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Yvonne Martin and Jeri Rianda at Sue Ebersold's blowout birthday bash last Saturday at Yamatani in Bishop. More photos on p. 14.

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TIPPING POINT

By Fisher

How much a person tips can say a lot about them – just ask your local bartender. But what does it mean when everybody starts tipping less?

Recently, the Wall Street Journal reported that Americans are tipping less at restaurants than at any time in the past six years, impacted by inflation and “tipflation,” a term describing rising gratuity expectations in places where tipping was once less common or even non-existent.

The average tip at full-service, sit-down restaurants has dropped to 19.3% this year, down from a peak of 19.9% in early 2021, according to data from POS (point-of-sale) system provider, Toast. Their analysis, covering approximately 127,000 restaurant locations nationally from June to September, revealed that overall tips averaged 18.8%.

Mammoth's economy relies heavily on the hospitality industry, supported by dedicated service workers. So, to understand local tipping trends, The Sheet spoke with several local businesses.

At Stellar Brew, a coffee shop on Main Street, manager Nicky Lee noted a decline in gratuities from an average of 10% (typical for a quick-service operation) to about 8%.

She attributes this drop to “tipflation,” where digital payment prompts for tips appear at places like airport concessions and gas stations, where they’ve never existed before, leading to consumer fatigue in places where tipping is expected.

“When I do look at tips, I’ll see that it’s not as customary for people to leave something,” she said. “It used to be that people would leave *something*.”

Lee encourages her staff to stay positive, emphasizing that

having a non-tipping customer is still better than none at all. “Don’t take it personal; it’s just the way the world is now,” she tells her crew.

“It sucks,” she said. “But it’s like, okay, how much can we really encourage our folks to ramp up the service [if there’s no attaboy/attagirl on the back end]?”

While tipping remains prevalent in sit-down dining and food delivery, a 2023 Pew Research survey showed that only a quarter of respondents would always tip for coffee.

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HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

By Fisher

A healthy mother of two, a woman named Guzel was enjoying a mid-December, Mammoth Mountain ski vacation with her family to celebrate her anniversary with her husband. But in one sudden and terrifying moment, everything changed.

Guzel collapsed in line for Chair 17, Schoolyard Express, on the morning of December 16. In a matter of minutes, Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol rushed to assess the situation, determined she was in cardiac arrest, and immediately began

medical care that would save her life.

Just over a month later, those professionals met up to talk about what happened, and filled Guzel in on the hour she spent “hanging out with dead people.” The presentation, held the night of January 22 at Burgers Restaurant, was the first in this year’s Eastside Trauma Series, a Mammoth Hospital-sponsored sequence of events for local medical professionals.

Guzel, who joined the meeting via Zoom, was the first to share her side of the story, wiping

ing tears from her eyes.

That fateful Monday morning, she’d run back to the condo, just a five minute walk from the lifts, to grab her daughter an extra layer, she said. She returned to see her kids “having a blast” playing with snowballs. She buckled their boots and asked them to head to the line.

And then everything went dark. “As I was told, I made it to the line,” she said.

She woke up in Mammoth Hospital with faint memories of what had happened; a bumpy ride on the ambulance, seeing

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OH, SHUFFLEBOARD!



Mammoth Girls' Soccer keeper Neko Morando couldn't stop this one Tuesday against Bishop, much to Brooke Taylor's delight. For more sports coverage, see pages 8-9

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SHELTER POPULATION SURGE

On Monday, I attended Inyo Supervisor Trina Orrill’s quarterly meeting with constituents held at the Quilter Office Bldg. in Bishop.

The big topic: Spiraling population at the Big Pine Animal Shelter. According to Inyo Director of Animal Services Katie Bird, 632 animals came into the shelter in 2024, a 16% increase from the 545 that were received in 2023, and well above what had been a traditional number in the 400s pre-pandemic.

“In particular the flood of puppies over the past two years is something I’ve never seen,” said Bird.

While the Shelter is still operating at what’s referred to as a “no-kill level” (a more than 90% live rate), Bird noted that the Shelter is hamstrung by rising vet costs, food costs, microchipping costs and fewer places to turn to for help.

“The resources we used to contact [when the Shelter was experiencing overflow] won’t take any placements. They’re full,” explained Bird.

And that number for last year - 632 - doesn’t include the trap/neuter/release program which fixed approximately 100 feral cats last year. That was funded by a \$10,000 state grant.

When asked her theory as to why animal numbers are escalating, Bird cited a variety of factors. There are not as many clinics, spay/neutering is expensive, and it doesn’t take many animals to trigger a population explosion.

When asked what the retail cost is to spay/neuter a cat, Bird said \$300. While ICARE of the Eastern Sierra (the brainchild of former resident Lisa Schade) is still active - its website says it spent \$30,512 to help defray the cost of 528 spay/neuters during the first eleven months of 2024 - Ted and Lisa Schade no longer live locally. Over time, that may decrease awareness

“
The flood of puppies over the past two years is something I’ve never seen
”
-Katie Bird

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“If you’re playing poker and you look around the table and can’t tell who the sucker is, it’s you.”

-Paul Newman

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and fundraising. ICARE did raise and spend more money in 2024 than it did in any year since 2015. Its high water mark was 2011 with \$42,409 spent on 868 surgeries. ICARE has raised \$730,000 since 1997 - pretty incredible. Animal Control operates within the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office budget. Last year, according to Supervisor Orrill, Animal Control operated on a \$453,000 budget but had over \$900,000 in expenditures. The deficit, said Orrill, was bridged with general fund dollars.

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BETTING ON DEATH



PHOTO WOLF

Playhouse 395 performed its annual Murder Mystery fundraiser @ the Bishop Elks Lodge last Saturday. The cast, from left: Will Jauregui (Preston Ellis), Teraena Ganoung (Lisa Ride), Phillip Ganoung (“Wild Bill” Billions), Angie Calloway (Mitsy Monroe), Emma Haisten (Debra Down), Jason Crockett (Jess Pawnit)

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Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra founder Kathy Copeland addressing the annual Wounded Warrior Luncheon held at MMSA’s Main Lodge on Thursday.

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The other topic discussed at Orrill’s meeting was homelessness and the January 30 PIT (point-in-time) count. The purpose of the PIT count is to gather data and determine the number of homeless residents in the area.

Volunteers not only work free spaghetti dinners in Bishop and Lone Pine meant to attract the target population, but also canvass popular dispersed camping areas as well as seek out people who may be sleeping in their vehicles in residential neighborhoods.

Last year’s Inyo County total was 71. The number is used by the state for resource allocation and supportive services.

So ... this January has been a month of reckoning for me.

After years and years of my primary physician, Dr. Mary Bassler, plaintively saying, “Dude, when are you going to take care of yourself?” I finally relented and scheduled a colonoscopy for January 6.

They told me if it came back clean I’d be on the every 10-year plan.

Instead, Dr. Sindell (see ad below) removed a pre-cancerous polyp so I’m now on the three-year plan.

**Also special thanks to my nurse that day, old friend and softball teammate Sheilah Brode.*

And then last Thursday, I was in Vegas having a basal carcinoma removed from my nose - so if I look like

W.C. Fields for the next few weeks, that’s the reason.

This stemmed from my first-ever visit to a dermatologist (Dr. Timothy Cragun) in December.

Cragun’s a character. Loved him. Very direct. Little bedside manner. He walked into the office, took one look at my nose, took out his little magnifier for a closer look, and said something like, “I’ll buy you dinner if it’s not cancerous, but I know I won’t be buying you dinner.”

This all within, I’d say, twenty seconds of walking in the room.

The resulting biopsy confirmed his suspicions.

He offered two referrals for a Mohs surgery to remove the skin cancer.

One for USC and the other for Vivida Dermatology in Las Vegas.

But more or less said Vivida’s the one he’d choose if it were his face.

Mohs is where they keep scraping off skin layers until there’s no cancer in the scrape, and then there are different skin graft options/procedures to put you back together again.

For Mohs, you want Dr. Mac Machan. The guy was top shelf.

As for Cragun, I’m now on a six-month schedule with him.

In short, the appointment schedule is getting denser, I’m falling apart, and am suddenly more appreciative of the fine medical care available in the Eastern Sierra.

Back to full strength for next week!

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LETTERS

Mom & Dad & ice cream & ... chores

Dear Editor,

Reading your January 25th edition, I saw there was a story about the Town of Mammoth Lakes asking for Federal money to help with fire prevention. Another article was about how the Town of Mammoth Lakes was not going to help ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), another Federal agency. This is like asking Mom and Dad for ice cream but telling them you will not take out the trash. How do you think Mom and Dad would react and why wouldn't the Federal government react the same way?

BTW, what has the Town done to prevent and prepare for fires since the 1993 Red Meadows fire (that was over 30 years ago) which except for a change in wind direction at midnight would have buried down the Town?

Michael Blazenski
La Verne, Calif.
*Fmr Mammoth Mayor & Councilman

It's all over now, Bonnie Blue

Lunch,

Read your review of On the Edge (The Sheet, Jan. 25 issue, p. 2-3 & 8). Riverians and Villagers. Interesting way to think

about things. Also I guess I should delete my DraftKings App, but then again I get such a rush betting \$1 on Jannik Sinner moneyline and getting back \$1.02. Works every time.

I don't know if the news has made it up 395 yet, but Bonnie Blue, a British pornstar, is claiming to have broken the world record for "having" the most men, ahem, in one day. Naturally, I had to write a poem about it.

It's all over now, Bonnie Blue

In what had to be
extremely slick conditions
on a black leather divan
in the living room
of a mansion
owned by
fraudster Fast Eddy Davenport

the British OnlyFans
star
Bonnie Blue
set the world record for most people
fu**ed in a day

she claims
to have banged
1,057 men
in 12 hours—
but that's not
the real story—
the real story is that

one guy showed up
and didn't even f**k her

(I read about it in a Daily Mail Exclusive.)

when he got there
there were

dudes

everywhere

beclad in balaclavas
lined up on the stairs

packed into the hallways
clogging the foyers
rubbing elbows in the anterooms

waiting
to get into
the living room

where she was

where it was
a free for all

all these guys surrounding Ms. Blue

all going at
it
at the same time

which this gentleman claimed
was over the line
was too awkward for his sensibilities

he said he thought he was
going to get
a 1 on 1

-Jack Benham

**Benham is a former Sheet staffer who assures me he is not currently in rehab or housed in a mental institution. I have no idea where he lives.*

**Editor's note: 1,057 divided by 12 hours would be 88 per hour or 1.47 per minute or one every 41 seconds - provided there is no rest or timeouts or snacks or bathroom breaks.*

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LOCAL NEWS

FIRE DEATH

Press Release

At 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Mono County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Dispatch received a call regarding a house in Benton full of smoke and a non-responsive person inside.

White Mountain Fire Department (WMFD) and MCSO Deputies were dispatched to the area.

Upon arrival, WMFD and MCSO determined the fire had self-extinguished at some point during the night, and the person inside the house was clearly deceased. Based on the suspicious nature of the call for service, a crime scene was established, and State Fire Marshal arson investigators responded from Riverside.

Further investigation is currently being conducted to gather more information and clarify the circumstances surrounding the case. This investigation aims to uncover any relevant details which would require further examination. In conjunction with this inquiry, a forensic autopsy will be performed to provide a comprehensive analysis of the deceased's body. This autopsy will involve a thorough examination by a qualified forensic pathologist, who will assess the physical condition of the body, identify any potential causes of

death, and collect evidence that may be crucial for the ongoing investigation. The results of both the inquiry and the autopsy are expected to contribute significantly to understanding the situation and determining the appropriate next steps.

The deceased was identified as Ronald Stanley Keller, a 71-year-old Benton resident.

FESTIVAL DEATH

The Mammoth Film Festival - run by a cadre of L.A. interlopers and not to be confused with Shira Dubrovner's Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, which happens over Memorial Day weekend - has announced via its Instagram page that its Festival has been "postponed."

The Mammoth Film Festival had been scheduled for February 20-24.

The statement on the Instagram page (nothing like breaking up with someone over social media) read: "This difficult decision [postponement] was not

made lightly and comes in response to a confluence of significant challenges currently impacting the film industry, California's economic climate and unforeseen natural events."

The Festival had applied for and received hand-out money from Mammoth Lakes Tourism to help subsidize its event in recent years.

Some of that money had been funneled back to the Mammoth Lakes Chamber to pay for sponsorship of the 2022 and 2024 4th of July Parades.



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TIPS

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But during the pandemic, take-out surged, leading to higher overall tips. Jamie Dudley, manager at Burgers, a sit-down restaurant by the Mammoth Village, said take-out used to bring in a lot of extra cash for his employees.

“I think during Covid-19, people were super appreciative that we were doing food,” he said. “So tips were up during Covid-19.”

Since then, though, take-out tips have dwindled significantly, a stark contrast from pandemic highs.

“We sold \$900 in takeout yesterday and got \$5 in takeout tips,” he said last Tuesday afternoon.

He explained that his staff relies on tips as a supplement to their hourly wages, and he’s frustrated with the decrease in tips. However, he said sit-down dining tips have remained stable, averaging around 20%.

Meanwhile, a server at Liberty Bar, a sports bar and casual restaurant, said her sit-down tips fluctuate from 14% to 18% of her weekly food and beverage sales, and that she’s heard of her co-

workers making even less. Locals, at least, tip much better than the tourists, she said with a laugh. She attributed her lower tip percentages to the restaurant’s laid-back atmosphere.

Nearby, at John’s Pizza, manager Hector, said the biggest problem they face is not the percentage of tips they receive, but that there’s been an overall decline in foot traffic.

“The years before [Covid-19] used to be way busier,” he said.

Nationally, restaurant visits dropped in 2024 compared to 2023, with many establishments facing unprecedented bankruptcy rates. Many restaurants accrued significant debt during the pandemic, and rising interest rates compounded these financial pressures, leading consumers to dine out less frequently.

According to a Bloomberg report, the average American went out to eat 216 times in 2000, but that number fell to 185 by 2018.

And this year, grocery prices in December were roughly 28% higher than they were five years ago, mean-

ing Americans are pinching their pennies just to cook at home.

It’s not just Americans, either; inflation is a world-wide phenomenon right now. U.K. food prices rose 17.4% in the year through June, while Japanese prices were up 8.9% and French

prices were up 14.3%, according to a Wall Street Journal Report.

In each country, food prices are rising much more quickly than prices of other goods and services.

But why is tipping such a big deal in America in the first place?

Well, it dates back to the 1850s and 1860s, when affluent Americans adopted the tipping tradition they encountered during trips to Europe, according to Times Magazine. Initially, most diners saw the practice as classist, and the anti-tipping sentiment became so strong that it eventually spread to Europe in the 1860s, which is part of why tips aren’t expected in European

restaurants today.

But in the U.S., after slavery was abolished, many freed individuals found work in low-paying jobs such as servants and waiters, where employers relied on customers to provide tips instead of paying their wages outright.

The legacy of restaurant pay-plus-tips approach has become a mainstay of American culture.

Today, the federal minimum wage is \$7.25, but sits at \$2.13 for tipped workers, according to the Department of Labor. California is one of just seven states which requires employers to pay tipped employees the state’s minimum wage, \$16.50, plus any tips they earn.

This policy has yet to catch on nationwide. But perhaps consequently, California residents also exhibited the lowest tipping rates in the country for restaurants overall, averaging 1.5 percentage points less than the national average, according to Toast data stats.

Ultimately, as the future of tipping in America remains uncertain, it could indicate how people navigate rising costs and prioritize their dollars – perhaps they deem dining out too expensive and tipping practices are simply the litmus test for America’s spending habits.

Regardless of the outcome, for the time being, it is still customary to tip service workers in the United States. Take care of your local baristas, bartenders and servers.



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her family, the “angelic” faces of the nurses.

Neil Satterfield, Mammoth Mountain Ski Patroller, explained to the crowd what happened between those gaps in her memory.

It started as a normal day on the patrol, Satterfield said. He was just “carrying a bunch of bamboo around,” when he was dispatched to the scene around 10:00 a.m. Another ski patroller, Connor Pearson, went to get emergency medical supplies from Canyon Lodge Patrol room, and other patrollers started making their way to the area on skis.

He arrived to see approximately 150 people in line at the bottom of the lift, filling up the mazes on both sides. And in the midst of it, a person in a green jacket – who Satterfield would discover was actually ski patroller Kyle Williams – performing CPR.

She still had no pulse, so the team of patrollers administered the first defibrillator shock to Guzel’s heart at 10:02 a.m., and continued to perform CPR. The first shock did not restore a normal heart rhythm.

All the while, patrol staff tried to wrangle the crowd, remove nearby ski equipment, and, most importantly, talk to Guzel’s husband and children, who were all nearby. Jenny Weaver, Health and Safety at Mammoth Mountain Manager, and Lily Emerson, Mammoth Mountain Ski Patroller, were the primary contacts for the family.

“I would much rather be doing CPR than what they did that day, which is communicating with the family, giving them a sense of calm connection, explaining what’s going on and letting them know that they’re safe,” said Dan Flynn, a paramedic and Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol Manager.

The patrollers shocked Guzel’s heart three more times before she was packaged for transport. After the second shock, her erratic heart rhythm temporarily stopped, but she quickly reverted back. The third shock showed “torsades de pointes,” a type of abnormal heart rhythm, followed by a return to the initial irregular rhythms with some periods of normal heart activity, suggesting some signs of recovery.

By the fourth shock, she remained in cardiac arrest but her erratic heart rhythms stopped for a full minute. Occasionally she showed signs of life; at one point even reaching out to grab a patroller’s hand.

Medics arrived at the mountain and Satterfield made the decision to put Guzel into a toboggan to transfer her to the ER, which meant disconnecting the defibrillator and maintaining CPR, all while being tugged by a snowmobile – not an easy task.

“It’s difficult to provide high quality chest compressions in a moving ambulance,” Flynn said. “It’s therefore very difficult to provide them in a toboggan, spinning and bouncing.”

A Mammoth Mountain Ski Patroller named Nicole was selected for the job because of her small stature, Satterfield said. While doing compressions in the toboggan, she saw Guzel open her eyes and she forcibly remove her hands from her chest – an important sign of life.

The EMS team arrived and quickly prepared the ambulance, continuing CPR and providing ventilation. They

shocked her heart again, and her heart showed signs of beating again effectively ... but only for so long.

In the time it took to put an IV in and monitor her vitals, her heart rate began to speed up again. They delivered her sixth shock of the day, which further improved her breathing.

By 10:28 a.m., she arrived at the Mammoth Hospital Emergency Department, about a half an hour after the initial dispatch. She was talking, though she wasn’t making any sense – she kept asking the same questions over and over again.

Because of the severity of her event, Guzel needed to be life-flighted out of Mammoth, but the winds were too strong to fly directly. She ultimately had to fly out of Bishop to get to the Hospital in Loma Linda, and it was a turbulent flight.

Even in her semi-conscious state, Guzel remembered the bumpy ride, she said.

Fortunately, after lift-off, the flight crew lowered the cabin altitude to around 1000 feet, which improved her condition. She started recalling the incident and asking about her kids – breaking the cycle of questions she’d been asking repetitively before.

“It was pretty amazing to see,” Flight Nurse Crista Hollenberg said. “I was so happy to see it because I was worried that she was going to be stuck in the loop the rest of her life.”

For context, it’s rare for people in Guzel’s position to survive, let alone maintain cognitive function. Nationally, only 10.2% of patients who have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survive, and 8.1% survive with good neurologic function.

Guzel was diagnosed with Metro Annular Disjunction, an issue with the heart where part of her valve, called a leaflet, wasn’t attached properly. Because of this, the left ventricle of her heart started to get bigger than it should.

A few years earlier, Guzel had passed out while on a rowing machine, but they didn’t catch the severity of the problem,

she said. Guzel has a surgery scheduled to fix the underlying problem in her heart later this year.



The EMS professionals who saved Guzel’s life were recognized for their dedication at Burgers restaurant on January 22. Photo by Caroline Britton.



Guzel hosted some of them in her Southern California home. Photo courtesy of Dan Flynn.



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Mammoth's Ele Brode with the header try



Bishop Senior Alyssa Buchholz had three assists



Bishop's Brooke Taylor had five goals Tuesday.

BISHOP SOCCER SWEEP

Bishop Boys best Mammoth 1-0

If it had been caught on video, you woulda seen it on the SVP edition of Sportscenter on Tuesday night. Mammoth goaltender Enrique Morales Galvan (see below) had just made a spectacular save late in the first half to preserve a scoreless tie. But on the ensuing goal kick, he made a small error - a tiny one, really, which you'd get away with 99 times out of 100. But this was unlucky 100. He drilled the kick low and up-the-middle. It almost hit the back of one of

his own defenders, but barely missed. Instead, it sailed directly into the waiting foot of Iker Gonzalez, who trapped it, took one dribble, and blasted a left-footer back towards the goal from about 25-30 yards out. Improbably, the shot found the top left corner of the net for the only goal of the night, and Morales Galvan, who was otherwise magnificent for the entire contest, hung his head in disbelief. The game stats were mostly even-Bishop had seven shots on goal, while Mammoth had six shots on goal against Bishop keeper Angel Santana. The game was played before a pretty raucous crowd on a cold, cold night - it was technically a 'home' game for Mammoth that had to be moved to Bishop due to snow. The win improved Bishop's record to 12-1-2 (8-0-2 in league). Mammoth fell to 6-6-2 overall, and 5-3-1 in league.

Bishop Girls win 8-0

Bishop Girls Soccer improved to 13-1 overall and 9-0 in league on Tuesday afternoon, besting their Mammoth rivals 8-0. Besides Brooke Taylor, other Bishop scorers included Gabby Veenker, Sydney Norcross and Katya Fierro. Mammoth Girls Soccer dropped to 6-4-3 overall and 5-2-2 in league play.



Off a corner, Bishop's Milton Michel's one-timer volley was denied by Mammoth goalie Enrique Morales Galvan.



This lunge by Mammoth's Bryan Ramirez makes Lunch wince in pain just looking at it. To be young and flexible ...



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BISHOP HOOPS TAKES TWO

BUHS Boys' Hoops was too much for Mammoth on Tuesday, opening up an 11-0 lead in the first two minutes before cruising to victory.

Guard Chris Charley led the way in the first half, canning his first three three-point attempts. He made four threes in the half.

Mammoth showed some grit and battled after the initial onslaught. Elias Ericson (pictured) sliced through the defense for several buckets on the drive.

Bishop improved to 15-5 overall (9-0 in league).

In Girls' action, Bishop defeated Mammoth handily 59-16, improving its record to 15-3 overall (8-2 in league).

Tannyr Ludwick led the way with 20 points while Kristin Allen chipped in 12.

Clockwise from below: Bishop's Sienna Fuller for two; Bishop's Kristin Allen gets whacked on the arm on her way to the basket. Elias Ericson was the best player on the floor for the Huskies; Charley Lewis makes the dish; Em Dondero boxes in Mammoth's Luis Hernandez



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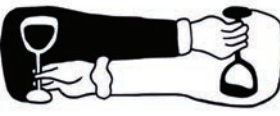



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The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
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Main Street Pizza - *See ad this page for details.*
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

January 31-February 1/ E.N. Young and the Imperial Sound (roots reggae) plays Liberty in Mammoth. No cover! Shows start 9:30 p.m. *More info see ad p. 13*
Weekend Apres Ski parties @ Canyon Lodge. Starts 2 p.m. both days.

Monday, February 3/ Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4/ Karaoke @ Liberty. Starts 9 p.m.
Vinyl night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5/ Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, January 31/ Sierra Classic Theatre hosts auditions for an upcoming production (April) of Lucy Prebble's "The Effect." Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: Mammoth Lakes Community Center on Forest Trail.
Mammoth Basketball Hosts Boron, Senior Night. Varsity Girls' play 5:30 p.m., Boys' play 7:00 p.m.
Bishop Basketball Hosts Rosamond. Girls' start 6 p.m; Boys' follow at 7:30.

Saturday, February 1/ Free public tour of Ash Meadows Nat'l Wildlife Refuge hosted by the Amargosa Conservancy. Time: 10:30 a.m. 'til 1:30 p.m. Register for this event @ HighSierraEnergy.org. Meet @ 8757 Spring Meadows Rd., Amargosa Valley, NV.
Alabama Hills Ranger Program Desert Plant Walk. Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Location: Mobius Arch Trailhead. *More info: sierraforever.org*
Sierra Forever offers free guided snowshoe hikes in Mammoth each Saturday @ 11 a.m. Snowshoe loaners available. Leave from Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at 2510 Main St.
Woolly's Adventure Summit Open House. Time: 1-5:30 p.m. Location: The Tube Park on the way up the hill. *Info: mammothmountain.com*
Jib Contest at the Yodler. Warm up runs from 3-4 p.m; contest 4-5 p.m.

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TOWN STUFF

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Mammoth (760) 914-4352

Sunday, February 2/ Alabama Hills Ranger Program Groundhog Day Nature Walk. Time: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Location: Mobius Arch Trailhead. *More info: sierraforever.org*
Allan Bard Memorial Classic Nordic Ski Race. Races kick off at 10:00 am from the Pack Station on Lake Mary Road. *More info: mammothmountain.com*

Monday, February 3/ Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meets. Time: 6-9 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Tuesday, February 4/ Mammoth's Parks and Rec Commission meets. Time: 2:30 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online @ townofmammothlakes.ca.gov
Mammoth Soccer hosts Cal City. Girls' play at 1 p.m; Boys' follow at 3

Wednesday, February 5/ Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. Time: 1-3 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

TOWN STUFF

Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Thursday, February 6/ Mammoth Basketball Hosts Desert. Girls' varsity plays 5:30 p.m., Boys' follow at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8/ Bishop Trout Rodeo. Time: 9-4. Meet Tri-County Fairgrounds (475 Sierra Street, Bishop). Entry is \$30 per individual and \$25 per team, regardless of team size. Contact msangler@earthlink.net for more info.
Sage to Summit Winter Race Series 5k. Check in 8 a.m., race 9 a.m. Location: Millpond County Park in Bishop. Proceeds go to the Eastside Student Center. *More info: sagetosummit.com*
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Staff accountant

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Salary \$21.76 per hour/6.0 hours/Step 24

Contact: Cathy Molina-cmolina@mam-
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Town Council Chambers located at Suite Z, Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, to consider the following:

**TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2023-1
(MAINTENANCE SERVICES)
ANNEXATION NO. 1
TAX ZONE NO. 2**

On December 18, 2024, the Town Council, as the legislative body for the District, adopted a resolution entitled "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, State of California, Declaring its Intention to Annex Territory into a Community Facilities District and to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes" (the "Resolution of Intention").

Pursuant to the Resolution of Intention, the Town Council determined that the public convenience and necessity require that certain territory, as more particularly described in the Resolution of Intention, be annexed to the existing District, all as provided in the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (Sections 53311 and following, California Government Code) (the "Act"). Reference is hereby made to the Resolution of Intention, on file with the Town Clerk of the Town for further particulars. The following is a summary of the provisions of the Resolution of Intention.

In the Resolution of Intention, the Town Council declared its intention to annex territory into Community Facilities District No. 2023-1 (Maintenance Services) (the "District"). The area proposed to be annexed to the District is as shown on Annexation Map No. 1, on file with the Town Clerk, and identified in Exhibit A of the Resolution of Intention. The District shall fund services and maintenance related to plowing and removal of snow, and maintenance of curbs/sidewalks, landscapes and streetlights and related appurtenances, within or adjacent to the District. It is presently intended that the services will be provided, without preference or priority, to the existing territory in the District and the territory proposed to be annexed to the District. The Resolution of Intention provides that the special taxes heretofore caused to be levied in the District shall be levied in the territory proposed to be annexed, subject to public hearing and owner consent proceedings as specified in the Act.

At the public hearing the testimony of all interested persons for and against the annexation of said territory

to the District or the levying of special taxes within the territory proposed to be annexed will be heard. Any person interested may file a protest in writing with the Town Clerk.

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

TS #2025-0005

Notice of FERC filing

Notice of Filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1389)

Please take notice that Southern California Edison Company (SCE or Licensee), of 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, (626) 302-4411, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an Application for License for Major Project – Existing Dam (License Application or FLA) for the Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1389. The License Application provides details of the Licensee's proposal to seek a new license from FERC for the continued operation and maintenance of the Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project located on Rush Creek on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada in Mono County, California.

The License Application was filed with FERC on January 22, 2025 and public portions of the document are available on SCE's public relicensing website at <https://www.sce.com/regulatory/hydro-licensing/rush-creek> or on the FERC's eLibrary system at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/elibrary>, under FERC Docket No. P-1389-059. In addition, the public volumes of the FLA can be viewed electronically during regular business hours at the June Lake Library located at 90 West Granite Avenue, June Lake, California 93529 or at the Lee Vining Library located at 51710 Hwy. 395 Library Bldg., Lee Vining, California 93541. FERC will publish subsequent notices soliciting public participation if the application is found acceptable for filing. Should you have questions regarding this filing, please contact Matthew Woodhall, SCE Relicensing Project Manager at matthew.woodhall@sce.com.

TS #2025-0007

Notice of Public Hearing

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT REVIEW OF 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND AND SB 270 BUDGETS AND ORDER

The Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the District's annual budgets and proposed SB270 fee order for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budgets.

The SB270 budget is funded through an order authorized by California Health and Safety Code Section 42316, which requires the City of Los Angeles to pay fees to the District based on an estimate of the actual costs to the District of its activities associated with the monitoring and analyzing of air quality impacts and the development of mitigation measures caused by the City of Los Angeles' water-gathering activities.

A copy of the draft budgets is available for inspection at the District website, www.gbuapcd.org, under "What's New" or at District office at the address shown below on or after February 4, 2025. The FY 2025-2026 General Fund budget may include adjustments to permit fees to account for changes in the California Consumer Price Index. The budgets will not be adopted at the same meeting during which this public hearing is conducted. Rather, the Governing Board will consider the adoption of the final budgets at its next regular meeting, scheduled for May 1, 2025.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Entity
Is Doing Business As:

The Stove

**Black Glass Hospitality, Inc.
644 Old Mammoth Rd.
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546**

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 10, 2025
File Number 25-006
2025-0006 (01/25, 02/01, 02/08, 02/15)

The public hearing for the draft budgets will be conducted at a meeting of the District Governing Board to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, via teleconference and in person.

To attend in-person: (subject to change or cancellation)
Mono County Board of Supervisors Chamber (2nd Floor)
Mono County Courthouse, 278 Main Street (U.S. Highway 395)
Bridgeport, California

To attend via zoom:
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84079718518?pwd=ZRGbmJ2ih7cf4nrcFOz3fXdA6PcSk.1>
Passcode: 277292
To call in: 669-900-6833
Webinar ID: 840 7971 8518

The public hearing on the District's total annual budgets is set for 10:05 a.m. Written comments are invited, and should be addressed to Ann Logan, Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514. Written comments received by close of business on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, will be included in the staff report. Comments made after that date will be summarized at the meeting. Public comment may also be made during the public hearing. For further information, call the District's Board Clerk, Tori DeHaven at (760) 872-8211.

TS #2025-0010

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Entity
Is Doing Business As:

Julia Eve Baking

**Julia Eve Yaris
PO Box 1500
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546**

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on December 1, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 27, 2024
File Number 24-104
2025-0002 (01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 02/01)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Snowcreek Development Agreement Amendment (DA) 23-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission will hear a request for the following:

Application Request:

Amendment to Snowcreek Development Agreement (DA) 23-001
CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed action is within the scope of the projects analyzed in the previously certified Snowcreek VIII, Snowcreek Master Plan Update 2007 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2006112015) and the Snowcreek VII Mitigated Negative Declaration. No additional CEQA review is required.

Location: Approximately 260 acres consisting of the Snowcreek VII and VIII (Snowcreek Master Plan Update) project areas (Lots 1-18 and Lots A-G of Tract Map 2009-002 [Snowcreek VIII] and Lots created by Tract Map 36-236 and 36-236A [Snowcreek VII]).

Zoning: Resort (R) - Snowcreek Master Plan Update (2007)

Proponent: Snowcreek Investment Company II LLC (Applicant / Property Owner)

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than February 7, 2025, contact Nolan Bobbroff, Community and Economic Development Director, at (760) 965-3631. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or email at: nbobbroff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2025-0009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Outbound Hotel “Villas” Project
DZA 24-001, TTM 24-003, UPA 24-004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission will hear an application request for the following (a teleconference option via Zoom is available for remote participation by the public):

Application Request:

District Zoning Amendment (DZA) 24-001, Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 24-003, and Use Permit (UPA) 24-004, for the Outbound Hotel “Villas” Project. The application request is for a subsequent amendment to the Amended Phase 1 Clearwater Specific Plan document to allow the subdivision of five (5) existing four-plex structures “Villas” into twenty (20) condominium hotel units that may be sold individually.

A public hearing for this application was held on December 11, 2024, and concluded with a 2-1 vote of the Commission which was not sufficient to move the item forward to Town Council for consideration. Therefore, a new public hearing on the application is required to be conducted with the PEDC.

CEQA Determination: The proposed action is within the scope of the project analyzed in the previously adopted 2021 Addendum to the Clearwater Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2006062154). No additional CEQA review is required.

Location: 164 Old Mammoth Road

Zoning: Clearwater Specific Plan (CSP)

Applicant: Matthew Mering / WH SN Mammoth, L.L.C.

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than February 7, 2025, contact Kim Cooke, Senior Planner, at (760) 965-3638 or email: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

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TS #2025-0008

KLUSMIRE

JUST CHILLING

I'd been waiting about two months for some sort of winter weather to hit the lowlands, so I was pretty excited when last weekend's Bishop forecast predicted some snow along with legitimately cold temperatures. There was even a "winter storm warning" along with the forecast. It was reassuring that the US Weather Service remembered where it stashed its winter warning verbiage, since it hadn't been used in a while.

It had become boring bordering on embarrassing to keep talking about the alleged winter when daytime temps in Bishop routinely hit the 60-degree mark, if not higher. Nighttime lows were warm, too. As December stretched into January, it was getting harder and harder to come up with casual chit-chat and weather banter. You can say, "Boy, sure is warm for winter" only so many times.

I was looking forward to changing the conversation.

But first I had to change clothes.

Maybe a sweater for the first time this winter? Great. Except I have no idea where I put my sweaters after last year. Next. The long-sleeve base layers smell musty after coming out of the bottom drawer. Didn't I wash them after last year? A knit cap? Must be with the sweaters somewhere. Not to worry. My Death Valley lizard cap will be iconic and ironic as winter headgear. Gloves? Calm down Nanook of the North, it's

only in the 20s.

Okay, sturdy t-shirt, big warm flannel shirt. Great. Grab the "warmer" coat, as in warmer than a fleece. Bulky shirt, big coat, bad muscle memory. The struggle is real. The popping sound was me almost dislocating my shoulder while putting on the coat. The shirt sleeves were bunched up. Let's try that again. Cussing optional, but extensive.

The hip Patagonia or Prana "outdoor adventure" pants are as thin as paper towels, making them fine for 60 degrees, but not when it's sort of chilly. Old jeans with some bulk are the order of the day.

Might as well find my boots. Don't want them to think they've been forgotten or abandoned. This snow will eventually melt, so there might be mud or puddles to play in. But not the big ones. Just the low-cut boots. Put on big wool socks just to find out if they still fit. They did. Felt a little silly when I looked outside. The snow didn't even stick on the sidewalks. I walked on the snowy lawn to justify the boots and heavy socks.

The car had a dusting of snow. Hmm,

brush is not in the back. Back over the snowy lawn to find it in the house, lurking in the broom closet, which makes

a moderate amount of sense. Knocked snow off the car. Could have done it with my coat sleeve but damnit I went and got the brush. Scrape a little ice and frost. Remember the scraper on the other end of the brush sucks. The

frost. But the high school kids walking past must have thought I was a daft old man who can't scrap a windshield.

Drove around town doing my meager list of business and errands. Place looked good. Even a dusting of snow can sugarcoat plenty of blemishes. Looped around the edges of town, the Whites were actually white for the first time since November. Mt. Tom and Basin Mtn. were fully clothed in pure white, standing silently together like a hulking wedding couple at the altar.

When the afternoon sun arrived, it melted the winter scene and amped up the temperature.

It was fun while it lasted.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is keeping an eye on the long-term weather forecasts and is still searching for his sweaters and ice scraper.

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shoulder while putting on the
coat.
”

-Klusmire

“good” scraper might also be hiding in the closet. Not going back to find it. There were big streaks of frost lining the windshield. Time for an old trick. Get in, hit the washer fluid and wipers. No more



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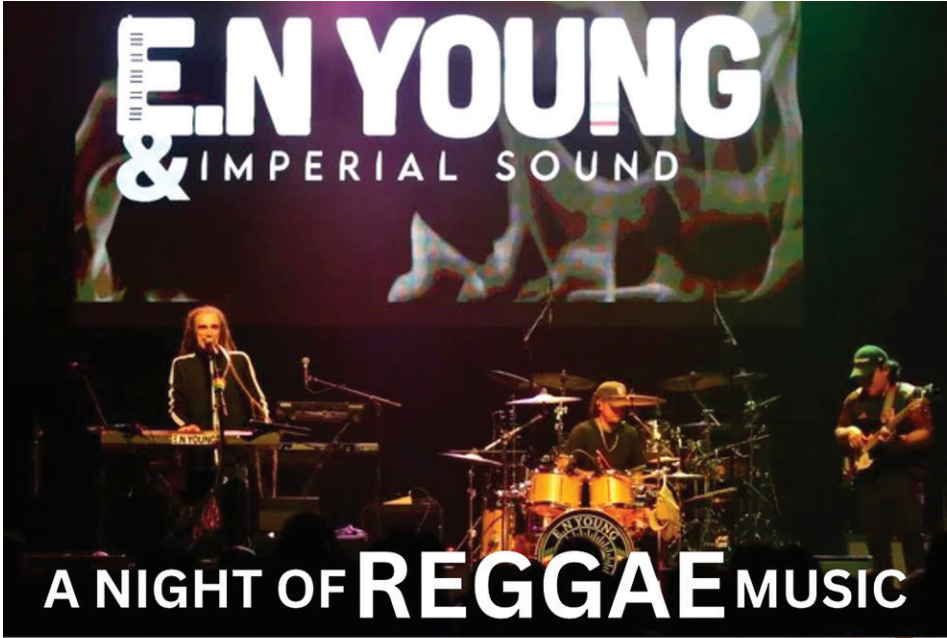
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BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Gayla Wolf was on hand to capture the fun at Sue Ebersold's 70th, which took place last Saturday night at Yamatani in Bishop. Sue is pictured dancing at right and also below right.



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NFL

THE NEW LEMONY SNICKET

By Hartley

This is gonna be short and sweet. Like the annual Buffalo Bills playoff run.

Chiefs beat the Bills ... again. I heard all the people talking about how Buffalo has won 50% of the Mahomes/Allen matchups. But the important part of that stat is they have won NONE of them in the playoffs. I also heard people talking about how Joe Burrow is the only one that beats Mahomes in the playoffs and the Chiefs would rather play the Bills than the Bengals....well, stop talking about it because the Bengals didn't even MAKE the playoffs.

As for all you conspiracy theorists saying the NFL wants the Chiefs to win - stop that, too. The NFL consists of a commissioner, who works for the 32 owners - 32 VERY RICH owners at that. So are you telling me that the commissioner goes against the wishes of all the NFL owners, who employ him, and tells the officials to ensure just one franchise wins? Do you want to reconsider your intelligence level again?

Or are you implying that the Commish goes to the 32 owners and somehow convinces a plurality that it's best for the league for the Chiefs to win?

Hmmm. So the NFL thinks it's best for the New York teams, and the LA teams, who are in the biggest markets in America and the Cowboys and Steelers who have some of the biggest fanbases to SUCK?

The Chiefs are just better than your team and that's the issue. Quit looking for conspiracy theories and look at the owner of your team hiring any flavor of the month Coordinator with a pulse to be your head coach. Or if you're Jerry Jones, hiring a lifelong bridesmaid in Brian Schottenheimer as your head coach.

Now some asshat fan from Virginia has started a petition to boycott the Super Bowl because of Chiefs favoritism by the league. This guy have a job?

The petition has over 750 signatures. Not 750,000. 750. Maybe the mother of Nick and Joey Bosa supports the initiative since Mahomes beats the Chargers and Niners asses every time.

Last week

Chiefs vs Bills was the same old nursery rhyme. The Bills, perennial Super Bowl favorites. Josh Allen was the big bad wolf that no one could stop and Reid, Mahomes and Chris Jones were the 3 little pigs. The Bills went to KC and they huffed ... and they puffed ... and they blew nothing down. The Chiefs are just better.

Skins vs Eagles. Someone should tell the Skins that the Eagles like to run the ball. The only thing stopping Saquon and Hurts from running more was the wall around the stadium that keeps the fans from being on the field.

The Lemony Snicket round-up

Cowboys. How does owner Jerry Jones hire disgraced former Bears coach Matt Eberflus as Defensive Coordinator and Brian Schottenheimer as Head Coach in the same year and keep a straight face? How?

Jerry needed a real puppet's ass to shove his wrinkled old hand into, still wearing all three of his Super Bowl rings from 30 years ago. I used to call Al Davis Lemony Snicket when he got old and ridiculous. Jerry Jones is now Lemony Snicket.

Jerry rambled on and on in the introductory press conference about hiring Schottenheimer and how Brian learned from his dad Marty, who was an NFL coach forever. Well, Marty never won either. Marty won a lot of regular season games and lost a lot of playoff games. Jerry is just wanting to keep his current Cowboys dynamic of mediocrity in play. He should have just traded for Steeler Coach Mike Tomlin if that is the case. Trade Micah Parsons for Tomlin. The Steelers like collecting expensive defensive players - maybe they can employ a 5 DE pass rush defense that still can't stop the run. Or play Parsons at WR. He would be better than the current Steeler receivers. Jerry would have been better off hiring Marty Schottenheimer's "ghost," RIP MARTY, to coach the team. Yeah, his dad was a great coach so he must be? Stupid.

Jerry knows he doesn't believe in the hire. He called it as "big a risk as you can take." HUH? And he let the hire leak out on a Friday night. That is what they call a news dump. Casual fans don't pay any attention to NFL news on Friday nights. So he can dump it and not hear from the angry Cowboy fans for a few days because the championship games are all anyone is talking about.

The Cowboys have too much family in the building. Jerry and his three kids are the owners and executives. What does son Stephen say to Jerry when he disagrees with decisions - NO DADDY! No PopPop! 5-12 next year.

Oh (Coen) Brother, Where Art Thou?

Liam Coen (who?) got a head coaching job. Another Offensive Coordinator hired as a head coach because Baker Mayfield had a great year under them. One year OCs at that. I don't understand NFL owners. They see shiny new toys and gotta have 'em. Coen's story (I don't believe he's related to the filmmaking brothers) was funny. He turned down the Jags, probably because Trent Baalke was retained as GM, and then went back to Tampa and got a huge raise. The Jags subsequently fired Baalke and all of a sudden Cohen couldn't be reached by Tampa's owner, GM or head coach. He hadn't signed the

new contract and couldn't be reached. Apparently he said he was somewhere else, but was reported seen back in the Jag offices. Next thing you hear, Coen is the head coach. Hilarious. But do you blame him? You only get so many chances to be a head coach. Former Texans OC Bobby Slowik, is the "next up-and-coming head coach one year" and fired the next year. Take your shot. Coen probably knows he isn't getting a head job other than this one.

Lovesac, baby

Moved to Chucktown, South Carolina and needed to find a new couch. Found something that interested me. A couch that you can reconfigure as you like and make different layouts. Brilliant. It also has covers you can remove so you can wash them in the washing machine. Even better. Who has ever thought to themselves (obviously I have) - I've had people over here for the game with their asses on my couch and now I am thinking about laying down and taking a nap. Where their ass was.

Mmm. I'll pass.

Who has ever thought that and wished they could just wash the

couch?

So I thought, I gotta have one. But the name ... for the couch manufacturer ... no one in the room had the common sense to say ... maybe we should think of another name. It's called The LOVESAC Company.

Not one person in the room, or in the planning said "Guys, we can't use this name." If you told someone I GOT A LOVESAC, YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO THEM while at work, they would have you go talk to HR.

An entire company ... LOVESAC.

We ultimately decided ... how often are we really gonna remove all those covers and wash 'em? It would be easier to just get a small steam cleaner and clean the thing.

And how warped and messed up would the covers get after a few washes? Stuffing those pillows back in the disconfigured, pilly covers. Screw it. And the price is insane. The couch should only cost that much if it massages your LOVE SAC while you rest.

Maybe Browns QB Deshaun Watson should get one.

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