It’s said that all good things must come to an end. While that end isn’t entirely decided at this point for Mono and Inyo counties’ Covid-19 guidelines, the outlook is decidedly bleak.

Inyo County managed to stay in the Orange tier of state guidelines for the immediate future after worries last week that an increase in cases might cause a change in tier; at the time, the county had experienced a recent spike in cases.

Inyo County has 27 active cases of Covid-19 as of Thursday morning with 94 tests still pending. 23 of those cases are in northern Inyo County with the remaining 4 in the southern part of the county.

A press release issued by Inyo County on Wednesday afternoon indicated that during the October 18-24 timeframe, the county had 13 cases. This decreased Inyo’s case rate to 10.1/100,000, down from the previous week’s rate of 12.4. Smaller counties can remain in the Orange tier if the case rate is 14 or fewer per week. The positivity rate was 4.5%. While both of these numbers keep the county in a less-restrictive tier, officials urge diligence and compliance with guidelines in order to keep things as open as possible.

The same cannot be said for Mono County.

Through late October, Mono County had maintained a consistently low number of positive Covid-19 tests since a large spike in July. That began to change on October 21, when an outbreak was identified within the county. The source: The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center north of Bridgeport. Mono County Public Health Officer Tom Boo reported at Tuesday’s Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting that 60 positive cases had been identified on the base as of Monday. Public Health Director Lynda Salcido reported a total of 75 cases at Wednesday’s Mammoth Lakes Tourism meeting.

Boo explained that the county has no public health authority or contact tracing ability at the base; the base administers and sends out its own tests on a routine basis. He did say the outbreak has been traced to an incoming Marine battalion from North Carolina that had seen Covid-19 activity prior to arrival in California. Supervisor John Peters added that prior to the arrival of the battalion, consisting of 1,700 soldiers, the Mountain Warfare Training Center had not had any outbreaks.

“I do not think that the case numbers will be high enough to warrant tier movement,” Boo told the supervisors, “but our percent positivity rate might be high enough.” He noted that if
NAP TIME

From the post-election issue 2016:

“Ever since Wednesday morning, every time I show up at the office there’s [Sarah] Rea, eyes red, spontaneously bawling over Clinton’s electoral defeat. On Thursday morning, on my way into the office, she texted me to ask if I could bring her a green smoothie from Stellar Brew. Shouldn’t you make it a red smoothie in honor of the President-Elect? I texted back. You know, they produce some fairly obscene emojis these days . . .”

What a difference four years make. It looks like Trump has been voted out and Ms. Rea not only left The Sheet, but got into politics, and won a seat on the Mammoth Town Council.

Perhaps what we can look forward to then, is gridlock, but without all the noise, the race-baiting, the cozying up to Putin. There may even be days where we don’t think about who’s President. Sleepy Joe may provide the nap we all need.

Bet you Donald Trump wishes he hadn’t trashed Sen. John McCain for the past five years. McCain is certainly looking down on this election somewhere with a wry grin. What if Arizona represents the difference between a win and a loss?

If Biden is ultimately declared the victor, he’ll be the first President since Bush I who’s not a Baby Boomer. The boomers have held the presidency for 28 years (Clinton, Bush II, Obama, Trump). But it’s pretty sad the nation had to skew older to find a leader. The Silent Generation, of which Biden is a part, has never elected a president. Neither has Generation X (1965-1980). Some speculate Biden won’t last four years in office and Generation X might get its first president the old-fashioned way - by heredity (Kamala Harris).

What’s also interesting (at least to me) is that Millennials overtook Boomers as the greatest share of U.S. population last year, and overall, Millennials plus Gen Z outnumber Boomers plus Gen X by 42.5% to 41%.

So what has occurred while the Boomers have occupied the White House? Well, they’ve presided over an absolute tectonic shift when it comes to wealth distribution and income inequality. Consider this nugget from Kurt Andersen’s book “Evil Geniuses.” In 1830, the richest 1% of Americans controlled about 10% of the wealth. This represented the 1% controlling about 10%, held true until the end of the 1970s. Four decades later, our 1% now controls 20%- just like 19th century England. Now this is good if you’re rich, ‘cause you’ve gotten richer. This is not so good for everybody else, though the rich may object to this, citing technological advances which have benefitted the masses, Smartphones, Disney+ and internet porn.

What’s been amazing about this development (rising income inequality) is that the rich have managed to distract “everybody else” into turning against each other as opposed to turning against the rich. Very clever. How have they pulled this off? I’ve got a must-read for you. “Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World” by Anand Giridharadas.

The general theme: The rich have become so powerful that they’ve managed to buy off and/or co-opt their critics and opposition.

The only thing better than controlling money and power is to control the efforts to question the distribution of money and power. The only thing better than being a fox is being a fox asked to watch over hens.

In a chapter called “The Critic and the Thought Leader,” Giridharadas eviscerates the TED talk crowd.

The thought leader is described as someone who tends to “know one big thing and believe that their important idea will change the world.” They are true believers, optimists, uplifting. They go easy on the powerful, because the powerful hire them and make their careers and buy their books. And they emphasize hopeful solutions over systemic change.

As TED organizer Bruno Giussani says, “You need to cut some of your moral corners or some of your convictions in order to package your ideas to make them palatable.”

Giridharadas differentiates the “thought leader” from the dying breed he describes as the “public intellectual.” The public intellectual is a wide-ranging critic and foe of power whose duty is to point out when the emperor has no clothes. Criticize too harshly and the moneyed elite won’t book your TED talk.

As Michael Porter of Harvard Business School observes, “America is more interested than ever in the problem of inequality and social fracture, and more dependent than ever on explainers who happen to be in good odor with billionaires.”

“Hold on for a second. I’m checking my armpits right now . . .”

How, therefore, can media elites possibly be surprised that the Trump crowd thinks they’re full of shit? They are. They’re sell-outs for television appearances and book tours. Though it’s puzzling to me why the Trump crowd thinks Fox and Newsmax are somehow not in the same boat and not equally full of shit. A great mystery.

That curiosity always seems to want to leave the highway by Exit 2. Now look to your left. An advertisement for Mammoth Mountain. A key advertiser in this town. To Mammoth management’s credit, there’s been a fair give-and-take over the years. I’ve been critical at times, and have also taken a few broadsides from Rusty over the years. They’ve never ditched advertising in The Sheet, though that advertisement represents just the third one they’ve run since March.

We’re far more reliant on reader-support these days. But you don’t run ads just to be nice or supportive. You run ‘em to make money. And the perception is you get more bang for your buck running ads on Google or Facebook than in newsprint. Especially in a general interest publication like this, because people tend to cherrypick media these days that aligns with their views (Everyone’s full of shit so I want to read something that reflects my shit back to me in a positive light).

I absolutely treasure the readers who torch me on a consistent basis, whatever their leaning. Heaven help a publication with a monochromatic readership.

But I digress. What a surprise. One does wonder about the nature of the future Mammoth Mountain relationship with local media and business. As Giridharadas lays out in his book:

Companies over the last generation have pursued a vision of globalization in which they owe nothing to any community (sound familiar?)

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All is not Hollo-well redux

The following letter was submitted to the Mono County Board of Supervisors this week.

I am writing to express my concerns involving the Inyo / Mono County VA representatives. It bothers me that Mono County, which has a joint vested interest in the Veterans Office is refusing to address the lack of care being provided at this current juncture in time.

Jessica Allmon has been a superb VA rep and she was unjustly placed on administrative leave by the Inyo County Sheriffs Office. The Sheriff is supposedly the VSO (Veteran Service Officer) yet he has been ignoring his obligation and duties for which he receives additional compensation for.

Supposedly Jessica Allmon was made the VSO by the County Board in 2018 but the Inyo County Sheriff and County HR refuse to process the order. These actions are a clear detriment to our local veterans.

I think the VA office should be a stand alone department and due to the recent shenanigans perpetrated by the Inyo Sheriff and other entities in Inyo County, I also feel that due to those same reasons the VA rep should fall under the control of the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

I am a service connected disabled veteran and view Inyo County and their sheriffs action a travesty for the local veterans. I feel it is a travesty that Mono County that supposedly claims to honor our veterans, has done nothing to rectify the situation. Jessica Allmon has been the best VA representative we have ever had and to not correct this and get her back to work goes against the counties motto.

Please consider the care of our local veterans and investigate the issues and push to wrangle control of the VA officer from Inyo County leadership. Sheriff Hollowell’s actions are purely vindictive and not in the best interest of our community.

Todd Estrada
Mammoth Lakes

April Leeson, daughter Olivia and dog Harlow helped make the Tri-County Fairgrounds Drive-Through Halloween a great success last Saturday. Several local organizations created booths and handed out treats to cars loaded with local families and children. The line of cars for the event wrapped around the corner from the Fairgrounds and all the way down to Starbucks. Fair CEO Jen McGuire said the official car count was 325 for the evening (though they only started counting about an hour into the event, so the probable total was more like 400). The Bishop Chamber of Commerce will use the event as a model for its upcoming Drive-Through Christmas Parade.

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I would like to respond to [Deputy County Counsel] Jason Canger’s draft letters to LADWP and the Settlement Parties written for agenda discussion during the 11/30/20 meeting. Though I support these letters being authored and sent, in their current form they are flawed in several ways that the Board should address before finalizing these drafts. I want to offer some historical corrections to Mr. Canger’s description of the situation. My motivation is providing the truth in what has been an obvious attempt to obscure the facts.

The essence of this situation is that Wilson Creek and its associated habitat has existed for more than a century. The Lundy Powerhouse was built in 1911, and diversions into Wilson Creek began in the late 19th century. The fisheries and wildlife habitat on Wilson Creek were not recently created.

There is less habitat today in the Mono Basin than existed 150 years ago, which will happen to the extent the fishermen cannot simply be reversed to restore Mill Creek to its “natural” state at the expense of habitat that has been developed and established, not, as Mr. Canger seems to imply, in the last few decades, but for more than 100 years. If one actually conducts some real research, they will find that Wilson Creek existed in some form at least as early as the 1870s.

Also not to be forgotten is that the water rights in question were created for ranch irrigation. Until very recently, LADWP diverted its water out of Mill Creek to irrigate the “Thompson Ranch Meadow.” Is Mr. Canger aware of this, as so many of us are, and how does this equate with LADWP “leaving” its water in Wilson Creek?

The substance in these drafts shows that these parties are taking actions that are adversely impacting habitat resources, with no environmental review. I am in full agreement and support the Board holding these agencies accountable. I think the Board will agree that revisionist narratives and mischaracterization of historical facts is not in their best interest.

The Board and all concerned parties need to address the devastation that happened this year on lower Wilson Creek and the DeChambeau Ponds. Mr. Canger’s draft says, “some of the ponds dried out near the end of the summer.” Has he already forgotten the controversy that began this past May, when I provided the Board with photographs of the dried-out ponds? The habitat destruction that took place this past May was likely some of the most devastating, considering it happened in the middle of the nesting season. And there is still gross mismanagement occurring at the present moment. The County Ponds, which are part of the DeChambeau Ponds system, dried out in May, and the eastern-most pond has remained dry since that time and was still dry just a few days ago. I have photographs of a board that appears to have been put into place to keep that pond dry purposefully. The Forest Service and Mono Lake Committee might once again try to spin theories of “tampering” to explain this. I have information that proves that this pond has been kept dry with their full knowledge.

Why did the ponds dry out in May? There were no theories of “tampering” back then. It is a provable fact that the USFS and the MLC attempted to irrigate the DeChambeau Ranch when there was not enough water left in Wilson Creek to irrigate the ranch and maintain the ponds at the same time. The result was that they diverted all the water available to the DeChambeau Ranch, drying out lower Wilson Creek and the ponds, and didn’t even manage to get water to the ranch at all. This was a mistake due to a lack of experience as well as general incompetence.

As Ranger Gordon Martin related in the 10/6/20 BOS meeting, he recently removed experienced staff who understood managing these resources and assumed this management to the inexperianced Thomas Torres. I believe that the previous USFS employees were removed from their positions after expressing concern over the new management directions.

The USFS and MLC “saved face” for a time in June when the peak flows temporarily allowed some water to return to the ponds, but they began to drop again in July as the creek flow receded. Then, in August, the hot late summer weather, Wilson Creek dropped lower than I have seen in my lifetime; this coincided with yet another dropping and drying out of the ponds. Towards the end of the month, the creek level began to rise again, and so did the ponds’ levels.

On 9/1/20, Mr. Torres “discovered an open valve” that conveniently explained all of the problems. How long this valve was “open” he could not be sure, but still, he was positive this was “tampering” and why the ponds dried out.

After this, the USFS released its “findings” publicly and listed my name in a letter alongside a list of dubious claims of “illegal activity” in a shameless attempt at discrediting me. I am a local citizen who is more concerned about her home than the agencies tasked with maintaining it, not to mention the “environmental” group whose agenda is the reason behind this mismanagement.

In the Mono Lake Committee’s recently released fall newsletter, there is a profoundly misleading article entitled “It takes a village to raise a pond,” written by Ron DiPaolo, an MLC employee actively involved in the mismanagement and habitat destruction this season. This article is a white washing of the ponds’ entire history and the MLC’s involvement; it can be found on their website (paragraph I want to highlight is the one headlined “A wrench in the plans” in which Mr. DiPaolo makes the same unsubstantiated claims as Mr. Torres that “tampering” dried out the ponds, which I believe are provably false. It makes sense that Mr. DiPaolo would be interested in propagating this theory since he and Mr. Torres are most directly responsible for the resource damage this season. Mr. DiPaolo’s only mention of the earlier drying out of the ponds that occurred in May is to say that “low pond levels happened”, quite the understatement to describe multiple ponds completely drying out. He blames these “low levels” on “infrastructure issues”, when in reality, it was due to his and Mr. Torres’s own incompetence.

It is my understanding that the hot pipe repair at the ponds is underway. I fully support this repair as a necessary step in the right direction. I commend Paul McFarland and the DeChambeau Creek Foundation on making this happen, as I know this group is truly the only reason it is happening. The MLC and USFS ignored this issue for a full decade before being pressured to take any action. Before any outside funds are spent on this project, the money allocated explicitly for this exact purpose and set aside by LADWP for “repairs and improvements” at the DeChambeau ponds (up to $250,000) should be used. I have proof that the MLC has attempted to take control of these funds in the past and re-direct them away from their purpose.

It is time for these agencies and these groups to stop their real, actual tampering with our home, the Mono Basin. They refuse to listen to us, those of us who have lived here, who know, and honestly care. Instead, they name us in bogus “illegal activity” reports and make baseless accusations in their newsletter. If the facts are acknowledged, and these people are held accountable, a real solution is within reach.

Hill Hansen Jones
Mono City

Note: At its November 3 meeting, Mono County Supervisors voted unanimously to send Deputy Counsel Canger’s letters to stakeholders unchanged, admonishing stakeholders to come to agreement amongst themselves.

Hillary Hansen Jones
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#### Mono County School Board
- Meryl Picard
- Kathy Zack
- Steve Elia
- Gregg Vane
- Shana Stapp

#### Mammoth Lakes Town Council
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- Kathy Zack
- Steve Elia
- BUSD School Board
- Chris Costello
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Frank Bigelow ran unopposed. Two candidates who won a plurality of votes in March dealt with runoffs on Tuesday. Rhonda Duggan defeated Joshua Rhodes, 899-580, in the Mono County District 2 Supervisor race, a 61-39% margin. In March, that margin was 48-42%, with Duggan pulling 563 votes to Rhodes’ 489 with 113 third-party votes. Jennifer Roesser was ahead of Donald Bright in the Inyo County District 4 Supervisor race as of deadline on Thursday, with votes still to be counted by a 54-46% margin. In March, Roesser grabbed 519 in March, with Bright getting 497 (41-40%) and Deena Davenport Conway getting 236.

Mammoth Lakes Town Council candidate Sarah Rea was the top vote-getter in that race, racking up a record 1,582 votes to claim the seat vacated by Cleland Hoff. Mayor Bill Sausser retained his seat on the council with a second place finish of 1,270 votes. By comparison (and to illustrate the enthusiasm and a member of the working class), “Housing was my main platform,” she said, so perhaps yes on that score. “I also heard from a lot of people about putting a roof on the existing rink (versus building a new facility at Mammoth Creek Park).” She attributes her win to being “young, enthusiastic and a member of the working class.”

### Lone Pine Fire District
- Ronald Bursell
- Krista McKay-Sullivan
- Robert Deforest
- Leroy Kritz

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Getting Back Into Inyo

The Inyo National Forest is reopening the majority of the John Muir Wilderness and a segment of the Ansel Adams Wilderness as the risk from wildfire is decreasing. Effective November 3, the John Muir Wilderness on the Inyo National Forest is reopening for day and overnight use, with the tiny segment north of Pumice Butte and west of Crystal Crag as the exception. Additionally, the northeast segment of the Ansel Adams Wilderness is reopening.

Closed under Forest Order 05-04-50-20-21:
• A portion of the Ansel Adams Wilderness Area and John Muir Wilderness Area.
• The Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile National Monument Closure Area, which includes all National Forest Lands within Madera County, except the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, as shown on the map Exhibit A. The most common destinations in the closure are Reds Meadow Valley and the Devils Postpile National Monument. The Reds Meadow Road is closed at Minaret Vista. These closures remain in effect while the Creek Fire remains uncontained along its eastern flank near Lake Thomas Edison and north to the Junction Bluffs.

Additionally, the Sierra Nevada Forest is closed. Therefore, the John Muir Wilderness and Ansel Adams Wilderness on the Sierra Nevada Forest, including segments that are administered by the Inyo National Forest, remain closed.
• Forest Order 05-04-51-20-16 remains in effect and closes areas in the south west of the Golden Trout Wilderness due to the SFF Complex (Castle Fire).
• Forest order 05-04-54-20-15 remains in effect and includes Navy Beach and the South Tufa Area (Beach Fire). Wilderness permits will not be issued for areas where closures are in effect. As always, visitors should know before they go and safely plan their trips around areas that have closures, uncontaminated fires, active fire, and smoke in the area.
Fire restrictions are in effect. In addition:
• As a reminder, wilderness permits are required year-round for all Mt Whitney hikes (including day use) and for all overnight trips into Golden Trout, John Muir, Ansel Adams and Hoover Wilderness Areas.
• The non-quota season is November 2 through April 30. Previously, during the non-quota season visitors would wait in line for “walk up” permits or utilize self-issue forms. While our facilities remain closed to the public to protect the health and safety of our employees and the public, we will continue to offer services online and by phone issuing wilderness permits through the virtual process established during the 2020 summer season.
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No-Shave November

During the month of November the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office will allow employees to forego shaving for No-Shave November. The goal of No-Shave November is create public awareness for cancer by growing out hair (which many cancer patients lose) and donating the money that would normally be spent on grooming to a cancer-specific charity.

All employees were given the opportunity to participate; males can grow out their facial hair and females can grow out their leg hair (Editor’s note: This seems sexist. I don’t see why the women aren’t encouraged to grow out facial hair if possible). Each willing participant must donate $25 (minimum), and anyone who does not wish to participate but wants to donate can do so as well.

Judging will be held on December 4, 2020 and the winner(s) will be memorialized with a plaque. All donations will be sent directly to Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance. Any member of the public can also donate by going to the following webpage: http://escanceralliance.org/
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the case rate is sustained across multiple weeks, that would be enough to move Mono County into the most restrictive state guideline tier.

Under that tier, listed as Purple or Tier 1, many non-essential indoor businesses would be forced to shut down. Restaurants would return to takeout/delivery only, entertainment venues would close entirely, and houses of worship would return to online services. Although isolated and very much self-contained, any positive tests at the training center count towards Mono County’s totals.

Given the lag time associated with the state’s data review process, a change in tier designation would not come for at least another week.

All this despite the fact that “there’s no evidence right now that what’s happening on the base is extending into the community,” Boo said. “We have not identified increased community transmission related to the base.” With that said, he added, there has been a small uptick in cases around the county unrelated to the base.

Peters, whose district includes the base, explained that he’d been in contact with officials from the state on the matter, including state Health and Human Services director Dr. Mark Ghaly. Peters expressed hope that the situation be defined and adjudicated properly, as the base is “not under our control, is confined to an area that does not lend itself to community spread.”

He noted that the state does have parameters for addressing outbreaks at military facilities; if someone has been in the county and training for 14 days and tests positive for Covid-19, that positive result is attributed to the county.

Another complicating aspect of the outbreak: civilians on base, including family members and other “dependents” are not subject to the base’s testing regimen and are tested separately at local health clinics. One thing that is certain is that regardless of how the county is designated, schools will remain open.

*Addendum: North County schools (Coleville and Walker) are returning to distance learning through the Monday after Thanksgiving. This is unrelated to the base and a separate suspicion of a positive school case.

Boo explained that the county would request adjudication on the matter in an attempt to avoid an increase in restrictions on local businesses. That process automatically guarantees another week in the same tier on top of the existing lag time in data evaluation.

In the event that Mono County is set back to the Tier 1, it would take a minimum of three weeks for the county to move into Tier 2 and then an additional three weeks to get back to Tier 3. A minimum six week setback, as supervisors and county officials noted, would be devastating for the local economy.

Peters said San Diego County, home to the much larger Camp Pendleton and Naval Base Coronado, did not have the same issue of military positive test results counting against a county’s totals.

During public comment, T-Bar and June Pie operator Jamie Schectman urged the supervisors to fight to keep the county open after a rough 2020 to date. “It’s absolutely imperative that we take a full court press [in conversations with the state],” he said.

Board Chair Stacy Corless reiterated Schectman’s sentiments during her comments. “The impacts of Mono County moving back to purple could be devastating,” she said, “Social and health impacts could be on a scale of maybe worse than what we saw in spring as, as we’re all aware, there’s no federal Covid relief in sight.”

Thursday evening’s Community Covid Conversation was focused on the outbreak at the MWTC, with Lieutenant see COVID, page 17

The Marines up at Pickel Meadows are currently contending with Covid in addition to their rigorous training regimen. The outbreak has been limited to the base thus far.
WHAT’S IN THE CARDS?

By Lunch

Rummaging through my office the other day, I came across a book that was filled with old business cards - there was a time when I was more organized! Wish I'd kept collecting 'em through the years.

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NOV. 8
Anything Selena
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NOV. 14
Led Zepagain
Live on Stage

NOV. 17
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presented by Bishop Area Climbers Coalition & Patagonia

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know where their defensive meeting
problem with the ‘Hawks is they don’t
week, regardless of how many injuries
han will outcoach Green Bay again this
contenders. Niners Coach Kyle Shan-
BACKUP QB) or play well. They are NOT
2020 don’t play (spent the first pick on a
lapses. Their first three draft picks from
grin disappears and the defense col-
them in the mouth, that Aaron Rodgers
Packers are a SOFT team and last week
is their QB (Josh Allen) doesn’t know
where his receivers are. Well, maybe he
can see them, but unless he runs the ball
to them, they won’t get it. Most inaccu-
rater passer in the league. But … the Bills
can run the ball and the ‘Hawks defense
miserable (have surrendered at least
points to every team they’ve played)
so take the Bills plus the points. Betting
angle: West coast teams don’t like travel-
ing east for early Sunday kickoffs.
Falcons laying 3.5 to the Broncos. If
you bet this game or watch this game,
you are a degenerate. That’s the only
explanation. Or a fantasy football degen-
erate. The only lock with QB Drew Lock
is that the Broncos should hire a consul-
tant and draft another QB.
Lions 2 point ‘dogs to the Vikings.
Take the Lions plus the points. I don’t
think either team is worth a $5 footlong
but the Vikings run is over completely.
I know … Mike Zimmer is considered a
great coach for whatever reason. I can’t
gather why since he ain’t won anything
and wishes he could take football back
to 1987 again. But hey, the media has its
darlings. As for the Lions, Matt Patri-
cia must be a government informant
or something. That is the only reason I
can think of as to why he is still a coach
or something. That is the only reason I
know … Mike Zimmer is considered a
great coach for whatever reason. I can’t
get a hold on him. He’s not the coach he
was. He looks talented and if you have a
good coach to teach him … okay, that’s
over. Lamar’s like Rivers. He
drink bourbon like water I wouldn’t get
the ball over 4 times. No s&%t. If I didn’t
Ravens only lost because Lamar turned
on him. I heard several people say the
mar throw from the pocket and feasted
and beat them. Because they made La-
mah throw from the pocket and feasted
on him. I heard several people say the
Ravens only lost because Lamar turned
the ball over 4 times. No s&%t. If I didn’t
drink bourbon like water I wouldn’t get
drunk. BUT I DO. Lamar’s like Rivers. He
has a big game problem.
Texans laying 10 to the Jaguars. Okay,
I sense a theme. There are a bunch of
games this week that make the Sunday
Ticket worthless. Take the Jags plus the
points because the Texans don’t deserve
to lay anything. They’ve got Uncle Festus
as head coach and Jack Easterby as their
de facto GM right now. This is a guy who
was a team chaplain for the Chiefs and
Patriots before coming to Houston. He’s
somehow ended up as a GM despite
having no football background, experi-
ence or knowledge. The Texans are the
Republican party.
Football Team laying 2.5 to the Gi-
ants. Another Sunday special here. QB
matchup of Kyle Allen vs Daniel Jones
is like listening to Justin Bieber and Ed
Sheeran. You can watch/listen … but you
won’t admit it to anyone.
Chargers laying 1 to the Raiders. If
I had to pick for money, I would take the
Chargers. I like the Herbert kid at QB.
He looks talented and if you have a good
teach him … okay, that’s over. His
head coach is Anthony Lynn. If they
fire Lynn and get a good coach, this kid
might be a beast.
Steelers laying 4 to the Cowboys.
Lay the points for ONE reason; the
Cowboys have benched a QB you
never heard of who hadn’t thrown an
NFL pass until last week for another
guy you’ve never heard of who’s never
thrown an NFL pass. The Steelers can
pressure the QB and if you’re playing
a 3rd or 4th string QB, you’re gonna have
a problem.
Speaking of Jerry Jones, I keep
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hearing people compare him to Al Davis and I have on a couple occasions. But when I did I was only saying he is getting old and desperate like Davis did when he got all senile and wore those Elvis Presley jumpsuits. But make no mistake Jerry is NOT A FOOTBALL GM. He is the GM ONLY because he owns the team.

Cardinals laying 4.5 to the Dolphins. These are two up-and-coming teams. Cardinal coach Brian Flores has his team playing hard and has changed the culture a bit. They’re balling with energy. But I don’t get the Tua thing. I watched him at ‘Bama and thought ... great talent around him, not really athletic, but accurate and a better passer than the usual ‘Bama QB. I said two years ago he is too erratic. He doesn’t run an offense. He is bad on 1st and 2nd down and then tries heroic shit on 3rd down. When that works they love him. But it is unsustainable. He looks LOST.

Dumbass. Brian Flores I said was another Belichick washout trying to imitate him. But he looks like he’s got something cooking. May have drafted the wrong QB in Tua but we will see on that one. Genius Carson Wentz. I said two years ago he is too erratic. He didn’t run an offense. He is bad on 1st and 2nd down and then tries heroic shit on 3rd down. When that works they love him. But it is unsustainable. He looks LOST.

Dumbass. I was not sold on Joe Burrow. But this kid looks tremendous. A big part of it is his attitude. It looked like arrogance when he was at LSU and winning all the time. But now he is changing the culture in Cincy and looks like he is just a leader.

Dumbass. I thought Cam Newton had grown up and would be great with New England and Josh McDaniels. I underestimated the Cam effect. I got suspicious early in the season when after all his training videos and manifestos about him coming back and being disrespected ... then as soon as he signed a contract there was video of him smoking cigars. Then he started the season off strong. But then, he went and got the CoCo. I had been out on him for several years but thought he had bottomed, like Pookie in New Jack City or Bubbles in the Wire and wanted to bounce back. But Cam is all talk now. An empty fedora.

Genius. Jimmy Garoppolo. I told you this guy was overrated. I told you there was NO reason to pay him all that cash after playing like 5 games. He makes bad decisions. And he is injury-prone.

Dumbass. Sony Michel. When Michel and Nick Chubb came out of Georgia I said take Michel over Chubb. I said Chubb was one-dimensional and likely to just run into people until he got hurt - well, part of that is right. Chubb is one-dimensional and hurt again. But Michel is a mess. He looked dynamic at Georgia and now looks like, every other New England RB. Slow and plodding. Put Michel on the Saints or Chiefs and let’s reconsider this. Sony, don’t sign an extension. Ask to be traded. Go somewhere where they will use you like they did at UGA, catching passes and getting to the edge. That Patriots uniform is Kryptonite to RBs.

Bill Belichick finally said something meaningful to the media. And he shouldn’t have. He came out this week and said they are struggling because they didn’t have any salary cap money. Okay, you should have stopped as soon as you thought that. You are the coach AND GM. Managing the money is your deal. dumbass. I have wondered for years why the Bills are a middling franchise? He actually said this WAS WHAT THE TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING TOWARDS. You mean, they’ve been working towards beating a bankrupt franchise that is tanking for another QB? Tells me the Bills are a middling franchise destined for mediocrity.

Injuries. Why are some teams ALWAYS injured? Is it random, or do they need to revamp their Health and Conditioning programs? Do they do medical screenings on the players they draft or sign as free agents? It seems odd that the Niners and Eagles can’t keep anyone healthy. The Eagles? They tend to sign such players for cheap and roll the dice. As for the Niners, do they need more milk in the facility or something? Some Yoga or Pilates? Come on now.

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Saturday, November 7/

Drive-in Concert Series Continues @ Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Tonight: Anything Selena (Selena tribute band) Cost: $40-65/vehicle. Gates open at 2 p.m., music starts at 3 p.m. More info: www.tricountyfair.com/see ad p. 11

Monday, November 9/
Bishop City Council meets at 6 p.m. Viewing available through Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/91050541130

Tuesday, November 10/
Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets at 10 a.m. Viewing available through Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/868254781

Mono County Board of Supervisors meets at 9 a.m. Viewing available through Zoom at https://www.monoarts.org/events-calendar/

Planning and Economic Development Commission meets at 2 p.m. Viewing available through Granicus. Visit townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Special Meeting at 4 p.m. Viewing available through Granicus. Visit townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

November 12-13/
Bishop Battle of The Badges Blood Drive organized by Bishop Lions, Sunrise Rotary, Elks, and NIHD. Donate blood and receive a free t-shirt. Time: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday at the Elks Lodge in Bishop. Info and registration: go to https://www.nih.org/events-calendar/

Friday, November 13/
Verily Free Covid-19 testing at the Walker Community Center 9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Register online at https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19

World Kindness Day Virtual Art Show presented by Mono Arts Council, Mono County Libraries and Mono County Behavioral Health. Digital submissions are due by midnight on Sunday, November 8. Viewing and submission info available at: https://monocounty.ca.gov/behavioral-health/

Saturday, November 14/
Free Virtual Childbirth Classes hosted by Northern Inyo Hospital. First of a two-part series; those interested are advised to attend both sessions. Advanced registration is required. For info and registration: call 760-873-2138 or e-mail communityeducation@nih.org

Ongoing - Covid testing/ Bishop: Church of the Nazarene parking lot, 900 W Line Street on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday - participants must be in a vehicle in order to get tested. Make reservation at projectbaseline.com.

Lone Pine @ Lone Pine Sports Complex, 602 N Main Street. 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on Fridays - participants must be in a vehicle in order to get tested.

Mammoth Lakes testing Tuesdays at Sierra Nevada Resort 9 a.m.-12:45 pm and Wednesday and Friday at the M.I.L. Community Center 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
I saw you ... might not get reelected. Which makes me wonder: Does that mean you won't get the special cocktail if reelected?

I saw you ... are really concerned about the election. You should be more concerned about your diet. In collegiate college terms, your belly used to be Iowa, but now it's looking more like Illinois.
If we don’t continue to be mindful of our need to social distance and wash hands... [Covid-19] is going to keep coming

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The Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association was up in arms on Monday morning after Mono County announced that it was considering additional restrictions on lodging operations. Association President John Morris cautioned against turning the meeting into a long-winded series of complaints and urged fellow lodging operators to come up with solid feedback that the county could incorporate into the new order.

The key points of contention for lodging operators: 6 hour minimum gaps between vacancies would be required between guests although 24 hours remains strongly recommended, and the 70% maximum occupancy numbers would remain in place heading into the winter.

Morris explained that he had already asked Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Dan Holler about the reasoning behind the order, and said Holler told him that County Counsel Stacey Simon had requested more consistency for lodging guidelines across the industry. In addition, Holler reportedly told Morris that while the 24-hour vacancy gap had been generally successful, auditing had revealed evidence of non-compliance by certain lodging operators and that the maximum lodging capacity of 70% had either been met or exceeded according to data.

Said Jason Herbst of Five Star Lodging: “This virus is not going to take a break from our industry. There is ‘still a heavy concern over the potential transmission from the traveling public.’”

In regards to worries about enforcing the single household/traveling group policy, Holler explained that enforcement would most likely be voluntary and acknowledged that some operators may not be entirely truthful in keeping with the policy.

Morris and others advocated for the 70% capacity cutoff to be extended to a monthly basis, which would allow for longer stays and more business while keeping visitation relatively low.

Others pushed to keep the vacancy period at 24 hours as reverting to back-to-back bookings could shake up a process that has taken months to perfect in some cases.

Lodging operators also pushed Holler to distinguish between different types of lodging operations, as managing hotels as opposed to rentals or Airbnbs requires an entirely different process.

The meeting concluded with Holler agreeing to take the feedback to Mono County in an attempt to gain more favorable terms for lodging operators.
I WANAAHA-VE IT!
Bishop Paiutes hosted multiple events last week to usher in new casino

The spectacular new Wanaaha Casino was unveiled last week at a pair of events held Thursday and Saturday featuring various dignitaries. The new lounge (see below) automatically becomes the number one place in town to watch a ballgame, and features 13 screens. Despite the brand new addition, on a walk-through this week, you could still find some diehards in the older part of the casino, playing their favorite machines.
ASSESSING THE ODDS
How the bookmakers had it on Tuesday night
By Zachary Hite

Election day came...and just like that it was gone, leaving millions of Americans confused and emotionally exhausted from the tumultuous evening. But imagine if you had money on it (and maybe you did). What follows is a recounting of how the gambling markets behaved on Tuesday night and where they stand as of Thursday morning.

I had a small wager on Joe Biden to win at +110 odds that I had placed a couple of months ago. Odds are easy. Every American odds total has an associated percentage chance of that event happening. For an even bet it is easy. Pay $10, get $10 if you are right, and the implied odds of winning was at 47.6% when placed.

On Monday, Biden sat as a -200 favorite equating to a 66.6% chance of winning. For gamblers, having a +110 bet (which I had) for a pick that is currently at -200 on the open markets means you have a ton of value behind your bet. This percentage chance of winning was at 47.6% when placed.

For me, I was sitting there watching the election. 87.5.

Thirty minutes later, at 6:45 p.m. Trump had ballooned to -333 with implied odds of 67.5%. This ascension continued. According to the Action Network, Trump’s odds peaked at -400 and a 74.2% implied probability. This was because Trump appeared to be the favorite in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and he had already won Florida. When I was checking lines online, I saw Trump.at -700 for a period of time. That equates to an 87.5% of winning the election. 87.5.

For me, I was sitting there watching returns with a couple of friends, attempting to grasp some semblance of clarity, I thought to myself, these television analysts/talking heads need to change their schtick.

We would switch between MSNBC, CNN and Fox News, trying to peg who was actually ahead of whom. A couple of people, who were not as invested (literally) in the events unfolding, kept asking, “who is winning?”

So we would pull up Bovada and check the live odds and reiterate our findings. For the Biden supporters in the room, it was always disheartening. Biden at his lowest odds could’ve been bought at +400, or a 20% chance.

Then things tightened a little. Trump bounced down to 55% at 9 p.m., then back up to 67% at 11 p.m., before dropping back down to 58.7% at 12:30 a.m. The significance of the last number is that when he gave his speech, at around 11:30 p.m., he was favored by the gambling markets throughout the speech and even after.

I refreshed Bovada one more time around 1:30 a.m. and Trump had risen to -300 or a 75% chance of winning the election. That was it. My Biden bet was toast after.

I woke up around 9 a.m. and the first thing I did was refresh Bovada. Joe Biden was sitting there at -500 or an 83.3% chance of winning. I actually thought my phone was displaying it wrong. How could 8 hours have gone by and Biden went from a 20% chance to win all the way to an 83.3% chance.

Well, many of you know the reasons. Wisconsin, previously leaning Trump, re-opened ballots sometime around 2-3 a.m. This made the race about even.

Then Nevada appeared tighter than it was a few hours ago. Nevada closed in. Florida is a battleground state awaiting news of a declared winner. Unfortunately, this wouldn’t change us still sitting here as of Thursday afternoon awaiting news of a declared winner.
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