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SMELLS LIKE ... MUSK

Before we even start, let's not pretend this issue is a comprehensive look at 2024. It's more of a whatever-jumps-out-at-me as I'm tossing stuff into the crock pot

... The big theme as we exit 2024 is Elon Musk and the DOGE (incoming President Trump's newly envisioned Dept. of Government Efficiency). As if a kleptocracy long-conditioned to angle for its own little departments and fiefdoms and pet causes is suddenly going to embrace common cause and fiscal austerity.

I give it ninety days.

Politicians are about more and bigger and better and love me, love me, love me - they want to spend other people's money and save the world and remind voters of how wonderful they are - now!

As the guileless and distracted offer their passive compliance ...

What makes me nervous is when government has a chunk of "discretionary" money to throw around.

Because no one spends money very efficiently when they don't have to.

Locally, we passed a lot of taxes this past November. So there's a lot of money sloshing around that wine glass.

Fascinating read in the March 18 edition of the Wall Street Journal entitled, "Private Developers Reject Public Funding for Affordable Housing."

"By forgoing government assistance and the many regulations and requirements that come with it, SDS Capital Group said the 49-unit apartment building it is financing in South L.A. will cost about \$291,000 a unit to build."

Compare that to the estimated near-\$1 million per unit it will cost to build out the 11-unit Access Apartments development in Mammoth Lakes.

Or, according to the Journal story, the \$939,000 per unit a city commission determined that it costs to build affordable housing in San Jose.

And if you build without all the grants and tax breaks, etc., you get to control the eligibility requirements.

Granted, you won't build as many units per year, but ... "the most significant impact private affordable housing builders could have, advocates agree, is to demonstrate how much cheaper construction can be."

Whereas in Mammoth, as I wrote in the September 28 issue, "The solution to the local housing issue has been reduced to 'raise money, spend money, drill baby drill.'

Councilman John Wentworth has suggested I'm on a 'smear' campaign regarding the Town's ill-conceived TOT ballot measure.



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Nah. I'm on a truth campaign.

And the truth is, politics is about the collection and spending of money, and it's absolutely the right and healthy thing to argue about both.

Saying you care about housing and will do anything for housing is just conformist and weak and exceptionally unoriginal.

Because it's sure easy to make decisions when everyone can praise you for your humanity and you don't have to prioritize anything and there's no price tag.

And with housing right now, it sure feels like a buy high/sell low scenario."

THE BENEFITS OF MEMORY LOSS

You want to know why being a politician is such a great job?

Because the consequences of so many decisions are only felt long after you've mismanaged your way into oblivion

The Inyo Supervisors paying off a "CalPERS Side Fund" debt at its meeting Tuesday being a case in point.

In 2001, the County decided to increase retirement benefits for the Deputy Sheriff's Assn. and Law Enforcement Administrators Assn. This affected approximately 40 employees. Instead of getting 2% @ 50, they negotiated for 3% @ 50. So an employee retiring after 30 years would get 30 times 3 or 90% of his top mean salary for the rest of his life versus 30 times 2 or 60%.

And to pay for it - has been a boondoggle. They've had to borrow money for a thirty-year term. And if you run the numbers, the taxpayer will ultimately lay out about \$300,000 apiece extra for those 40 employees.

*The conspiracy theorist in me wants to know which Supervisors in 2001 were related to which affected law enforcement employees.

From the staff report: "At the beginning of 2013, the County began looking into refinancing options for the Side Fund ... At the time, the County's Safety Plan had about 17 years remaining with an outstanding balance of \$3.95 million. Under private placement with Umpqua Bank, the Side Fund was re-funded with a new par (loan) in the amount of \$4.045 million, including a fixed interest rate of 5.5% for a maximum of ten years.

The Side Fund fixed rate period has expired, and the loan has now moved into a variable interest rate which is currently at 8.5%.

The County currently has 6.5 years left on the term of the loan, which retires on June 30, 2030.

Over the last ten years, the County has paid \$1.59 million in principal payments and \$1.85 million in interest on the note, totaling \$3.44 million. If the County continues to pay at the variable rate under the current agreement in addition to the \$2.46 million in principal payments due, the County will incur over \$700,000 in additional estimated interest."

So on Tuesday, the County decided to pay off the loan early. Using some one-time "free" money from one of those ubiquitous acronyms - LATCF (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund).

*Translation: This is Covid bailout money which the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the "fab forty" will have to pay back someday.

Check out the language from the U.S. Treasury's published "Guidance" for the LATCF.

"Under this program, recipients have broad discretion on use of funds. Specifically, recipients may use these funds on any governmental purpose other than a lobbying activity. Recipients may maintain or expand public services - such as health, educational, housing and public safety services. Recipients may also invest in infrastructure - from roads and bridges to water infrastructure - to facilitate economic development, improve health outcomes or transition their communities to clean energy. Recipients may also invest in restoring and bolstering government capacity (I.e. creating more tax eaters) ... "

You get the drift.

But in Inyo County, we use the money for none of the above. We use the money to pay off bad decisions made two decades ago.

But look on the bright side,. Now that we've cleared this debt, that gives the current Board the green light to borrow money for the next stupid idea.

/from The Sheet March 23/
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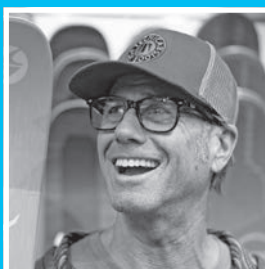
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MILES LAFAYETTE



2024 ... as befits an election year, was shrouded in its share of weirdness, punctuated by a pair of killings. One was the murder of David Miller, which occurred in February. The other was the euthanization of Victor the Bear, which occurred in August and aroused public ire both locally and globally.

SWIPE RIGHT LEADS TO BEAR KILLING

On August 21, beloved local black bear, Victor, was killed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) after he injured a tourist at the Lake Mary campground.

The woman injured was a 61-year-old from the Los Angeles area who was camping for two nights with her daughter and another couple, said Mammoth Lakes Police Department Detective Brian Madera, who followed up with her days after the incident.

The attack happened on the woman's second night at the campground.

The first night of her stay, the woman heard noises from a large animal outside her tent. Scared, she did not peek to see if the animal was a bear but she heard it scratch and open the bear box outside the tent, Madera said. When she woke up, food was scattered across the campground.

The next night, the woman's party was cooking dinner around 7 p.m., Madera said. They were in campground number 10, and their neighbors in site 9 were the only other group cooking.

Victor approached the group and the



61-year-old woman was the only one in her party who did not get out of the way, Madera said. She stood atop a tree stump to avoid him.

The bear swiped the woman on the calf, leaving a laceration which required stitches, for which she was treated at Mammoth Hospital and released that night.

This series of events was caught on camera by a bystander, and the video has since circulated around the internet.

/from The Sheet August 31/

**Mammoth's own Bear Whisperer Steve Searles said the video ultimately garnered 300 million views worldwide*

STANGE BREW

Prelim hearing for murder suspect held in Indy

Brian Russell Stange, accused of the murder of David Miller on Shepard Lane in Bishop on February 12, was in court on Friday, April 12 for his preliminary hearing.

Enough evidence was presented to convince Superior Court Judge Stephen Place to hold Stange over for trial on two counts.

His arraignment on these new charging documents is scheduled for April 23.

According to the amended complaint, he faces one count of 1st degree, pre-meditated murder, a felony, with a special circumstance (lying in wait) and three separate firearm enhancements.

The second count is for stalking, also a felony.

Prosecutor David Christensen of the Inyo County District Attorney's office called several witnesses on Friday. The hearing lasted all day.

Inyo County Sheriff's Department Investigator Brian Howard was first on the stand, and explained how law enforcement came to identify Mr. Stange as the prime suspect.

And what was interesting was how quickly law enforcement was able to zero in on Stange.

The advantage of living in a society where a lot of cameras are rolling.

Observant delivery drivers are also very helpful.

On the day Mr. Miller was murdered while walking home northbound on Shepard, a delivery driver for a local florist had just made a delivery at the end of Shepard Lane.

As the driver was returning from the

delivery and exiting Shepard, the driver noticed a late model, tan pickup truck with a camper shell and a black toolbox on the roof parked on the opposite side of Line Street, just down from Mumy Lane (kitty corner on the right), facing east.

A vehicle of similar description was caught by Manor Market's street-facing camera speeding down Line Street east-bound right after the fatal rifle shot was fired.

It also turns out the same vehicle was captured on dashcam video by a California Highway Patrolman parked at that same location just prior to the shooting.

Where Mr. Miller was felled on Shepard Lane was perhaps 100 yards in from Line St.

Without foliage in February, a shooter wouldn't have to park directly across from the Shepard entrance to get a clear shot.

/from The Sheet April 20/

**The motive: Turns out Stange had been having an affair with a local woman. After the affair was broken off, the woman began dating Mr. Miller.*

In the weeks leading up to his death, Miller had called law enforcement on a few occasions reporting that his vehicles had been vandalized and there had been a prowler on the property.

Miller was killed by a "through and through" round (a bullet that passes through a body leaving entry and exit wounds.)

The murder trial is expected to take place in the spring of 2025.

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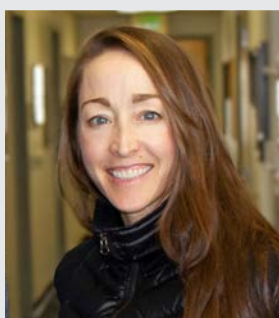
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McGUIRE RESIGNS AS FAIR CEO

By Lunch

Tri-County Fairgrounds CEO Jen McGuire has resigned her position, according to the CDFA (California Department of Food and Agriculture), which oversees County Fairs all over the state.

CDFA met with the Tri-County Fair Board and Ms. McGuire on Monday in Bishop. The meeting occurred in the Alta One conference room.

CDFA Deputy Secretary Michael Flores came from Sacramento to present the findings of a state audit.

McGuire's resignation was not the only outcome of the meeting. The Tri-County Fair Board has also apparently been relieved of its duties - at least temporarily. Until fealty is pledged.

Reminds one of the old saying, "The beatings will continue until morale improves."

An interim Fair CEO has been appointed by the state.

Ms. McGuire had also served simultaneously as the Ventura County Fairgrounds CEO while she worked for Tri-County. She has also resigned that

position.

What's ironic is that McGuire replaced previous Ventura Fair CEO Stacy Rianda just a year ago.

Rianda retired amid controversy precipitated by ... an audit.

Board members The Sheet spoke to described the Monday meeting as a sort of "kangaroo court" where the state laid out its position in a one-sided discussion of its findings.

One Board member simply pointed to the bank account as the final arbiter of Ms. McGuire's effectiveness. "When she got here, we had \$5,000 in the bank." Now? There are a few more zeroes.

/from The Sheet June 29/

Then, in a follow-up story by Klusmire which appeared on August 3: "In all, board members confirmed that all 26 items in the audit were basically correct and didn't flat out deny the findings in their official response."

Per former Inyo County CAO Leslie Chapman, "They need to fix a lot of stuff."

They Said It:

"The 21st century is full of people who are full of themselves."

-Sarah Bakewell

(How to Live: A Life of Montaigne)

"Since the pandemic, the work ethic has changed.

Employees feel like they've got you under the gun.

They don't work any harder. They just want more money."

-Ron Schilling

The Year in Development

At a certain point, you had to ask yourself, is there a piece of property out there that ISN'T getting developed or redeveloped?

Development was certainly a major theme this year - The 149-room, 15-private residence **Limelight Hotel** going up in Mammoth being the crown jewel. The hotel is slated for a late fall 2025 opening. That project was profiled in the Dec. 21 issue

Projects and the issues they appeared in (for reference):

Bishop Paiutes break ground on a **78-room hotel** (August 24 issue)

Town of Mammoth breaks ground on a new **Town Civic Center**. Initial estimate: \$23 million (plus \$3 million in soft costs) for a 22,000-square foot building (May 25 issue). Estimated completion: 2026

Construction bid came in at \$26.9 million plus a \$2 million contingency (June 8 issue).

Mammoth Hospital approves a resolution to build a **new North Wing**.

Price tag: \$153.6 million.

Estimated completion date: 2028.

"The need for a new building was driven by California seismic code policy, which mandates closure of non-compliant buildings by January 1, 2030." (July 20 issue).

The **118-unit Rocksprings development** is approved by Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission. The developer is Mark Rafeh. Location: The 2.6-acre "Dempsey" corner at the intersection of Main and Minaret where Nevado's once stood. (April 13 issue).

Eastern Sierra Community Housing broke ground on its 13-unit **Access Apartments** workforce housing project.

Location: The old Country Glass building on Sierra Manor Rd.

Estimated price tag: \$11 million

Estimated completion: 2026. (August 3 issue).

The \$5 million **Mammoth Mall renovation** by BISON partners was profiled in the July 27 issue. One of the stated goals of the buildout was to accommodate FiftyFifty Brewing, a restaurant and tavern based out of Truckee.

"The brewery will cover approximately 6,700-square feet over two levels with an additional 2,800-square foot outdoor area."

The Year in Pay Hikes

There's a section in the book I'm reading on modern Russia, "The Future is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia" by Masha Gessen where they talk about the system in the wake of the Bolshevik Revolution.

"Just a week after the Revolution, Lenin wrote that highly qualified professionals would need to retain their privileged position 'for the time being.' While the idle rich had to be stripped of their possessions, the highly trained had to be enticed to work for the new regime. The Marxist principle of 'from each according to his ability, to each according to his need' was replaced with the more pragmatic approach of paying what the state could pay for extracting the maximum from those with high ability.

Over the next few years, the list of those whose labor the state valued most highly was established ... But most of all, Bolsheviks valued themselves: privileges and benefits for 'political workers' exceeded those of all other groups."

So in 2024 ...

In Inyo County, we learned "staff is the most important part of the organization ... we need to take care of staff before embarking on new goals."

At an August budget presentation, it was revealed staff pay and benefits are set to increase a whopping 17% in 2024-2025, from approximately \$50 million to more than \$58 million.

In Mono County, "The overall expenditure for the salaries and benefits for the proposed FY 2024-25 budget is \$56.1 million, compared to the \$50.2 million allocated in the adopted budget of FY 2023-24 - that's a near 12% increase."

Mammoth Councilmembers gave themselves a 10% pay increase in August.

Mono Supervisors gave themselves an approximate 10% pay increase in April.

The Year in Taxes

A slew of tax measures appeared on the November ballot, as local government agencies struck while taxpayers felt flush to raise funds for a variety of needs.

Bishop voters approved \$46 million in school bonds.

Mammoth voters approved \$70 million in school bonds.

Mammoth voters approved a bed tax increase expected to soak guests for an extra \$40 million over ten years.

Mono County voters approved a 25% increase in the bed tax rate.

Mammoth voters approved a \$99/parcel levy to support its local fire district.

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College student dies on Half Dome

Grace Rohloff, 20, described as an Arizona college student, died following a slip-and-fall on the Half Dome cables during her ascent.

"She told me it was something that was on her bucket list, that she always wanted to do, and she was so happy about it ... There's no way ten minutes before, when she was up there smiling ear to ear, that I thought I only had ten minutes left with her." Hiking Half Dome requires a permit. A roundtrip to the summit is approx. 14 miles.

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. – A man was rescued after suffering full-thickness burns on his feet at Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes in Death Valley National Park on Saturday, July 20.

The man's family recruited other park visitors who carried the man to the parking lot.

Park rangers determined the man needed to be transported to a hospital quickly due to his burns and pain level. Mercy Air's helicopter was not able to safely land in Death Valley due to extreme temperatures, which reduce rotor lift. Park rangers transported the man in an ambulance to a landing zone at higher elevation, which was 109°F.

/from The Sheet July 13/

WILLOW SAVED

... According to Bishop Fire Chief Bret Russell, at 8:13 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 11), firefighters responded to a report of three units engulfed in fire at the mobile home park on Willow Street, in close proximity to other structures, with limited access for fire apparatus.

Two propane tanks had popped their tops and were blowing fire.

Bishop Councilmember Karen Kong said she overheard the grumbling of the doubters at the outset. "There's no way these volunteers are gonna get this under control."

And yet ...

“The beautiful part,” said Russell in a follow-up interview on Tuesday, “is that we had been training on these ‘close

A park visitor died in Death Valley National Park on July 6, from heat exposure near Badwater Basin.

The man was among a group of visitors traveling by motorcycle. Once heat index of 99F (37.2C) is exceeded, ambient air no longer helps provide relief. Experiencing Death Valley by motorcycle when it is this hot is further challenged by the necessary heavy safety gear worn to reduce injuries during an accident.

Due to the high temperatures, emergency medical flight helicopters were unable to respond, as they cannot generally fly safely over 120 degrees.

Preliminary data recorded 128F (53.3C) as the high temperature on July 6.

"While this is a very exciting time to experience potential world record setting temperatures in Death Valley, we encourage visitors to choose their activities carefully, avoiding prolonged periods of time outside of an air-conditioned vehicle or building when temperatures are this high," said Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds.

/from The Sheet July 27/

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. – Peter Hayes Robino, 57, of Duarte died of heat exposure at Natural Bridge Trailhead on August 1.

Bystanders saw Robino stumble as he returned from the one-mile roundtrip Natural Bridge Trail. The bystanders offered to help Robino, but he declined. They said his responses did not make sense.

Robino got in his car and drove off a steep 20-foot embankment at the edge of the parking lot. The car rolled over and airbags deployed.

Bystanders said Robino was breathing until just before the park rangers arrived 20 minutes later. NPS EMTs started CPR and moved Robino into the air-conditioned ambulance.

An autopsy conducted by the Inyo County Coroner found that Robino died of hyperthermia. The Furnace Creek weather station recorded 119°F that afternoon.

/from The Sheet August 17/

cousin' scenarios (where structures are in very close proximity). Rapid hose deployment, rapid water application ... it was beyond impressive execution. There was a breeze blowing to the southeast. It was a recipe for disaster. We could have lost a block or more."

"Thank your stars and buy a lotto ticket," he remarked.

He gave special kudos to Capt. Hector Martinez, who led Operations during the event while Russell served as Incident Commander.

While Russell said Monday that the cause of the fire was under investigation, neighbors The Sheet spoke to on Tuesday morning had a pretty clear idea of what they thought the cause was: One of the properties which burned had an oversubscribed electrical box next to dry grass with extension cords snaking in various directions.

/from The Sheet August 17/

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The Year in Herds

In February, Brian Tillemans delivered a sobering report regarding the state of local Bighorn Sheep and Mule Deer populations.

Tillemans said a harsh winter in 2022-2023 in combination with elevated mountain lion population numbers has decimated the Bighorn and Mule Deer herds.

The Mule Deer herd, at one time boasted a population of 6,000-7,000. A recent count, according to Tillemans, numbered just 400.

Likely because there is an estimated local population of 55 mountain lions, and Tillemans said it's believed they each kill one mule deer per week on average. That's more than 200 per month.

As for the Bighorn population, Tillemans recommends reading a recent opinion piece by John Wehausen which appeared in the January 16 edition of the L.A. Times.

During the winter of 2022-2023, Tillemans says the Bighorns either stayed high (to avoid the lions) and ended up starving or dying in avalanches, or

drifted lower and risked predation.

It's estimated half the local population died that season.

"I think we've passed a tipping point [where mortality is exceeding birth rate]. That's why we're seeing such steep declines ... The problem has been brewing for several years," added Tillemans. "It's frustrating that it's gotten to this point [without more conversation or intervention]."

100 years of Alice

2024 marks the 100th anniversary of school desegregation in Big Pine.

In 1924, 16-year old Alice Piper won the right (via a California Supreme Court decision) to attend the new public school built in Big Pine.

Piper, a member of the Paiute community, sued to attend public school because back then, the Indian day school only went to 5th grade.

And there was archaic law which forbid Native students from attending the "white" school.

Six families were parties to the lawsuit.

The case was cited as precedent when

They Said It:

"I know people will tell you that nine holes versus 18 is like getting naked without having sex, but I'm here to tell you that you can have plenty of fun just getting naked."

-Dave Schacht on playing Snowcreek

"Dems got their ass kicked because of the disaster they perpetrated on this country the last four years, never mind their own arrogance. It might be a good time to sit down and STFU."

-Allen Brown

the U.S. Supreme Court decided Brown v. Board of Education in 1954.

The bulk of Piper's career was spent as a schoolteacher at an Indian school in Carson City.

She retired at 60 and returned to the

Owens Valley, where she obtained certification and worked as a Nurse's Assistant at Northern Inyo Hospital.

She also worked in social welfare, foster care ... hers was a life spent helping others.

PATTERSON TAPPED AS NEW TOWN MANAGER

Rob Patterson, who has served as Finance Director for the Town of Mammoth Lakes since 2016, will become Mammoth's next Town Manager.

The decision was announced out of a closed session of Mammoth's Town Council on Wednesday evening.

Patterson becomes the first internal hire the Town has made since The Sheet came into existence (21 years).

He is unique in that when he takes a position, he stays awhile. The Town is just the third employer of his career.

His previous stops were in the private sector - 11 years with Meeks Lumber and Hardware, where he rose to the position of CFO (Chief Financial Officer) and 15 years with Raley's Supermarkets in their corporate offices, focusing on sales merch and operations.

In his seven-plus years in Mammoth, he has fallen in love with the community and adjusted to the public sector and that it's "not just about ROI (return on investment)."

/from The Sheet February 3/



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ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND/OR CANCELLATION





Kendall Milender left The Sheet for the small coastal town of New York City in August, but before she left, she wrote several thought-provoking op/eds. Here's one I'm sure our Boomer readers will enjoy.

IN DEFENSE OF GENERATION LAZY

Last week, Lunch sent me an op-ed. It was written by author and NYU Stern School of Business professor, Suzy Welch, and published by *The Wall Street Journal* in July of last year.

It's called "Lazy Girl Jobs' Won't Make Gen Z Less Anxious," — a manifesto against those Gen Zers just beginning to enter the workforce. Specifically (and interestingly), Welch chooses to target Gen Z women—a sobering thought, coming from a management professor at one of the country's preeminent business schools, tasked with educating the next generation of thought leaders, both male and female. But I digress.

Welch begins by criticizing what she perceives to be a trend on social media—20-something women encouraging each other to settle for remote jobs in the mid-5-figures bracket to maximize personal, rather than fiscal, returns. Welch condemns these "Lazy Girl Jobs" as the collective arbiter of a sinister, generational truth: "[Gen Zers worry a lot about anxiety. To be more specific, they worry a lot about *feeling* anxiety, and do everything they can not to."

Throw in a contrived Sheryl Sandberg reference and some feigned attempts at white collar humility, and you more or less have the gist of Welch's essay.

But Welch's commentary on the generational divide between Gen Z and the Baby Boomers (to which she belongs), isn't all that considered. While artfully spun from a seasoned and well-pedigreed academic such as Welch, the essay falls flat in that it fails to grab hold of the central fallacy of its genre—that each generation, by and by, is nothing more than the product of those that came before it. For all of Welch's tugging and pulling, the Lazy Girl's glass slipper doesn't seem to fit quite right.

And it's been tried on a few times by the *WSJ*—this patronizing of Gen Z as something of a 5-o'clock shadowed, couch-surfing youngest sibling who *could really make something of himself, if only he tried ... if only we hadn't spoiled him so...*

In fact, they tried it on last spring—the same spring I graduated Dartmouth College with my classmate, Eli Thrasher '23.

Thrasher and a few other college students were asked by the *WSJ* to weigh in on the prospective job market for young people, and the concept of "funemployment" for their *Future View* column—a clinical condition to which young people are subject to endure periods of personal enrichment while navigating the job search. In dire cases, taking a Lazy Girl (or Boy) job until the next best thing comes down the pike.

Thrasher's take: "They were trying to goad us into admitting that Gen Zers were lazy. That none of us want to work hard."

By that point, Thrasher had already contributed a couple one-offs for the *Journal*. And he'd recently landed a gig at a prestigious private equity firm in New York.

"But all I could think about, at the time, was that it was our senior spring. A lot of people who were admittedly smarter than me or had studied harder than me didn't have jobs. I did have a job, and so my attitude was 'I want to write this for my friends,'" said Thrasher.

His response was not, perhaps, what the *Journal* was looking for:

"Our generation has been sold a lie," he wrote. "We have grown up through war, financial crises, bubbles and scandals. We've seen and studied older generations' mistakes, watched them create a more divided country, and felt the effects as the U.S. loses ground on the world stage... 'Funemployment' is not a concept conceived by recent graduates out of glee—it's a coping mechanism necessary for graduates facing today's job market."

The funny thing is, Welch spends most of her own word count bemoaning Gen Z's imprecise use of the word "anxiety" as a blanket term to cover any feelings of stress—those, which she points out, are part and parcel of adulthood. But call it what you want—anxiety, stress, coping mechanism, binge drinking—the fact is, semantics only distract from the root of the issue. Welch, for all her hyper-educated lip service, fails to acknowledge the causal factors that have reaped the differing effects of the Boomer Generation and Gen Z.

As Thrasher and I discussed this past week, Welch is an elitist of that most dangerous variety: the kind that believes her success is owed to none but herself and her own dogged ambition. And, if Welch is to pigeonhole my and Thrasher's generation with a few convenient stereotypes, we are inclined to return the favor. We, after all, are elitists of another dangerous breed: the young and inexperienced kind. Take what we have to say with a grain of salt. All things being equal, that's the point of an op-ed.

They Said It:

"Change Mammoth's name to More. More City. Whose relentless mantra is More, More, More."

—Jim Macey, Keeler

Lest we forget, Welch and her fellow Boomers were born into an era of unparalleled prosperity in the United States. That much is anecdotally true, and it's also the basis for Bruce Gibney's work *A Generation of Sociopaths: How Baby Boomers Betrayed America*. As Gibney points out in his book, the Boomers were fortunate to be unburdened by the trauma of wartime, or the deprivation of the Depression—things faced and endured by their parents. They also, however, did not experience the social solidarity that comes out of those shared traumas. So by the time they were old enough to consolidate political and fiscal power, they "fritter[ed] away an enormous inheritance" in the name of self-interest. And the nation's infrastructure—once lauded as the finest in the world—decayed, maybe irreparably, in the hands of those countrymen that did not care to see it kept.

According to Gibney, theirs will be an era not remembered for the promulgation of prosperity for its children, but ignoble for its "generational plunder"—the financing of war after war with deficit spending, a gross negligence toward the environment, and the pillaging of American assets and industry.

"What happened to the future?" asks Gibney. "The Boomers did," he answers. "They sold it off piece by piece."

It seems as though the only instance in which Boomers care to think about the future is when it comes to entrusting the people who will inhabit it with all those proverbial cans kicked, year after year, further down the road.

Thrasher and I discussed the fate of Social Security (one of those cans) at length. It's tipping toward insolvency. And the irony, devised by Satan himself, that we will be tasked with supporting that booming generation which has forgotten that any after it should exist.

"That was supposed to be the whole point of it, right? A means for people to not be anxious about the future?" asked a rhetorical Thrasher. "That you pay into this system, and in the end, you know you're gonna be taken care of a little bit. You're not gonna starve. But the truth is, Social Security isn't gonna be around for us. Not in its current form."

So, sure. Nothing to be anxious about.

And to top it all off, Welch tries to offer what is, at best, a deluded mea culpa, and at worst, a total cop out:

"As parents, we did everything to prevent our kids from feeling hardship or discomfort," she says. "[We are] the reason Gen Z is terrified of anxiety: They have no experience with it."

(I will say, Thrasher and I got a good laugh out of Welch's subtle Harvard name-drop line, in which she attested to the fact that her parents had *nooooo* idea she applied to the Ivy League university—her point being, to contrast the parents of yesteryear with the helicopter types, like herself, that raised Gen Z. Though, it's hard to buy into the image of any Phillips Exeter student—Boomer, or Gen Z—alone in the deep waters of burgeoning adulthood, totally without a life vest.)

But anyway, back to the point. If shielding children from discomfort means weaving a social fabric around mindless consumerism and instant gratification at the expense of mortgaging those same kids' future then, sure. But to me, the crux of Welch's argument reads like a schmuck sitting down to a job interview and attesting that his greatest weakness is perfectionism.

In reality, those kids (us) have grown up to the tune of insurmountable student loan debt, and in a landscape where they (we) may no longer be able to afford a house.

Over-coddling, contrary to Welch's point, is the least of our problems.

Rest assured, I am not making the case for apathy or stress-avoidance, at all costs, in young people. The early stage of one's career has no place for it, and I will grant Welch as much. But what I would ask of Welch and the like-minded members of her generation is to reflect on their very real and very permanent choices that have so engendered the current state of the world. Now, the rules are changing. The roads are being repaved. A member of the Silent Generation that preceded you advised stepping off them if you can't lend a hand.

Generation Z is young. And whether we're funemployed, "lazy girls," PE analysts, or menial local reporters, we're working hard to figure it out; to buy into and remedy, as best we can, a system we did not create. The most nerve-wracking, anxiety-inducing part of it all is that we're just starting out. And the best thing our nation has going for it, right now, is that we're just starting out.

"The last thing I'll say, about anxiety," said Thrasher, as we wrapped up our conversation, "is that it comes from a fear of not being in control. Of being at the whims of others. That's how our generation feels. At least, for now."

We hung up the phone. It was getting late on either coast. And we had to, both of us, get back to work.

Kendall Milender thought employment at *The Sheet* would be fun. She was sorely misled by her predecessor Charlie Pike.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Klasmire

Torches and pitchforks, fire and brimstone, and a guest appearance by the one and only Baphomet, a demonic entity from the church of Satan, took center stage at the Bishop City Council meeting on May 22.

Nothing was burned nor forked. But the riled up Christians addressing the council did take some pretty wild stabs at what they believe is a blasphemous depiction of a devil goat, not a colorful abstract take on a combo bighorn sheep, eagle and bear, on the Community Connections Mural. It seems the speakers were okay with the rest of the art on the 70-foot long wall. But that damn devil goat got their goat.

Since this is a story about art and religion, this has to be an opinion column, because when it comes to those two topics, opinions and beliefs, however passionately held, are all there is.

Some familiar names and speakers from the erstwhile Free Eastside activist group took to the podium during public comment to condemn the colorful bighorn, the numerous hidden, nefarious messages they claim are tucked into the work, the artist, C5 Studios, the city council, Bishop in general and recent hotel paint jobs.

Leading the angst parade was Lynette McIntosh, who recalled the Bishop Mural Society and its mission to create murals with “historical significance” on buildings in town. The society, founded in 1997, completed 15 such murals, she noted. “I’m having a real hard time” seeing how the bighorn has anything to do with the “history or heritage of the Owens Valley.” Instead, it is a “demonic deity” worshipped by the Church of Satan since 1969.

She noted the original mural society founders would probably be “rolling over in their graves” to see such a thing.

For context, the co-director of the C5 Studio is Erin Dews, is a 5th generation Owens Valley resident, whose grandmother, Dorcas Birchim, was the founder of the Inyo Council for the Arts, so it’s a good bet she has a good handle on the area’s history and the history of public art in Bishop.

Oh, and just in case a demonic goat wasn’t enough, McIntosh proclaimed the mural also shows “a naked lady with a coyote.”

If anyone in the room would have been wearing pearls, they would have been clutching them and nearly fainting.

McIntosh noted that the numerous murals in Bishop detail mining, farming, mules (not mentioned was the mural featuring Catholic Father John Crowley), and pack trains from “the settler era” after the white folks showed up. The “naked lady with a coyote” is titled Stardust by artist Dana Ellis and has a decidedly indigenous look and feel with multiple elements. The “naked lady” is a stylized depiction that shows bones, since, the artist notes, “we are all made of flesh, blood and bone.”

Jennifer Beauden had “a heavy heart.”

Bishop-based columnist Jon Klasmire always has a unique take on the issues of the day.

In May, he was in his element when it came to covering the “Devil Goat” controversy surrounding the Community Connections mural debuted on South Warren St.,



The council has attacked small businesses and even allowed some hotels to paint their buildings in wild colors when she believed the city somehow had a say in the color scheme for private property (Note: The city does have some guidelines suggesting muted colors that sort of blend with the surroundings on commercial buildings, but those are just suggestions. The city decided it should not be in the business of dictating paint colors.)

Anyway, the “demonic idol” in the mural “goes against my beliefs,” she said. About three fourths of Bishop residents are Christians, she declared, but the council seems to be listening to the remaining one-fourth when it comes to the mural. And when dropping an opening prayer at city council meetings, a loss which she also bemoaned.

Beauden presented a petition asking the city or someone to remove the art.

Patty Holland seconded the idea of just taking the art down.

... Several speakers demanded, by God, to know how could such blasphemous art ever get approved by the City Council in the first place, and why there was no public hearing or debate on what the mural would include and, once again, with feeling, how in the world could this thing be approved? (Seeming to forget the building in question is private property and in America, private property is generally considered one of the sacred foundations of the nation.)

Mayor Jose Garcia had a one-sentence answer to the outrage: “the city has no process to approve a mural.”

I will provide the “why” to the statement: in the United States of America, all patriotic lovers of the Constitution know full well the Government, “shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press”

That would be the First Amendment.

Jon Klasmire of Bishop would like to offer two final opinions: “Your religion tells you what you can and cannot do, but doesn’t tell me what I can and cannot do,” and from those deeply spiritual philosophers, *The Grateful Dead*: “A friend of the Devil is a friend of mine.”

/from The Sheet June 1/

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the sheet YEAR IN REVIEW people

When my reporters tell me they don't know what to write about, I tell 'em to just walk down the street and talk someone up. The Eastside is full of interesting characters.



born performer that is easy to identify but harder to describe.

On February 6, Cooper (who is applying for the Juilliard's 4-year BFA Acting Program) will be expected to deliver two monologues as part of his audition to earn admission into the program. "I feel like my new chapter begins if I get into Juilliard," said Cooper. "But if I don't get in, it's okay. I'll come back and do what it is I do best."

/from The Sheet February 3/

Maurice Cooper: Maurice Cooper has made a name for himself since moving to town, eight-plus years ago. Well... "Eight years, one month, nine-teen days," says Cooper. But who's counting? In that time, he's become a mainstay of the Mammoth entertainment scene. He's hosted karaoke nights at watering holes both past and present, and he's the guy that both locals and day-trippers will know from that proverbial and oh-so-illusory elevated surface at the weekend après parties—you know, the ones hosted at the very place where California boys become men of the Eastern Sierra: The Canyon Lodge Sundek.

But what Cooper is perhaps best known for are his Tuesday Trivia Nights, put on weekly by Mammoth Brewing Company. Any given Tuesday, walk up the stairs of the brewery, and you'll find an eclectic, wholesome, and occasionally sober-curious crowd packing the benches. They come for the beer and tasters, but they stay for Cooper, and the production he provides—the tip-of-the-tongue inducing brain teasers, the good music, and the charisma of a natural

They Said It:

"We are one of the highest-taxed cities in California and our town has never been in worse shape."

-Steve Searles

"I want them to drive out as many tourists as possible now that I don't depend on them. I hope they make TOT 50%."

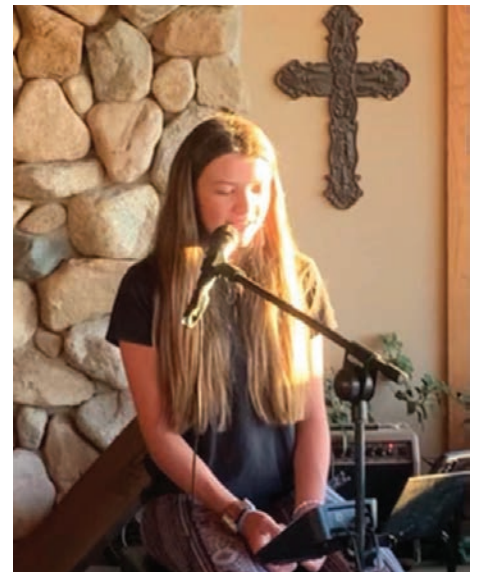
-Fmr. Mammoth business owner on why he supported Measure L

Jade Peterson: Eighth grader, Jade Peterson, made Mammoth music history as the first student to compete in California's All-State Honor Choir. Students from all over the state audition for a spot to rehearse and perform in the prestigious ensemble, which will be performing this weekend at Sacramento State University's Memorial Auditorium.

"This is her first year actually singing," said Peterson's choir director at Mammoth Middle School, Hailey Hurd, who reached out to The Sheet to promote her student's accomplishment. "But she's a strong leadership type, and naturally gifted ... whatever she picks to do, she'll excel at."

As Hurd explained, Peterson has a strong musical ear—in choir, and in preparing for her All-State audition, Peterson has demonstrated an ability to repeat musical phrases with remarkable precision.

That level of vocal ability will assist Peterson as she prepares to rehearse and perform under a new director and



with other vocalists whom she hasn't previously sung with. When I spoke on the phone with the alto—who was in the car, and on her way to Sacramento with her mom—she expressed nothing but enthusiasm for the weekend.

/from The Sheet February 3/

ONE FINAL SALE

Albright Vending has been in business for 77 years. But in all that time, has had just three owners.

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Alan Kendrick, who has worked at Albright since 1981 and has owned it with his family since 1989, has decided it's time to sell.

The business has evolved over the years since its founding by Cal Albright in 1947. When Kendrick started, cigarette vending machines were the cash cow. As well as newfangled video games like Ms. Pacman and Donkey Kong and Asteroids.

"There used to be three routes for cigarettes (north, south and Bishop proper)," said Kendrick, "and the jukeboxes all played 45s."

Kendrick does business from Olancho to June Lake.

I asked him about the Ms. Pacman machine at The Stove in Mammoth.

"Yeah. That's mine."

And in fact, that's one of the best parts of the job. You're not stuck in an office. You're out and about along the 395 corridor.

Nowadays, the business is mostly split between the amusement side (jukeboxes, pool tables, claw machines, redemption machines) and the vending side (drinks and snacks).

Sheet: So you've gone from one vice (cigarettes) to the next (junk food).

Kendrick laughs. "If they don't buy it from me, they'll buy it from someone else ... I don't even drink the soda."



Sheet: You're like Steve Jobs. He wouldn't let his kids have smartphones.

Kendrick: Ok. I will have the occasional Monster beverage. Which my doctor and girlfriend are entirely opposed to, but I don't have to tell them everything."

*Keep them away from this week's Sheet.

When I spoke to Kendrick on Wednesday, he said he had spent the entire morning at Jake's Saloon in Lone Pine putting new felt on the Saloon's two pool tables. "It came out beautifully. That brings me great satisfaction," he said.

In fact, that's probably one thing he'll continue doing after the sale - selling and repairing pool tables in his semi-retirement. "I'm probably the only guy [in the space] between Lancaster and Reno."

He said that back in the day he used to get constant pool table referrals from Grumpy's in Mammoth. Now he's contracted by pooltables.com.

/from The Sheet March 30/



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Erin Kittle LeFrancois: Teacher Erin LeFrancois has left her full-time role at Mammoth High School after more than two decades.

LeFrancois recalls moving to Mammoth in the '70s at age seven, and attending the elementary school before it closed due to an earthquake in her fifth-grade year. She later excelled at the combined K-12 school, earning a Division I volleyball scholarship to Saint Mary's College, where she majored in Government.

Teaching was not her original career plan; she played semi-pro volleyball and considered law before "falling into teaching." Encouraged by her mother, she returned to Mammoth in 1997 and has since taught AP U.S. History, AP Comparative Politics, and AP Government and Politics.

Outside the classroom, LeFrancois coached cross country and volleyball and started the beach volleyball program.

/from The Sheet June 15/

Pat O'Neil: The Bishop Fire Department bid farewell to Assistant Chief Pat O'Neil, who officially retired on July 21, 2024, after a 53-year career. Chief Ray Seguire praised O'Neil's deep knowledge of the department and the region, saying, "He's always ready to get the job done." O'Neil began as a volunteer firefighter at 18, rising through the ranks to become an engineer, captain, and ultimately Assistant Fire Chief in 2007.

Reflecting on his journey, O'Neil

noted, "It's a family thing. My dad and brother were in the department. I kind of grew up at the station." He spent 27 years with the U.S. Forest Service while volunteering for the Bishop department.

O'Neil's expertise in wildland fire-fighting made him an ideal leader. Chief Seguire emphasized O'Neil's critical thinking and mentorship, saying he taught many about being a volunteer firefighter.

At a special City Council meeting, community members expressed gratitude for O'Neil's service. He reflected on the changes he witnessed, saying, "The department's history is intertwined with my life." He urged the next generation to embrace commitment and dedication to community service.

/from The Sheet August 3/

Jeff Frome: For a decade, Jeff Frome was known as the "Beer Man," pouring donated Tioga-Sequoia Brewing kegs at Yosemite gatherings that sometimes led to trouble with National Park Service (NPS) staff. This fall, he was honored as the 2024 Yosemite Volunteer of the Year.

Frome, a lifelong climber, became involved in Yosemite's FaceLift program, launched in 2004 by his friend Ken Yager, in response to unsightly waste left by visitors. The initiative began with a small group of climbers and has since evolved into one of the largest volunteer efforts in the National Park system, focused on cleaning up the park.

Initially, relations between climbers and NPS were tense, particularly



Jeff Frome (center)

due to the program's party atmosphere. Over time, however, Frome, who has a background in forestry and archaeology, helped bridge that gap by educating volunteers about respecting park regulations.

The FaceLift program has grown immensely, now featuring evening presentations with renowned climbers and expanding to other national parks. Frome, who moved to Mammoth Lakes twelve years ago, continues to volunteer actively and support local arts and disabled sports. He remains committed to ensuring the program's legacy lives on, encouraging younger generations to get involved.

/from The Sheet October 26/

Derek Frank: When you interview a guy who grew up in Pittsburgh in the '70s, you can't help but give 'em the old Fred Rogers (of Mr. Rogers fame, who broadcast from Pittsburgh) line, "Won't you be my neighbor?"

But in this case, Derek Frank actually is. The bassist who's toured with the likes of Gwen Stefani and Shania Twain

is bringing his band to Liberty for two shows on August 30 & 31.

And after the shows, he'll sleep in his own bed, as he and his wife have had a second home here since 2005.

But he's never played Mammoth until now.

As he explains, his stuff was never considered quite jazzy enough for the Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee, and never quite bluesy enough for Bluesapalooza.

But if you listen to his third album which came out earlier this year, entitled "Origin Story," you'll find the grooves meditative and mesmerizing.

Thr Origin Story circling back, of course, to Pittsburgh.

His Theme from Steel City ... it sounds like it could be the soundtrack to a Pittsburgh version of a James Gandolfini/Sopranos series.

"Demon on Wheels" gets its title from the old "Speed Racer" anime tv series - and if you grew up in the '70s, Speed Racer was **It**.

Overall, Frank conjures the '70s of chase scenes, fight scenes, blaxploitation films and Curtis Mayfield.

Look for Derek at Liberty - March, 2025



Derek Frank

A BETTER EXPERIENCE

For the Voss family, home is where the hearth is.

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Here, says Shelby Cottrell, is the warmest place to work in town. Her two daughters—in hot pink, matching, company-issued shirts—dart in and out of their pop-up castle, set in the middle of the shop. Shelby's parents and owners of the business, Lisa and Scott Voss, dart in and out of the back stockroom with similar enthusiasm. Shelby's sister, Bailey, fields phone calls and children with a likeness of ease.

This is a family business. This is A Better Fireplace.

The story of A Better Fireplace begins

in the 90s, back when Scott was managing what was formerly known as Mammoth Lakes Building Materials. According to him, he got to know the owner of the local stove shop because his company was the "only one in town with a forklift" to handle stove deliveries. When High Country Lumber later sought to buy Mammoth Lakes Building Materials, Scott transitioned to working for the fireplace company, Clean Sweep. Under his management, the business flourished, doubling its revenue in the first year and tripling it the next. In '99, the owner of Clean Sweep offered to sell the business to Scott, with the advice he obtain a general contractor's license to expand their services. Finding contractors for small jobs was challenging, even then.

So Scott got his license. Bought the business. Renamed it "A Better Fireplace."

"Those were the Yellow Pages days," he says. "I wanted us to be first in the alphabet."

/from The Sheet July 27/



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YEAR IN REVIEW

In Memory

This section is hardly comprehensive, and we'll focus on those who passed earlier in the year.

Robert Schaubmayer Sr. (b. 1941):

We all have our Sierra Rushmores. The people we think of within our own Mammoth experience who stand as mentors, beacons, ballasts ... the people who inspire us to push forward to the next moment, because you can't imagine suffering the failure and limping to the sideline and then trying to explain to them what happened - because no explanation was gonna be sufficient. At least not for Robert Schaubmayer, longtime owner of the Alpenhof. Because you know Robert would just wave away the words. Because there was no problem, in his eyes, which couldn't be solved by simply working harder. The very antithesis of the modern adage to "work smarter, not harder." Not to say that Mr. Schaubmayer was not a very shrewd and very clever businessman. But it was the work that brought him satisfaction. It was the work which was the measure of a person. As Mr. Schaubmayer told me, "I never asked about the pay when I got a job. I just worked."

/from The Sheet January 13/

Robin K. Thompson (b. 1954) Robin's first passion was short track speed skating, winning many regional and statewide competitions until an accident derailed his prospects as an Olympic athlete. He was also a gifted musician, finding initial success as a drummer in local bands, nearly signing a record deal while still in high school. But something, or somewhere, else had already stolen his heart - the Eastern Sierra. Midway through his studies at Cal State Fullerton, he finally moved to Mammoth where he spent the next 50 years. He found joy in nature and its many terrains, whether climbing adjacent peaks to ski off-piste, skating around frozen lakes, flying small planes over the backcountry, mountain biking up rocky trails, hiking into thermal-heated pools, or leading a dog sled team through Smokey Bear Flats. Robin was a fine art photographer who got his start as a teenager, studying under Ansel Adams and Brett Weston. Some of Robin's best known work involved photographing



extreme skiing, including Scott Kennett jumping into Hangman's and "Flyin' Brian" Jones getting "big air" off the lip of the Cornice.

/from The Sheet May 18/

Howard Sheckter (b. 1950) When you walked into Howard Sheckter's office at Coldwell Banker Mammoth, what you'd notice immediately were the plaques on the wall. Ten in all. "And there are another three or four in the closet that I don't have room for," said Howard. Nine of the plaques were for selling at Coldwell's "President Elite" level, representing a minimum of \$400,000 in gross commissions for a particular calendar year. While Howard would list the keys to his success as experience, trust, energy and reputation, there's a fifth word which also belongs in that group: patience. Howard started his real estate career in 1982 at Martin Real Estate across the street from Coldwell's offices in what is now the Stellar Brew cafe. He had a little office in there, and recalls landing his first client via a cold call. The client wished to list a small one-bedroom in Seasons Four. "When I got the listing, I was so excited that I told the client he was my first-ever client, which, you know, probably wasn't the smartest thing," said Howard with a wry grin.

Oh, and yeah. He was the weather guy we all counted on every morning for four decades.

/from The Sheet August 31/

They Said It:

"The banker offers you the umbrella when the sun shines."

-Robert Schaubmayer Sr.

"I've spent my entire life being late to the party. Maybe it's because people never give me the right address."

-Lunch

AN ODE TO BOBBY TANNER

1959-2024

Bobby Tanner died last week.

He was the owner of Red's Meadow Resort and Pack Station. The namesake of a local legend. But more important, a worthy successor on both scores.

He was smart as a whip, took you at your word, had no respect for you if your word was no good.

As for his words, they were often 'yes' or 'no' or some variation of one syllable.

Unless you got him talking about the management of the Red's Meadow valley. Or the ongoing road construction project. And then he'd talk a blue streak.

The last time I saw him, we sat at his living room. Late March. There were documents splayed all over it. Printed out email exchanges. Missives from the Inyo National Forest. Correspondence with the Town of Mammoth. He would point out where one thing was said in one conversation, and then how it was forgotten and contradicted in the next. And he would look at me plaintively, as if to say, "Well, how can someone do that? That's ... wrong. That's unethical."

Bobby was a man of his word. So it was puzzling to him when people would lie to his face. Or could not be moved by logic or reason. There remained a purity there. Like he couldn't quite believe that little people and their little agendas could prevail over the right thing for the right reasons.

And for Tanner, the right thing was the preservation of Red's Meadow. As a throwback. As a quaint oasis.

So when the various planners came up with Plans A, B and C for the road reconstruction, the local bureaucrats were

He also thought it missed the point.

The accidents on Red's Meadows road, he said, occurred not in the upper one lane sections where people were cautious, but in the lower two-lane sections where people were aggressive and would try to pass.

So what was the solution? The planners wanted to eviscerate the hillside and two-lane the upper portion of the road.

To make it easier for the locusts to descend.

Now you'd think Tanner would welcome that - feeding and housing and entertaining the locusts was his business.

But then, I look at the other photos of



Tanner that Gayla Wolf dug out of her archives.

There's one in particular I love. It's a little out of focus. It's Bobby on his wagon with a parade of cars trailing as far as the eye can see. And as far as he's concerned, they can all wait. It's a gorgeous day. His eyes are fixed ahead. He's in his element - it's about the trip and not the destination. And maybe the idling cars behind him will recognize that, too.

The other thing I was thinking about (I woke up Tuesday night at some ungodly hour and had this thought which was so clear I decided I didn't need to write it down and now it's not resonating) was this idea regarding the obsession with data and metrics. Trying to figure who's visiting where and why and for how long and why they made that decision. As if nothing anymore can be done without consultation of a small rectangular screen. As if impulse and whim are dead.

And then I thought about the applicability of data and metrics to individuals, and how we test kids all through childhood, and then when it finally comes time to apply for college, we've decided that testing is optional. That it's more important to base admission on one's character and academic performance versus a standardized test.

So character and individuality matter in one context while in another (marketing/quality of life) context, we're supposed to shut up and trust the numbers and goose the numbers and once the quantity is there, we focus on the quality of the experience almost as an afterthought.

I feel like Bobby Tanner was one of the last "Free Safeties" we had left protecting the endzone, one of the last defenders against the [population] bomb.

I mourn his loss.

/from The Sheet July 6/

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IN MEMORY

continued from page 14

Dave Sharp (b. 1930) A cowboy, teacher, coach, mountain biker, climber, lifelong runner, backcountry hiker, skier, tree service business owner, and storyteller, he was the embodiment of the renaissance man and an inspiration to many.

Born as the youngest of Lewis and Florence Wines Sharp's five sons in Ruby Valley, Nevada, he grew up on the Sharp cattle ranch. His father herded longhorn cattle, operating the ranch with draft horses instead of tractors.

As a boy, Dave explored the fields and mountains, rounding up horses and milking cows. He attended a one-room school, riding his horse or taking a one-horse buggy. High school in Elko saw him board away from home, where he played football and became an excel-



lent horseman and rodeo saddle bronc rider.

In 1952, during the Korean War, Dave enlisted in the Air Force and married Mary Contri. After his honorable discharge in 1956, they operated the Secret Pass Ranch, welcoming their son Ted. Supported by the G.I. Bill, Dave attended the University of Nevada-Reno, where he excelled in boxing, track, and skiing, graduating with a degree in political science.

The family moved to Bishop, California, where daughter Dana was born. Dave taught civics at the local high school, coached track and cross-country, and inspired students to think critically. His emphasis on critical thinking drew the ire of some community members, leading to restrictions on his teaching.

/from The Sheet March 30/

Rocio Cuellar Carrillo (b. 1985) Even if you didn't know her, you knew her. She worked as a teller at US Bank. She was the one with the long, ornate fingernails, clickety, clackety on the keyboard, and you couldn't help but watch with fascination. How was it possible for her to even type? And you'd mention it and she'd just laugh and keep typing away. But as her friend Iris Duran says, the keyboard wasn't the issue so much as the coins that's what gave Rocio the most trouble. "She could never balance her coins [at the end of the day]," laughed Iris. "I would tell her, 'You're al-

ways a coin short. You need to clip those [nails], and she'd just say, 'No way.' She never wanted to blend in. She was always blinged out, lots of glitter ... and she'd constantly dye the tips of her hair a different color. She was very outgoing." Rocio came to the U.S. from La Tajera when she was just three years old. She attended the Mammoth schools from K-12.

/from The Sheet January 6/

David Holl (b. 1965) He enjoyed working, cooking, alpine skiing, and road trips in the RV. He was a resident of Mammoth for over 36 years, moving here in 1988. Back then his nickname was "Lumpy," and his tribe was Zippy, Jethro, Homeboy, Sicko, Stoner and Lillyan, to name a few. They built "the Shanty" and good times were had by all. You could find him working snowcats on the Mountain, operating 18-wheelers, or clearing highway roads for thankful residents and visitors. He loved working big maintenance jobs for Caltrans - especially on Tioga Pass. He was one of the best and most reliable equipment operators on their team. He was a natural when it came to operations and repairs.

/from The Sheet February 3/

Matthew Liebersbach (b. 1983) Matthew grew up in Crowley Lake. At an early age he fell in love with skiing, and later devoted his life to ski racing and coaching junior racers. He coached

AYSO, the Mammoth Mountain Ski and Snowboard Team, and then went on to coach junior race teams around the world. He coached in Norway, South Korea during the Olympics, and in New Zealand. He loved New Zealand and over the years grew that junior race team program at the North Island from 16 racers to several hundred. His gift was passing along a great love of the outdoors and skiing to his young athletes. He will be missed by many.

/from The Sheet March 2/

Deborah Jean Chapman (b. 1948) Deb was born in Los Angeles. As a bright, athletic young woman, she got her start as a ski instructor at Big Bear, and then subsequently moved to Mammoth Lakes. She worked at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for many decades and her jobs (which were, in fact, her passions) included coaching the youngest ski racers, race administration, lift maintenance, and almost everything in between. In the summers, she ran the very popular Mammoth Motocross races, one of a number of fundraisers she organized for High Sierra Sports, a charitable foundation established to support local snow-sport athletes academically and with competition-related travel expenses. Deb was a successful ski racer for the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team, coached by Dave McCoy, who was her hero.

/from The Sheet March 16/

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INHERITED WISDOM

By Don Sage

Don Sage passed away in August. A memorial service was held in Mammoth a few weeks ago. His formal obituary appears on page 17.

At the memorial, a letter Don wrote to his grandchildren was read, and is included in its entirety below.

Don and wife Jodi "retired" to Mammoth Lakes in 1996. According to daughter Peggy Armenta, Don served as Board Chair for Mammoth Hospital from 1997-2010, was an active Rotarian, and was considered the "Founding Father" for Chamber Music Unbound.

"He was a smart, wise man, and he and my mom loved the town of Mammoth Lakes dearly," wrote Peggy.

And now Mr. Sage's words of wisdom.

As I was driving home last Monday, I had time to think about life, the world and various other things. It occurred to me that I probably should leave a few comments to my grandchildren. I believe it's traditional that the aged should try to impart what they believe is wisdom to future generations to forget, distort and misinterpret it all and to continue the mistakes their ancestors made.

Anyway, here it is for what it's worth.

First of all, learn facts. How do you know they're true? Check the evidence. If they turn out to be wrong, forget them. Remember Sage's fourth law: It's more complicated than that. It seems to apply to everything we think we know.

*For laws 1-3 refer to Isaac Newton or any appropriate laws of nature.

When you're wrong admit it and



move on.

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." - Emerson

Be skeptical of beliefs. When a belief is strongly held, that means 'Don't bother me with facts, my mind's already made up.'

"If they can make us believe absurdities, they can make us commit atrocities." - attributed to Voltaire

Don't argue unless you particularly enjoy arguing or you're being paid.

"One convinced against his will/Is of the same opinion still (Quaker proverb)"

In pipe fitting as in life, start the threads carefully and gently before using a wrench -Grandpa Sage

Be especially skeptical if a new idea seems perfectly logical and obvious at first glance. 'It's perfectly common sense'

"Common sense is the collection of prejudices learned by age 18." -attributed to Einstein.

Don't tell lies unless you have to. A reputation for honesty is both valuable and easily damages.

Be careful to pay all small debts promptly. There's no cheaper way to earn a reputation for honesty.

Don't ever be cruel.

Be loyal, but don't be blind.

Keep your promises.

Don't make promises you can't keep or don't intend to keep.

Learn useful skills. Especially languages. Communication is one of the things that makes us human.

Do good work. Always be the best you can be, not just to be competitive but to be honest and above all do no harm.

Recommended reading:

Kipling: The Gods of the Copybook Headings; If; The White man's Burden (Irony); Recessional

Yeats: The Second Coming

/from The Sheet November 23/

They Said It:

"I could go on and on but that would be the most Baby Boomer thing in the world."

-Jon Klusmire

Richard Leonin (b. 1968) Even at a young age, the qualities that defined Richard later in life were evident. He had always loved animals, and kept all sorts of pets. He was also bull-headed, knew what he wanted and was resourceful in figuring out how to obtain it. He also had an entrepreneurial spirit, often renting out his comic books to friends around the neighborhood.

He began work here as a Lift Operator and in Guest Services for Mammoth Mountain, while also becoming a highly skilled skier, and eventually a certified instructor. During this time, he also worked nights at the Charthouse Restaurant as a head broiler and found his calling in the culinary arts. He even took an exploratory/training trip to Thailand with Mike Coco, a highlight of Richie's decade at Thai'd Up. He then moved on to run the Red Lantern at Sierra Nevada Resort.

Then there were the side gigs. DJ at Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl. Scouting film locations for movie studios. Producer of wedding videos. Television camera operator. Richie spent several summers at the end of his life as the Hunewill Ranch's Head Chef, cooking for guests and enjoying days on horseback and fly fishing when he could. He was very happy at the Ranch. And at peace.

/from The Sheet August 31/

David Lawrence Patterson (b. 1939) Dave's love of the Sierra Nevada started early. When he was a boy, he would stay with his grandparents every summer near their St. Mary's Gold Mine off Highway 49. Later he skied for years at Mammoth.

Dave's family was in the soda pop business. He started working at Pepsi Cola Santa Ana at the age of 11 cleaning soda pop bottles. He worked his way up to Fountain Syrup Manager for Los Angeles and Orange counties.

He stayed at Pepsi until late in 1975 when he quit to join wife Vivian in the restaurant business. Together in 1976, they founded and opened three Sgt. Pepperoni's Pizza Stores in Orange County.

Dave and his wife, Vivian, moved to Bishop in 1994 to manage Whiskey



Creek in Bishop. After four plus years at Whiskey Creek, Dave began working at the Bishop Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director. He loved this job and the challenge of building tourism and tourism dollars for the community.

/from The Sheet September 21/

Meta Cheryl White (b. 1957) Cheryl's specialty was making any and all feel happy, involved, valued, and cared for. Her friends in Mammoth Lakes, Bishop, and Lone Pine revered her as leader of the pack and a guaranteed source of general hilarity. She, in turn, considered her mountain and desert friends as the source of her happiness. If you picture her talking and laughing, you've accounted for most of her life here. The rest would be potluck dinners. Some of the most fun this group had was hosting a Halloween party at the Bishop Fairgrounds for 10 straight years. She came to Mammoth Lakes in 1988 on the arm of her first husband, Michael Coffey. She remarried Jeff Putman and was with him for more than three decades. In Mammoth, Cheryl was a newspaper reporter for the lively Mono County Review-Herald. Then she started a desktop publishing business (an '80s/'90s thing: look it up) and invented the Scenic 395 magazine.

/from The Sheet December 7/



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YEAR IN REVIEW

Real Estate

I spoke to Broker/Realtor Matthew Lehman earlier this week to get a sense of the market as we head into 2025.

The big driver right now? A lot of premium new construction has been driving prices higher.

“There is a huge appetite for high-end product,” said Lehman.

The median price for a host of pending sales is \$2.195 million.

On a price per square foot, it’s approximately \$700/foot throughout town, \$800/foot at The Reserve/Snowcreek/Mountainside and between \$1,800-2,200/foot for The Limelight Residences.

Personally, Lehman just listed the former Slocums Restaurant on Main Street (next to Wave Rave). The property’s



According to an October story in the Wall Street Journal, in 2023, national real estate sales were their lowest since 1995. And 2024 has been weaker than 2023. But in Mammoth, some swanky new properties have been pushing median sales prices to new heights.

listing price of \$1.25 million includes a liquor license.

While Broker/Realtor Paul Oster is off this week (he typically contributes a column for holiday issues), I did take the time to reread much of his work from 2024.

My favorite passage comes from a February column where he talks about the STR (nightly rental) issue and the blame game of attacking STR property owners for creating the workforce housing shortage/crisis.

“The thing that is etched in my brain over this ongoing housing topic is the 2010-2016 era. Many of the organizations, business owners and individuals themselves who are today squealing for affordable and workforce housing had the opportunity to buy all sorts of properties at rock-bottom prices. And interest rates were low. It wasn’t that long ago. The cycles and psychology of real estate are indeed fascinating, and sometimes painful. But blaming the people who do own properties for the woes of those who don’t is a sad state of society.”

MAMMOTH SFR SALES

Year	#Sales	Average Price	Median Price	Avg. DOM	% change Median Price
2013	83	\$816,326	\$600,000	172	
2014	83	\$762,061	\$622,000	175	3.67%
2015	80	\$986,324	\$765,000	204	22.99%
2016	97	\$826,079	\$721,500	190	-5.69%
2017	89	\$936,500	\$775,000	186	7.42%
2018	79	\$1,085,436	\$920,000	176	18.71%
2019	90	\$929,786	\$792,786	133	-13.83%
2020	126	\$1,078,455	\$885,000	130	11.63%
2021	123	\$1,480,775	\$1,190,000	95	34.46%
2022	83	\$1,527,253	\$1,225,000	91	2.94%
2023	63	\$1,483,126	\$1,299,000	83	6.04%
YTD	49	\$1,573,599	\$1,325,500	100	8.20%
Pending Sales	9	\$1,891,000	\$1,585,000	101	22.02%

MAMMOTH CONDO SALES

Year	# Sales	Avg. Price	Median Price	Avg. DOM	% Chg. in Median Price
2014	248	\$350,837	\$295,000	156	
2015	268	\$349,242	\$308,700	140	4.64%
2016	249	\$286,301	\$275,000	150	-10.92%
2017	410	\$397,400	\$350,000	118	27.27%
2018	349	\$452,508	\$400,000	93	14.29%
2019	387	\$524,462	\$450,500	118	12.63%
2020	442	\$558,591	\$475,000	104	5.44%
2021	467	\$693,401	\$605,000	87	27.37%
2022	333	\$864,600	\$755,000	90	24.79%
2023	228	\$870,893	\$754,500	95	-0.07%
YTD	193	\$867,093	\$735,000	95	-2.65%
Pending	30	\$1,585,583	\$2,195,000	77	190.92%

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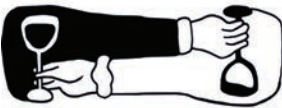
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December 27-29/
Weekend Apres Ski parties @ Canyon Lodge. Starts 1 p.m. all days.

Sunday, December 29/
NFL Sunday Football @ the Bishop Elks Lodge, 151 E. Line St. Starts 9:30 a.m. Bar open! Public welcome!
Karaoke @ Lakanuki. Starts 8:30 p.m.

Monday, December 30/
Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31/
Lakanuki New Year's Eve party with DJ Kalli. \$75 for late night ticket. Bottle service \$150/person (4-person minimum). Tables go quick - reserve now at lakanuki.com/760.934.7447
A Clocktower Cellar New Year's. Midnight toast, party favors, and affordable cover charge TBD.
DJ Onezie spins @ Liberty. No cover!
Distant Brewing will feature two bands - Mammoth All-Stars and Big Smooth - starting 9 p.m. 21+ NO COVER. Champagne splits available to purchase for midnight toast.
Austria Hof features a set three-course dinner and a friendly bar. No cover.
Morrison's and The Restaurant @ Convict Lake will both offer prix fixe menus.
New Year's Eve fireworks in the Village at Mammoth. Time: 9 p.m.
New Year's Eve party @ Bishop Elks Lodge. \$25 for meal, dancing, raffle, fun. Call Carmen @ 760.873.3221 for tix/info.
NYE party 9 p.m-1 a.m. at Rusty's Saloon in Bishop. Featuring DJ warmup and **THE VALLEY SONS BAND** with Kurt Custer from LYNRYD SKYNYRD on the drums. 9 p.m. and midnight ball drop shots ON THE HOUSE.

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, December 28/
Climber Coffee @ the Pleasant Valley Pit campground. Time: 9 a.m. Join Bishop Climbing Rangers for coffee, conversation and community.
Free guided snowshoe hike courtesy of Sierra Forever. Meet Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center @ 11 a.m. *Info: sierraforever.org/events*
Sunset Snowshoe Tour departing from Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center. Time: 3 p.m. \$\$\$\$. Equipment included. Space limited. *Info/* reservations @ mammothmountain.com

TOWN STUFF

Monday, December 30/
Mono Arts Council presents Nümü Social Dance and cultural exchange open to all kids and adults. Time: 5:30-6:30. LOfation: MAC gallery in the Minaret Mall, Mammoth

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, January 4/
Woolly's weekend dance parties start back up @ the Village at Mammoth. Time: 3:45-4:30 p.m.

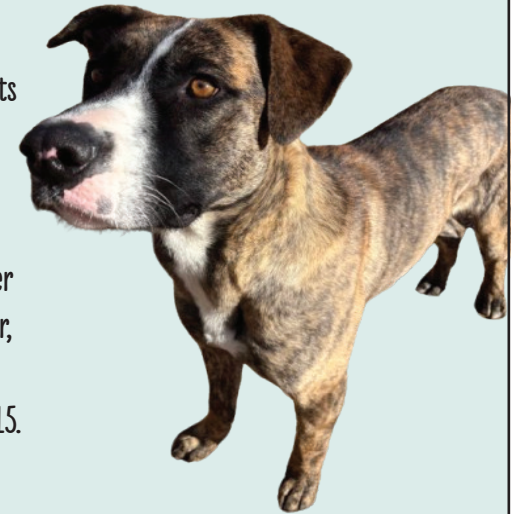
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Notice of Petition to Administer Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES SHEARER KEATING

MONO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO.: 24PRM23

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAMES SHEARER KEATING. A Petition for Probate has been filed by THOMAS KEATING, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo. The Petition for Probate requests that THOMAS KEATING, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interest-

ed persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 2, 2025, 9:30 a.m., Mammoth Court-house, Department 2, 100 Thompson Way, PO Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Gian Carlo Simonetti, Esq. (SBN.: 279468), Wood Law Group, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 203, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 934-5821.

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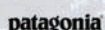
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A LITTLE LESS CONVERSATION...

It was the biggest story of the week. Buried in a department report at Tuesday's meeting of the Inyo County Supervisors.

But while the sharing of a modicum of information is deemed helpful by Inyo County leadership. TMI (too much information) makes 'em nervous.

Especially County Counsel John Carl Vallejo. Because as the information spilled forth from Treasurer/Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, it raised as many questions as it answered.

All the while producing an unmistakable whiff of ... incompetence. Which started as a celebration. McMurtrie and Shepherd announced that they had finally tackled a backlog of supplemental tax bills dating as far back as 2019.

These supplemental bills affected approximately 10% of all parcels in Inyo County. And generated \$1.2 million in supplemental bills and approximately \$130,000 in refunds.

McMurtrie explained that the vendor of the property tax software had finally ended years of frustration by making a site visit two weeks ago and making the software functional.

It was the vendor's second visit this year. McMurtrie issued a public apology for the extreme delay. She also kept insisting the backlog was four years but 2024 minus 2019 = five years. But who's counting?

Shepherd said that when the software was initially installed, there was a failure in the initial testing phase - but that county staffers didn't realize the software didn't work until 18 months later.

What? That was when Vallejo stepped in and said something to the effect of, 'Geez, thanks for the presentation but you know, this is going on a lot longer than I thought it would and we've got a busy day in front of us so perhaps we should schedule a future agenda item for this.'

Supervisor Jen Roeser said her constituents have contacted her about these supplemental bills, which are due at the end of the month. "Some taxpayers have been shocked by their bills," she said.

County Assessor Dave Stottlemire told The Sheet his office has received several calls since taxpayers began receiving their supplemental bills.

What's interesting is that McMurtrie admitted that 150 supplementals were "pushed out manually" two years ago.

If they'd pushed out a few hundred bills per year manually over the past five years there wouldn't be such a backlog - if any.

But I suppose pushing out those bills manually must've been a "LOT" of work. The other thing that struck me was McMurtrie saying the county had to pay for two (expensive) site visits by the vendor (after initial installation) before the software was made functional.

Why would you have to pay for site visits for a program that never worked? Payment should have been withheld UNTIL the damn thing actually worked.

/from The Sheet April 6/

The Year in Division

From the March 30 issue ... Been reading social psychologist David G. Myers's most recent book. A few stats to contemplate.

1. The percentage of both Republicans and Democrats who 'hate' the other party has soared from 20 percent in 2000 to near 50 percent in 2016.

2. When asked 'Would you be unhappy if your child married someone from the other party?' the percent of folks answering yes shot up from 4 to 40 percent between 1960-2019.

3. Yet consider, according to legal scholars David Schkade and Cass Sunstein, "a Republican appointee sitting with two other Republicans votes far more conservatively than when

the same judge sits with at least one Democratic appointee. A Democratic appointee, meanwhile, shows the same tendency in the opposite direction."

The takeaway. We are all better off when thrown together, even though we all seem to crave confirmation bias. Too bad it's become easy for folks to so carefully curate their own feedback loops.

A letter I received after I said I voted for Harris:

Editor,

You're a pitiful wimp! I'm not sure when you were slipped the socialist koolaid, but you took a massive dose. I wish you would move. More illegal criminals, higher prices, and foreign wars. Get a lobotomy [sic].

Roger Barker

Editor's reply: Mmm. Are you sure you want me to move? I actually work in the private sector and pay taxes. There aren't many of us left ...



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Every once in awhile, a group or groups come through the schools who are talented and motivated and punch above their weight. That would describe a few Mammoth sports teams in '24.



FIRST PLAYOFF WIN OF THE CENTURY

Mammoth High School Boys Basketball played one good quarter in its opening round CIF Central Section Division VI playoff game on Tuesday evening at the MHS gym. But one good quarter was enough for Mammoth to beat visiting Orange Cove H.S. 44-41, securing the program's first playoff win in the 21st century.

Mammoth broke Tuesday's game open in the third quarter after the teams played to an 18-18 first half standoff. The catalyst for the Huskies was point guard and co-captain Forest Daniels.

With the score 23-21, Daniels scored 14 of Mammoth's next 17 points, helping extend the Husky lead to 40-28 at the end of three. The barrage was capped by the Huskies breaking the press and senior co-captain Tyler Jones finding Daniels open on the wing for a three-pointer.

Stunningly, however, that would be Mammoth's last field goal of the evening.

In the 4th quarter, Orange Cove's

press created a bunch of turnovers and Mammoth couldn't get settled into its offense. Meanwhile, the lead kept shrinking.

With 2:30 left, Orange Cove took a 41-40 lead.

But the comeback had come at a cost. The pressure had caused Orange Cove to commit several fouls, so Mammoth was now in the bonus. Any foul by the visitors resulted in free throws.

Daniels sank one and then senior co-captain Matt Toomey sank a pair to give Mammoth a 43-41 advantage.

Toomey was spectacular defensively in this game, blocking or altering at least a dozen shots.

On Orange Cove's next possession Toomey stole a pass underneath the basket and made another free throw for a 44-41 lead.

Orange Cove missed three potential game-tying three pointers in the final minute, allowing Mammoth to escape with the win.

/from The Sheet February 17/

GIVE LENT A HAND



Joseph Lent, a Junior at BUHS, broke Bill Anderson's 1983 BUHS School Record in the Discus at the recently held CIF Division 4 Central Section Track and Field Championships (which features top qualifying athletes from 27 schools). Lent's throw of 145'3" bested Anderson's 142'. It was also good for a bronze-medal finish.

/from The Sheet May 18/

They Said It:

"I never asked about the pay when I got a job. I just worked."

-Robert Schaubmayer Sr.

MHS FOOTBALL ENDS FRESNO CHRISTIAN 36-GAME WIN STREAK

By Lunch

This is a group that's hungry. And it's got a special player at quarterback in Senior Tanner Knott.

While that's no guarantee of a CIF championship, after this past weekend, it would appear that the Mammoth Huskies 8-man football team is in the driver's seat.

The Huskies derailed Fresno Christian 54-18 last Friday night at Gault-McClure in the season opener for both squads.

In the process, Mammoth ended Fresno's 36-game winning streak spanning 3+ seasons.

DJ Gray set the tone for the home squad by returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, and Mammoth never looked back.

Knott generated 328 yards in total offense for the Huskies, including 234 yards rushing on 21 carries and three IDs.

As 2nd-year coach Jesse Worden says, Knott is "our Tim Tebow. He can

run downhill - he's great in the open field, and has great field vision."

On defense, Knott plays linebacker and had 10 tackles Friday, second on the team to Gray's 11.

Knott is one of four captains, along with Eric Martinez, a skill-position (RB/WR/CB) player, Tommy Lackey, an RB/LB, and Kai Parks, a Swiss Army knife of a player who plays line and receiver on offense and shines as a defensive end on the other side of the ball.

As Worden says, Mammoth has stabilized as a program, having made the CIF semifinals three times in the past four years.

/from The Sheet August 31/

MHS Football capped its season by winning the 8-man CIF title later in the year, defeating the same Fresno Christian squad by a score of 56-30. The team finished 11-1.



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YEAR IN REVIEW

personals

I saw you ... haven't made a New Year's resolution yet. How about one of the following: A. I resolve not to vote for Trump or Biden. B. I resolve not to eat Cheetos for breakfast. C. I resolve not to sleep with people who appear unstable. D. I resolve to ski at least one run for every beer I drink.

I heard you ... got a little wasted on New Year's. As Emerson might say, "Consistency is the hobgoblin of sensitive livers."

I understand ... you are a political junkie. And I-OweYa Big Caucus! So come on over Monday to watch the returns.

I saw you ... are having a Dry January. When that's over with, just give me a call. Here's to a Lubricated February!

I saw you ... are rooting for the Chiefs and Mahomes this weekend. Stop by my place to watch the game and we can have a threesome of Mahomes, Mabooty and Jake from State Farm!

I saw you ... plan to visit for Presidents weekend. To celebrate, let's eat "millions of peaches/peaches for free" upon your arrival.

Of course it's ... a Leap Year this year. Because one extra day of Trump and Biden before November seems appropriately sadistic.

I saw you ... on Valentine's Day, and it made me think, "Why was I not good enough to warrant Ozempic?"

I heard you ... were wondering if we'd lose power during the storm this weekend. Only if you keep wearing those baggy sweatpants.

I saw you ... lost some shrubs last weekend. That's what happens when it blows real hard.

I saw you ... had a few trees go down around you last weekend. Which is why I never go shot-for-shot with you.

I know you ... are mad as hell and tend to get a little bit manic when it comes to politics. But now I have a new term to describe this condition. Network-ing.

I hope to see you ... on St. Patrick's Day, because the only thing standing between you, me, and destiny are about 10 car bombs.

In search of ... the Easter Egg Hunt you plan to attend, since I'd like to put all my eggs in your basket.

I saw you ... filled out March Madness bracket. Of course you're going with Morehead State to win it all.

I saw you ... want to participate in an Easter Egg hunt this year. I understand

If you're looking for love in all the wrong places, that means you're probably reading The Sheet personals. Here's a sampling of the year's best.



you're hungry, but dude, you're 26 years old. How about getting a job?

I know you ... will be watching the Final Four. Because you can't resist a team mascot which also doubles as an alcoholic beverage. Go Boilermakers!

I heard you ... haven't filed your taxes yet. Just remember that the first \$17,000 your parents sent you over the course of the year is not taxable because that's the gift limit.

I know you ... will be playing BCC on Masters Sunday. No matter what happens on the course, I know you'll birdie the 19th hole.

I saw you ... plan to be in the Eastern Sierra for fishing opener. If you get skunked, don't get too depressed. You're not the only Laker getting shut out this April.

I hope to see you ... on Cinco de Drinko. If you'll buy me a Modelo, I'll sing the

jingle and treat you like an inspiration to mankind.

I hope to see you .. at Chili, Cars and Cerveza. Give me enough cerveza and I'll meet you in the back of your car.

In search of ... a way to connect with the younger people of Mammoth? Here are the three magic words: Pizza, Beer and Free

I saw you ... just got hired as MLT's "engagement" director. This sounds like a perfect opportunity for a public-private partnership - with Trojan.

In search of ... a gift for Father's Day? I can assure you that Dad only wants two things - one of which created you in the first place. But let's not think about that. Instead, let's focus on that second thing he wants. Which is to get you off the f'ing payroll!

I saw you ... at last weekend's Pamper Pedal. Nice rack! ... I was referring to your bike rack - stop being such a perv. Although, now that I reflect, perhaps I should simply say 'Nice Racks.'

I hope I don't see you ... on the solstice. Because why make the longest day of the year even longer?

I saw you ... said that nine holes is like getting naked without having sex. Is that another reason why they call it Blowcreek?

In search of ... someone to live with for the summer. I can handle a wrench and change a tire and will pay for gas - and I'm only a perv when asked. If interested, smell for me inside the Minaret Mall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I hope to see you ... on the Solstice. Unless you're super(sol)stitious and stay inside and get super stoned to Syd Barrett records

I hope to see you ... at the Lions Club pancake breakfast. Just because they're old guys doesn't mean they don't like to serve the sausage.

I hope to see you ... parading in lingerie.

Well, not really. But it beats the alternative. Because no one wants to see our emperors without their clothes on.

I hope to see you ... at this weekend's Reggae Festival. Because no matter how much secondhand smoke is blowing, you always look very edible.

I hope to see you ... at the Book Festival, because I know how riled up you bookish types can get swapping double entendres.

I saw you ... are signed up for Saturday's pickleball tourney. Which just makes my cucumber happy. Hope you wear short shorts!

I hope to see you ... at the Mammoth Shakespeare Festival. Maybe swing by my place afterwards so I can show you how they became the Merry Wives of Windsor!

I hope to see you ... at the Margarita Festival this weekend. Just remember, it's supposed to be "... three tequila, floor," not "nine tequila, more."

I hope to see you ... at the Beer Mile this weekend. Hopefully, this will segue into a tequila marathon.

I saw you ... lost your dog this week. Hmm. I hadn't noticed a large Haitian population in town ...

I saw ... there is a winter weather advisory. I hope this doesn't mean you're off your meds.

I heard you ... think Lunch is behind a 'smear' campaign against Measure L. It's actually a schmear campaign. Wishing you Lox of luck!

I heard you ... say Fall is your favorite time of year. You can make it my favorite time of year if you'll drop your foliage in my lap.

I heard you ... are looking for a costume idea. Here's a thought. Dress yourself in an Invisibility cloak and go away!

I saw you ... are a big proponent of Measure L. Your pitch is we jack taxes so we can spend money on housing and other people will pay for it. Reminds me of Trump's infamous pitch for a border wall.

I hope to see ... the Dodgers in the World Series. So they can Kike some Yankee ass!

I hope I don't see you ... trick-or-treating in The Trails. I know, I know - free food - but all you're gonna do is terrify the kids in that VanLife costume.

I saw you ... are excited by the election. Of course you are. You love those Get Smart reruns. Always rooting for KAOS.

I hope to see you ... on election day. Because even though you think I'm a floating island of garbage, I did you buy you a beer last week.

I saw you ... in The Heiress. I loved it so much I'm thinking of seeing it again. Call me an Heirhead!

I saw you ... are still depressed about the election. I think the key to getting over it is to Kamalot, so come by my place for a spirited game of hide-the-ballot.

I saw you ... plan to run in the Turkey Trot. You understand, of course, that this takes a bit more physical effort than bowling a turkey, yes?

I saw you ... plan to run in the Turkey Trot. Good news: Given you're a politician, they'll give you a mile head start. Whereas if it were a Lemming Trot, you'd fittingly start last.

I heard your ... favorite Christmas movie is "Christmas Vacation." Which again, makes total sense, given how much you have in common with Cousin Eddie.

I saw your ... Christmas wish list. You know, I don't think they take Robux on OnlyFans, but I appreciate the pubescent, out-of-the-box thinking.



NO CREEK

9-hole golf course to be shuttered

By Lunch

In a move which shall come as no surprise to conspiracy theorists, Chuck Lande announced this week that he plans to close the Snowcreek Golf Course for good.

But this is because he's promising more, not less.

Lande said he has leased the golf course property to Boomers! Parks, a chain of family entertainment centers, the majority of which are located in Southern California.

Lande said he had considered turning the golf course into a hiking and nature preserve, but he was pressured by Town officials to replace amenity with amenity.

Amenity being defined as, you know, a general assault on the senses.

"I was told we have plenty of hiking and nature," said Lande. "But what we didn't have was a Go Kart track. Or batting cages. Or an awesome, indoor laser tag venue."

"And as the saying goes, you don't fight city hall. So to quote that Kinks album, 'Give the People What They Want.'"

The People, however, specifically those who live on or near the golf course, are none-too-thrilled.

"This is an abomination," said one Snowcreek V owner who asked not to be identified. "I have a unit overlooking the second green. But instead of watching 75-year old duffers putt for triple bogey, I'm gonna be watching six-year olds try to time their putt-putts to get through the windmill."

Another owner was even more aghast at the prospect of noisy Go Karts. Operating year-round.

But as Boomers! spokesman A.J. Hoyt explained, Go Karts have evolved. They're electric now - not gas powered.

"Further, in operating year-round, we'll be training our Tesla drivers of the future how to navigate the snow and ice," said Hoyt.

Hoyt said Boomers! Is keenly interested in integrating itself within the local community. Which is why it plans to honor the late Seth Guthrie by naming its gun range after the citizen activist.

"Seth's legacy of support for the 2nd amendment, and his exhortation that we all not be vaccinated 'sheep' has led us to create the Seth Guthrie Range for Patriotic Studies. Because every kid needs some familiarity with a firearm and training in how to repel invading Russians and health department officials."

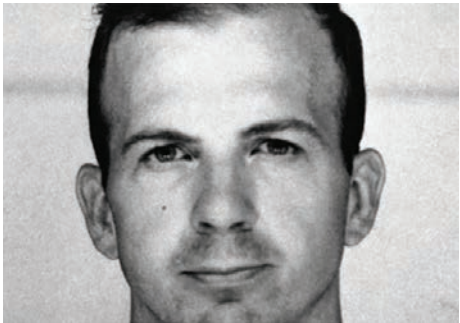
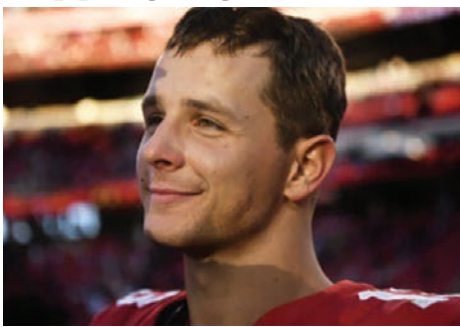
Hoyt added that "very few stray bullets should make it to the walking trail into the meadow."

Hoyt assures locals that they'll get a steep discount on all Boomers! activities, and touted the special licensing/partnership agreements he has with Chuck E. Cheese and K1 Speed (for the Go Karts).

And if this whole story has you smelling a Chuck E. rat, please note April Fools Day is coming up.

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The Year in Doppelgangers



San Francisco Forty-Niner QB Brock Purdy and Lee Harvey Oswald

The Year in Kinky

It hardly gets more sordid than this.

In the news this week: A former aide is accusing California State Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil of forcing him into a "sex-based, quid pro quo relationship" which even led to sex-related injuries.

According to a story which appeared this week in the Daily Beast, former

Chief-of-Staff Chad Condit, 57, claimed that the senator began asking him "if he had ever cheated on his wife and asked if (he) would ever be intimate with a boss" shortly after he was hired in December 2022.

Condit's father, former Democratic Congressman Gary Condit, had been accused of affairs—including with missing/murdered intern Chandra Levy—which prompted Alvarado-Gil to allegedly ask whether Condit "would be like his father," according to the affidavit.

And apparently, he was.

The straw that literally broke Condit's back? He claims he "suffered a back injury while performing (oral sex on Alvarado-Gil) in a car seat with his body having to twist and contort in the confined space of the car." The pain led Condit to the doctor where he "discovered that the injury was more severe, and that (he) had suffered three herniated discs in his back and a collapsed hip."

Condit alleges he was fired in December 2023 after he refused to wear a Santa Claus costume and had been reprimanded by a human resources representative for refusing [some of] Alvarado-Gil's advances.

Alvarado-Gil made headlines last month for switching sides of the aisle, abandoning her state's Democratic majority for the Republican minority, because, as she asserted, "the pendulum has swung so far to the left that it has disengaged from what true Californians value."

She is up for reelection in 2026.



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