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WHO’S PHISHING WHO?

The biggest non-winner of Tuesday’s primary appears to be Mono County District 2 Supervisor candidate Rhoda Duggan. She was the leading vote-getter, topping fellow challengers Joshua Rhodes and late write-in entrant Eric Olson in a bid for the seat being vacated by the retiring Fred Stump. But Olson’s quixotic, late bid (he entered the race after ballots had been mailed out) almost certainly deprived Duggan of winning the seat outright.

The final vote tally was Duggan 493, Rhodes 436 and Olson 102. But digging deeper into the numbers, look at the Long Valley precinct. The tally there was Duggan 56%, Rhodes 23% and Olson 21%. If all of Olson’s 102 votes were cast in Long Valley, and you figure, conservatively, Duggan, a Crowley resident like Olson, would have captured 60% of his supporters. In Swall Meadows, Duggan beat Rhodes 71% to 26%.

But then, this speaks to the divide within District 2, in the Tri-Valley area, Rhodes beat Duggan 72% to 27%.

As for national politics ... maybe I’ll first take a detour. The setting: A local coffee shop on Wednesday morning. I’m standing there idly waiting for a drink as I listen to two younger people chatter across a table, although it occurs to me later that one of them can be more aptly described as an aging hipster.

And one of them bemoans how expensive it is to be a rock climber, before a segue into how expensive Phish tickets are these days.

The other then alludes to his disappointment over Joe Biden’s remarkable comeback, because Biden doesn’t support “Medicare for all” like Bernie Sanders. He then mentions other aspects of Biden’s record he can’t stand, a record forged in a more bipartisan (i.e. functional) era.

Damn Biden, I thought. If a person has to pay for health care, how will they possibly be able to afford the $150 Phish tickets? I confirmed this by going on Vivid Seats. The cheapest two-day pass available to the concert at the Chase Center in San Francisco this July costs $300.

I would note that Phish, unlike its fans, appears to fully embrace capitalism.

As for President Trump, I’m sure everyone is very confident in his administration’s ability to manage the coronavirus outbreak. After all, Rush Limbaugh insists coronavirus is all a big hoax and not anymore serious than the common cold, and as Sheet reporter Zachary Hite blurted out in the office Thursday, “It only kills old people, so who cares?”

Well, if it kills this old guy Mr. Hite, you are out of a job.

Hmm. I wonder how Mr. Limbaugh, a lifelong smoker, developed lung cancer. Couldn’t have been the cigarettes ...

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As for Trump, every time I write something about him, his apologists leap to his defense. Pretty typically with half-baked arguments you might hear from a child. What I heard this week was that Trump’s pardoning of white collar criminals is justified (or at least forgivable) since, you know, Bill Clinton pardoned Marc Rich two decades ago.

The “he did it first” school of intellectual reasoning. Two wrongs don’t make a right.

And at least Clinton acknowledged after the fact that he had made a huge mistake. When was the last time Trump admitted a mistake?

Trump has lowered the bar in every respect. As I wrote to one gentleman this week, “I can’t think of another president in my lifetime who has demonstrated so little empathy or care or interest in the welfare of fellow human beings.”

As for Biden, his candidacy reminds me of Dole’s in 1996. This is his “floral mission.” And the mission is simple. Addition by subtraction. If he’s in, Trump’s not.

But he’s going to have to make a very keen vice-presidential selection, because I don’t think Joe has four years left in the tank.

But if you think Joe’s brain seems a bit fuzzy these days, well, who are we talking to? Twenty years ago, his first presidential campaign imploded due to a plagiarism scandal. He was lifting speeches from Neil Kinnock, the leader of the Labour Party in the U.K. Don’t hear much about that these days. 32 years ago? Modern history has a life span of one lunar cycle.

Hell, Biden went from also-ran to inevitable in 96 hours.

From the broken capitalism department comes this nugget courtesy of the February 19 issue of the Wall Street Journal. "Some Car Dealers Tell Buyers to Skip Paying Off Loans.”

The first few paragraphs tell the story: "Joyce Parks was struggling to afford her Kia Soul, when, she says, the dealership where she had bought it pitched her an unconventional idea: Stop making the payments.

Ms. Parks, 63 years old, says employees told her she couldn’t trade in the Soul, but she could buy another car. To get rid of the Soul, the dealership told her, she should have the lender repossess it.

The trade-in, where a buyer trades a car back to the dealership and uses it as credit toward another one, is often a crucial step in car buying. But some dealerships are telling buyers to give their old cars back to their lenders and then sell them new ones, in a practice known as “kicking the trade.”

When dealerships kick the trade, they typically get a lender to approve a loan for a buyer’s new vehicle. Next, the buyer goes home with two vehicles and two loans. Only then does the buyer ask the original lender to repossess the original car.

Why do dealers do this? Because dealerships apparently make more money these days arranging financing than they do actually selling vehicles.

As for Ms. Parks, within months her new vehicle was repossessed as well. Shockingly, she couldn’t afford the new car any more than the old one.

And yes, she’s suing. Of course she’s suing. Because she’s only 63 years old and doesn’t know any better.
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LETTERS

Regarding the Mammoth ice rink

Will Town Council ever grow up? Will they ever stop behaving like arrogant teen-agers with no concern for making mistakes? The Village without parking, $40 million airport litigation fiasco, NO funds for workforce housing since 2012; and now, a $13 million MUF that evolved into a CRC, that’s incomplete. The politicians are building a $13 million fabric tensile structure (tent) enclosing an expensive Olympic ice rink (we need an Olympic size ice rink?). The following major activities/items are NOT included in the $13 million bid: Additional parking area (Pending results of Mobility Hub Study); Mezzanine level; Stadium seating area; ADA lift; 2,500 sq. ft. community center with kitchen and storage; Summer Sport Court; Summer sports equipment. Folk will use the ice rink all winter. During the summer, the ice rink converts into a RecZone. We’ll be able to play indoor basketball, tennis, etc., only in the summer when those activities can be played outdoors anyway.

Our long held dream of a year-round skating facility (ice skating in winter, roller skating in summer) is gone. Our skating facility (ice skating in winter, outdoors anyway).

Will Town leadership ever grow up and listen to the people they represent? Oh, yes, we do get to participate... we pay the bills for their mistakes-

Sincerely,
Sharon Raven Clark

ELECTIONS
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484-469 with Deena Davenport Conway pulling 175 votes in a race that will likely result in a run-off.

District 5 Supervisor Matt Kingsley was re-elected in an uncontested race.

Mono County Supes

Mono County had three supervisor seats up for re-election with only one of those races contested.

Incumbents Bob Gardner (District 3) and John Peters (District 4) ran unopposed.

District 2 saw a close race between Rhonda Duggan, Joshua Rhodes, and write-in candidate Eric Olson. Duggan bested Rhodes 493-436, but Olson pulled enough votes so that Duggan failed to reach 50% plus 1. Duggan bested Rhodes 493-436, but Olson pulled enough votes so that Duggan fell about 42 votes short of the margin in Mono County and appears headed to defeat statewide.

The proposition would have allowed the state to sell $15 billion worth of bonds to fund school improvements.

Measure M

Mono's Measure M, School Bond Measure, didn’t pass by a margin of 212 in favor and 331 against.

Measure M would have allowed the Lone Pine School District to issue up to $14 million in bonds at a tax rate of 4.5 cents/$100 dollars until 2044-2045.

Measure F

Likewise, Measure F, aimed at funding the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, fell about 42 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to be approved. The Final tally was 1,040-584.

Prop 13

State Proposition 13 was defeated in both counties with close to a two-thirds margin of defeat in Inyo and an 800 vote margin in Mono County and appears headed to defeat statewide.

Clark claims no funding has been used for workforce housing since 2012. A point disputed and called a “false accusation” by Mayor Bill Sauser at a Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting on March 4, 2020...
Mammoth Lakes Town Council heard a presentation at its regular meeting Wednesday in Suite Z from a group called "Beacon Mammoth, Inc." regarding possible revenue sharing options to Town Council and staff. Reasons for this strategy include 'projects that are expected to bring in a lot of revenue,' or 'catalyst projects that leverage additional private investment,' and 'projects that further public policy goals.'

Kosmont & Associates advised caution with this strategy by saying, "Beacon Group is asking for something we need to know why the private market won’t facilitate the development of a project." The Beacon Group believes its project fits the bill. Why?

The specs of the project are grand. It would be a 750,000-square foot development that includes 20,000-square feet dedicated to a restaurant space, public plaza and covered terraces. Also in the plan: - 554 guest rooms - 755 parking spaces - 14,000 square feet of conference space - 5 first class food and beverage establishments - 11,000 square feet of health and wellness facilities - 40,000 square feet of open plaza - 65,000 square feet of retail - A new pedestrian bridge adjacent to the Village gondola.

Beacon Mammoth, Inc. was asking Council if it would meet to discuss the possibility of a developer agreement leading to possible revenue sharing. "This precedent has the potential to alter the way prospective developers look at Mammoth, for better or worse," said Mayor Pro-Tem Lynda Salcido.

Due to no action being taken besides approval of the double density program on Wednesday, it was passed 5-0 with nearly the exact same rules as presented to the Planning and Economic Development Commission two weeks ago. Developers, as part of the application process, can ask for up to double density for their projects so long as they deed-restrict a certain percentage of the additional units.

The percentage varies according to a point system that uses original zoning density as a baseline combined with additional units requested as inputs to give a number of points (between 0-100) that the developer needs to receive.

The more points required, the higher percentage of units that need to be deed-restricted. Developers can choose a level (low, middle, high, or occupancy-restricted) and deed-restrict whatever percentage is necessary to get the points required. In general the lower the AMI serviced, the fewer deed-restrictions.

The only public comment came from developer John Hooper, who started off by asking how long the restriction would last. Town staff responded by telling Hooper "55 years." Hooper then applauded Town Council and staff on their efforts to solve a problem that needed addressing. He also commented on the specific incentives of the rounding mechanism used when percentages are applied.

Hooper used an example of a development project he is currently working on. It was zoned for 4 units and Hooper wanted two more. The rounding mechanism always rounded up so Hooper was required to deed-restrict three homes (2.4 rounded up with the 40% low-income requirement). Because he would have to deed-restrict three homes out of his six, the double density program would actually lower the amount of market-rate units Hooper could develop (from 4 to 3).

This was quickly ironed out as they changed the rounding rule to traditional rounding (.49 or below goes down, .5 goes up). Regardless, the Town passed the double density program with the hope developers might be incentivized to start building more workforce/affordable housing.

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FUNDRAISING DREAM
Matt McClain, of Mammoth Lakes Recreation, briefs council on how they are planning on raising money for the new community recreation center (CRC)

By Hite

As promised last month, Matt McClain, the Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Recreation, appeared at Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting on Wednesday, March 4, to present the fundraising strategy for the new community recreation center (CRC) as the project moves toward the development stage.

The CRC is essentially an Olympic-sized ice-rink that will be converted into three full-sized basketball courts in the summer to provide recreation programs during the summer months. In order to come in below the $13 million threshold that Council set, Mammoth Lakes Recreation and the Town’s recreation department decided to use a “sprung-structure” which is a large, durable tent, similar to the smaller structures at the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport and at the base of Eagle Lodge.

The project, set to be completed during the summer of 2022, has been met with criticism and questions from the community and pessimism from Town Council.

Councilmember Kirk Stapp wants the project to be completed correctly and wants it to be something Mammoth Lakes is proud of, but has consistently questioned the Town’s priorities and wonders where this project fits in the hierarchy of attention.

Councilmember Cledahl Hoff told those involved with the project, “Don’t come here asking for more money because we are maxed out.”

Still, the project moves forward while McClain and others involved with the project such as Stu Brown, the Town’s Recreation Manager, believe the goal is within reach as they continue with their plan.

McClain outlined the fundraising plan and started by listing the goals. “Raise $1 million in incremental funding. Raise as much money as possible from outside the area. Use local fundraising channels for the ‘last mile.’ And as much as possible try to solicit ‘unrestricted’ donations.”

The project is currently billed for the aforementioned $13 million cap set by Town Council. This would mean $1 million from the General Fund, $4 million from Measure R, $1.5 million from Measure U, some development fees waived, and over $5 million (already solicited, on which the Town is paying interest) in bonds. None of the spending is concrete until developer bids come in next month. Bids are scheduled to be opened on April 3.

McClain told Council that “fundraising is not so much a science as it is an art,” and referenced the process of building Mammoth Ice Rink as a story to be told to prospective stakeholders.

“We need to find an audience eager to listen and make them a part of that story,” McClain said. “Their passions should be manifested in this project.”

That means going to organizations throughout the country as well as California that have a relationship to what the ice rink will accomplish.

That could mean a group dedicated to youth sports, or people passionate about skating/hockey/recreation in general.

The strategy is to start with donors willing to give more than $5,000 through fundraising events, donor matching, and asking for family foundations for a contribution. Then McClain and others will begin to explore corporate sponsorships, grants, and partnerships where they could give out naming rights to different amenities in exchange for donations.

Amenities in this case could include the rights to have a sponsor or a single name on the bleachers, or the rink itself, or even a bathroom … really anything that could be pawned off.

For the “last mile” fundraising efforts will be targeted at really anyone who might donate. Donations would be anywhere from $5-$4,999, and this will be achieved through word-of-mouth, peer-to-peer networking, or even selling merchandising.

According to McClain, the fundraising will begin with a kickoff event to spread awareness that this is actually happening. That will be sometime this spring/early summer. At that point, MLR and the Town will begin distributing proposals, organizing events and receiving donations and by winter this year they will begin the media tour.

Partnerships will be announced spring of 2021 with the end goal of a ribbon cutting in the summer of 2022.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on February 12, 2020. File Number 20-033
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Matthew Avery
449 Sierra Manor Road, P.O. Box 9020 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
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I see this as kind of a very unusual, insidious disease," Boo said, "It seems to able to circulate without being detected.

Currently there haven’t been any reported cases in Mono or Inyo counties, but according to Boo, that’s going to change. "I do think it’s going to come, I just don’t know when," he told The Sheet.

In the days since the virus first grabbed public attention, Boo has met with stakeholders in the area to discuss plans moving forward, including representatives from Mammoth Mountain, Jennifer Wildman, Superintendent of Mammoth Unified School District, and Town Manager Dan Holler, among others.

Boo mentioned that there have already been presentations done in the schools that focus on hygiene (hand washing, not touching ones face, etc.) and encouraging students to stay home if they do become sick.

There are plans in the works to have public outreach meetings in conjunction with the stakeholders to address community concerns. Boo acknowledged the tricky situation posed by hosting larger public gatherings during a disease outbreak but stressed the importance of giving the community a chance to ask questions and gain information in times like these.

In terms of symptoms, Boo referred to a paper published in the New England Journal of Medicine on February 28, written by doctors in China, about the variability in symptoms in different cases of coronavirus. Boo explained that in public health and healthcare, there’s a tendency to rely on "case definitions" of diseases; in cases of coronavirus, symptoms can range from nearly nothing at all to severe respiratory issues and fever.

Add to that an extended incubation period and somewhat particular testing requirements and the disease can be extremely difficult for health officials to track.

In terms of the local economy, the outbreak is very much a double edged sword that has marketers and business owners considering a tightrope act of sorts.

For some larger events that bring people to town, the dates are still far enough away that organizers aren’t as worried about the impacts that the outbreak might have. Jim Vanko with Blue-sapalooza told The Sheet that while the organizers are aware of the outbreak, no plans have been made yet with coronavirus in mind.

Over at Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Communications director Lara Kaylor has been keeping an eye on the situation and speaking with other stakeholders, like Dr. Boo. Kaylor is a member of Eastern Sierra Public Information Officer’s Group, which held a meeting Thursday to discuss response to the outbreak across the spectrum of public information.

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As stewards of the almost 315,000 acres of land, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is committed to continue implementing conservation actions in support of maintaining and improving habitat and success of the Greater Sage-Grouse. Our goal is to employ best management practices for land and water uses while protecting water quality, habitat, and biodiversity.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to ensure protection for the Greater Sage-Grouse.
A "I personally don’t believe this is as crazy of a health threat (in terms of mortality) as other people do," Ledesma began, noting "From a business standpoint, this has the potential to be absolutely devastating, not just for Mammoth Lakes."

Ledesma also brought up the question of the supply of hygiene products in town (hand sanitizer, soap, face-masks, etc.), ultimately asking "Do we have a plan here in Mammoth?"

Mammoth Mountain representative Eric Clark told the board that plans for a $13 million renovation at the Westin hotel scheduled for April had been already been delayed over supply problems with Chinese manufacturers.

TRUJILLO FACES CHARGES IN SHOOTING AT SHELL

Brandee Trujillo of Los Lunas, New Mexico, was held to answer today on multiple felony charges following a preliminary hearing in Inyo County Superior Court. The charges all arose out of the January 6, 2020 shooting incident at the Shell Wye Mart in Bishop.

At the preliminary hearing, Presiding Superior Court Judge Brian Lamb considered evidence presented by the District Attorney’s office and found that there was reasonable and probable cause to hold Ms. Trujillo for trial on charges of Attempted Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Carjacking, Attempted Robbery, Attempted Carjacking, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The Court also found reasonable and probable cause to believe that Ms. Trujillo was personally armed with, and discharged, a firearm in the course of the offenses.

If convicted of all charges and enhancements, Ms. Trujillo could be facing as much as 20 years to life in state prison.

The evidence presented at the preliminary hearing was the testimony of investigating officers from the Bishop Police Department. Deputy District Attorney David Christensen represented the People at today’s hearing, and has been assigned as the lead prosecutor in the case.

Bail in the case remains set at $500,000.00. Trujillo will be arraigned on a felony Information (the formal charging document) on March 17, 2020.

As in any criminal case, Ms. Trujillo is presumed to be innocent until the charges are proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial. The burden of proof at a preliminary hearing (reasonable and probable cause) is substantially lower than the proof beyond a reasonable doubt required to convict a defendant at trial.

-Press Release

CONSTELLATIONS
by Nick Payne

TWO NIGHTS ONLY!
Monday, March 16 @ 7pm
Tuesday, March 17 @ 7pm

At The Edison Theater
Tickets $20, Children $10
SierraClassicTheatre.org

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"I stopped at several stores (Vons, Smart and Final, Dwayne’s Friendly Pharmacy, Grocery Outlet and Rite Aid) on Monday evening, that would stock popular coronavirus-related items, such as hand sanitizer, hand soap, bottled water, masks, rice, beans, gloves, soups (canned), noodle soups, and Kleenex.

The first stop was Vons. I noticed the lack of travel size hand sanitizers and soaps.

When I walked towards the bakery, near the antibacterial hand wipes I managed to find brands like Wet Ones and Signature Select in stock on Tuesday, March 3rd.

The Kleenex was nearly gone and the toilet paper shelves looked a little empty.

Water, soup, and vegetables were all slightly low but nothing out of the ordinary. Interestingly enough, the cookies and brownie mix were completely gone. Hmm.

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RABBI OF THE MOUNTAINS

Rabbi Yisroel Gordon recently established the first Jewish center on the Eastside

By Hite

For the first time, maybe ever, Mammoth Lakes will have a Rabbi living here supporting the Jewish community and spreading kindness to anyone who needs it.

Rabbi Yisroel Gordon recently moved here with his wife Mushky Gordon to open up a Jewish Center not just for Mammoth Lakes but anyone in Mono or Inyo county that is interested in the services offered. Rabbi Yisroel grew up in Melbourne, Australia, while Mushky is originally from Connecticut. He came to Mammoth Lakes last December to check out the area and moved here on Tuesday, March 3 all the way from Brooklyn, New York.

“The people here are really nice. We have met so many of them already,” Rabbi Yisroel said in a conversation with The Sheet. “We are here to serve the Jewish community here that is currently under-served. There is no infrastructure available for this growing community.”

Working with the Jewish organization Chabad, Rabbi Yisroel and his wife in touch with Rabbi Shlomo Cunin, the director of Chabad-Lubavitch of California, who was aware of the lack of a Jewish presence in Mammoth Lakes. Rabbi Mendel Cunin, based out of Reno, previously was the only Rabbi doing services in the area. Occasionally, students of the Torah would come through the Eastern Sierra doing outreach work/simply spreading the kindness learned through their study. But no permanent Rabbi. Until now.

The Chabad movement that Rabbi Yisroel is a part of was started by Lubavitcher Rebbe, who moved to America in 1942 with a group of Jews who survived the Holocaust. Known for his perfect memory and often cited as one of the most influential Jews of the 20th century, Rebbe believed the Jewish infrastructure that was previously in Europe could be replicated in America. Now there are almost 5,000 Chabad centers around the world with nearly 3,000 located in North America.

According to Mushky Gordon, “It is encouraged for young families to move to smaller places to help Jews with any religious services they might need.” When asked about moving to this small town in the Eastern Sierra, Rabbi Yosriel responded with a huge smile, “We are very excited,” before his wife chimed in, “This is our lifelong dream to do this. Our parents did similar outreach when we were younger so this is very exciting.”

Rabbi Yisroel also said, “We are not just here for the Jewish community. We want to spread good and kindness to the general community and teach people about the seven laws that God gave to mankind. We believe when we do enough good, the Moshiach (Messiah), the final redeemer, will come to Earth. There will be no more death, evil, or crime and all weapons of war will be turned to agriculture.”

The Sheet then switched gears and asked if either Rabbi Yisroel or Mushky had ever skied. They both laughed and Mushky said she had when she was younger while Rabbi Yisroel replied, “I haven’t had time to ski. I plan on skiing and meeting locals on the mountain.”

They just moved here, so they are currently operating out of their house located at 2113 Meridian Blvd. Apartment #183 but plan on moving the Center to an official location further down the line.

They have big goals such as weekly Chabad services, offering a kosher food supply to the community here, hosting Jewish education classes for anyone to attend. They will have holiday services and will offer anything that people may need whether that be a Jewish person or any local or tourists interested in their services.

The first event, also in the weekly calendar, will be a Purim masquerade party on Tuesday, March 10 from 6-9 p.m. at the Best Western on 3228 Main Street. Additionally there will be a Megilla reading and light breakfast at their home on March 9 at 7:15 p.m.

For more information and updates on the activities provided, you can check out their website at Chabadmammoth.com or their facebook page titled “Chabad of Mammoth Lakes” and for general questions you can email info@chabadmammoth.com
MLT BOARD APPROVES ‘20-‘21 STRATEGY

Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s budget for FY 2020-2021 seeks to eliminate the “peaks and valleys” trend of visitation to the town and enact a degree of positive change to what they see as an area of improvement for the community.

MLT’s Executive Director John Urdi laid out the non-governmental organization’s [NGO] strategy for the coming year with a focus on three key goals:
1. Stewardship & Sustainable Tourism
2. Midweek Winter Visitation
3. Shoulder Season Visitation

Urdi began by referencing a standing goal of reaching 10 months in a year with over $1 million in transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue generated for the town, noting that this goal was a factor in determining MLT’s goals for the coming fiscal year, particularly those focused on driving revenue during less busy periods.

A facet of that plan is to work to “ease off the pedal” a bit more during peak months like July and August. Urdi expressed concern that there may be too much visitation during those time and proposed making efforts to potentially reduce the number of people coming to town, such as increasing prices.

“If we’re seeing we have that many people coming, we should be charging more for the product.”

Paired with that proposed reduction in visitation was an effort to promote sustainable tourism practices and increased stewardship for the land. Urdi expressed a desire to bring the community into the conversation on stewardship, stressing the need to promote a “culture of caring for our community, culture and surroundings.” If our place gets compromised, Urdi said, “we’re in trouble.”

He explained that Carl Ribaudo, president of SMG Consulting and a tourism marketing consultant for Mammoth Lakes based out of South Lake Tahoe, had felt as though “our community didn’t have the sense of pride, the sense of stewardship that even South Lake Tahoe had with their community.”

“He just didn’t feel like it was ingrained in the people who live here,” Urdi said, “that this is our place to take care of.”

The second component of MLT’s strategy, midweek winter visitation, was something Urdi referred to as an “age-old issue in ski towns.”

“If we’re going to become a destination resort,” he said, “we have to be working on making sure these midweek days are filled.”

Urdi suggested creating more package deals with lodging, such as pairing dining or rental credit with bookings to incentivize more travelers to make the trek to Mammoth Lakes. In addition, increasing consistent air service would give travelers the confidence to book in advance and for a longer stay rather than worrying about being able to depart or arrive on time.

In response to low attendance from the lodging community at an MLT-sponsored mixer this past Tuesday night, Urdi proposed incentivizing business participation by offering gift card packages to those who attend.

The final component of MLT’s plan is pushing shoulder season visitation, something Urdi hopes to accomplish by reducing the marketing emphasis on summer and spending more aggressively for the fall. He termed the shift for the summer “maintenance marketing,” enough to maintain a presence but not push the area very hard.

The board voted unanimously to approve the plan, which will be presented to Town Council for their approval during a meeting in April.
calendar of events

BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill.
Happy hour 3-6 p.m. Sundays = Locals Appreciation Night with all night happy hour. More info: See ad p. 11
Austria Hof Happy Hour
4-6:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs/4-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. See ad p. 4
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.
Morris’s Happy Hour 5-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the bar.
Mammoth Rock ‘N Bowl
DJ 9:00 p.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m.
Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour: 4 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. More info: see ad p. 13
Petra’s happy hour. 5-6 p.m. Signature cocktails, special menu. More info: see ad p. 12
Roberto’s Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily.
The Public House Local Mondays (all local beers $5 a pint).
Famous Slocums 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. pizza & pitcher of beer = free wings.
Shelter Distilling Open 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. daily. Happy Hour - Half off all drinks Mon.-Thurs. 2-4 p.m.
Taco Tuesday 50% off Blue Agave Cocktails + $3 Tacos. More info: See ad p. 12
Side Door Café & Wine Bar. Happy Hour: 3-6 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. Biblical Handcrafted Foods Daily Happy Hour 5-6 p.m. $5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates.
Devils Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 4-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
Location: Industrial Park, 123 Commerce Dr.
53 Kitchen & Cocktails happy hour daily from 4-5 p.m. $4 8 eats, $3-6 drink specials
Black Velvet Coffee happy hour 4-6, Wednesday on Wednesdays.
Rafters 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 4-5:30 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks and wine. App specials
March 6-7/
June Lake Winter Jam @ T-Bar Social Club in June Lake. Two nights of music featuring Hemspiring Orchestra on Friday and Groove Session on Saturday. Tix: $20 each night. Info: 760.914.2909
Saturday, March 7/
Eastern Sierra Comedy Presents Tim Hanson and Matt Bellak from the Dope City Comedy Tour @ Mammoth Brewing Co. They have been featured on Hulu and Amazon Prime. Tix: Saturday: $9-11 p.m.
DJ Chips plays Mountain Rambler Brewing in Bishop. Time: 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10/
Trivia Tuesday @ Mammoth Brewing Company. Time: 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11/
Local Wednesdays featuring live music @ Shelter Distillery. $10 cocktails and $5 beers while the music plays. Buy a bottle, Get a cocktail.

BARS & MUSIC

Thursday, March 12/
Mike McGuire plays Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 8-10 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, March 7/
Full Moon Snowshoe Tour @ Tamarack. Depart the Ski Center at 7 p.m. for a 1.5-hour guided tour, then gather for dessert and hot drinks in front of the fireplace back at Tamarack Lodge. Rentals included. Space limited. For reservations, call 860.626.6684
Lone Pine Early Opener Trout Derby @ Diaz Lake. Sign up from 6-8 a.m. derby starts 6:30 a.m and goes until weigh-in at 3 p.m. Prizes for adults, juniors up to 15 and kids 12 and under who catch a fish. $10 admission, kids 11 and under free. Info: call 760.876.4444 or email info@lonepinechamber.org
Woolly’s Saturday Parade @ the Village at Mammoth. Join Woolly and friends for music, face-painting, a dance party, and parade through The Village Plaza. Time: 3:45 p.m.
Tahoe Film Festival Road Tour. Two screenings at the Edison in Mammoth at 5 and 7:30 p.m. More info: See ad p. 3
Bob Todd Celebration of Life @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Starts 1 p.m.
Tai Chi meets outside Bishop Senior Center on Spruce Street behind the Bishop City Park. Time: 10 a.m. - noon
Film History in The Alabama Hills. This walk covers an area that includes locations from memorable films such as Gunga Din, Terrors, and Django Unchained. Where: Meet at the Arch Loop Trail Parking. Bring water. Info: Dave Kirk, 760.872.5000 or John Kelly, 760.872.1220.
Locals Fly Free @ Wakeful Ascent Studio, Bishop. Try aerial silks, hoop, and trapeze for free! Includes a mini-lesson and free play. Ages 6-adults. Time: 1-4 p.m.
Bishop Future Farmers of America AgAdventure @ FFA Farm, Bishop. Come out and enjoy the school farm and meet the FFA students who learn there. Some baby animals and participate in hands-on farm activities. Altrusa will be giving a free book to every child in attendance. Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 7-8/
Unbound Series: Slopestyle/Halfpipe
The final installment of the Unbound Series in the 2019-2020 season. Enter for a chance to qualify for the USA National Championships. Registration runs from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard Team Headquarters. Info: contact Ben Wisner at 760.934.2571 x3144 or Wisner@MammothResorts.com
March 9-11 /
Bishop Community Blood Drive Support BUHS and get a free tshirt when you donate blood. Donate at the Bronco Student Center. More info or to schedule a donation, call 866-987-0598 or go to www.bloodhero.com and use the sponsor code: Bishop.
**NEWS**

**TOWN STUFF**

Monday, March 9/ The Planning Commission meets in the City Council Chambers. Time: 6 p.m. 

Mono County Democrats meet at the Starbucks on Main Street, Mammoth Lakes. Learn more about the current election cycle. All are welcome, regardless of membership status. Time: 5-8 p.m. 

Tuesday, March 10/ The Geology of Separation lecture @ White Mountain Research Center, Bishop. A lecture on tectonic plate activity in the area and how it affects the mountains. Limited seating. Time: 7-9 p.m. 3000 East Line St. 

Bishop Chamber of Commerce meets @ Alta One Federal Credit Union. Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m. 

Mono County Board of Supervisors meets at the Bridgeport Courthouse. Time: 9 a.m. 

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Mammoth Lakes Recreation meets in Suite Z. Time: 5 p.m. 

Bridgeport Valley RPC meets at the Twin Lakes Annex Conference Room. Time: 5 p.m. 

Purim Masquerade Party @ Bishop Art Council. Time: 6-10 p.m. 

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**MOUNTAIN NEWS**

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Monday, March 9/ **Closures**

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For more information, contact: Bill Deane, LADWP 760.873.2283.
Help Wanted

Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is accepting resumes for Full-TIME & PT positions. Pay starting at $18/hour. Apply at vacasa.com/careers.

Mammoth Community Water District's Operations Department is currently recruiting for one permanent Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator position in the Wastewater Treatment Division. FOR AP-PLICATION INFORMATION/TO APPLY: Please visit the district website www.mcdw.dst.ca.us/employment.html.

Mammoth Taxi is accepting resumes for experienced drivers with great customer service skills and a clean driving record. We are also looking for office staff for the right person with great organizational skills and customer service background. Please inquire with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com.

Vaca's is hiring full and part-time housekeepers in Mammoth Lakes/June Lake with pay starting at $18/hour. Apply at vacasa.com/careers.

Mammoth Chevron Seeking experienced cashier/customer service associate. Must be honest, personable and enjoy making customers smile! Day and evening shifts available. $17.50+ per hour starting pay & vacation benefits for qualified individuals. Apply in person.

Mammoth Ski & Racquet Club office Hiring now. Looking for a full time office assistant. Must work on Holidays, all weekends, and be able to rotate days. Apply in person.

The Alpenhof Lodge is accepting applications for Front Desk & part-time, year-round and seasonal positions. Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays. Front desk duties and evening positions are available as well as housekeeping positions. Please apply in person at 6080 Minaret Rd, Mammoth Lakes.

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Field Services Technician I ($4,896-5,951 per month, DOQ). The fully experienced, journey-level class of the series.

Field Services Technician II ($5,408-6,573 per month, DOQ). The fully experienced, journey-level class of the series.

Help Wanted. We are expanding! New jobs in all departments. Great crew and great products. Perks including ski passes, Alpine Approach and Mammoth Mountain lesson and equipment rentals available. Apply in person.

Elvis Superfood & Juice is hiring Service/ Kitchen Team members. Benefits include deli and garnet in a fun and energetic work environment. Apply in person or online at www.elvisjuice.com/careers.

White Mountain Fire Protection District is in need of a Grant Writer!! WMFPD is currently seeking an individual with desire and experience that can focus on several upcoming grant opportunities for our district and community. USAIDs, California Grant, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and Supporting and Improving Rural Fire Needs (SIREN) Grant are but a few we would like to pursue. If you have any interest or just want to talk to us about how you could help, please contact us, facebook page "White Mountain Fire Department" or call 760-933-2252

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Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is currently hiring for a number of Full-TIME & PT positions. This is a Full Time Position (Monday through Friday). This position offers vacation accrual, holidays and health benefits. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-934-3625 or leave a message at the store located by the 1401 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be e-mailed to mammadthspaaol.com.

Vacation rental company seeks PT (w/ benefits or PT) local maintenance techs ($20/h) and housekeepers (great piece rate, we have a lot of clients!) Must be a team player and have great attitude. Email: recruiting@livefastlodging.com to apply.

Manager Trainee, La Residence con-verts $100 for 4 days/week, 8 hours. Snow removal, maintenance, Jacuzzi, etc. Must have own living accommodations. Responsibilities will include single candidates call Scott at 760-934-3939 Or Wayne at 760-934-4900. The position is seeking PT/FT help. Fun place to work, especially if you’re into clothes and fashion. Stop by the store on Old Mammoth Road for an application, 760-924-7727.

Here we Go Again... Insurance Scouts Insurance Agency in Mammoth continues to grow we are looking for our next team member. We are hiring for: Customer Support & Insurance Processor Email: careers@insurance-scouts.com. File: Full Time or Part Time.

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https://www.insurance-scouts.com/careers

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Noodle-Ly is hiring for experienced day- time wait staff. Dishwashers, bus persons, prep and line cook, all shifts. 437 Old Mammoth Rd.

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About You:
We are a team of people helping people. Our independent insurance business is based on the relationships we build within our Team, our clients, potential clients, our community and the companies we work with. As an independent insurance agency, we work for our clients, not one insurance company.

A successful insurance experience is required. We will train and educate the successful candidate. However, having previous experience working within the insurance industry is a bonus.

Wages and Compensation:
We offer competitive wages depending on experience (Hourly $14.00 to $18.00).

Help Wanted

If you have a license, bonuses for perfor- mance are offered.

How to Apply:
To learn more about this position visit our Team Page to Apply:
https://www.insurance-scouts.com/careers

More information and application materials for this position can be submitted by March 9, 2020, 4:00 pm. Only electronic submissions through the website will be accepted.

Noodle-Ly is hiring for experienced day- time wait staff. Dishwashers, bus persons, prep and line cook, all shifts. 437 Old Mammoth Rd.

Help Wanted

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa receptionist/technician position. This is a Full Time Position (Monday through Friday). This position offers vacation accrual, health and personal holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Please call 760-934-3625 or leave a message at the store located at 1401 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be e-mailed to mammothshop@aol.com.

Vacation rental company seeks PT (w/ benefits or PT) local maintenance techs ($20/h) and housekeepers (great piece rate, we have a lot of clients!) Must be a team player and have great attitude. Email: recruiting@livefastlodging.com to apply.
Plan and specifications may be obtained for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

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To order the plans and specifications by telephone call (760) 965-3657. Upon request at Town Hall or online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The Contractor shall have a valid Class C or C-27 Contractor license and a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required bonds, including but not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by him/her, shall comply with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid. The Contractor will be awarded to the successful bidder on March 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder on the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in their bids.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. The general prevailing wage rates have been determined in accordance with California Code Section 1725 of the Labor Code, and the general prevailing wage rates shall be used in determining the applicable Labor Code. There are no labor compliance provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of prevailing rates to all workers employed by the Contractor and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the California Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of registration. This project, as proposed, is not fundable.

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**HOROSCOPES**

**Pisces:** The Stars are reporting that this next year of your life is looking very promising. So it looks like you need to be prepared for lots of new opportunities and you’ll need the guts to take advantage of them. That’s why your words of wisdom will come from fellow Pisceans, our first President, George Washington: “Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages.”

**Aries:** There is a theory that skiing, or snowboarding are the perfect family sports. That’s because instead of cheering from the sideline, parents can actually participate with their kids. Plus there’s the downtime together on the lift and you’ll need the guts to take advantage of this. That’s why your words of wisdom will come from fellow Aries, Bob Todd. Like most Leos, Bobbbo could do just about anything well, had a great memory, a terrific sense of humor and can laugh easily, and sometimes at nothing. D) From e.e. cummings, “The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.”

**Leo:** This weekend the Eastern Sierra will celebrate the life of fellow Leo, Bob Todd. Like most Leos, Bobbo could do just about anything well, had a great memory, a terrific sense of humor and can laugh easily, and sometimes at nothing. D) From e.e. cummings, “The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.”

**Virgo:** In Franklin’s Tower there hangs a bell. It can ring, turn night to day. It can ring like fire if you lose your way. With Virgos it’s created, Clouds says it’s a little bit of both. While Scorpios are passionate and stubborn enough to make any love last, it’s a bit easier and more natural with Cancers, Virgos and Pisces. It’s also easier when Scorpios accept that they really agree with this line from Robert Frost, “Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.”

**Scorpio:** Clouds is a big fan of sex especially with smellfunguses. Enjoy alone time. And set boundaries, to respond instead of simply react to life. Here are some things that can help. Try to make any love last, it’s a bit easier and more natural with Cancers, Virgos and Pisces. It’s also easier when Scorpios accept that they really agree with this line from Robert Frost, “Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.”

**Libra:** Just like a car full of gas, we really only have so much energy to get us through each day. That’s why we shouldn’t waste so much of it on idle worry. Instead, we should waste it on daydreaming, on being kind and on doing enjoyable things while naked. That’s also why your new philosophy is to use your energy like you’re a Pruis and not a Land Rover.

**Sagittarius:** There are a lot of theories on love. Some say it’s found, some say it’s created, Clouds says it’s a little bit of both. While Scorpios are passionate and stubborn enough to make any love last, it’s a bit easier and more natural with Cancers, Virgos and Pisces. It’s also easier when Scorpios accept that they really agree with this line from Robert Frost, “Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.”

**Capricorn:** Caps are known for being straight shooters and not just at the gun range or the pool hall. While this often serves you well, it also sometimes creates challenges when it bruises feelings or egos. Since scars are sexier than bruises, try being more careful with your words, since life doesn’t come with autocorrect and you can’t just say, “Hey autocorrect, I wasn’t saying duck.”

**Aquarius:** A big part of life for most of us involves healing. Either we spend time trying to heal from physical and emotional challenges in life or we put energy into avoiding doing so. While the latter is more popular and explains the success of things like beer and Netflix, the former isn’t as hard as we think it is. Here are some things that can help. Try to respond instead of simply react to life. Enjoy alone time. And set boundaries, especially with smellfunguses.

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**PERSONALS**

I saw you ... spent $500 million to win American Samoa. Short-sighted. If you had given $500 million to the Boston Red Sox so they could sign Mookie Betts, you would have won Maine and Massachusetts on Super Tuesday. I saw you ... are gearing up for March Madness. What would it take for me to plant my #1 seed in your bracket?
*Youth in Revolt* by C.D. Payne (1993) is definitely weird and out there. It is the diary of a fictional 14-year old named Nick Twisp. Twisp has above-average intelligence, his parents are divorced, he goes to school in Oakland, has a friend named Lefty, and lives with his mother who cycles through boyfriends nearly every other week.

Twisp seems normal … at first. But then, Twisp starts veering off course, committing minor offenses such as spying on his friend Lefty having sex, or faking Lefty's death, but eventually Twisp evolves past tormenting Lefty into self-torment in the form of girls - namely Sheeni.

Twisp's mom and current boyfriend, Jerry visit a mobile home park in Clearlake, California where he meets the love of his life, Sheeni, a 14-year old girl who commands Twisp's attention and becomes the reason behind every future decision, no matter how reckless.

Payne does this in a way that is hard to properly describe. While reading the story it feels like it builds and connects in a logical manner, but when you recount the words you just read you are forced to use some insane explanation describing the chain of events.

Here is an example of roughly 50 pages of the book as retold in my own words: 'Twisp and his buddies, Fuzzy and Vijay, steal Fuzzy's grandmother's car to drive to an all-French school in Santa Cruz to visit Sheeni and her friends as all three boys hope they can get laid. They sneak into the all-girls dorm and attempt to stay the night. They are caught at midnight by the head of the school and are forced to drive home. They run out of money, hitch a ride with an Indian cab driver Vijay knows, steal Twisp's mom's tv and pay the cabbie with it, then catch a bus to Ukiah. They blame a local jock for the grand theft auto and he ends up getting community service for the crime. Oh, and the cabbie that got paid with the TV gets thrown in jail as well for robbing Twisp's mom's house. " All three boys walk away unscathed and ultimately unbothered by the previous events while the absurdity of the situation is nearly lost due to their indifference.

Payne writes the book in journal format (Nick Twisp's journal) and the constant jumping from thought to action to unrelated thought properly paints the sporadic nature of being a teenager. Payne makes Twisp smart and an aspiring writer so it always feels real despite the robust creativity that Twisp possesses. And Payne even utilizes a type of tunnel vision owned by his main character. The goal of Sheeni is really all that ever matters and every ancillary action is simply a backdrop to Twisp's idolization of Sheeni. Arrest-warrants, faking a move to India, millions of dollars of fire damage, and lying to every person he meets don't even register on Twisp's emotional richter scale.

This was Payne's first book and it became a huge success. Payne wrote 10 total books about Twisp (Youth in Revolt covers the first three). The first book was turned into a play and even a movie of the same name starring Michael Cera. The coming of age story of Nick Twisp is worth a read for anyone who wants a glimpse into being a teenager and/ or anyone who loves stories of a horny teenager trying to get laid.
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