor is still open, with only half of the necessary drywall in place and mechanical work still needed.

Dublino reported that infrastructure improvements at the request of the Town of Mammoth Lakes would cost a total of $1.6 million. Those improvements include sewer and water main relocation, asphalt for the parking lot, and an added conduit for the police station/planned government building.

According to Dublino, the contractor is still holding out for the March 31 completion date, a deadline that looks tricky to fulfill. Per the staff report: “As this is a very aggressive schedule that does not allow for weather delays or building commissioning, County staff has requested a revised schedule to reflect a more reasonable and certain schedule date.”

Even with that revised schedule, county staff are sticking with a March 31 move out date at the Sierra Center mall offices. Nate Greenberg, county IT director, reported that “there is probably going to be an intermediate move for some those staff,” which would involve utilizing existing space at Minaret Mall in Mammoth and in Bridgeport.

He explained that the county is “getting staff in mindset of prepping things that they need to keep with them versus things they need but don’t need for a few months.”

Board Chair Stacy Corless asked that Greenberg and Dublino push for increased transparency with weekly updates if possible for both county staff and the public.

The meeting then adjourned to the Civic Center for a tour of the site lead by Dublino. While the tour proved insightful as to the actual progress being made on the building, a number of individuals in the group agreed with Greenberg and Dublino’s assessment that the March 31 move in date appeared overly ambitious. Some privately predicted that the project wouldn’t be fully completed until early summer, with April as the most optimistic among the guesses.

### LOCAL BRIEF

**Taxpayers vs Town of Mammoth Lakes**

The Main Street Taxpayers Association (MSTPA) vs. Town of Mammoth Lakes lawsuit’s preliminary injunction hearing took place on the morning of Friday, January 19.

Jean Harris represented the association and attorney Ryan Dunn represented the Town.

Harris’ grievances against the town are related to a perceived unfairness in 2018 TOT assessment coupled with what he sees as secretive distribution of public funds.

Harris alleges that this information came to light during a town council investigation and was subsequently covered up. He stated that he was unable to uncover the truth of the matter because the supposed dealings were kept a secret.

With the TOT, Harris argued that a petition for a TOT raise was never circulated, something that Mammoth Lakes Tourism director John Urdi disputed.

Urdi told the Sheet that Harris was looking for the envelope that the petition was contained in, something that he admittedly didn’t have, but that the petition itself exists and is a matter of public record.

On the dealings accusation, Judge Edward Ross told Harris, “You can’t have ‘late discovery’ where everything you rely on is public information.” In short: you don’t seem to have an argument there.

In the matter of the TOT dispute, Ross noted that Harris isn’t an actual TOT assessees in town meaning he can’t have the necessary interest/stake in the case to file suit.

After the 30-day period to file a complaint had come and gone, Harris advocated for leave to amend while Dunn stated simply, “I feel comfortable with the complaint as is” while recognizing that the case is most likely headed to a court of appeals; Harris later told the judge that he hoped he (Ross) wouldn’t be upset when the court of appeals sent the case back.

Ross eventually denied both of Harris’s injunction motions and recommended Dunn to file for dismissal of the case based on “demur of leave to amend.”

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**CIVIC DASH TO COMPLETION**

The Civic Center main entrance. Taken during a tour on January 21 during a Board of Supervisors meeting. By Page

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JAN 25**

**Woolly’s Parade**

The Village at Mammoth

**JAN 26**

**Sierra Club XC Ski & Snowshoe Outing**

Meet at Union Bank parking lot

**JAN 29 – FEB 1**

**Land Rover U.S. Freeski & Snowboard Grand Prix**

Mammoth Mountain

**JAN 30**

**ESIA Winter Adventure Series: ROTPUNKT Film Screening**

USFS Auditorium

**JAN 30 – FEB 2**

**4 Plays: 4 Days**

Edison Theatre

FOR INFORMATION, DETAILS & TICKETS: visitMammoth.com/events
TOT-AL RECALL

Mammoth Lakes Town Council on the 1 point increase to TOT to be on the November ballot.

By Hite

In a Wednesday, January 15 Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting, councilmembers discussed surface level details of a possible tax measure to be put on the ballot for the next election cycle in November 2020.

The proposed measure is a one percent increase on the transient occupancy tax (TOT), bringing the new TOT to 14%. The Town claims that TOT makes up 60% of the general fund and that they are looking to fund affordable housing options for the growing workforce in the Town.

Town Attorney Andrew Morris started the conversation, “There are a lot of different approaches that cities can take in getting ballot measures together. There is not a single right or way. It is up to you to decide what is right or wrong for this community and in this context.”

Morris was referencing Council’s upcoming choice between a special tax and a general tax. When the idea was first brought up in early December, the Sheet covered the story and explained the tax difference. “Special” taxes, as the name would indicate, have a different set of requirements for passage than a general tax. In the case of a general tax, simple majority approval is required to pass the tax—but then, you have to trust your elected representatives to fulfill the tax—how they would like to have their boards take a vote up or down on this. So that I know where our business community stands in terms of votes for this.”

Sauser then said that council would do other types of outreach towards the public. Wentworth then asked Sauser to clarify, “So what kind of question would you put to them?”

Sauser responded, “Flat out, the Council is considering coming forward with a one percent increase in TOT as a special tax designated for housing needs.”

Raising TOT is taxing tourists for the needs of the community according to Wentworth, “We’re imposing a fee on the people who are coming here that have expectations that they will go to a restaurant and have a waiter, or they go to a ski shop and they have someone working there that helps them fit their boots. It’s kind of the cost of doing business”

The tax would be in perpetuity on a committee like this due to the laws of the Brown act. Additionally, only one council member could sit on a committee like this due to the same laws of the Brown act.

Towards the end, Mayor Sauser explained the outreach he wanted, “We need an outreach of our local business community to find out whether a one percent raise in TOT is palatable. I would like to hear from lodging, the chamber, Mammoth Lakes Tourism specifically and I would like to have their boards take a vote up or down on this. So that I know where our business community stands in terms of votes for this.”

At some point in the discussion Councilman John Wentworth confirmed what the tax would be for, “Mr. Mayor (Bill Sauser), I am starting from the supposition that we have voted to move forward with a 1% special tax TOT.”

Sauser replied, “We are going to do that.”

Morris then posed another question to Council that needed answering, “Do you want to do any kind of stakeholder engagement, do you want to have some kind of organized group, or do you just want to informally talk to people who might have an opinion.”

Council could choose to stress-test the wording of the ballot, which is only 75 words, or have committees/subcommittees handling the outreach. They can’t create these themselves as it would then apply for the laws of the Brown act. Additionally, only one council member could sit on a committee like this due to the same laws of the Brown act.

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The tax would be in perpetuity and will therefore be a permanent increase towards the TOT bringing the percentage to 14% or 15% if TBID is included.

Staff will be moving forward with the goal of a 2/3 majority vote in the upcoming November elections.

Au Contrair...

The only councilmember that presented a slight hiccup to the TOT raise was Kirk Stapp. Although Stapp did not disagree with the increase in fact he said, “I support the one percent,” but only after he started off with, “As a Council we might want to look at a broader scope than just housing. I’m a huge advocate of housing, you know that. But in the same respect we have certain things that we need to do. For example, let’s look at roads, we are budgeting $580,000 and we should probably be budgeting a million.”

Stapp was concerned with the 2/3 vote and if you have read the Sheet’s coverage of Mammoth Lakes Town Council, you also know Stapp has consistently been disgruntled with Council’s lack of prioritization among projects that have hard or soft-commitments.

Stapp gave the Sheet a list of projects that are on the Council’s docket. “These are Stapp’s numbers that he knows estimates of the future finances”

1) MUF: Measure R&U, plus $3.9 million from the Town’s General Fund, and ongoing operation and maintenance costs of $550,000 (guessimate), Town’s General Fund share $200,000 annually.
2) Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC): One time payment from the Town’s General Fund of $2.5 million. Annual cost from Measure U in General Fund is $300,000.
3) The Parcel: $250,000 allocated. Total project cost $150-200 million. Grants and other funding sources will lower this cost. First phase General Fund contribution is $7-8 million.
4) Civic Center: $22 million (guessimate).
5) Trash to Nevada: No budget projections yet. “Town needs a solution after Benton landfill closing.”
6) IT funding: $5-7 million. Town share to be determined/negotiated with County.
7) Town’s deferred maintenance: funding comes from excess TOT.
8) Capital projects fund: $580,000 to roads, possibly underfunded.
9) Levels of Government Service: Are citizens happy with police, snow removal, processing building applications, childcare, preschool, etc.
10) Sam’s Wood Site: MIL taking lead ($5 million)
11) Airport: Generally a -9% match from FAA grants, $1.4 million in Airport Fund. Bishop annual entitlement $150,000-$1 million
13) Workforce housing partnership: $1 million for project in Sierra Valley?
14) Mammoth Mall: Workforce housing CBDG grant - not successful.
15) Aquatic facility: (?)
16) Sidewalks: snow removal and manenance
While Southern California Edison’s presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday drew a larger time slot and crowd, Amerigas was also on hand Tuesday to provide clarity on mishaps that occurred during November 2019 as well as steps that were taken to implement better technology for their customers.

The first of the two incidents in question occurred in Old Mammoth and, according to Mele, was related to vaporizer kettles in the propane tanks that had recently received maintenance.

Vaporizers heat the propane, causing it to expand and be burned for heat, which reduces tank ‘freeze-ups’ and allows for capacity increases within the system without the need for additional tank space.

The second incident Mele spoke about involved 67 homes in the Sierra Springs neighborhood of Crowley that were without propane for a day. Mele relayed that the shortage was due to a “dispatch error” within Amerigas.

65 of the 67 homes were leak checked and restored, with the remaining two homes checked and restored when inspectors were able to gain access to them.

Crowley incident was a talking point for Supervisor Stump, who explained that he had been one of the people to call Amerigas the night that the propane ran out. He expressed his disappointment with the dispatcher not knowing where the shortage was, noting “I got more from visiting the site and talking to people there than [from] the dispatcher.”

Stump also inquired about Amerigas’ decision to sue a local competitor when customers opted to switch away from Amerigas services.

“I had to say that I was struck that the company that was suing had been the same one that allowed the propane to go empty and the company being sued was the one that didn’t have that problem,” said Stump.

Supervisor Gardner continued with that thread, inquiring about Amerigas policy of removing tanks when customers switch to a competitor without issuing a credit for the propane remaining in the tank.

“Our terms and conditions dictate our relationships with customers and we do recommend that they run their tanks out,” said Mele.

“We normally don’t [remove tanks] because it can be an issue with interruption of service...we prefer not to be transporting full tanks,” Mele also spoke about Amerigas’ attempts to reduce estimated meter readings, which occur when Amerigas employees are unable to read the meters in person due to difficulty, in this case snow buildup.

He explained that new technology called iTron, small radio transmitters, would be installed into meters and allow Amerigas to remotely monitor propane levels in tanks without being hampered by snow accumulation.

Supervisor Kreitz relayed that she’d heard Amerigas hadn’t been checking meters even at times when there was no snow on the ground, a phenomenon that Mele chalked up to past staff turnover and the phasing in of the iTron systems. He also explained that out of 6,000 meters, Amerigas estimated 200 readings, “a small fraction but we’re trying to eliminate that.”

“I am one of those people,” Kreitz informed Mele.

In response to a question from Supervisor Peters about Amerigas providing service for appliance issues, Mele explained that Amerigas is transitioning service to Bridgeport and the surrounding area to Mammoth Lakes from Yerington.

“With the move, customers have access to trained staff,” Mele said.”No more out of state phone calls to Yerington.

He also provided insight on Amerigas pricing at the behest of Gardner, stating “We set prices on an individual basis.” Mele recited a list of factors that impact pricing including tank size, usage, metered vs. non-metered customers, and overall price per gallon.

According to Mele, price per gallon is inherently higher during the winter due to nationwide supply and demand.

Mele, who informed the board that he had relocated to Mammoth Lakes for the rest of the winter, repeatedly emphasized Amerigas’ local presence, referencing a 30-person staff presence in the area.

He concluded his presentation by stating “Even though we have maybe been viewed as a corporation, we are locals who work to serve you.”
available to dry up the [Wilson] arroyo from time to time. McQuilken explained that drying up is part of the arroyo’s history while Woodhall reiterated SCE’s need to adhere to the 1914 rights.

Supervisor Kreitz took issue with SCE’s on-site technology, at one point telling Woodhall and McQuilken, “It sounds like you don’t really know how much [water] you’re releasing.”

Woodhall explained that SCE is not required to do so while admitting, “There may end up being more water changes that are needed.”

Kreitz also asked who among the settlement parties is subject to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), at which point Kelly Henderson, in-house counsel at SCE, took the podium to explain that, “We did not need any permits to start putting water back into return ditch….as a private entity, there is no CEQA obligations for us. If we need a permit from someone, we’ll certainly pursue that and at that point be subject to the county’s CEQA review.”

Kreitz then noted that while SCE had talked repeatedly about stakeholders and right holders, they hadn’t mentioned outreach to the wider community, with Peterson responding, “We do believe that our appearances here are the best way [to reach out]” “I disagree,” said Kreitz, “I really think it should be something beyond these kinds of meetings.”

Cole Hawkins, a Mono Basin resident, stopped to the podium in the public comment section. “I get the feeling that people are presenting adjudicated water rights as how the water has to be used,” noting that those rights do not require maximum water usage.

“That’s a choice that’s made by the water right holder,” Hawkins said.

Hawkins went on: “With all the talk of water rights and tech…we’re overlooking the fact that for the better part of 100 years, water’s been flowing in Wilson creek as a result of a diversion. To cut the water off ‘willy-nilly’ is irresponsible.”

Supervisor Peters echoed Hawkins’ words, noting “So far, no one has taken ownership of what happened in a wet year and that’s disturbing to me.”

“2020 is a pivotal year for Mono county to be delivered the information and someone taking ownership for what is happening in these ditches and reservoirs,” said Peters.

“I don’t think this board or county is going to sit back and watch a repeat of what happened in 2019.”

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MLPD CONDUCTS SHOULDER TAP

On Monday, January 20th, 2020 members of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department conducted a Tobacco Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation outside of several businesses throughout the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The goal of this operation was to limit minors’ access to tobacco products in the community by identifying adults who will purchase these products for people under the age of 21.

Under the direct supervision of Officers, one minor decoy was stationed outside of various licensed tobacco retailers. The undercover decoys then tried to “shoulder tap” store patrons by telling them that they are minors and then asking the adults to purchase tobacco products, including flavored vapor liquid, for them. The minors contacted 20 adults. Out of these 20, only 1 purchased a tobacco product for them. This person was cited for PC 308(a) Furnish Tobacco to a Minor, and is subject to either criminal action for a misdemeanor or civil action brought by the district attorney, punishable by a fine of two hundred dollars ($200) for the first offense, five hundred dollars ($500) for the second offense, and one thousand dollars ($1000) for the third offense.

This Operation was made possible by the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Project, funded by Proposition 56, which was awarded to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department to help combat underage tobacco sales, educate our business owners and conduct community outreach on the dangers of tobacco.

Shoulder Tap and Minor Decoy Stings will continue this year with undercover operations within Town limits. The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to remind the businesses and residents of Mammoth Lakes that selling to and/or purchasing tobacco products for minors under the age of 21 is illegal.

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Press Release
DEB’S FAREWELL

Deb Searles, the longtime Mammoth resident is returning to live in her native New Zealand within the next week. She’ll be living in an Auckland suburb near her sister and mother.

The farewell party was held on January 19 from 4-8 p.m. at Lynne’s Garden of Eat’n, and it was exceptional in terms of sheer traffic. The Sheet took two photos about 90 minutes apart just because the whole room had turned over in that time. Deb moved to Mammoth in 1985. She’s spent the past eight years working as a server at Burgers Restaurant. Her son Tyler works at Mammoth Chevron.

CANDIDATES

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with Native Americans in the towns of Inyo County, he believes we should “just visit with our (Native American) friends” and work towards solving the common problems.

Q: How can the county improve county parks and campgrounds?

All the candidates agreed there is much to be done to improve county parks which are in abysmal condition. While Bright and Davenport talked about funding and grants, Roeser emphasized public-private partnership to improve parks, and not just using public funds.

What role should the county have in the housing market and is the lack of housing and prices making the homeless problem worse?

“Homelessness and housing issues are endemic across our country,” said Bright, “and is not going away. It is not driven by the cost of housing alone, it is largely driven by mental health issues combined with substance abuse that will require a state-wide, if not multi-state-wide response.”

Roeser felt that homelessness is a greater issue outside of Inyo county, and according to her, after listening to Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson a few weeks ago, she says that the numbers of homelessness are “going down throughout the United States if you take California and New York out of the picture.” She did not feel that the county should give over any regulatory power to the state, stating, “We need to keep land use authority right here in Inyo County.”

“As far as homelessness, I come from San Francisco,” said Davenport, “and it’s not going to go away, but it is something that we can have some compassion for. Homeless are not just people down on their luck, or with mental issues or drug related. It is a complicated issue that cannot be addressed in just two minutes, but while we lack a lot of available space and land for housing, we can be creative.”

How would you represent the Fourth District’s interests on the board of Supervisors?

The candidates emphasized that it was important to work with the other supervisors but that they must represent what the voters in the Fourth District feel is important. Roeser mentioned her website and that she plans to use it, along with other methods such as simply talking on the phone to communicate with constituents. Davenport said she plans to get to know as many people as possible in the district personally and listen to their concerns. Bright said, “The County Board of Supervisors work together...until they can’t.” He would like to increase law enforcement presence in some areas, and he would also like to renegotiate the TOT distribution, admitting, “That’s probably a bridge too far.”

The next candidate forum is planned on Monday, February 3rd, hosted by the Independence Civics Club at the American Legion Hall starting at 6:30 p.m.
ON THE SLOPES

LAPLANTE TAKES ON THE GRAND PRIX

By Hite

The Mammoth Grand Prix begins Wednesday January 29 and finishes up on Saturday February 1. Skiers and snowboarders from all over will be competing in the event, looking to get some freestyle points and climb up the national rider list. One professional skier, Cody LaPlante, is getting his skier legs back after a year off. “Last year, I was injured (ACL) so I didn’t ski for 11 months. I decided to do two years of school and graduate.”

LaPlante grew up in Reno and would frequent Lake Tahoe to ski mountains like Boreal or Squaw. The Sheet asked LaPlante what he thought of our mountain, “Mammoth is one of my favorite resorts. I grew up skiing park so I was in a lot of competitions at Mammoth.”

Just two weeks ago, the seventeen-year-old earned his first ever World Cup podium with a third-place finish at the FIS World Cup slopestyle in Font Romeu, France. “It was my first slopestyle back since injury and I just wanted to land a run that I knew I could do. I was stoked,” said LaPlante, reminiscing on the bronze.

While an accomplished skier, LaPlante did tell the Sheet something surprising when he said, “I hate the cold.”

Still, LaPlante has been skiing since he was two when his dad would harness him up and send him down lines not meant for a two-year-old. He started competing in smaller competitions when he was seven and regional competitions at the age of nine. In his first national event, at Copper Mountain in Colorado, LaPlante won the slopestyle and got second in the halfpipe for his age group. On his thirteenth birthday, LaPlante got sponsored by Redbull. He was a park-rat when he was young so the natural question to ask was what he thought of big mountain freestyle. “I grew up skiing squaw so I did a lot of backcountry. When I go to Mammoth I like to ski the cliffs and what not. But right now I am so focused on being a park skier. As I get older, I do find more of an interest in it.”

LaPlante was grounded, humble, and extremely eloquent, so the Sheet asked what it was like to balance competitive skiing with his natural love for the sport, “I think the way I have been looking at it is me competing is the reason I get to ski year round. It does suck when you have to ski three weeks straight in bad conditions. But right now I just love it because I get to ski.”

On the creative aspect of skiing LaPlante said, “At this point in freestyle skiing, most riders can do every trick. But no one can do it how you do it.” LaPlante then talked about which riders he looks up to, “I get inspiration from other skiers for sure. But I don’t ski like any skier, I ski like me.”

His brother, Logan, used to film Cody and create edits for him but when asked about this LaPlante responded, “It’s funny you ask that because we obviously used to film together a lot more. But travelling for skiing is really expensive and bringing a guy to film you is nearly impossible. We’ve been working with Moment Skis (LaPlante’s sponsor who created skis for him as a kid) to get him as a moment filmer,” then LaPlante said, “We will be in Mammoth shooting three days before the competition.”

LaPlante noted that his brother needs to learn how to film while going off bigger jumps but he looks forward to working with him again. So over the weekend there is a chance of seeing Cody and his brother Logan filming like they used to when they were younger.

As the conversation was wrapping up, the Sheet asked what the future looks like for the young skier, and LaPlante responded, “Eventually I want to spend more time in one place skiing, you know, being in Jackson Hole, enjoying the feeling of waking up and, weather permitting, deciding if you want to ski,” he continued, “But I look forward to all of it, the successes and failures.”

LaPlante, after a year off, does not have many freestyle points which ranks riders and qualifies them for events. He is looking to continue his good form after his first world cup podium placing. Laplante will be competing in the skiing slopestyle at the Grand Prix which starts with qualifiers on Wednesday January 29 and ends with the finals scheduled for Friday January 31.

Cody LaPlante flying high during the China World Cup big air competition in Beijing (2019).
Try not to take things too seriously or to let all the insanity kick you in the crotch.

-Clouds
Boys

On Wednesday, January 22, the Mammoth Huskies hosted the Mojave Mustangs at Bishop City Park. Just five days before, on January 17, Mammoth travelled to Mojave and suffered a 2-1 loss at the hands of the Mustangs.

This time, the Huskies pulled ahead early but the Mustangs responded in turn, as the score was 1-1 just 15 minutes into the game.

Mammoth dominated the rest of the half and went into the break ahead 3-1.

In the second half the Mustangs got a penalty and scored to close the deficit to 3-2.

Mammoth scored a security goal but after a successful free kick by the Mustangs, Mammoth had a 4-3 lead that felt like one wrong bounce could bring the game to a tie.

The Huskies received a penalty with around 15 minutes left to play with a chance to put the game away but the Mojave keeper stopped the shot.

After many chances on the Mojave goal Mammoth finally scored, winning the game by a score of 5-3.

The Huskies boys team is now 4-8-1 as their season ends. Now they wait to see if they draw an at-large bid for the playoffs.

Girls

The girls, who played right after the boys, also played Mojave five days ago and won that game 8-0.

This time around, the Mammoth girls started in their own half, with Mojave attacking, for the first three minutes of the game.

When they were able to control the ball, Rachel McChesney scored after a scrum in the box to put Mammoth up 1-0.

The game, although entertaining, had no more goals to show for it.

The Huskies were in the opposing half for most of the first half and continued the dominance in the second half. Head Coach Brittany Fernie told the Sheet, “We had plenty of opportunities but we couldn’t capitalize.”

The Mammoth girls sit at 6-7-1 with one more regular season game scheduled for February 5 when they travel to Mcfarland as they finish their season.

They are likely to make the playoffs and hopefully make a run come mid-February.
Top left: Rachel McChesney, who scored the only goal, keeps her eye on the ball as she prepares for a header.

Top middle: Bryan Ramirez drops his defender as he carries the ball up the field.

Bottom left: Ramirez then takes a shot at the goal as the keeper stares at him helplessly. Spoiler: he didn’t score this one.

Bottom right: Angel Carillo takes a touch as a Mojave defender scratches his face unsure what he should do about it.

Early Detection Saves Lives!

Our new 3D Mammography technology exam provides the best breast cancer detection technology available.

Mammoth Hospital and Radiologist, Yuri Parisky MD want to express their sincere appreciation to Diagnostic Breast Imaging Specialist, Stuart Souders, MD for his many years of expertise and care for our entire Eastern Sierra Community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

Dr. Parisky and Mammoth Hospital’s breast imaging team are prepared to meet the growing needs of our community with state of the art 3D Mammography and Breast Ultrasound with continuity of care you can rely on.

Mammoth Hospital’s Breast Imaging Team, Christy, Sandy, and Denise collectively have over 33 years of imaging experience performing modalities including bone density, whole body composition, radiology, CT scan, ultrasound, and echocardiogram.

For more info on Mammography at Mammoth Hospital and to schedule a Mammogram, call 760.924.4070.

www.mammothhospital.com
BARS & MUSIC


Austria Hof Happy Hour 4-6:30 p.m. Sun-Thurs/4-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Info: See ad p. 18.

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

Morrison’s Happy Hour 5-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the bar.

Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl Mon. 19:30 p.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4-7 p.m. daily, $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. More info: see ad p. 9.

Petra’s happy hour. 5-7 p.m. Signature cocktails, special menu. More info: see ad p. 9.

Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily. The Public House Local Mondays (all local beers $5 a pint).

Famous Slocum’s Happy Hour Weekdays: 4-6 p.m. Saturday 4-5:30 p.m. More info: See ad p. 5.

T-Bar Social Club in June Lake.


Giovanni’s Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m. E.g. pepperoni pizza & pitcher of beer = free wings.

Shelter Distilling Open 11am -11pm Daily. Happy Hour: 3-5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks More Info: See ad p.12.

Side Door Café & Wine Bar. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. daily. 20+ wines by the glass.

The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar with food and drink specials.

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

Devil’s Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 3-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Location: Industrial Park, 123 Commerce Dr.

53 Kitchen & Cocktails happy hour Friday-Sunday. Time: 2-4 p.m.

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

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

Jimmy’s Taverna 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 Happy hour 4:30-5 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks and wine. App specials.

Friday, January 24/ Bodie 601 (American/Bluegrass) plays the Liberty Bar in Mammoth. More info: See ad p. 7.

Prescott Brown plays the T-Bar. Time: 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 25/ Renegades of Rage plays a two night engagement at Raffers with DJ Rodney O. Free, 21+ Time: 10 p.m.

Apres Party @ Lincoln Bar, Canyon Lodge. Music by DJ WLDCF and free giveaways. Time: 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 25/ Boyz-N-Aha Woodz plays Liberty Bar. Time: 7 p.m.

Mestizo Beat plays the T-Bar. Time: 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 26/ Apres Ski w/Sara McConnell @ T-Bar. Time: 3-5 p.m.

Karaoke @ Lakanuki with host Jesse Steele. Time: 9 p.m.

BARS & MUSIC

Monday, January 27/ Bowling n’ Beats @ Mammoth Rock n Bowl. Time: 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 30/ Winter Jam Sessions @ Raffers featuring Piddler-Padder. Free, 21+. Time: 10 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

January 24-February 26/ Death Valley Inyo Associates Meet @ Death Valley. Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Death Valley National Park with a weekend of events, including a Friday reception, Saturday dinner, special guest speakers, and tours of Scotty’s Castle. Info: email director@dvnha.org or call 1-800-478-8564, ext. 11 to speak with David Blacker.

Saturday, January 25/ Wooly’s Saturday Parade @ the Village Time: 3:45-4:30 p.m. Face painting, Dance Party. Parade. All ages welcome.

Cookies and Cocoa with Bucky @ June Mountain, Join Bucky, June Mountain’s mascot, for cookies, cocoa, and a dance party around the bonfire. Time: 7 p.m.

Auditions For Playhouse 395’s production of “Little Shop of Horrors” will take place at the BCT from 9 a.m. ‘til 3 p.m. For info/audition appts. call Lynn @ 760.920.8756.

Film History in the Alabama Hills There have been more than 400 movies and countless commercials filmed in the Alabama Hills. Hear interesting and amusing stories about numerous productions as you explore the camera locations. This walk covers an area of Movie Flat that includes locations from memorable films such as Gunga Din, Tremors, and Django Unchained. This is a relatively easy walk on existing roads and trails covering less than one mile. Meet @ Arch Loop Trail Parking Lot at 10 a.m.

Bingo @ Bishop Senior Center. All are welcome! Time: 6-8 p.m.

Green and White Washer Tourney @ Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. First toss 2 p.m. Dinner 5 p.m. $100 per team. Pre-sale tix only @ 760.873.7854.

January 26-February 1/ Ski and Snowboard Grand Prix @ Mammoth Main Park. Watch world-class competitors give their all on Mammoth’s terrain and halftime if this nationally televised event. Athletes compete for a chance at a $400k prize. Info: see sidebar pg. 15.

Sunday, January 26/ Sierra Club Snowshoe Outing. Ski or snowshoe the relatively flat, groomed snowmobile trail east of Hwy 395 around Lookout Mountain, a 5.4 mile round trip. Come prepared. Bring lunch. Meet at the parking lot at Union Bank in Mammoth at 9 a.m. to carpool and shuttle cars. For information, contact Dick at rhim@skidmore.edu; 760.709.5050. PLEASE RSVP! The Bishop Area Climbing Rangers will offer Climber Coffees every Sunday to talk over coffee. Bring your own mug. Time: 9 a.m. Location varies. Info: Bishop Climbing Rangers on Instagram or Facebook.
Snowboard and Freeski Grand Prix

Plan a return trip to Mammoth for the Land Rover U.S. Snowboard and Freeski Grand Prix. World-class skiers and snowboarders will compete in the Unbound Main Park and 22-foot halfpipe in slopestyle and halfpipe events. Check out this nationally televised contest up close with prime viewing from Main Lodge.

The Grand Prix runs from January 26 to February 1.

June Lake Loop Legacy of History and Fishing

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At the Monday, February 3rd meet of the Mono Basin Historical Society, CalTrout’s David Rorick will present an illustrated talk about June Lake’s rich legacy of fishing recreation, the natural history of Whitebark Pines and what that has to do with fishing, and the history of Lower rush creek natural resource protections. The short business meeting begins with a potluck dinner at 6 PM, and the program at 7 PM at the Lee Vining Community Center on Mattly Avenue. All are welcome. The Mono Basin Historical Society is a non-profit organization; visit our webpage at www.monobasinhistory.org.

Revolution Tour

The Revolution Tour is coming to Mammoth Mountain this February! Revolution has proved to be a progressive venue for top junior riders to take to the competitive stage in Halfpipe, Slopestyle, and Big Air.

Designed as a stepping-stone for athletes to make the transition from the grassroots events to the elite level, the tour will showcase top amateur riders competing in the Unbound’s Main Park and famed Super Duper Pipe.

Focusing on riders ages 13-19, the Revolution series pre-qualifies riders in each competitive field before opening registration to any athlete. Overall series winners may earn an invite to be part of the U.S. Grand Prix, Junior Worlds, the U.S. Open, U.SASA Nationals, as well as to participate in Project Gold camps.

The series runs from February 4-9. A full schedule of events, registration, and additional information can be found at mammothmountain.com

Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep field trips

Free Field Trips – Open to the Public – Pre-Registration required!

Winter to early spring is the best time of year for viewing endangered Sierra bighorn before they retreat to higher elevations. These animals are difficult to see and there are only about 600 in the world, all in the Sierra Nevada. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation provide free public field trips to view Sierra bighorn. Tentative dates for 2020 are February 3, March 2, and April 18.

Meet at 9:00 AM in the Bishop TOWN STUFF

Sunday, January 26 (cont.)

Paint and Sip Brunch @ Black Velvet Coffee, Mammoth Lakes. Bottomless Mimosa, Belgian waffle bar and painting. Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Email rori@blackvelvetcoffee.com to reserve your seat.

Monday, January 27

Bishop Airport NPA/CEQA Public Scoping Workshop @ Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes. Time: 6 p.m. More Info: see press release p. 6

Wednesday, January 29

Mammoth Lakes Recreation Grant Workshop @ Mammoth Lakes Library. Interested in applying for Measure U funding? This workshop is a way to familiarize yourself with the application, work through the components of the application, and answer any questions. Those unable to make the workshop can schedule one-on-one time with MLR staff. Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Thursday, January 30

Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association’s Winter Adventure Series continues with a screening of “Rotpunkt” a climbing film by Ken Etzel and Chelsea Jolly. Info: See sidebar this page.

Community Coffee with Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce @ Mammoth Starbucks. Time: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Free coffee. Prizes for first 25 people will receive new MLT Logo Buffs.

January 30-February 2

Four Plays, Four Days @ Edison Theater. A weekend of staged readings at the Edison featuring sensational contemporary plays. Info: see sidebar this page.

Saturday, February 1

CS Studios Community Arts Center Grand Opening Party @ 210 S. Warren. Bishop Time: 6 - 10 p.m. 21+ with a suggested donation of $10-20. Wine and cocktail bar, hors d’oeuvres, art, music, dancing, photo booth, and a membership raffle.

Allan Bard Memorial 20K XC Ski Race @ Tamarack XC Ski Center. Show off your new skills or cheer on the competition at this event honoring local mountaineer Allan Bard. There will be two “citizen” races consisting of 1.3km and 3km, with the 20km serving as a Junior Nationals qualifier. Info: call Tamarack at 760.934.2442 x8 for start times.

These Alabama Hills Are Alive

Explore the mysteries hidden within the eroded granite rock while walking through the passageways and along the ridge lines that make up the maze of this amazing setting. Learn about the many secretive creatures and flora hidden within the rocks. This is a moderately strenuous hike with occasional steep sections of trail. Dress appropriately for a day out and bring water. The group meets at the Arch Loop Trail Parking lot. Time: 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 2

IKON pass holder early ups @ Mammoth Mountain. One hour of exclusive early lift access on select trails starting at 7:30 a.m. followed by a complimentary breakfast at McCoy station at 8 a.m.

Monday, February 3

Mammoth Lakes Recreation Grant Workshop @ Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes Library. More Info: see press release p. 6

CDFS parking lot, 787 N. Main St. (Cottonwood Grove Shopping Center, behind El Pollo Loco). Be dressed for the weather and in sturdy footwear. Sun protection is highly recommend- ed. Bring binoculars or scopes if you have them. We will carpool from the office as much as possible, and vehicles that can be driven off pavement are preferred but not required. Field trips are usually concluded by noon, and typically involve very little walking.

Free pre-registration to asknsbns@wildlife.ca.gov or call Cody Massing at 760.873.3260. Pre-registration is required as space is limited and field trips are weather and bighorn dependent. RSVP as soon as possible if you would like to join us, or email with questions.

Free Tax Help February-April 15th.

It’s that time of year again. The AARP Foundation Tax Aide programs in Bishop and Mammoth using IRS-certified volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns online without charge to low and moderate income residents.

In Bishop at the NIH Birch Street Annex, appointments are available Tuesday afternoons, Friday afternoons and Saturdays. To schedule an appointment, call 760.937.1397.

In Mammoth at the Mammoth Lakes Library, appointments are available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. To schedule an appointment, call 760.934.5674. Spanish speaking assistance is available and walk-ins are welcome.

We encourage all taxpayers to file early even if they potentially owe money as those payments are not due until April 15th, regardless of when they file their tax return.

Four Plays, Four Days

Join Sierra Classic Theatre for a weekend of staged readings January 30-February 1. Four Plays, Four Days features some of the best of contemporary theatre, all performed by local actors. The schedule for the weekend:

Thursday: God of Carnage by Yasmin Reza, 7 p.m.
Cast: Kevin Green, Stacy Corless, Marlene Pipe, Mike Dostrow
Friday: Constellations by Nick Payne, 7 p.m.
Cast: Calise Linnnastruth, Owen Page
Saturday: Closer by Patrick Marber, 7 p.m.
Cast: Jesse Steele, Lesley-Anne Hoxie, Craig Sterling, Allison McDonell Page
Sunday: Assassins by Sharr White, 4 p.m.
Cast: Maureen McClain and Chuck Scatolini

Tickets are available at sierraclas-sictheatre.org for $10 for each individual show and $35 for all four nights. Info: see ad pg 9

AT THE MOVIES

Movies Playing This Week 01/24 to 01/30

DOLITTLE

Friday 4pm 7:15pm
Sat- Mon 2pm 4pm 7pm
Tuesday- Thursday 4pm 7:15pm
Friday 3:45pm 7pm
Sat- Mon 4:15pm 7:45pm
Tuesday- Thursday 4:30pm 7:45pm

MINARI

407 Old Mammoth Rd
Movie Info Line
(760) 934 3131
Buy Tickets Online
DMplaceEntertainment.com

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**Help Wanted**

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa maintenance / technician position. We are a Full Time Position (Monday through Friday). This position offers vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be e-mailed to mammospa@aol.com.

Vacation Rental company seeks FT (w/ benefits) or PT local transcriptionist ($20/h) and housekeepers (great piece rate, local maintenance techs required, but not required. Heavy lifting is required). Please inquire with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com.

**NOW HIRING**

Founded by local skiers in 1979, Footloose Sports has grown into the biggest sport shop in Mammoth, CA. If you have a passion for the outdoors and want to be a part of a great working team apply now for the 2019-2020 Winter Season for all store departments and in office as a social media expert. Apply in person on footloose sports careers.com/hiro to apply for the social media job; or email recruiting@footloosesports.com to apply for retail positions.

Manager Trainer, La Residence Condos. Inquire at Bowesdavid1@yahoo.com for a 3BDR, 2BA unit located in Lee Vining bedroom upgrade during Christmas holiday.

Vacasa is hiring full and part time house keepers in June Lake with pay starting at $18 an hour. Apply at vacasa.com/careers. Tonik is seeking PT/FT help. Fun place to work. You’ll be in charge of cleaning rooms and ordering. Stop by the store on Old Mammoth Road for an application. 760.924.7727

Inyo County Office of Education seeks a Full-Time Mental Health Therapist. Pay $61,750 - $75,948/yr. Hours: 8 hours per day, 190 days per year. Job summary: Under the supervision of the assigned Administrator, the Mental Health Therapist is primarily responsible for helping students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally by providing individual, group, and family counseling and collaborating with educators, parents, and other professionals to create a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment. Must comply with Federal and State laws and regulations.

Deadline: January 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm Required experience: At least one year of full-time experience in providing mental health therapy services to school-aged children in a California school district, county office of education or county mental health setting.

Required education: Master’s degree in counseling/social work or related discipline from an accredited institution of higher education.

Required license: Valid psycho-therapist license (LMP, LCSW, LPC, LMFT).

Required Certificates/Licenses/Credentials:

- California kangaroo Intervention (CPI), CBP, and ASIST or comparable licenses, certification (must be earned within 130 days of employment). Current valid California Driver’s License

Desired Qualifications: Ability to supervise interns/associates, valid California Pupil Personnel Services Credential or enrollment in a PPS program, Bilingual: Spanish experience in working with Native American and/or Latino students.

All applicants must apply online via www.edjog.com. Successful applicant will be required to attend fingerprint clearance and pre-employment exam prior to start date.

Contact: Marlene Dietrich at (760) 878-2426 ext. 2222.

**Equal Opportunity Employer**

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**Notice of Ordinance**

Notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2020 the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, State of California, N/A, approved an Ordinance titled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF MAMMOTH LAKES,” regarding tobacco regulations. A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from your office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: January 16, 2020

JAMIE GRISWOLD, Town Clerk

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Call Kevin

Kevin Jacobssohn 99 Davison/P.O. Box 1065 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a natural person. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 19, 2019. File Number: 19-125. 2019-0008 (1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8)

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:

Eastside Media Productions

Three Goats P.O. Box 100 PMB 210 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a natural person. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 4, 2020. File Number: 20-001 2020-0005 (1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1)

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**For Rent**

Seeking Lodgers for my spare bedrooms in the Mammoth area. Close to downtown. Upstairs home located three-tenths of a mile from Village, 31 day or longer contract required by Tyrone. Possible master bedroom upgrade during Christmas holiday. Inquire at howesdavid@cyahoo.com for photos, rates and calendar possibilities.

3BDR, 2BA unit located in Lee Vining w/ garage, Wi-Fi, stove, fridge, 360° view, Call Dennis @ 760.914.0492. townhome available for one year lease. 2 bedrooms/2 baths. Washer & dryer inside unit. Newly remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. Spa, pool and sauna. Will consider pets. $2600.00/month includes utilities. Please contact Marina @ 661.414.3094. 2BD home in Bishop available for short-term rental. Creek, trees, views. Livestock on premises so dogs please. Call Lunch to inquire. 760.937.4613.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Alex Kaspar, an individual and doing business as:  Mutually Benefit Corporation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The Seller: Alejandro Solorio, P.O. Box 1223, Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546 and are located at:  94 Laurel Mountain Road, Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 2605.2. The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Intra-Mono Tele Company, 871 N. Main St., Bishop, Ca 93514 and the last date for filing claims shall be February 3, 2020. The bulk sale is subject to the Uniform Commercial Code Section 9-101. The name of the buyer(s) is: Marlene Piper, Mike Dostrov, Stacy Corless, and Kevin O'Connell. The bulk sale is about to be made in the County of Mono, State of California

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**GOD OF CARNAGE**

By Yasmin Reza. Thursday, January 30th @7pm

The Pulitzer prize winning writer of ART (performed a last year’s 4 plays: 4 Days series) is another hilarious and explosive exposé on today’s liberated elite. Two Brooklyn couples gather to discuss a playground scrap between their two 11-year-old boys. What begins as a civilized negotiation over cockroaches and a coffee table adorned with fresh-picked tulips and modern art books - devolves into a savage battle over childrearing, marriage, and morality.

While the adults enact their own play-ground drama, brilliantly infused with the whip-cracking wit, the questions of responsibility and choice seem less consequential than the fact that all matters of manners, courtesies, and basic kindergarten rules of human interaction can so quickly evaporate giving way to vitriol, bile and chaos. Sound familiar? Come watch the uproarious carnival unfold. (Tony Award and Laurence Olivier Award 2009)

Cast: Kevin Green, Stacy Corless, Marlene Piper, Mike Dostrov. Directed by Allison McDonell Page

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**CONSTELLATIONS**

By Nick Payne. Friday, January 31st @7pm

If you have ever wanted a do-over, say, a job interview, a date, or a marriage, and obsessively replayed the alternate reality over and over again in your head, Constellations act out these multiple might-have-beens.

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**CLOSER**

By Patrick Marber. Saturday, February 1st @7pm

Heralded as one of the best plays about sexual politics ever written in the English language, this show is not for kids, or the sexually squeamish. In fact, the dialogue, subtext and context all revolve around lust and sexual gratification, with just a hint of that agonizing need for intimacy.

Four characters: a doctor, a writer (both men); a photographer, a stripper. Meanwhile, Anna, the photographer, complains that men “love the way we make them feel, but not us.”

It’s no wonder Julia Roberts, Natalie Portman, Jude Law and Clive Owen chose to star in the movie adaptation. The dialogue is biting, hilarious, and wicked smart, and can’t help but make you wonder. Is intimacy really possible or are we all destined to suffer due to our bottomless, unattainable desires? The play keeps the audience thrillingly off balance.

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**Four Plays, Four Days**

By: Allison McDonell Page

L-R: Marlene Piper, Mike Dostrov, Stacy Corless, and Kevin O'Connell rehearse God of Carnage physicist Marianne and beekeeper Roland meet at a barbecue and their future plays out in the varied possibilities of the multiiverse, or many possible permutations of events. Sometimes they fall in love; sometimes they barely speak together. Sometimes they are open and available; sometimes they are married or marrying other people.

As much as the play's structure explores the multidimensional texture of string theory the story itself is about the progress of ordinary life, which begins with seemingly endless possibilities and ends when heartbreak or death denies any further choice. The most romantic in our series, this play is not to be missed. (Evening Standard Theatre Award for best play (2012))

Cast: Callese Linastruth, Owen Page. Directed by Allison McDonell Page

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**ANNAPOURNA**

By Sharr White. Sunday, February 2nd @4pm

Anna Poitier-banges into a filthy trailer to find her ex-husband holding a frying and wearing nothing but an apron. The sight is almost as horrifying as the stench of the meat in the fridge that he bought at the dollar store. But by the size of her luggage it looks like she's here to stay. Meet Ulysses, a rebel poet gone old and his first wife Emma, his one time editor and ultimate cause of his grizzled, broken heart. As Emma attempts to clean up Ulysses’ mess the story of their mangled history unfold revealing an intimate portrait of a marriage and the love and madness that indelibly lives on. Funny and warmly-hearted, and surely more entertaining than the super bowl.


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**NOTICES/OFF THE SLOPES**

Saturday, January 25, 2020

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Alexander Kaspar on an individual defendant**

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wanting to move here for years. You've been wanting to move here for years. Ya-
on moving to Bishop. was Bob that successfully pitched him ing from a bad breakup two years ago, it Eric, Linda's sons. When Eric was reel-
plane ticket. helped him figure out how to book a Richie Egan died, it was Linda who financial advisor … when Bob's friend … times a week. She was a confidante, a His sister Linda was a huge influence … on Bob. They spoke on the phone 3-4 His memories, his two chosen charities were either going to find God or meet God. From Bretz: After a Phil and Friends show in Sacramento we were driving to Tahoe along Highway 50. And the car kept jerking in fits and stops. I asked Bob if he were having trouble with the transmission. And Bob says, “I have to stop braking for things in the road that aren’t there.”

"You couldn’t help but like the guy. He had a lot of friends. I wish I’d had a tenth of his friends." -Phil Poirier A celebration of Bob’s life will take place on March 7 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop at the Heritage Arts Building. If you’d like to make a donation in Bob’s memory, his two chosen charities are ICARE of the Eastern Sierra (icare-
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Bishop Country Club (call Steve Shibley for details at 760.873.5828). Bob is survived by siblings Randy, Linda (Mark) Hambey and Spike (Debbie), and nephews Todd and Eric Hambey and David Brann.

We’ll leave you with a selection of Bob-isms - a few that folks remembered off the top of their heads.

To Mike McKenna: “You’re the Roberto Duran of golfing. You’ve got hands of stone.”

To Phil Poirier, after one more shot Phil said he couldn’t track because of his poor eyesight: “Hey Phil, why don’t you save us all a little time and tell us when you do f&$kin’ see one.”

“It’s not officially Christmas until we listen to Dean Martin slur his way through Silver Bell.”

“Seems like the least I can do, and God knows I like doing the least I can do.”

Or the corollary ... “As Gilligan said to the Skipper, I’m pro lazy.”


From the movie Heat: “The action is the juice.”

And words of wisdom to nephew Eric: “Go forth. Spread beauty and light.”

Golf advice: Walk fast. Play slow.

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I’ve been reading Bruce Springsteen’s autobiography “Born to Run” this week. Funny, since I received the book for Christmas in 2016 and am just getting around to reading it now.

So who’s the one who takes forever to get anything done? Maybe this bodes well for my life expectancy.

Anyway, this thought on page 209 kinda caught me. It captured Springsteen’s mindset as he was making his seminal 1975 album “Born to Run.”

“I was a child of Vietnam-era America, of the Kennedy, King and Malcolm X assassinations. The country no longer felt like the innocent place it was said to be in the Eisenhower fifties. Political murder, economic injustice and institutionalized racism were all powerfully and brutally present. These were issues that had been previously relegated to the margins of American life. Dread - the sense that things might not work out, that the moral high ground had been swept out from underneath us, that the dream we had of ourselves had somehow been tainted and the future would forever be uninsured - was in the air.”

It all rings true in 2020. Particularly that last part about the dream we had of ourselves. And how it relates to the impeachment circus, where the strategy seems to revolve around preventing witnesses from being heard.

If I were a senator, and I were presiding over a trial, I’d want as much information as I could get. I’d want testimony from former National Security Advisor John Bolton, and I’d want testimony from Hunter Biden as well. Lay the whole mess out there.

And then sift through the rubble and see what’s there.

Because what’s at risk here is openness and transparency. And if those principles are ditched on a national level due to folks weighing the political benefits (I’m assuming all these shysters will ultimately determine less is more), that’ll trickle down. To the local arena which is increasingly bereft of watchdogs ...

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BORN TO RUN

By Lunch

I write this last part from Bend, Oregon. Here on an annual boys’ ski trip. Having had a lot of time in the truck last night to ponder my own mortality.

The three media pros that I considered really top-notch when I started in the Eastern Sierra - George Shirk, Bennett Kessler and Bob Todd - are all gone now.

Average age of death for the three of them: approximately 60.

The only other profession I can think of that has such bad life expectancy prospects is law enforcement. A 1998 study determined the average life expectancy of a police officer to be 66 years.

So I guess this is no time to ditch those life insurance policies I have over at State Farm.

Meanwhile, I figure the life expectancy of administrators who work in government is high. Because if it takes ‘em forever to get anything done professionally, I doubt they’re going to get things done any faster in their personal lives. Whereas us media folks are accustomed to meeting deadlines.

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