HE TOLD ‘EM SO
Charges in Kristin Smart case indicate retired MLPD Sergeant had it right seven years ago

National news was made this week in San Luis Obispo when charges were filed in a 25-year old cold case involving a former Cal Poly San Luis Obispo student, Kristin Smart, who was murdered in 1996.

This week, Smart’s classmate Paul Flores, the last person who saw her alive, was charged with murder by the San Luis Obispo County D.A.

His father Ruben Flores was charged as an accessory to the crime. If there was one person who wasn’t surprised by the arrests, it would be retired Mammoth Lakes Police Dept. Sergeant Paul Dostie.

Seven years ago, he took Buster, his aging Human Remains Detection dog, down to Arroyo Grande, Calif. to search for Kristin Smart.

A reporter named David Smallwood tagged along. According to a story published in the Daily Beast in 2016, “Buster signaled twice that he had found someone while sniffing around the fence line separating a neighbor’s home from Susan Flores’s property.

Buster by this time was hobbling along—having lost his right hind leg to cancer—and going through the backyard of Flores’s neighbor, along the wooden fence line on top of a 5-foot-high cinder block retaining wall. Smart’s remains are believed to be buried in close proximity to that retaining wall.

There’s human decomposition in that backyard,” Dostie announced.

... “We collected the soil samples and ran them and I’m sure...”

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THE COLOR OF LACK OF MONEY
By Lunch

The color of having no money? That would be white.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes may be holding a groundbreaking ceremony this coming week for the new MUF/CRC ice tent skate palace, but Mammoth’s Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) reminded us this week that the plans haven’t quite been finalized.

On Wednesday, PEDC was tasked with final approval of the building colors and logo placement.

But couldn’t quite get it done.

All agreed that a second logo planned for placement on the southern roof had to be removed (Planner Amy Callanan said the manufacturer cautioned that the logo would stretch the tensile fabric and compromise its integrity). Ditching this logo also saved $35,000.

The white roof, however, divided commissioners.

Commission Chair Michael Vanderhurst tried to bully it through, arguing that a white roof is not perfect but don’t let the color scheme get in the way of progress.

“I’m not gonna die on that hill,” he proclaimed.

Other commissioners couldn’t overrule it.

“This [color scheme options] was supposed to come back to us a year ago,” said Commissioner Jen Burrows. “And I’m concerned with the white top. We can’t set rules for everyone else and not follow them ourselves.”

Commissioner Greg Eckert

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Cough, Cough

The Sheet tracked down Bret Meier this week for an interview. We referenced Meier last week upon learning that the Mammoth Lakes Police Department had reached a monetary settlement with Mr. Meier after an incident where he had been falsely arrested and offered a nightly rental at the Bridgeport Hilton.

It turns out that Mr. Meier still lives in town, and serves as a caretaker for a blind veteran.

Mr. Meier describes himself as generally a fearful person. Several times, he described it as a “bedridden fear.” He takes medication to even himself out. Unfortunately, the medication doesn’t mix well with alcohol, and Mr. Meier has gotten into his share of scrapes over the years.

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But in short order, MLPD Sgt. Marc Moscovitz, now retired, arrived to pick him up.

Meier says he refused settlement offers from MLPD on a few occasions before finally agreeing to meet officers in the vacant lot next to The Stove.

Officers began negotiating with him. Meier recalls there being a whole bunch of $100 bills lying on the front seat of the police vehicle.

Meier settled on $1,500 and then signed an NDA (non-disclosure agreement). Police told him they regretted the mix-up and said, “We hope this helps with your move-in payment” because they knew he needed to find a new place to live.

“I knew it was a scam and that I could have gotten more, but I wasn’t sure about hiring a lawyer ... I’m on-and-off cognitively impaired. I was scared. I’m susceptible to being around people who may take advantage of me. And when people ask me things, I don’t like disappointing them.”

Meier described himself as being “plagued” by his disability which seems to get worse as he gets older.

Mr. Meier says his relationship with the MLPD is currently decent, in large measure because he doesn’t get out much.

In the past, he said local cops would come to his home and provoke him, but he says, a lot of the cops have changed and he’s going to church more and his pastor spoke to the cops and he stopped wearing fatigues and he’s blending in more.

Now onto the Lt. Eric Hugelman retirement.

We reported in last week’s issue that at his retirement ceremony on April 14, Hugelman said his retirement was not of his own choosing.

Over the weekend, The Sheet was contacted by a source who asked whether or not Hugelman’s testifying in his daughter’s DUI case had something to do with his ouster.

We didn’t know about the DUI case, so we looked into it.

Hailey Hugelman, 25, was arrested in the early morning hours of January 30, 2020. She was stopped by the California Highway Patrol after running a stop sign on the Main Street frontage road at Laurel Mountain Road.

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While there was not a court reporter present at her misdemeanor jury trial, so we don’t have a firsthand transcript. The Sheet learned that Lt. Hugelman testified that his daughter told him she had ingested about 80% of an 8 oz. bottle of cough syrup (Nyquil) just before she had gotten behind the wheel.

The defense argument was that Ms Hugelman was under .08 before she got behind the wheel, and the alcohol from the cough syrup only kicked in during the traffic stop.
Head to the mountains for…

EARTH WEEK
2021

SCHEDULE of events

TUESDAY 4/20/21
Mammoth Chamber of Commerce Green Power Lunch from 1-2 pm
Earth Week Athlete Ambassador Panel (Virtual) from 5-6 pm
ATHLETES: Jillian Raymond (Coalition Snow), Annette Poliwka (Salomon), David Court (International Alpine Guides)

WEDNESDAY 4/21/21
Partner Kickoff @ Mammoth Brewing Co. from 4-5pm (Virtual & In-Person)
Trash Talk Expert Panel from 5-6pm
SPEAKERS: Rue McKenrick, American Perimeter Trail; Annette Poliwka, Berkeley Zero Waste Commission; Gary Annanian, Kern River Conservancy (KRC); Erica Mertens, Town of Truckee

THURSDAY 4/22/21
Gus Hess Park, Lee Vining, CA
Drive Electric Earth Day 10am-12pm
Trash Cleanup 9am-2 pm
Art Upcycle Projects 9am-2 pm
Virtual Meditation 12:30-1:00pm
CalFresh: “Quarantine Kitchen” (Virtual) 3-4pm

FRIDAY 4/23/21
Mono County Drive Electric Earth Day Owners Panel from 4-5pm
Eastern Sierra Mountain Film Festival (Virtual) from 7-9 pm

SATURDAY 4/24/21
Bishop Waste & Sierra Trash Eliminators from 9am-12pm
Art Upcycle Projects & Fishmas, @ Distant Brewery from 11am-5 pm
Eastern Sierra Mountain Film Festival (Virtual) from 7-9 pm

SUNDAY 4/25/21
Forest Bathing Walk from 10am-12:30pm
Eastern Sierra Mountain Film Festival (Virtual) from 7-9 pm

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:
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Letters

Town goes low

Dear Editor,

With feelings of dismay I read your article, “Keystone Light” in the April 3 issue. An incident similar to the one involving Stephanie Thompson happened to the Trails Homeowners Assn. The Trails had a legitimate claim of $11,600 with the town for snow removal on a town-owned easement in the Trails neighborhood. The Trails HOA asked to have this issue placed on a Town Council meeting agenda so it could be discussed. This occurred on October 2, 2019. An animated discussion ensued.

Mid-discussion, Town Manager Dan Holler asked for a short recess so he and I could talk privately. In a side room, Mr. Holler said that he had experience reading the tone of the Council, and that he felt they were headed toward a vote to dismiss the claim entirely. However, he felt they were headed toward a vote to dismiss the claim entirely. He would pay the Trails HOA $5,000 calling it a settlement and that the Trails HOA would have no further recourse from Mr. Holler. He felt they were headed toward a vote to dismiss the claim entirely. However, he felt they were headed toward a vote to dismiss the claim entirely. He would pay the Trails HOA $5,000 calling it a settlement and that the Trails HOA would have no further recourse.

With no other avenue of redress and feeling coerced, I accepted his offer. As of this writing Mr. Holler has not honored our agreement in spite of numerous requests from both me and our attorney.

The current situation facing Stephanie Thompson and my ongoing lack of feeling coerced, I accepted his offer. As of this writing Mr. Holler has not honored our agreement in spite of numerous requests from both me and our attorney.

It is apparent that our town leaders prefer to take the low road.

E.L. Smoogen
President The Trails HOA
Mammoth Lakes

Please slow down

Dear Editor:

Spring is here and all the neighborhood kids are out in force. Especially here in the Trails, which has seen a huge increase in neighborhood children over the past few years.

Unfortunately, quite a few residents drive faster than acceptable on a daily basis. I’m not pointing fingers. Some folks just drive faster than others. It’s easy to do and not notice.

I hope that every Trails resident takes this letter to heart and slows down on their daily commute.

Dan Molnar
Mammoth Lakes

Beware the cesspool

Hi Ted:

In reference to Mammoth Mountain’s expansion plans...

All the Mountain’s water goes into that smelly cesspool in the back of it. It is only a matter of time when it arrives down at the Owens River. With that new development, will they have proper piping to the water department?

I have been concerned for a long time now. What is there now is absolutely awful. Just have a look.

Brigitte Berman
Mammoth Lakes

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Editor’s note: The Sheet published a story (and photos) of Mammoth Mountain’s open wastewater ponds in the October 30, 2015 issue. Search “On Golden Pond” at thesheetnews.com to read the full story.

At that time, we reported “In the past fifteen years, MMSA has racked up 74 violations for the ponds, including wastewater discharging into Mammoth Creek and deficient reporting.”

Four ponds, as well as a fifth ‘emergency pond,’ process all of the waste from MMSA’s Main Lodge area under a permit from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region. The permit states that “the number of people utilizing the main lodge related facilities averages 4,700 persons per day with a maximum of up to 14,000 skiers at some point in the day.”

Mono County needs your participation.

For more information on the Mono County Civil Grand Jury, including past final reports, and an application to serve, please visit:
www.mono.courts.ca.gov/generalinfo/jury-grandjury.htm
Or email Danielle Bauman, Executive Assistant at dbauman@mono.courts.ca.gov

The 2021-2022 grand jury positions will fill as applications are approved, so please submit your application today.

The Superior Court of California, County of Mono, is recruiting applicants interested in serving on the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury is composed of citizens from Mono County seated from July to June, annually. Grand Jurors are charged with local government oversight through investigations, addressing concerns, and making suggestions for improvements.

Members are reimbursed for trainings, meetings, and travel. The group decides amongst itself the best meeting times and locations. Committees operate the same way. The Court is equipped to facilitate virtual meetings. The time commitment is not huge, but the responsibilities are serious.

“Hopefully citizens from the North County, Tri-Valley and other parts of the county will be encouraged to join the grand jury because they can participate from home via zoom. It’s a great experience and opportunity to meet other concerned citizens in the county. Join us!” – Kate Page 2020-2021 Mono County Grand Jury Secretary

If you are interested in serving on the Grand Jury, please complete an application and submit it to Clerk of Mono County on or before April 29, 2021. Applications may be obtained online at www.mono.courts.ca.gov or by contacting the County Clerk’s Office at 93546-93546.

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REFLECTIONS ON A 53-WEEK BREAK

By Christopher Leonard

I'm thankfully finishing up what has to be the all-time most boring Spring break in my 22 years of teaching. At risk of being publicly tarred and feathered by my colleagues, I didn't feel the need for a Spring break - not after only three weeks back inside the classroom after a 53-week hiatus. But schedules are schedules, and other educators had more exciting plans. What I'm really getting at is that I'm thrilled to be back in the classroom teaching in person after what seemed like an eternity of the proverbial house arrest.

Let's back up to Friday, March 13, 2020. The day of infamy. As a teacher of World History, I have the exciting task of teaching sophomores about historical pandemics. I never thought I'd actually be reminding students about SARS when it hit the world in 2003, but I had hoped we never again would have a pandemic as severe as Covid-19. Last I checked, I can't find a 32-year-old monkey in San Diego who had SARS. Fortunately, the 2020/21 school year is the first without a major virus. I remember sophomores scrawling on the wall when it was announced that we would have a "two-week break" because of the looming threat of Covid-19. Last I checked, I can't find a vacation, and we would be looking at the day telling students that this was not a drill. Half the classroom had swollen eyes when I was doing talk to them. That seems like an eternity ago.

I don't need to go into many of the details of distance learning instruction, since a good number of you took over my job of immediately supervising your kids - my students. Suddenly, several parents realized the challenges of dealing with teenagers during the major chunk of daylight hours. None of us really had a clue what to do in the latter part of the 2019/20 school year. I was sending out assignments any hour of the day, as I caught myself sometimes noodling on my bass guitar until 1:30 in the morning. My routine was pulled from under my feet, and I became somewhat of a night owl during the first stages of the pandemic. I'd correct assignments at 11:30 at night, and send them to students. Several times, I would get an immediate reply. No one was surprised about teenagers sleeping in late and staying awake late.

Fortunately, the 2020/21 school year began with a routine structure of set Zoom classroom meetings, which worked for the students disciplined enough to show up, and get their work done on time. From my experience, this represents a low percentage.

What do I see with students back in the classroom? I'm also happy for the parents who suffer social anxiety and perform better online will also continue to have this option of learning. That's my prediction.

As for more social individuals like myself, it's simply great to be back. I haven't seen or asked for any numbers, but I estimate about 40% of the MHS kids have opted to be back in seat. That breaks down to about 20% of the student population here on campus any of the four days of the week that kids are present. There is a Monday/Tuesday group and a Wednesday/Thursday group. I understand that fairly vaccinated kids will have the option to attend school in person all four days. Most are here because they want to be. A small percentage got the golden kick in the rear, and ended up back here against their will.

What do I see with students back in saddle? An uptick in performance. We are already turning some "F's" into passing grades. I see kids reacting to the basic human instinct that we are hard-wired to be social animals, and they are enjoying the face-to-face interaction. There is focused instruction, but also small chat and laughter. It's a fresh-breath of masked air.

I commend the powers-that-be that operate over my pay scale on designing a safe environment for students and staff to operate in. Students are spaced apart in the classrooms. No one argues about wearing a mask. Soon, the doors and windows will be open with warm air circulating from outside. Schools have never really become super spreader venues during Covid, and I don't see ours becoming one either. We've had a couple of positive cases which mandated forced quarantines for students sharing the same classroom, but I'm not hearing of Covid spreading in the schools.

We are slowly getting back to a regular routine, and it feels really good. The horrendously boring 53-week hiatus away from school that just passed ... I'll forever think of it in my professional career as the hockey intermission between the second and third periods of play. The fisherman in me will prevent an overtime period of play.

Most important, I'm happy for the kids. I'm also happy for the parents who get the kids off their backs, and back into my classroom. As for more social individuals like myself, it's simply great to be back.
EASTERN SIERRA MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL TO DEBUT

Eastern Sierra Arts Alliance (ESAA) Executive Director Shira Dubrovner announced the first ever Eastern Sierra Mountain Film Festival in conjunction with Eastern Sierra Earth Week.

The festival’s films were specifically chosen to celebrate mountain culture and the environment. This year’s festival will be held virtually on April 23-25. Free tickets are available through the Eastern Sierra Arts.org website.

When the Covid pandemic struck and the annual Tahoe Adventure Film Festival was forced to cancel, Dubrovner and Lia Webb of High Sierra Energy Foundation, past collaborators on other mountain culture projects, brainstormed. The result – this festival.

The opening film on Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. is Kifaru, which follows the lives of two young Kenyan recruits that join Ol Pejeta Conservancy’s rhino caretaker unit – a small group of rangers who care for and protect Sudan, the last male northern white rhino or kifaru in Swahili.

Sunday’s closer is titled “Anchor Point” and will show at 7 p.m. Women have been a force in wildland firefighting since 1942. Still, they remain outnumbered 10-to-1 on the fire lines and do double-duty battling both the infernos that scour public lands and the smoldering embers of discrimination, misogyny and sexual harassment.

Told in cinema vérité, ANCHOR POINT chronicles the 2019 fire season through the eyes of two women, generations apart, as they push to change the culture of wildland fire. Much of the film was shot in and around the Eastern Sierra.

OBITUARY

JIM LAMBERT 1954-2021

James Boyd Lambert, 67, of Chalfant Valley, passed away peacefully in his home last month after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Blythe, Calif. on February 7th, 1954 to James Robert Lambert, Jr. and his wife Maveline.

In 1979, Jim moved to the Owens Valley. He worked at Napa Auto Parts in Bishop and Mammoth for many years.

While living in Crowley, Jim also volunteered with the Long Valley Fire Dept. as a Firefighter and EMT/MB.

In 2006, Jim left Napa to work for Britt’s Diesel and Automotive as their Parts Technician, and moved to Chalfant Valley.

He was always particularly grateful for the support of Britt and Karolyn Nelson, as well as Crissy Crawford and her husband Cecil, and the entire crew at Britt’s for their companionship in both his professional and personal life over the years.

While he worked selling auto parts, Jim’s passion was always his music. He was an avid guitar player, and many of his fondest memories come from creating music throughout the Owens Valley. Jim loved performing and touched countless lives.

He is survived by his wife, Lina Lambert, of Chalfant Valley, his daughter, Jamie Chapman and her husband Logan, of Willows, Calif., his son, David Lambert and his fiancée Meghan, of Bangor, Maine, and his granddaughter, Kennedy Chapman, of Willows; his stepdaughter, Amanda Myers of Arcata, Calif. and stepson Spencer Myers of Los Angeles, as well as the countless friends and loved ones he touched throughout his life.

A celebration of life will be scheduled for later on in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on Jim’s behalf supporting local businesses, the local music societies, firefighter/search & rescue organizations, or the tip jars of any live musicians, or a donation of blood can be made in Jim’s honor to continue the gift of life.
ALTERRA UNVEils CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Press Release

Alterra Mountain Company, owner of Mammoth Mountain, announced plans to invest $207 million in capital improvements for the upcoming year, including transformational base area and on-mountain development at Steamboat’s Deer Valley Resort, Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows and Mammoth Mountain.

Deer Valley Resort, Utah: Snow Park

The Snow Park Lodge and base area will see a complete revision to create a premier base area experience for guests arriving at Deer Valley. The new base area will provide additional accommodations and skier services, new contemporary food and beverage and après options, and an additional ski beach and upgraded mountain transportation network. A new integrated transportation and mobility hub with multiple access points from new parking facilities will dramatically improve the current guest arrival and mountain access experience. Pending local government review and approval, Snow Park is projected to break ground in 2022.

Squaw Valley / Alpine Meadows, California: Base-to-Base Gondola

The state-of-the-art and highly anticipated Base-to-Base Gondola (B2B) will commence construction this summer. This base-to-base connection will take skiers and riders between the Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows bases in approximately 16 minutes, currently a seven-mile drive.

The B2B will be one of the most impactful lifts in North America with 8-passenger cabins and the capacity to move 1,400 people per hour between resort base areas. The $60 million project includes two main terminals, two mid-stations and additional base area improvements.

Mammoth Mountain, California: Main Lodge Redevelopment

The Main Lodge redevelopment multi-year plan will create the “Base Camp to the Eastern Sierra,” providing the world’s best ski beach, state-of-the-art services, Adventure Concierge Center, an array of boutique dining and retail experiences, luxury lodging and a variety of residential ownership options, complete with unparalleled club amenities and programming.

This ambitious plan is in the permitting phase and scheduled to begin construction in spring 2023.

Steamboat, Colorado: Gondola Square Redesign & Pioneer Ridge Terrain Expansion

Steamboat will embark on a three-year, $135 million base area redevelopment and on-mountain terrain expansion.

Steamboat’s Gondola Square will be transformed into a multi-use, amenity-rich plaza creating an easy-to-navigate destination core, complete with additional dining and après, retail, entertainment and welcoming gathering places for guests to enjoy year-round.

Phase 1 of the redeveloped plaza is expected to break ground following the close of the 20/21 winter season.

On-mountain improvements slated for the 21/22 season, (pending additional approvals), include 650 new acres of advanced/expert skiable terrain in Pioneer Ridge, expanding Steamboat’s skiable acreage by nearly 20 percent.

Enterprise Technology Systems

Alterra Mountain Company will also invest $31 million to enhance the delivery of personalized experiences, simplify transaction processes and alleviate wait times. Priorities include Ikon Pass mobile app enhancements, expansion of mobile food ordering, upgraded destination apps and a new single sign-on.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since, then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

During the month of April and throughout the year communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities to promote prevention across the county.

Blue Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. Shining in the sun, the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future ALL children deserve! Keep an eye out for Blue Pinwheel Displays in Mono County.

The Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and other agencies have planned activities for the month of April to spread awareness about Child Abuse and Neglect in Mono County.

Activities:

- **April 2nd = WEAR BLUE:** Friday April 2, post a photo of you and your colleagues, friends or family wearing blue and what prevention means to you! For example, you can say “We wear blue to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month, #WearBlue4Kids and #WearBlue4KidsMono.

- **PASS THE PINWHEEL:** For #PassThePinWheel, post a photo or photos throughout April of you and your colleagues, friends or family with pinwheels with a brief explanation of what they mean (the national symbol of child abuse prevention) and challenge others to plant pins too!

- **April 23rd = HONOR YOUNG LIVES LOST:** Share #FlagsHonoringYoungLivesLost on April 23 for Children’s Memorial Flag Day will be raised at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Station#1 to raise awareness for the children who lost their lives to abuse and neglect. We encourage you to look for the Facebook Live Event on the Mono Strengthening Families Facebook Page.

To learn more about the Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) & how you can become involved, please call (760) 934-0031 or visit our website at: monocounty.ca.gov/capc or visit facebook.com/Mono-Strengthening-Families-

To report suspected child abuse or neglect in Mono County:

1-800-340-5411

PREVENCIÓN DEL ABUSO INFANTIL

El mes de Abril fue declarado como el mes nacional de prevención del abuso infantil por una proclamación presidencial en el 1983. Desde entonces el mes de Abril ha sido un tiempo para reconocer la importancia de que las familias y comunidades trabajen juntos para prevenir el abuso infantil, y para promover el bienestar social y emocional de los niños y familias.

Durante el mes de Abril y todo el año comunidades son alentadas a compartir estrategias y actividades para prevenir el abuso y negligencia infantil a través del condado.

Los Molinillos Azules son el símbolo nacional para la prevención del abuso y la negligencia infantil. Brillando en el sol, el molinillo es un reflejo del futuro. Todos los niños merecen y nuestra creencia de que prevenir el abuso infantil temprano es menos costoso que reparar vidas rotas.

El consejo de la prevención del abuso infantil de el condado de Mono y otras agencias tienen planiadas actividades para el mes de Abril. Estas actividades son para ayudar a difundir el conocimiento sobre el abuso infantil y negligencia en el condado de Mono.

Actividades:

- **2 de Abril- VISTE DE AZUL:** para #vístetedeazulparaniños. El día viernes 2 de Abril.

- **2 de Abril: HONOR A VIDAS PERDIDAS:** #Vanderaseenhonorandovidasperdidas el 23 de Abril para el día de la bandera conmemorativa de los niños que será elevada en la estación de bomberos#1 de Mammoth Lakes para aumentar el conocimiento sobre los niños que han perdido sus vidas a causa del maltrato y negligencia infantil. Los invitamos a que busquen el evento en vivo que estará en nuestra página de Mono Strengthening Families Facebook.

Para aprender más sobre el consejo de prevención del abuso infantil en el condado de Mono y como te puedes involucrar mas, por favor llama al 760-934-0031 o visita nuestra pagina web: monocounty.ca.gov/capc o visit facebook.com/Mono-Strengthening-Families-

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Covid Update

The Sheet attended a slew of Covid updates at the beginning of the week. Here’s the latest:

Mono County just completed a week at the Orange tier level. If the numbers hold, Mono could go orange by April 21. Mono’s test positivity rate is just 1.4%. Approximately 50% of the local population is fully vaccinated.

In Inyo County, Supervisor Jeff Griffiths advised the Bishop City Council on Monday in his report to the city that the County is petitioning the state for a special dispensation to allow Mule Days to occur.

He also said the state is planning to change some performance metrics for smaller counties, including transitioning to absolute case numbers versus percentages (which can be skewed by sample size), and he said backslides to more restrictive Covid regulations will only be based on hospitalization rates.

In Inyo County, Supervisor Jeff Griffiths recommended that 25% of Inyo residents over the age of 16 are fully vaccinated.

At both Supervisors meetings, the suspension of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was discussed.

As of April 13, 2021, the halt in the administration of the J&J shot was due to six cases of blood clotting out of some 6.8 million shots. The clotting affected women ages 18-48.

Rental assistance available

Rental Assistance Available to Qualified Residents of Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties

INYO AND MONO COUNTIES, CA
April 13, 2021 -- Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 91 in late January, allocating $2.6 billion in rent assistance for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

IMACA and Mammoth Lakes Housing have joined the Local Partner Network to help spread the word in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties and to assist folks to complete the online application available at https://housing.ca.gov/covid_tr/.

The program can help households with:

- 80% of back-rent owed from April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021, if the landlord agrees to forgive the remaining 20% or 25% of rent owed.
- 100% of unpaid utilities accrued from April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.
- 25% of future rent up to 3 months through June 2021.

Both tenants and landlords can apply. If you or someone you know needs assistance with housing-related debts accrued during this time period, please contact IMACA at (760) 873-7709 or Mammoth Lakes Housing at (760) 934-4740.

Manzanar at Dusk

LOS ANGELES — Connecting the injustices of the past with similar injustices of the present will be the focus of the 2021 Manzanar At Dusk program, part of annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, which is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, live and online via Zoom.

The Manzanar At Dusk program follows the 52nd Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage that same day, to be released at noon PDT on the Manzanar Committee’s YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/manzanarcommittee.

“Manzanar At Dusk is a collaborative effort between the Manzanar Committee and Japanese American college students to continue educating others about the significance of the Japanese American Incarceration experience,” said Wendi Yamashita, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity, Ithaca College.

Through a panel and small group discussions, participants will have the opportunity to interact with each other to share personal stories. Participants will also be able to share their own experiences and discuss the relevance of the Japanese American Incarceration experience to present-day issues.

Both the daytime Pilgrimage program and the Manzanar At Dusk event are free and open to the public. Registration is required for the Manzanar At Dusk program. To register, go to: https://forms.gle/x6xwLTU1isjxzyzy5.

Mono Budget overview

Mono County Finance Director Janet Dutcher briefed Mono Supervisors Tuesday regarding the 2021-2022 budget outlook.

Dutcher said Supervisors can expect the County’s base budget to increase by 4.44% this year. This includes a projected 56% increase in room tax revenue, a near 10% increase in sales tax revenue and a 2% increase in property tax collections, though Dutcher said she was being conservative and that the County might realize an extra percentage point in prop tax collections based upon property transfers.

On the downside, labor and pension costs continue to pressure the County. Salaries and benefits are projected to rise 6.6% year-over-year. And Dutcher expects the County to run in the red this year. The projected budget deficit for 2020-2021 is $2.4 million. With another $1.2 million deficit projected for 2021-2022.

Unfunded pension liability has sharply increased over the past few years. This year alone, it’s expected to increase 13.6% over last year.

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According to the Trial Brief submitted by Assistant D.A. Tobias Hasler, "She [Hugelman] stated that she started drinking at 8 p.m., stopping at 9 p.m. She said she consumed two ciders. She then apparently didn’t drink another drop (except for the cough syrup) until she left the Public House at approximately 11:55 p.m. Ms. Hugelman is 110 pounds. A member of the defense team said Lt. Hugelman’s testimony in the case was very limited in scope - perhaps five minutes - and involved him advising his daughter to save the Nyquil bottle she had consumed from. The jury ultimately convicted Hugelman of charge 23152(a), driving under the influence, but acquitted her of charge 23152(b), which is driving under the influence with a BAC (blood alcohol content) of more than .08.

The Sheet asked Mammoth Police Chief Al Davis "Did Lt. Hugelman’s testimony in his own daughter’s DUI case impact your opinion of Lt. Hugelman as a law enforcement officer in any way?" He answered no.

The Sheet was unable to reach arresting CHP Officer Jon Nyland, but did speak to Nyland’s colleague John Marchant, who said he’s never had/heard of a DUI arrest that involved a “cough syrup defense.” Mono County District Attorney Tim Kendall, however, had a different take. He said “it’s a common defense that’s used all the time. And all you need is one juror to agree with you.

In regard to the Hugelman case, Kendall said he didn’t recall her saying she had cough syrup in the car at the time of her arrest, and “I can’t comment on whether she might’ve been coached.”

What’s interesting is that Hugelman’s penalty was not affected by escaping conviction for 23152(b). She received the standard first offense DUI penalty which involves about $2,000 in fines, a court-ordered class and 30 days suspended license.

The Sheet did obtain a copy of Hugelman’s employment contract to determine what it cost for the Town to terminate his at-will employment. The answer = not much. Ten weeks severance pay. That’s about it. Off a base salary of approximately $148,000/year. Maybe it was just a cost-cutting move.

Forgive me the next section (or not). Given the history of MLPD hijinks, I figured I should come up with a departmental survey for future job applicants. There are ten questions. One must achieve a score of eight points to be considered officer material at the MLPD. Scoring will appear at the end of the quiz. Don’t cheat.

1. The department motto is a.) serve and protect, or b.) service and wear protection.
2. The department’s favorite number(s) are a.) 10-4, or b.) 69.
3. What is your preference? a.) flashing blue lights, or b.) flashing tighty whities.
4. Do you use cough syrup for a.) a cough, or b.) driving home after a party.
5. When you have cornered a perp, do you say, a.) Come out with your hands up! or b.) Come out with my pants down!
6. When advising a person of their rights, do you say a.) Anything you say can and will be used against you, or b.) Anything you say in a sexy voice will reduce your sentence.
7. Select the appropriate phrase. a.) You have the right to remain silent, or b.) Shut up and obey.
8. Which do you prefer? a.) Al Pacino in Serpico, or b.) Joseph Wambaugh’s “The Choirboys”
9. Choose your phrase. a.) Can I see your license and registration? b.) Why don’t you give me an address and time?
10. Would you rather a.) Chase robbers, or b.) chase tail.

Extra credit: Name your favorite bar in the Eastern Sierra.

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EVs PUTTING THE PAST ON ICE
By Pam Bold

Electric vehicles (EV) are all the rage, and other alternative fuel models are on the horizon. The future is here, and the transition from the internal combustible engine (ICE) is clear. How long that evolution will take is anyone’s guess, but with the pace of innovation, you’d figure sooner rather than later. Since the transportation sector generates the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions, this transition will play an important role in combating global warming.

Reuters published the results of an annual survey which suggests that just under 50 percent of all car buyers in the US would consider a fully-electric vehicle as their next automotive purchase. This is being fueled by the stratospheric success of Tesla and the traditional car manufacturers who are sprinting to catch up, operating expenses when compared with similar ICE vehicles.

The build-out of charging infrastructure may be likened to the proliferation of gas stations in the early 1900s to facilitate the adoption of gas-powered vehicles, or the 1936 Rural Electrification Act where the federal government made a historic investment in bringing electricity to nearly every home and farm in America. President Biden has pledged to build 550,000 new EV charging stations. Although Vermont has the highest number of charging stations per capita, California leads the country in overall stations, with proprietary Tesla stations leading the way. Tesla is currently planning a 100-plus stall station halfway between SF and LA, at Harris Ranch.

Locally, Tesla has an 8-station charging facility in Mammoth, but currently there are no public universal stations. Local enthusiasts took the initiative to propose and procure a Level 2 station and solar pavilion at Hess Park in Lee Vining. The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County are planning for the siting of universal stations and Southern California Edison’s Charge Ready program will provide infrastructure and incentives to commercial and multi-family properties. 1849 Condos took advantage of the Charge Ready pilot program in 2019 and has charging stations available for owners and guests.

The 395 corridor has benefitted from recent additional charging stations at CalTrans rest stops in Boron, Coso Junction, Division Creek and the Bishop Caltrans Office and Electrify America stations at Coso Junction, Bishop and Bridgeport. I recently stopped to check out the new station at the Chevron in Coso Junction and by happenstance met an EV developer for Volkswagen traveling in a prototype of the new Volkswagen ID.4 on a family trip from Ventura to Lake Tahoe. He, as with most EV drivers, was happy to discuss the features, cost of miles traveled and the timing of stops for charging, which nicely coincided with the needs of his toddler. He estimated the trip cost $80 in charging fees, approximately 40-45% less than the average comparable gasoline vehicle.

There are some concerns with EVs. The claim of zero emissions always bothered me. No, EVs are not free of emissions, however there is a difference between tailpipe and power plant emissions. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, 94 percent of people in the U.S. live where driving an EV produces less emissions than using a 50 mpg gasoline car. In California, the EV emissions as gasoline MPG equivalent is 122 mpg, and as power generation transitions to cleaner sources, that number will increase. A recent Wall Street Journal article reported that gasoline vehicle emissions are 77% higher than an electric vehicle powered by a national average generation mix at the 100,000-mile usage mark.

Battery production does have a concerning environmental footprint, but future battery raw materials could change, manufacturing methods will improve and there’s extensive R&D into alternatives. Industry leaders are committing to supply-chain reforms related to both environmental impacts and worker rights. To learn more about electric vehicles, from current EV owners in the Eastern Sierra, please join us on April 22 at Hess Park in Lee Vining from 10 a.m.-noon or the Mono County Drive Electric Earth Day Owners Panel on April 23 from 4-5 p.m., virtually. Registration information: highsierraenergy.org/earthweek2021
Q: Somebody told me that you have been writing about a new retirement strategy whereby people intend to own two or more, maybe several, properties that are used for nightly rental (Airbnb style) and the owners will move around from property-to-property to try to maximize rental revenue. Is this for real?

A: According to plenty of people I’ve been talking to in the past year, this is for real. I am coming across more and more people (including baby boomers) who are thinking their retirement years or semi-retirement years will include owning two or more homes that will have a short term rental strategy and be located in a resort or remote location. There are people who may even forsake a true primary residence. Some of it is driven by economic necessity. Some of it is driven by lifestyle. Working in this resort marketplace, I definitely see this trend. It isn’t for everybody. But having at least one place in Mammoth appears to be a priority. I’m increasingly talking about the “movement” of people spurred by the pandemic. Their real estate transactions and potential transactions are a big part of the movement. It is the topic of many discussions. It includes buying and selling. But right now not enough people are discussing. It includes buying and selling. But right now not enough people are considering all sorts of options. Hawaii is on some lists, while others will only consider “drive to” locales. The recent Covid lockdowns may be inordinately influencing this present thinking, but time will tell.

Most of these people envision keeping their big homes in the SoCal metropolis, but many are changing their minds. When they look at what their big home equity will buy them in “destination” locations, some can easily acquire quality properties in multiple locations (and maybe put some money in the bank). And many of these people are in the downsizing state of mind anyway so smaller properties are appealing. Many smaller STR properties, 1 and 2 bedrooms, typically provide the best return on investment. Even more ironically, the phrase “Sprinter van” becomes part of the vision and discussion too. It is almost comical. This is envisioned as the vehicle that transports these owners from place to place and adds a whole bunch of new exciting options while doing so. Might as well “travel” while “taking care of business.”

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THE STR RETIREMENT STRATEGY

By Oster

The Airbnb/VRBO phenomenon has made the marketing and facilitating of short term (or medium term) rentals much easier. But people are strategizing in all sorts of different ways. A key thing that is recognized by these people is that many resorts have peak seasons that will have a short term rental strategy and be located in a resort or remote location. There are people who may even forsake a true primary residence. A destination property(s). Others ultimately imagine “home swap” opportunities. There are people here in Mammoth who have done home swaps with New Zealanders. The “Kiwis” desire to be here for a Mammoth winter of snow and skiing. The home swap potential is endless. I imagine New Zealand is nice in the summer, especially if you can stay for a few months in a nice home. And maybe borrow the car. And you can incentivize it by letting them borrow the Sprinter.

Some of these “movement” people are choosing these new destinations solely on where they want to be. Others are really crunching numbers and are more keenly looking at revenue on top of personal desirability. They are subscribing to specific communities on AirDNA.com to fully understand the exact economics of a specific resort community or area. It can be a real decision-making data. This can be extremely valuable now and into full retirement. Others are trying to find some sort of perfect middle. And no doubt Mammoth is falling into a lot of the strategic thinking. Proximity to children can also be a big issue. Or where the children might want to visit. There are clearly other factors going into this thinking as well. Many of today’s real estate buyers are hedging what they believe will be serious inflation in the near and long term. Spreading their hedge into smaller properties in multiple places/states could be a good idea. Even better if there is some “remoteness” to the location. Others are just looking for a little bit of income that they can’t get in CDs or bonds without the risk of being overexposed to the stock market. And others are just saying “to hell with it” and hoping to live an exciting and healthy lifestyle before the giant meteor strikes.

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**TOWN STUFF**

**Saturday, April 17/**

**Deadline to participate in the April 24 “Inyo Beyond Celebrates Earth Day” variety/fashion show** sponsored by a -line based local, full-profit Goodent. More info: www.goodent.org.

**Tuesday, April 20/**

**Inyo County Supervisors meet via Zoom.** Public session generally starts 10 a.m. The webinar is accessible to the public at https://zoom.us/j/9682547781

**Mono County Supervisors meet.** Public session generally starts 9 a.m. To join via Zoom, visit https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/9545400742. "The last Tioga Inn hearing is scheduled for the afternoon session beginning at 1 p.m.

**Tobacco Free Eastern Sierra Earth Day 2021 Virtual Summit**

Time: 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (Free Webinar Event) https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/9405402184. Join advocates from across the Eastern Sierra to learn about environmental stewardship efforts & volunteer opportunities. Celebrate Earth Day, and win raffle prizes!


**Earth Week Athlete Ambassador Panel.** Time: 5-6 p.m. Zoom Registration: Highsierraenergy.org

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**TOWN STUFF**

**Pavillion in Lee Vining.** Trash cleanup, Trash to Art projects, Mammoth High School Upcycle Art Show; Drive Electric Earth Day Vehicle Tours with Eastern Sierra Electric Auto Assn; Full schedule: Highsierraenergy.org. Time: 9 am-2 p.m.

**“Quarantine Kitchen: How to Reduce Food Waste”** (Livestream on Facebook). Hosted by CalFresh, Community Service Solutions: https://www.facebook.com/cssolutions.org/. Time: 3-4 p.m.

**Friday, April 23/**

**Mono County Drive Electric Earth Day & Owners Panel (Virtual).** Time: 4:5 p.m. Register for Zoom link, and a chance to win a $250 Visa gift card, visit (enter zip code 93541) https://driveelectricearthday.org

**Saturday, April 24/**

**2021 Online Manzanar Pilgrimage.** 12-8 p.m. “Upholding Democracy and Constitutional Rights for All: No More Concentration Camps” is this year’s pilgrimage theme. Bonbu Stories and UCLA Kyodo Taiko will also perform. Visit via the Manzanar Committee's YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/manzanarcommittee. Earth Day Trash Cleanup in Bishop Starts 9 a.m. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Church and Fowler, Free pastries, coffee, supplies (bo' bring your own gloves).

**Earth Day/Fishmas celebration in Mammoth.** Starts 11 am-5 pm. Location Distant Brewing parking lot. Old Mammoth Road. Info: www.highsierraenergy.org

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**Ongoing**

**Laws Museum is "Back on Track!"** Outdoor exhibits are now open to the public. Visitors welcome Thursday through Sunday 10 am - 4 pm.

**Covid testing/**

**Bishop: Tri-County Fairgrounds, Tallman Pavilion on Monday and Thursday - participants must be in a vehicle to get tested. And at Statham Tallman Pavillion on Monday and Tallman Pavilion in Lee Vining.**

**Mammoth Lakes testing Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, 100 College Pkwy. 11 a.m. ’til 7 p.m. No appt. necessary. See ad p. 5.**

**Walker/Coleville testing Fridays at Walker Community Center 9 am-12:45p.m.**

**Covid Vaccination**

Pre-register for your Covid-19 vaccination in Mono County. Go to coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov or call 211. Inyo County vaccine registration can be accessed via the county website @ www.inyocounty.us.

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Notice Inviting Bids
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CAP 2-04
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the construction of the Mammoth Lakes Siesta Street Park in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Sierra Mammoth Lakes Recreation District.
Bids will be received either in person at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at: 500 Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546 or electronically transmitted at mammothlakes.ca.gov until 4:00 pm on May 6, 2021 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.
Bidders may attend the bid opening via Zoom at: https://zoom.us/j/94108578252?pwd=K3Zm35aLbVQ1bJkkm7vVJn72VUtzeWd1
or by phone at: 669-900-6833, Meeting ID# is 963-0051-N-25-20 and N-29-20, the meeting will be accessible for viewing cddcomments@mono.ca.gov, or via the live cast meeting (technology permitting). You can view the agenda and public comments for the public hearing at: https://zoom.us/join or by phone at: 669-900-6833, (Meeting ID# is 963-0051-N-25-20 and N-29-20, the meeting will be accessible for viewing by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov, or via the live cast meeting (technology permitting). If you wish to view the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you have previously submitted and you are encouraged to contact the Mono County Planning District for additional information on court procedures. For additional information on court procedures, contact the Mono County Planning District, as listed above.
Notice of Public Hearing
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning District of the Mono County Planning Commission will hold a special meeting of the Mono County Planning Commission on May 29, 2021. As authorized by Gov. Newsom’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, the meeting will be accessible remotely by livestream at: https://zoom.us/join and by phone at 669-900-6833 (Meeting ID# is 963-0118-73854) where members of the public will have the right to observe and listen to public comment, to consider the following:
5:00 pm CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 21-006, Nv. Nevada Inc. (ORNI 50, LLC) will be commencing construction on the ORNI Casa Diablo Geothermal Project.
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the construction of the Mammoth Lakes Siesta Street Park in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Sierra Mammoth Lakes Recreation District. The contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitted the lowest responsible and included on the base bid alone. The Town reserves the right to waive any informa- tion relating to the base bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to reject any part of any or all bids, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to accept any and/or all bids which, at its discretion, are the most advantageous to the Town of Mammoth Lakes. No person or bidder will be responsible for any expenses incurred in preparing bids.
TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
DATE
April 9, 2021
TS #2021-0049

Request for Proposals
SUNRISE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS - MAMMOTH LAKES, CA seeks a Property Maintenance Rep for a 5-year term contract.
1. Services: This RFP is issued by the board of directors of the Sunrise Village Condominium Association, for the purpose of retaining the best management service(s) for the day-to-day needs of our community.

2. Contract:
The sole proposal will be a RFP as listed below: All Inquiries MUST Complete RFP and respond to the RFP.

Please email contact below
Daren Duck, President 
duck.ramen@gmail.com

3. Submission: Proposals received after the date and time specified shall not be accepted. Supplier shall provide its response in the form of a RFP. Proposals must be submitted in the form of a RFP as follows:
- A copy of the document delivered to the above. (PDF FORMAT ONLY)
- Receipt of Proposals: *Please ensure email confirmation receipt of RFP. All proposals and submis- sions will be kept strictly confidential. Only the mem- bers of the board of directors and advisory committee will be provided access to the proposals and evaluation results. Incomplete proposals may be grounds for disqualification. Details, including time and location for the board meeting on June 22, 2021 will be provided to the finalists.
- Pricing Supplier shall submit a price for each item on the basis indicated herein including whether sales or other taxes are applicable.
- Evaluation Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria relevant to the RFP, including, as applicable.
- GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
  - The HOA is seeking property mainte- nance including care and maintenance of the property grounds, landscape, parking lot, common areas, building exteriors, security, fire and emergency equipment.

Notice of Construction Operations
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NEW JIM CROW?
Page examines new push for restrictive voting laws
By Owen Page

The validity and credibility of the United States election system was challenged like never before in the wake of the 2020 General Election, as absentee voting on an unprecedented scale led to accusations of ballot tampering and a “stolen election.”

In a destabilized and underfunded Postal Service and delays in ballot counting dragging out the result and critics were chomping at the bit to overturn election laws.

So far, legislators in 47 states have introduced bills that contain restrictive voting provisions. A small number have been signed into law; others continue to make their way through their respective state legislatures.

The bills have been introduced under the guise of securing election integrity. Opponents argue it’s a direct response to high voter turnout in 2020.

None have incited controversy like the Georgia bill, known as the Election Integrity Act of 2021, signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on March 25.

Georgia proved to be one of, if not the most, important states in the 2020 election cycle. Democrat Joe Biden carried the state, the first time a Democrat has been elected in the county. “Under the new law, there will be 23 at most. “

And placing these boxes in places with fixed hours means that votes can only be deposited at those times. Show up 15 minutes after closing and you’re out of luck.

3. Absentee ballots can be requested between 78 and 11 days prior to an election. The reduced time frame will almost certainly make it more difficult to process absentee votes. 1.3 million Georgians voted absentee in 2020 (26% of the population), 65% of whom voted Democrat.

In a state where one party holds majorities in both governing bodies, the law allows them to control the election board.

Backlash to the law has included boycotts, action taken by companies, and relocating the MLB All-Star Game to Colorado.

Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell said at a news conference that corporations could face consequences “if they become a vehicle for far-left mobs to hijack our country from outside the constitutional order” and advised them not to take sides.

Upshot: the legislation makes voting more difficult. It’s that simple. Arguing that such efforts strengthen election integrity is disingenuous; it wasn’t an issue until the “wrong” side started winning.

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HORRORSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

Aries: With your latest year just beginning here a few things you can do to make the most out of it. A) Decide that it’s going to be a ridiculously good year. B) Learn to love solitude. C) Trust yourself, the Universe and the Hockey Gods. D) Sleep naked, unless you’re sharing your bed with someone odd, like a total stranger, a platonick friend, or your grandma.

Taurus: One of the good parts of COVID is that it has cut down on people doing foolish things at parties, like passing out only to wake up and find odd things written on their bodies by their friends. After all, there isn’t a much worse way to start your day than to find a warg drawn onto your forehead—unless, of course, you find out it’s been traced. That’s why your new mission is to start every day on a positive note. A good breakfast is important, just don’t overdo it on the sausages.

Gemini: A man in Oregon is trying to get the borders changed so that much of the Beaver State would become “Greater Idaho.” The odd thing is, he must have an amazing butt, because every time I walk away I always hear people whispering, “What an ass.”

Virgo: Your new advice may seem like littering, but you can always clean it up or use it for fire starter afterwards. Your advice is that anytime you’re feeling stressed, overwhelmed or bummed out, simply write down what is troubling you on a piece of paper. Then fold that paper into a paper airplane and send it for a ride. Basically, make them flying Fs. It’s okay to accept this as the best advice you’ve ever given.

Libra: It can be tough to stay sane in these crazy times. It helps to remember that we’re all crazy in our own ways. Thankfully, we all don’t have the same ways as Matt Gaetz or anyone in the Kardashian family. To help you stay as sane as possible, get lots of fresh air, schedule regular exercise and lovingmake, and spend some time on Facebook or Twitter so you’ll see how crazy all the other people are, too.

Scorpio: April is National Hope Month. That’s why you should be feeling much more hopeful than you probably are right now. So here are a few McNuggets of Wisdom to help you get there. Some folks say HOPE stands for Hold On, Possibilities Everywhere. Clouds thinks it usually stands for Have Only Positive Expectations and sometimes means Help Others Pursue Ecstasy. April also provides reasons to be hopeful because it’s National Soft Pretzel Month as well home to official days for celebrating Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Beer and Pigs-in-a-Blanket!

Sagittarius: April is National Humor Month. That’s why your words of wisdom will come from two very funny Sags, Sarah Silverman and Richard Pryor. From the former, “Mother Teresa didn’t walk around complaining about her thighs—she had shit to do.” And from the latter, “The reason why people use a crucifix against vampires is because vampires are allergic to bullshit.”

Capricorn: Spring is the season of hope. It’s the time of year when Mother Nature stands up to that bully winter and kicks it in the snowballs.

Kindergarten & TK Round Up 2021

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Kindergarten Round Up:

Learn how to enroll your child in Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten, meet the teacher, and sign up to get or pick up your Kindergarten Readiness Backpack.

Pending Health Department related to County COVID status, Health and Safety Fairs will be held at all events except Mammoth Elementary

If your child will turn five on or before September 1st, 2021, he or she can attend Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. If your child will turn five between September 2nd and December 1st, 2021 he can attend transitional kindergarten during the fall 2021.

For the calendar events, go to: 
https://www.first5mono.org/calendar-of-events/
DOSTIE
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we found evidence of human decom-
position,” he said, referring to chemical
compounds such as carbon tetrachlo-
ride, benzene, and pentanal emitted by
human decomposition.
“I want to make it very clear—I’m not
saying Kristin is there,” Dostie insisted.
“But it’s never been resolved by the
sheriff’s office and they’ve completely
ignored it through three sheriffs includ-
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if they obtained the same result? Why
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