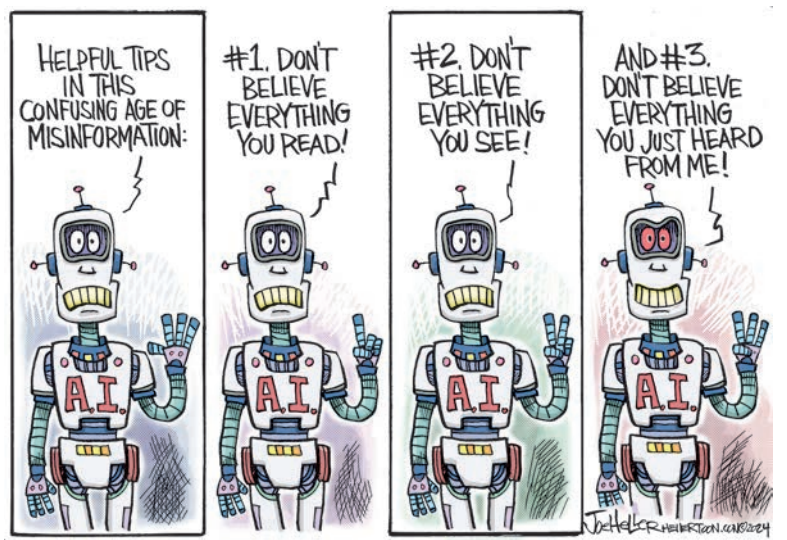


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Cartoon, courtesy of Joe Heller. For more on the Age of (Mis)Information, see page 8.

Saturday, March 2, 2024

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## DOUBLE PLAY

Inyo Sheriff's Dept. makes arrests in two homicide cases

By Lunch

**B**rian Russell Stange, 52, of Bishop was arrested on Thursday, February 22 in connection with the February 12 murder of David Miller, who was gunned down while walking home on Shepard Lane.

Stange, who is being held without bail, appeared in court this past Tuesday. He is being represented by Gerard Harvey, who asked that his client's arraignment be pushed back one week. It is now scheduled for March 5.

Stange is suspected to have lain in wait for Miller, and shot him with a hunting rifle from long distance.

The preliminary coroner's report indicated Miller was killed by a "through-and-through" round (a bullet that passes through a body leaving entry and exit wounds). It is estimated he died within two minutes - before law enforcement even reached the scene.

Surveillance video taken in the vicinity of the shooting turned the Sheriff's Dept. onto the suspect, whom they tailed for more than a week before arresting him on his birthday.

He was arrested without incident by the Inyo Mono Special Enforcement Detail Team as he left Yamatani Restaurant with his wife.

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 that there had been a prowler on his property.

Miller had thought these incidents may have stemmed from a dispute he was having with a neighbor, but investigators ruled out the neighbor as a suspect when evidence in-

dicated he hadn't been in the area at the time of the incident (approx. 3 p.m.).

The victim, Miller, was divorced with three daughters. He had worked for the Inyo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for 17 years.

He had recently begun dating a fellow County employee, Samantha Rottner.

Stange was employed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as a Watershed Resources Specialist. He was ironically featured in an LADWP advertisement which appeared in the Feb. 22 edition of the Sierra Reader. Appearing on the opposite page from the ad - the most recent press release regarding the murder investigation.

Meanwhile ... on Tuesday, Inyo County Sheriff Stephanie Rennie announced the arrest of a suspect in the 2023 murder of Dorothy Erin McQueen of Independence.

Steven James Allen, 45, also of Independence, was taken into custody at about 3:22 p.m. Tuesday by members of the Inyo County Sheriff's and District Attorney's offices.

Allen was arrested for and will face charges of Penal Code section 187, Murder.

The arrest comes after an intensive, 10-month-long investigation following the discovery of a deceased female - later identified as McQueen - on April 10, 2023, in a culvert outside of Independence off of Mazourka Canyon Road.

Evidence gathered during the course of the investigation had been sent to the DOJ laboratory for analysis, which was recently completed. The results were returned to the Inyo County's Sheriff's Of-

fice today and, coupled with evidence gathered by Inyo Sheriff's investigators, led to Allen's arrest.

McQueen would have turned 35 on February 5.

She is survived by her mother, Carolyn, her son, Lincoln, and numerous other family members and friends.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Office would again like to thank the public for its ongoing support. Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact Investigator Connolly at (760) 878-0383, option 4.

## BLIZZARD WARNING

**A**t 3:28 p.m., on February 28, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a rare blizzard warning. The notice was put into effect yesterday afternoon, at 4 p.m. It will remain in effect until 10:00 a.m., Sunday.

Early Thursday morning, @NWSReno took to X to make the following declaration: "Your safe travel window is over in the Sierra—best to hunker down where you are."

The forecast, as predicted by the NWS: "Blizzard conditions likely, particularly from Friday night through Saturday. Snow accumulations of

1 to 3 feet for communities along Highway 395 with 3 to 6 feet along the Sierra Crest. Winds gusting as high as 75 mph in the lower elevations and above 110 mph over Sierra Ridges."

For the next few days, snowfall rates may vary between 1-3 inches per hour, which, combined with the strong, south-southwesterly surface winds expected to accompany the storm, may cause severe whiteout conditions. Due to the predicted strong winds, total snowfall accumulation in local areas may be difficult to measure.

Officials have urged people to avoid travel throughout the weekend, including to and from Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.

"Bottom line," said the NWS in a formal communiqué out of their Reno, NV office, "this winter storm will cause very dangerous and possibly life-threatening conditions."

The storm is expected to intensify Friday evening through Saturday morning. And while snowfall should taper off by Sunday evening, the Sierra region is expected to see some lingering flurry showers—though this should not yield much additional accumulation.

In the meantime, Mono County advises winter storm preparedness. Residents should prepare for possible power outages, road closures, and limited access to resources such as gas, food, and water.

People are asked to maintain clear roofs, charge their devices in preparation of lost power, and stock up on food, medical supplies, fuel, firewood, and batteries.

Happy shoveling.

## FOR GOODNESS SAKE



Co-owners of Bevi Bene, Alec Clowes and Jolynn Khamky, provide service for the wine bar's exclusive sake tasting, held last week. See page 12 for story.

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# ARGUING OVER SPECIAL (EVENT) K'S

So let me attempt to clean up an error from last week, since I can't keep track of how the Town dispenses money to event producers and non-profits, and where that money comes from.

This cleanup comes with the help of MLR (Mammoth Lakes Recreation) Executive Director Kim Anaclerio, who had the decency not to call me a 'moron' once during our entire conversation.

I also received some help from Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Board Chair Pat Foster.

According to Kim, the process was changed up about two years ago, so I'm not that far behind.

"The problem was you had people applying under different circumstances," she explained - folks whose organizations were involved in a variety of different activities, some of which overlapped - so a common application deadline was instituted. And applications are directed to the appropriate "bucket."

For example: In the past, Shira Dubrovner, who not only produces arts and cultural programming, but also is the Executive Director of the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival (which takes place over Memorial Day weekend) would submit one application.

Now, she submits two applications. One via the Eastern Sierra Arts Alliance for Measure U funding allocated by MLR, and a second application on behalf of the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival for special event funding which is allocated via MLT.

As Anaclerio explained, U is for arts and cultural programming by local organizations, and R is dedicated to Town-owned and managed facilities for arts, culture, mobility and outdoor recreation.

Special-event funding comes from MLT's share of Transient Occupancy Tax revenue via Measure A.

This year, MLR received 13 applications for Measure U funding. The total ask was \$242,000. With \$203,750 in recommended allocations.

The Measure U Allocations Committee is comprised of Heather Schaubmayer, Tamara Bankson and Danielle Torrance.

A public hearing on the recommended \$203,750 in U awards is scheduled to take place on March 12.

The following recommendations then go to Town Council for final approval.

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"These are people of the land. The common clay of the New West. You know ... morons."

-The Waco Kid  
from Blazing Saddles

## JACK LUNCH

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Clean up the Lake	12000
Friends of the Inyo -	5000
People's Mural Project	
E.S. Community Chorus	8500
Mammoth Channel	7000
Chamber Music Unbound	32000
E.S. Arts Alliance	40000
E.S. Symphony	15500
Mono Arts Council	34000
Valentine Reserve	10000
Friends of the Inyo	11000
E.S. Avalanche Center	11500
Sierra Classic Theater	10500

Meanwhile ...

Special event funding is derived from Measure A and managed and allocated by a committee comprised of MLT board members.

Last year, 23 organizations were awarded a total of \$300,000.

This year, 27 organizations vied for the same amount.

Dubrovner said she asked for \$35,000 on behalf of her film festival and received an award of \$15,000.

She said that after applicants accept their awards, the totals and who-got-what will be revealed publicly.

A letter from Mark Deeds appears on page four which talks about special event funding, specifically about the OCR (Obstacle Course Race) event which debuted last year.

OCR agreed to a five-year deal with MLT last year to hold its world championships at Mammoth Mountain. The event occurs annually in October.

On a bang-for-buck metric, Deeds argues the OCR was an abject bust in 2023.

And that the 27 events vying for a relatively paltry \$300,000 merit a budget expansion, seeing as the cumulative request from the 27 events was \$546,000.

Pressure is on MLT and OCR to grow that event exponentially in 2024.

Town Manager Rob Patterson said "This coming fall, the event has a price tag of \$250,000 which will be covered by MLT and there is a sliding scale for potential increase in funding tied to the number of participants that are attending."

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# LETTERS

## Should OCR be DNR?

Dear Editor:

Mammoth Lakes Tourism funds one event for \$450,000, while 27 other events will split \$300,000.

Why is there a vast disparity in the special event funding allocations?

In 2023, Mammoth Lakes Tourism funded the inaugural Obstacle Course Race World Championships (OCR) \$450,000, while the other 23 special events split \$299,800.

In 2024, 27 events will split the same \$300,000 while the OCR will get another \$450,000 - part of a five-year deal at \$450,000 per year, plus additional value in-kind fees that could amount to an extra \$50,000 per year besides.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism said there would be no increase in the 2024 special events funding due to budget cuts, yet there was room in the budget to give the OCR \$450,000.

The \$450,000 funding allocation to the OCR is 50% more than all of the other events combined. These events include some of your most recognizable events, from Village Fest, Mammoth Yoga Fest, Mammoth Rocks, Bluesapalooza, and Mammoth Tuff, to mention just a few (See chart).

The OCR event funding appears to have had a separate approval process and was not subject to the same application and review process as the other events.

There have been many different special event funding processes over the years. MLT currently assumes the role of managing the Measure A funds that have been allocated to special events. This comes with a responsibility to ensure the funds are prudently allocated and well managed. I question this decision to fund \$450,000 yearly for a five-year commitment to one event.

MLT has justified the spending in an effort to increase occupancy during a typically slow time in October. I understand the importance of hosting an event during the shoulder season to boost occupancy and visitor spending. However, I do not support a \$450,000 allocation to the OCR at the expense of negatively impacting the funding of all the remaining events.

And unfortunately, the first year of the OCR was not a success.

MLT, apparently, signed off on a proposal initially submitted by the Spartan Run (later changed to OCR) that forecast up to 9000 participants. Different final attendance numbers from 2023 have been tossed around. The Mammoth OCR competition results show roughly 1235 entries. Of these 1235, most names are listed 3 or 4 times because they compete in multiple events. So, the actual number of participants could be closer to 400-500.

Moving forward, MLT needs to identify and fix the problems that caused the inaugural failure of the OCR to make sure this doesn't happen again. If it can't,

Event Name	Funding Request	Funding Awarded
Mammoth Yoga Fest	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mammoth TUFF	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Bluesapalooza	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mammoth Trailfest	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mammoth Film Festival	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
Elevation Mammoth	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mammoth Gran Fondo	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mammoth Reggae Fest	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mammoth Rocks	\$17,500.00	\$15,000.00
Sierra Nevada Resort Concert	\$56,347.50	\$15,000.00
Flash Foxy Trailfest	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
The Village SummerJam	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mammoth Rock N Rye	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mammoth JazzFest	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Villagefest	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Giddyup Country Music	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
The Mammoth Margarita Festival	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Mammoth 50K PedalPalooza	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
4th of July Parade	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Unbound Chamber Music Festival	\$25,000.00	\$4,600.00
Sierra Summer Festival	\$NA	\$4,600.00
Mammoth Rocks Motorcycle Rally	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
34th Annual KIDS FISHING FESTIVAL	\$4,900.00	\$4,600.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$469,748.00</b>	<b>\$299,800.00</b>

2023 Funding Allocation summary

MLT should exit the agreement and stop the money hemorrhage.

The MLT Board should increase the allocation to the other events to a minimum of \$546,000 for 2025. (27 applicants applied for \$546,000 in funding in 2024).

The importance of special events in the community is cited approximately

30 times in the Town and County guiding documents and economic studies. The amounts awarded to the event applicants have proved to be prudent investments, year after year. The positive return on investment from special events has been proven through visitor attendance surveys for years. The message to MLT is that the locally produced events and the locals and out of town visitors who attend these events deserve your support. Increase the special event funding commensurate with what you have awarded the OCR.

Mark Deeds  
Mammoth Lakes

Greetings Teslanians!

The following letter, shared here, was initially sent to the Inyo County Planning Dept.

To: Danielle Visuano, Associate Planner

You were very helpful when I contacted you last June 22 and we discussed the Tesla charging station in its final stages of construction in north Bishop at the southeast corner of Bar L Lane and Barlow.

When I asked about any public notice to neighbors for the extensive project involving 24 (22 regular and 2 hand-capped) charging units being installed, you indicated there would not be any public comment allowed because the EV station was exempt under Government Code section 65850.7 : Law section (ca. gov). Section (b) discusses review of the

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### CHILD SAFETY *while snow removal operations are under way:*

- Keep children indoors.
- Children should not play in yards, build snow forts or dig caves near the road.

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Don't watch snow removal operations from the edge of the road.
- Don't walk in-front of snow removal equipment.

### BACK OFF

- While driving, stay at least 50 feet behind snow removal equipment.
- Passing of a snowplow on the road should be done with extreme caution.

*All Town Snow Removal Equipment Can Be Identified By The Town Logo Displayed On The Vehicle.*

### SLOW DOWN

- When chain control conditions are in effect, the maximum speed limit is 25 mph.
- Black ice frequently forms in shady areas and at night on roads.

### LIGHT IT UP

- Leave the exterior lighting of your home on at night during winter storms.
- Identify the entrance to your driveway with reflective poles.

### SNOW STORAGE

- Do not place cleared snow in the roadway.
- All snow must be stored on your property.

### PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

- It is a violation to park on any roadway from November 1 through April 30.
- Park all vehicles/trailers away from roads and inside the orange snow stakes.
- Identify your vehicles/trailers location with poles for snow removal operators.

### PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

- In order to reduce stress on a structure, clear snow off your roof regularly. It is recommended that homeowners contract a local snow removal company.
- Removing at least the top 1/2 to 2/3 of roof snow pack is very beneficial.
- In general, most roof structures in Town can tolerate up to four feet of snow.
- Be aware of shedding snow & ice at building entry ways where ice dams will form over time, and will end up breaking loose from the roof and falling. *These areas are serious life-safety hazards and should be monitored, and if possible kept clear/removed at all times.*
- Large propane/gas tanks, along with the supply yard pipe where the gas pipe enters a structure and the meter is located, should also be kept clear of all snow and ice.



### FOR CURRENT CHAIN-CONTROL RESTRICTIONS:

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### CHAIN RESTRICTIONS >

#### R-1

Chains are required on all vehicles under 6,000 pounds except those equipped with snow tires on the drive wheels.

#### R-2

Chains are required on all vehicles except four-wheel drives equipped with snow tires on all four wheels.

#### R-3

Chains are required on all vehicles without exception.

LETTERS

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application and installation.

All that said, the project has created nuisances of which I think you and the Planning Department and the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors should be made aware.

First and foremost is litter. No provision for trash or trash receptacles was made in your mandate to allow this project. Numerous Teslanians bring their own food with them or frequent the nearby Bishop Plaza fast food businesses. They then leave their pizza boxes or food wrappers and beverage containers to scatter to the wind.

Second, many Teslanians have pets. Again this past holiday weekend, dog waste has accumulated at the Tesla station without owner regard for the neighborhood or for their personal responsibility to clean up after Poochie. Further, while charging their vehicles, Teslanians tend to gravitate to the nearby grassy landscaping in surrounding neighborhoods which affords Poochie the opportunity to relieve himself/herself on area lawns. These particular Teslanians often do not come equipped with doggie bag so they can dump Poochie's deposit elsewhere. They also may not be diligent in searching out a trash can or receptacle nearby which might even offer extra bags for Doggie Duty!

So I'd suggest the responsible Landlord who made the Tesla deal and cooperated with you and the county and the Planning Department, and most likely is enjoying the rental benefit from the Tesla deal, spend a little of his rent cash and

invest in trash cans, receptacles, doggie bags and signage seeking cooperation from the visiting/traveling Teslanians.

Third, the four power source boxes/transformers onsite block visibility for vehicles entering Barlow from the east, even after making a stop and then cautiously moving forward to see north-bound Barlow vehicles. Public comment on a site plan would have made a big issue of neighbors, traffic and how that placement of the four boxes blocks visibility and has created a major hazard. It is only a matter of time until somebody gets broadsided at that intersection by an accelerating vehicle.

Mandated exemption for the project from review and public input might not be a defense in the event of an accident leading to damage, injury or even worse.

Common sense isn't that common anymore; it appears your exempt project planning may have overlooked human behavior in its zeal to get the charging stations in place. By the way, if you have a moment, you might contact the folks in south county at that charging station near Jersey Mike's and the Chevron Station to see if they have similar problems down there. My guess is irresponsible Teslanians are out and about everywhere. But perhaps we can take steps to help them become good neighbors as they pass through Inyo County fully recharged and heading for more adventure!

Stan Smith  
Bishop

OBITUARY  
ELAINE STRATHMAN 1940-2023

Elaine Strathman passed on Saturday, February 24, at 83 years of age. She was surrounded by her loyal dog, Bruno, her daughter, Anna Strathman, Son-In-Law, Jim Harper, and granddaughter, Jordyn Harper.

Elaine was born and raised in Fullerton, Calif. where she attended elementary and high school. She married the love of her life and partner in adventure, Tom Strathman, in 1961. Tom passed in 2006.

Elaine and her three sisters were known as the "Hart Girls." Peggy McCain and Janet Nicolas preceded her in death. Her remaining sister, Liz Poe, resides in Fremont.

She and husband Tom moved to Crowley Lake in 1985. Elaine worked at Mammoth Reservations Bureau for a number of years prior to moving to Mono City in 1994. While residing in the Mono Basin, Elaine worked at the ESIA bookstore and the Lee Vining Library.

A gentle, loving soul who endured decades of illness with grace and stoicism, Elaine's greatest joys were spending time with her family, walking with friends, gardening and bird watching. In lieu of flowers, please



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OBITUARY  
MATTHEW LIEBERSBACH 1983-2024

Matthew Edward Liebersbach passed away on January 5th, 2024 in Mammoth Lakes.

Matthew was born May 4, 1983 and 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.

A Celebration of Life is planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6th at



Dos Alas Cafe in the Mammoth Lakes Equestrian Center for people to share stories and memories of him.

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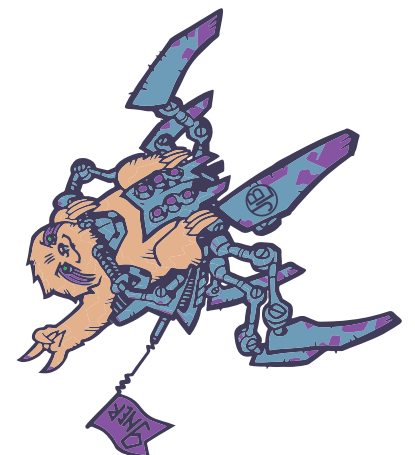
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**LUNCH**

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And now the kitchen sink part of our program, or, Lunch poring through notebooks for material he forgot he had.

I called Mono County Librarian Christopher Platt for local comment on a story I had read in the Journal about libraries being “On Front Line of U.S. Mental Health Crisis.”

Platt said that coming from New York City as he did before landing in the Eastern Sierra, he is all-too-familiar with libraries serving as frontline venues for public health issues.

In some cities, he said, they even have social workers on the library payroll.

But we don’t have nearly the same issue here.

For “unhoused” individuals, the library can serve as a de facto second home.

“We don’t turn anyone away,” he said, “and there are people we see every day. You can be anonymous here. Your homelessness is not broadcast. A lot of people who come in are just looking for a space to be by themselves and pass the time ... And from a mental health perspective, libraries can help people feel productive.”

“This is also why we blast the wi-fi into the parking lot on purpose in Mammoth, June Lake and Bridgeport.”

Then there was a review by Matthew Hennessey of a book titled “Generations” by Jean M. Twenge.

I found this paragraph of the review entertaining:

“Particularly refreshing is Ms. Twenge’s dismantling of Millennials’ frequent claim that they are doing worse than every other generation at similar stages of life. The argument that 30-something Millennials have been ‘screwed economically’ is ‘treated as close to gospel’ Ms. Twenge writes, but it’s mostly based on outdated statistics, often from the early 2010s, when the economy was still recovering from the Great Recession. Ms. Twenge has new numbers, and they show the opposite of the grim picture typically painted by mooney Millennials.

By 2019, households headed by Millennials actually made more money than Silents, Boomers, and X’ers at the same age - and yes, that’s after the numbers are adjusted for inflation.

If Millennials think they’re poorer than other generations, they have their own indulgence in slow-life habits to blame. Instead of getting jobs and getting married, many Millennials spent their 20s eating avocado toast, meandering through graduate school

and working in the gig economy. In the aggregate, such choices have led to a perception of generational economic rout ... but social media isn’t social science.”

Twenge says much of newer generations slow absorption into the rat race is a function of labor-saving devices and longer life spans which have provided Millennials and Z’ers “the priceless gift of time.”

Quite simply, they enjoy a slower life trajectory.

And then, and we’ve done some coverage of this because it’s pretty crucial in a town where real estate is a major industry, there was the

February 5 cover story in Barron’s titled “The Last Big Fee.” Subtitle: The Real Estate Commission remains stuck near 6% even as technology has pushed down most financial fees. That could change as N.A.R. comes under siege.”

It goes over the recent jury verdict in 2023 which found that the National Association of Realtors and real estate brokerages conspired to keep broker commissions high.

Commissions which, according to the story, averaged 5.3% per transaction in 2022.

“For consumers, the situation could ... introduce the option to buy and sell a home with smaller commis-

sions, or even flat fees. Broker commissions could be cut nearly in half as a result of the litigation, according to an analysis by KBW Analyst Ryan Tomasello.”

Mammoth realtors have told me that the unique nature of the local market (anything but cookie-cutter) may insulate them somewhat from this trend.

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## People just don't read anymore

By Mflendër

I rode a lift Tuesday morning with a high school English teacher named Matt who's been teaching in San Clemente for 20 years and change. Didn't catch his last name. But we got to talking about the revisions he'd made in his curriculum, because of the California Common Core Standards, the recent emphasis on nonfiction in the Advanced Placement Language course, and how his class was enjoying their first read-through of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey.

You only had to listen to Matt speak for the time it took the chair to reach the top of the piste to realize he was a hell of a teacher. And it got me thinking back to my own high school English literature teacher, Mrs. Carlton.

Mrs. Carlton was tough. She held a journalism degree from Tufts University and it showed. We never got to "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," but her lessons on "Lord of the Flies" and "1984" were some of the best I've had in my formal education, and I think the reason was this—in Mrs. Carlton's class, there were wrong answers. And if you came to class unprepared, she damn well knew it.

We read those books—we read all her books, actually—with a level of close analysis that, in most institutions of higher education, are now antiquated. She demanded that every item in our literary analyses be cited with a passage from the text. The double meanings of symbols were up for narrative interpretation, but not altogether up for debate. She chal-

lenged rhetorical fallacy. Claims were to be supported rather than suspected. And it was because she made sure we held, in our hands, the greatest works of fiction with care is why they resonate, still.

What all of that Orwellian doublespeak and figurative conch bullshit taught us was this: there is danger, grave danger, in thinking what is prescribed by others because we do not take care to think for ourselves. The distortion of information is what boggles minds and societies, alike.

It was a curriculum intended to raise generations in the Information Age.

Not to mention, she was a damn good writer and a voracious reader like none I've seen since. She, as all good teachers must, set a standard for excellence. So we read what we were assigned. And sometimes, we read it again.

Mrs. Carlton was the reason I chose to major in English once I got to college—that, and I got weeded out of the pre-med track pretty early on by organic chemistry. But really, my choosing English and writing was less a result of me being particularly well-read, than it was for the reason I loved listening to people who were.

But, sitting in those lecture halls and discussing some of the greatest, canonized works of literature in the history of the written word, I was somewhat... disappointed.

It wasn't for a lack of talented faculty, or access to a first class library, or peers who (unwittingly) made me feel like the

dumbest person in the room. Rather, it was the pervasiveness of general knowledge—of having the semblance of the story; the silhouette of an understanding of what it was all about. The culture of education made it so that syllabi were less so manuals of instruction than they were suggested reading materials. You could get by in most courses—you could succeed, as far as the mark on your blue book was concerned—with reading enough to have the gist. If you could, every once in a while, support a claim you made in class with a line number and direct quotation, you were lauded as a pundit.

I think a lot of students at elite colleges use their own stunning intellectual curiosity as a crutch. After all, it's probably what got them into their respective institutions in the first place. But what we have begun to neglect, in higher education, is that the classroom is still the place where intellectual curiosity is a catalyst for learning, but is only developed and made useful by the practice of citation, evidenced argumentation, and close textual analysis. What used to be called reading the book.

As I begin to pay off my own student loan debt, I sometimes torture myself, late into the night, crunching the numbers on what each of those books cost and the lectures they corresponded to. Damn, do I wish I had read each one of those books more thoroughly! Because before any of my classmates come for me for taking this position, I will be the first

to admit that I could have approached much of my coursework with a higher degree of academic discipline (more than once, I had cause to wonder while "studying" in Baker Library: Oh, if Mrs. Carlton could see me now).

And in defense of the liberal arts student, the bar is set way above chin level. You are expected to be the jack-of-all-trades. After all, when a problem set worth 20% of your grade in your control theory engineering course is due the same day you're expected to prepare for a thematic discussion on Milton, let's be real. Which takes precedence?

Maybe, just maybe, the liberal arts education system isn't as infallible and well-balanced as it would have us believe.

At least, that's what Caitlin Flanagan, staff writer for The Atlantic, would argue.

"[The modern liberal arts American university] still understands itself to operate under the model established by the 19th century German university—which emphasized academic freedom, seminars, and laboratories as means of allowing students to discover the truth for themselves," writes Flanagan in a feature published earlier this month. "It's becoming a parody of that model."

Flanagan's claim is that the central thesis of the liberal arts education—teaching students how to think, rather than what to think—has become something of an empty promise on campuses around the country. It's a model that, in resisting any and all rigidity, has become untethered.

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Tanner really enjoys the Peer Mentor Program helping elementary school students with their emotional well-being. Tanner maintains over a 4.0 GPA and even achieved 4.9 GPA last semester. He is enrolled in concurrent Cerro Corso College classes and AP Classes. He is a member of the National Honors Society. **Good luck at State Tannyr, you will do great!**

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"A teacher should never do your thinking for you," Flanagan writes. "She should introduce you to the books and essays of writers who disagree with one another and ask you to determine whose case is better ... Many college professors don't want to do that today... They don't want to participate in 'both sides-ism.'"

And, says Flanagan, the same is true of students—students that celebrate protest but denounce public debate. Students that pull fire alarms in the auditoriums where a hated speaker has taken the stage, or put out petitions to ensure those speakers never come at all.

Instead, says Flanagan, universities should seat controversial figures "in the biggest auditorium they have. Tell him the only requirement for his visit is that he engage in debate with a student—and then track down the young man or woman who owns the subject."

Because, in earnest, is there anything more intellectually demanding or stimulating than out-smarting and out-preparing a sophist with whom you fundamentally disagree?

Whether we have become unwilling or unable to do the homework that is required for that productive discourse, I don't know.

The easiest culprit to assign blame is the smartphone—studies have shown that even proximity to a smartphone significantly reduces basal attention performance.

But educator and curriculum coach, Ariel Sacks, seems to think there's a less obvious reason which, believe it or not, begins in the classrooms preceding

higher education.

"The recent trend toward short texts seems to have come from the Common Core Standards and accompanying standardized tests," writes Sacks. "Both the standards and the tests are focused on 'skills,' with the idea that the business of reading ... is not for the value of that text, but for the reading skills that one acquires and practices in the reading."

In other words, literature is being fractured in early education so as to be more conducive to traditional evaluation metrics. What a bummer. That kind of clinical approach to teaching literary comprehension and analysis is the antidote to impassioned young readers. And, lends credence to Flanagan's earlier point: when students are no longer mandated to read a piece of writing in its entirety, they increasingly rely on their teachers (who hopefully have read it) for a holistic understanding of the text.

"Students learn to look to the teacher to point out what's important, and teachers end up doing a lot of the analysis for the class," writes Sacks. "This direct transfer of thinking from teacher to student... does not provide students with the kind of reading experiences they need to ... do the analysis themselves."

But make no mistake, this goes beyond the academic rigor of school-aged children, or even those blue-blooded, bookish snobs holed up their ivory tower libraries. The more pressing and wider-reaching ramifications are on those that pertain to the quality of our news outlets and the defense of democratic integrity.

When we no longer read well—when

we no longer even want to read well—how can we expect ourselves to digest the nuance of reported current events? How can we trust ourselves and each other to act in accordance with our values when we encounter challenging referendum language at the voting booth?

When you look at digests like The Skimm, or Morning Brew, or The Hustle, it's easy to see why their 5 minute, bullet point formats for news consumption are so attractive to today's audience. They're pithy. They're accessible. And then lean into the idea that we shouldn't let great by the enemy of good—not many of us have the privilege of reading the Times, Post, and Journal every morning, cover to cover. Sometimes, the bare bones have to do.

Is the amount of information at our fingertips so overwhelming that we're left to outsource its interpretation?

Of course, there is nothing wrong with reading the summary of the day's events, so long as that summary is part of a larger array of news consumption—one that includes dissenting views, and yes, heftier word counts when time allows.

Because when news becomes un-complicated—when the truth becomes diluted so far down it becomes a distortion of itself which is, to say, its opposite—it renders itself vulnerable to false ideological projections.

A study conducted by the University of Santa Barbara's Center for Information Technology and Society, explored the cognitive processes behind falling for and disseminating fake news.

"Cognitive biases ... affect the way we

use information," write the authors of the study. "The first of these biases is the tendency to rely on attention-getting signals sent by fake news pieces without evaluating the information accompanying these signals all that deeply. An unfortunate fact is that many people form opinions about news articles without ever having read them."

And the faster we don't read something, the faster we can send it to someone else who won't read it. The study describes that kind of chain reaction as a "social cognitive epidemic."

What we're seeing, now, is a culture-wide shift from intellectual curiosity to intellectual arrogance. Too many of us read only the pithiest of headlines to add some verbiage and the A-list roster of that week's proper nouns to our conversations so we can convince each other we're well informed. And the biggest culprits? Those posturing as the best and the brightest. Those insisting, loudly, that we elect them, hire them, entrust them as masters of this ignorant universe—the complexity of which they have only the faintest idea.

We were warned, time and time again, by those most prescient writers about the power of the truth and what would happen if we were not its cautious warden.

We're slipping now. In the Age of Information, we are awfully ill-informed.

But there is no Big Brother. Roger isn't holding the conch. We can't blame Nurse Ratched for skewing our version of reality.

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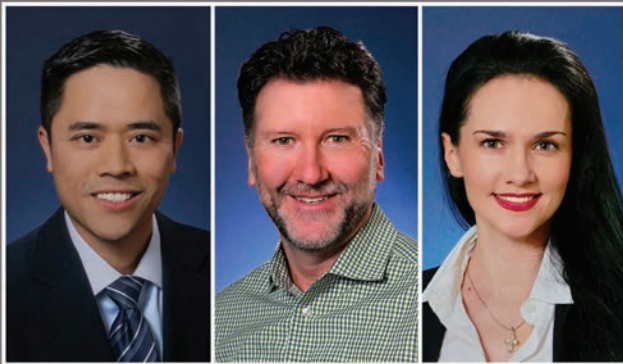
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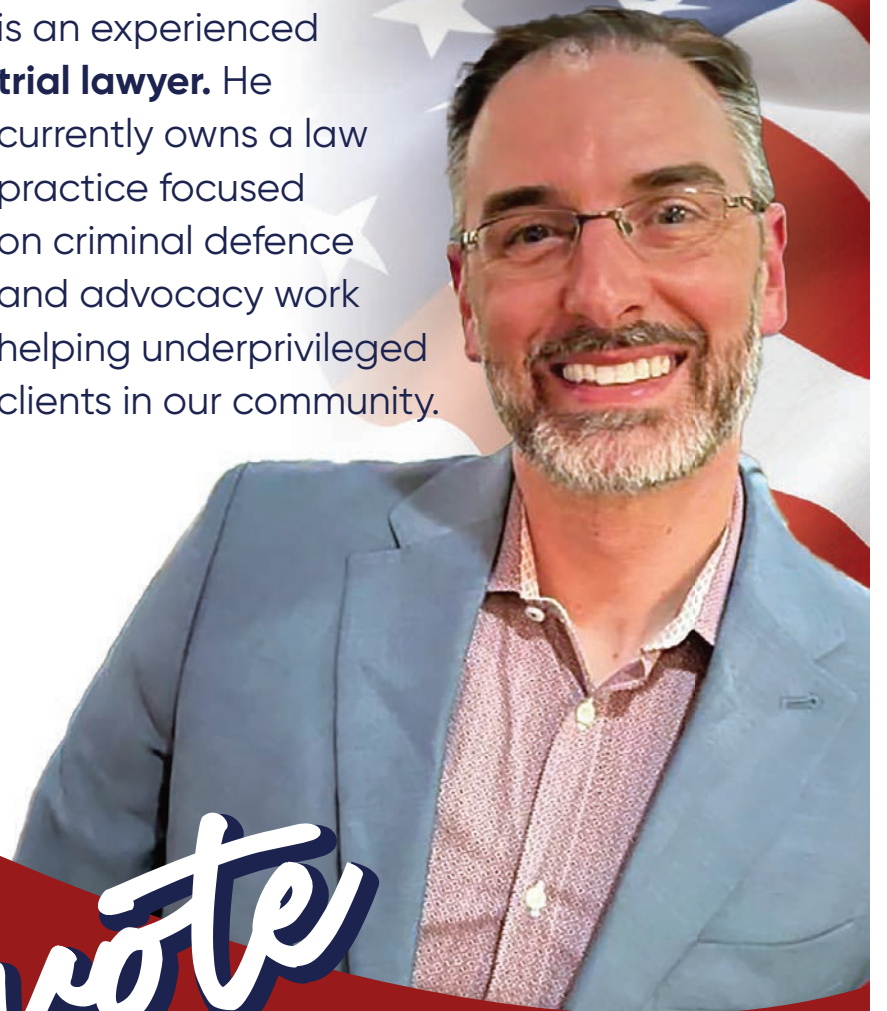
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# OFF THE SLOPES

## SAKE TO ME

By Milender

“Fully feeling the effects of the sake, I was seriously considering burning my passport, trading my jeans and leather jacket for a dirty seersucker suit and disappearing into the exotic East.”

Anthony Bourdain wrote that. And I always liked it. He had a way of making over-indulgence seem so ... cool.

As for myself, after the Japanese sake tasting hosted last week at Mammoth’s Bevi Bene (located in Sherwin Plaza across from Mammoth Tavern), I was seriously considering groveling at the

Bishop DMV to trade in my Massachusetts plates, burning my unfortunately vast collection of New England seersucker, and calling the Eastern Sierra home, once and for all, if only to make the “little taproom that could” on Old Mammoth Road my official, languid and lubricated local watering hole.

Somewhat less cool. But I’m getting ahead of myself. Let’s start at the beginning.

I was sent by Lunch to cover the tasting, described on Bevi Bene’s website as,

“An educational seminar and tasting of Japanese sake led by Michael Achach ... Certified Sommelier and WSET (Wine & Spirit Education Trust) Sake Level 3.”

Lunch’s instructions were to “talk to people and have fun”—an errand that soon became a runaway train.

What I knew about Bevi Bene was what The Sheet’s former writer, Owen Page, had written in an April 2021 issue, promoting the wine bar upon its recent opening.

“The plan,” reported Page, “...afford-

able wines by the glass that you’d want to buy a bottle of.”

The place is East Coast austere (thank god) and replete with artwork chosen by husband and wife co-owners, Alec Clowes and Jolynn Khamky. It is chic Americana, which is to say, inspired by the European continent—in fact, the first people I talked to were a family of 3 in from Europe, specifically, the Loire Valley of France. The couple’s daughter, 14, brazenly ordered a flute of Prosecco off the menu as an aperitif, I presumed, for the sake tasting. I asked her how old she was to which she gave her honest reply and an explanation that “we start them younger” referring to her native France.

She, a sophisticate, was playing fiddle with myself, a mortal pleb. And I didn’t know what I was more impressed by—her grasp on the English language being firm enough as to use our own idioms against us, or her entirely successful attempt to leave me aghast as our server, Jeff, brought her a sparkling San Pellegrino Limonata instead.

I had the sneaking suspicion I was in over my head, and it was time for a drink.

I was joined at the bar by a few friends. The extent of their sake knowledge, like my own, could more or less be summarized by the regrettable consumption of sake bombs in our college days (for which Achach later expressed disgust, but understanding) and expired pulls from our parents’ liquor cabinets. For Achach, first class sommelier that he is, I like to think we were tabula rasas.

Before the tasting began, in earnest, Clowes explained the impetus behind the event. Last winter, Bevi Bene started selling sake and found it to be popular. Interestingly, while sales have taken a beating in Japan—where the generation that has come into drinking age prefers whiskey and scotch to the traditional wine—they have soared in the United States with young people. So, in the spring of last year, Clowes and Khamky attended a Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC) tasting with 30 or so brewers to select the bottles we were to taste throughout the course of the evening—a selection that Clowes believes is indicative of the wide variation in the world of sake brewing.

He also gave us a rundown of some of the artwork in the room. There is a painting beside the bar inspired by the Lacoste crocodile logo, Mickey Mouse, and fauvism—an early 20th century art movement recognized by its bold colors and brushwork. There, too, is a hanging neon piece, vaguely resembling a constellation, that we were told came out of a commission in Culver City.

At that point, the light behind the windows had gone, and the mountains could not be seen. It made it seem like we were not in Mammoth Lakes, anymore.

As Clowes and Khamky set out plates of assorted nuts, beef jerky, biscuits,

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**SAKE**

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chocolates, and the odd fig or tangerine, Achach took the floor.

According to the sommelier, though described as a “rice wine,” sake is actually brewed in a process similar to that of beer. But rather than fermenting barley and hops, sake is produced from the polishing of rice. The polishing ratio of the rice grain—as well as the brewing method, and ratio of remaining rice grain to other ingredients—is what determines the sake’s flavor.

“You can think about sake in these 3 styles,” explained Achach. “There’s crisp and dry. Fruity and floral. Savory and umami.”

He had a green bottle in his hand. Green like seaglass. And with the neon light refracting on it—our glasses, too—I don’t know, I imagibed myself being in an absinthe bar in the days of old. And like a magic trick, the stuff in Achach’s first bottle suddenly appeared in the napes of our own wine glasses—which we would later learn are preferable to drinking sake, despite the prevalence of ochoshi glasses in many American-Japanese restaurants. The more you know.

And then, like a magic trick, mine was gone. Much to my dismay, despite having appeared firmly proletariat in their allegiances, I learned that my friends had been taught the bourgeois etiquette of sipping fine drink. Looking around the room, it appeared that everyone else had been taught the same.

But the first sake, as it were, was “Dry Mountain,” a Honjozo sake, out of the Eiko Fuji brewery. For all you World War II buffs, Honjozo has its origins in wartime Japan when there was a need to stretch the rice grain further in sake production due to the shortage of the grain. Honjozo was borne out of the addition of alcohol to produce more sake, given the amount of available rice to polish. Taste-wise, I’m told the Dry Mountain is lighter on the palate, with subtle fruity notes and a hint of umami by people who ought to know. When the friend, sat at my left, correctly identified notes of magnolia flower, I knew that the lines had been drawn in the sand.

But I wasn’t alone in the room. Upon tasting the Honjozo, Achach took something of a Gallup poll and asked if we were getting notes of banana (apparently, a catch-all answer in the

world of sake tasting).

“I feel as though I do,” said one courageous taster. “Though maybe you suggested it.”

I came into my own, though, by the second tasting. Jeff gave me an ostensibly larger pour—I guess like starting the unathletic kid on the inside lane so it looks like he’s keeping pace.

The “Sacred Power” sake, made with heirloom rice in Kumamoto on the southernmost Japanese island of Kyushu, was more delicate. Dare I say, smoother too.

Achach encouraged us to pair it with the parmesan cheese on our plates, or the French côte. Apparently, we were meant to taste something vaguely Rice Krispie-esque, due to the cereal flavor of the sake—the rice of which is milled down to a premium and measly 55%—which I totally did. Marshmallow too, apparently, and what Achach specifically described as “licking the lid of a strawberry yogurt lid.”

The Kimoto (wild yeast) Junmai, though, is where things got interesting. It had a savory, nutty flavor, belonging to that third category of sake earlier mentioned by Achach—umami. And as we polished further into the rice grain, I fell further through the looking glass. And the Lacoste crocodile, Mickey Mouse love child on the wall finally started to make sense.

Let me rephrase that: we were having a great time.

“This is a style that I think kind of turns people on,” said Achach, in describing the umami flavor and aromatic quality of the junmai sake—the notes of which were reminiscent of a smokey hazelnut, pumpkin, and unripened banana.

To get those notes, the junmai requires a labor intensive style. In 1911, kuras—or sake breweries—discovered how to make lactic acid in order to expedite sake production. But the process that produces wines like the one only temporarily in our glasses takes 3 times as long—kurabitos, or sake brewery workers, use giant hammers to mash the rice into paste all day long in the open air, which slowly releases the lactic acid burned into the sake for that smokey taste.

The final tasting was the nigori—what is described as an unfiltered sake, but perhaps, not all that accurately.

“To say ‘unfiltered’ isn’t completely true,” said Achach, who explained that the rice grain in nigori production, once mashed, comes out like porridge. It’s still processed, but with a coarser filtration, so that some sediment and unfermented sugar remains—hence the cloudier, sweeter quality to the wine.

“Sometimes I lovingly refer to it as the white zinfandel of sake,” said Achach. “This is, kind of, our sake training wheels.”

He encouraged us to pick up on the notes of coconut, the clean sharpness of a grapefruit, and, as you might have guessed, banana. And maybe it was the ambience of the place, maybe it was Achach’s instruction, or hell, maybe it was what had amounted to 6 pours of sake by that fateful point. But I can say confidently that by tasting’s end, the training wheels had come off. I did taste the banana in that final glass of nigori. And, despite having rendered my palate derelict from one too many sake bombs, years ago, I and my company left the wine bar with a firmer appreciation for good drink, and the history that goes with it.

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In earnest, if you have yet to trek up the stairs to Mammoth Tavern and careen right through the frosted doors of Bevi Bene, you’re doing yourself a disservice.

Because Achach is a traveling sommelier, the sake tasting last week was a one-off for Clowes and Khamky,



Sake sommelier, Michael Achach, leads the seminar and tasting.

though according to Clowes, they’re hoping to bring in a wine representative for a similar event in the future. In the meantime, if you’re interested in hosting private parties, the space accommodates up to 20 people. Beni Beve staff offer a tasting, in advance of the event, to plan selections according to style preference and budget parameters. So be it a wedding brunch, a birthday party, or a corporate reception that could benefit from some liquid courage, inquire for pricing and availability by emailing [info@bevibenewine.com](mailto:info@bevibenewine.com).

So, please go. Drink, and be merry with 19 of your closest friends. And if anyone asks, tell them you taste banana in your glass.



Attendants of the tasting, pictured left to right: Cole Murphy, Hayley Kearns, Josh Gazzaniga, Olya Egorov



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**Austria Hof Happy Hour**  
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**Outlaw Saloon All Day Happy Hour**  
Monday to Friday 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Roberto's Happy Hour:** 2-5 p.m. daily.  
**The Mogul** happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar with food and drink specials.

**Lakanuki** happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily.  
**Main Street Pizza** -happy hour 8-close (\$5 cheese slice & domestic draft combo, dine in only, \$1 off all beer & wine). Trivia Night, every Wednesday. 6:30pm *More info: see ad p. 6*

**March 1-2/**  
**Weekend Apres Party @ Canyon Lodge.** DJ Spins from elevated godola car. Time: 2-5 p.m.  
**Easy Wind** (classic Dead) plays Liberty in Mammoth. Time: 9:30 p.m. No cover! *\*For March music schedule, please see ad p. 9*

**Sunday, March 3/**  
**Rock 'n' Roll Karaoke @ Lakanuki,** every Sunday night, starting at 8:30 p.m. No cover charge.

**March 3-4/**  
**Industry Nights @ Bar Sierra.** Kick back at Bar Sierra every Sunday and Monday night for local specials. Offered from 6-10:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 5/**  
**Tuesday Night Karaoke @ Liberty.** Starts 9:00 p.m. Every Tuesday night.

**Wednesday, March 6/**  
**Trivia Night @ Main Street Pizza and Tap.** Starts 6:30 p.m. Every Wednesday night.

**March 8-9/**  
**Beaux Gris Gris and the Apocalypse** (original rock) plays Liberty. Time: 9:30 p.m. No cover!

## TOWN STUFF

**Saturday, March 2/**  
**5th Annual Green and White Washer Board Tourney and BBQ fundraiser.** Contact your Local 4-H Office to register 760-873-7854 Location: Tri-County Fairgrounds.  
**Saturday Storytime @ C5 Studios** from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2+. Everyone welcome. No registration necessary, and donations appreciated.

**Mule Deer Migration Corridor field trip.** Time: 2-4 p.m. Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for an informative field trip in the Round Valley mule deer herd's migration corridor. Register @ eslt.org or call 760.873.4554

## TOWN STUFF

**Tuesday, March 5/**  
**Kindergarten & TK Round Up 2024** 5-6:30 p.m. at Mammoth Elementary School, 1500 Meridian Blvd.  
**Mono County Supervisors meet.** Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov  
**Inyo County Supervisors meet.** Time: 10 a.m. Location: Council Chambers @ 224 N. Edwards St. in Independence or online via inyocounty.us.

**March 5-6/**  
**BUHS Boys Baseball and BUHS Girls Softball host home openers v. Burroughs (Ridgecrest).** Time: 3:15 p.m. on both Tuesday & Wednesday.

**Wednesday, March 6/**  
**Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets.** Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.  
**Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets.** Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.  
**Avalanche Education with ESAC @ Mammoth Brewing Company,** 6:00 p.m. Join the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center for a free evening of backcountry travel and avalanche education. Events will be recorded and posted on <https://www.esavalanche.org>.

**Saturday, March 9/**  
**Bucky's Saturday Bonfire** in front of the Chalet at June Mountain, starting at 2:00 p.m. The festivities kick off with fun, lively music from the Chalet deck and a bonfire, followed by an appearance from the Buckster.  
**Woolly's Dance Party** in the Village, from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Join Woolly and friends from Ski & Snowboard School for music and dancing in the village. A must-attend event for kids of all ages.

**Tuesday, March 12/**  
**Open Mic Night @ C5 Studios** in Bishop. Open to musicians, poets, and vocalists of all ages. Sign up between 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mic is hot from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 14/**  
**White Mountain Research Center lecture: "How to see Auroras from the Eastern Sierra" with Dr. Tony Phillips,** a local professional astronomer and science writer. Time: 6-7:30 p.m. Check it out in-person at Owens Valley Station, 3000 E. Line St. in Bishop. Note: Tony will also discuss his solar storm research and how it ties into aurora. This event is free & open to the public.

**No Man's Land Film Fest** screens @ Bishop Twin Theatre. Time: 6:15-9 p.m. Cost: \$18.

**Friday, March 15/**  
**Opening Night of Sierra Classic Theater's *The Minutes***—a comedy about a small town with big secrets. The show goes on at Suite Z in the Minaret Mall - right where Mammoth's Town Council meets. Visit [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) for tickets.

**Thursday, March 21/**  
**Senior Crafting in the Makerspace,** located on the second floor of the Mammoth Library. Sewing machines, art supplies, treats, tea, and more! Drop in 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the third Thursday of every month.

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**The Annual Blake Jones Trout Derby** in Bishop is one of California's largest single-day trout derbies. Come fish Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Owens River at \$10k stakes. Registration, check-in and prize ceremony at Tri-County Fairgrounds. Visit <https://bishopvisitor.com/blake-jones-trout-derby/> for details.

## UPCOMING

**Saturday, April 6/**  
**The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 40th Anniversary Fundraiser** at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Enjoy an evening of dinner, games, friends, auctions, and prizes! Visit <https://www.rmef.org> to buy tickets.

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## Help Wanted



Sierra Employment Services, Inc. is hiring for the following positions:

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**Sweetwater Plumbing Inc.** Full time position for Journeyman Plumber and/or Apprentice Plumber. Full Benefits. Job is located in Mammoth Lakes. Contact 760-914-1266 [info@sweetwaterplumbing.com](mailto:info@sweetwaterplumbing.com)

**Eastern Sierra Community Chorus seeks an accompanist**, as the current accompanist is retiring at the end of our Spring Concert in May. A new accompnist would play for rehearsals on Thursday evenings and for concerts in the fall. Pay commensurate with experience. Contact [nholland22@gmail.com](mailto:nholland22@gmail.com) for details.

**East Side Bake Shop** is looking for a long term part-time baker. Some baking experience is required as well as experience with customer service experience and the food/bev industry. Email inquiries to [eastsidebakeshop@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidebakeshop@gmail.com)

**Staff Accountant - Part-Time** \$30-33/hour + benefits including medical, 401(k), PTO, and employee discounts. 16-30 hours/week. Compile, reconcile and record financial POS activity, inventory counts, banking, mail processing, etc. Send resume to [jobs@convictlake.com](mailto:jobs@convictlake.com).



**Mammoth Creek Inn** is looking to hire a cool, calm and collected individual for our hotel front desk. Are you on adventure mode all day? Our evening and weekend shifts will be perfect for you. Competitive wages based on experience. Please stop by the hotel to fill out an application at 663 Old Mammoth Road. You can also email your resume to [elsa@mammothcreekinn.com](mailto:elsa@mammothcreekinn.com)

**Buckingham Property Management Is Looking For A Community Manager For Its Brand-New Apartment Community** "The Sawyer" Located In Mammoth Lakes, California. \$23 Per Hour, Ft Position With Benefits, Plus Housing In A 1-Bedroom Apartment. Must Be Bi-Lingual. For More Information And To Apply, Please Visit [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) Or Email Your Resume To [Careers@Buckinghampm.com](mailto:Careers@Buckinghampm.com).

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· Cook/Food Service Worker - Starting wage \$19.83 to \$21.23 based on qualifications.

**\$2,200 Retention Bonus.**  
**To view more open positions and apply, please visit our website at [www.mammothhospital.org/jobs](http://www.mammothhospital.org/jobs)**

**PT Maintenance Asst. Position.** Flex schedule 20 hours/week. Hard-working, self-motivated individuals looking for a part-time opportunity, please submit your resume and references to [francisco@blizzardpm.com](mailto:francisco@blizzardpm.com)

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**Instrumentation Technician Position.** For Application Information/To Apply: Please See The District Website <https://Mcwd.dst.ca.us/Employment>.

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**P/T Wedding Coordinator assistant.** Great computer/communication skills essential. Please email interest to: [weddingevents.doubleeagleresort@gmail.com](mailto:weddingevents.doubleeagleresort@gmail.com)

**Creekside Spa and Fitness Desk at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa,** immediate opening for enthusiast team member. Help in creating a wonderful experience for our spa and fitness center guests. Customer service, computer, cleaning, food service. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email [Lodging@doubleeagle.com](mailto:Lodging@doubleeagle.com)

**Restaurant Server for Eagles Landing Restaurant** at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computers and working as team member are essential. Full and part time available, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work. Email [Lodging@doubleeagle.com](mailto:Lodging@doubleeagle.com)

**Maintenance Supervisor** needed to manage a small maintenance team at the Double Eagle Resort & Spa in June Lake. You will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of upkeep and repair. Must be reliable, have technical skills and knowledge of various crafts such as carpentry, plumbing etc. Leadership and knowledge of administrative tasks such as scheduling are also essential. The goal is to ensure that facilities are in good condition at all times. Compensation based on experience and references. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email [Lodging@doubleeagle.com](mailto:Lodging@doubleeagle.com)

**Cooks and Dishwasher jobs** available at the famous Eagles Landing Restaurant in June Lake. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email [lodging@doubleeagle.com](mailto:lodging@doubleeagle.com)



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Successful performance of the work requires knowledge of public policy, all District functions and activities, including the role of the Governing Board, and the ability to develop, oversee, and implement projects and programs in a variety of areas. Responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the division with those of other divisions and outside agencies and managing and overseeing the complex and varied functions of the division. The incumbent is accountable for accomplishing divisional planning, operational goals, and objectives and for furthering District goals and objectives within general policy guidelines.

For a complete job description and instructions on how to apply, please visit [www.gbuapcd.org/employment](http://www.gbuapcd.org/employment) or <https://gbuapcd.bamboohr.com/careers>. Application, resume, and cover letter must be received by 4 pm Friday, March 15, 2024.

Anticipated start date for the position is May 1, 2024.

**Laundry Manager**

Convict Lake Resort, Inc. is hiring a full-time person to process laundry on-site and assist with other housekeeping duties \$23.00-\$27.00/HR + benefits + employee discounts. Call 760.934.3800 ext. 29 or email to [jobs@convictlake.com](mailto:jobs@convictlake.com).

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Notice Inviting Bids

**Town Of Mammoth Lakes, Ca  
Notice Inviting Bids  
Aip No. 3-06-0146-\_-2024  
Mammoth Yosemite Airport  
Reconstruct General Aviation And Terminal Parking Lot**

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: Construction Plans for Mammoth Yosemite Airport Reconstruct General Aviation and Terminal Parking Lot in The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

Bids will be received through the Town's eProcurement Portal at: Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> until 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contractors can attend the bid opening by Zoom (information will be posted on the Online Bid Portal page).

Proposal forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled: Contract and Bid Documents for Mammoth Yosemite Airport Reconstruct General Aviation and Terminal Parking Lot In The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The project generally consists of the following work: Reconstruct General Aviation and Terminal Parking Lot (65,000 sq. ft.) and airport entrance road (8,000 sq. ft.), including grading, drainage, paving, marking, and floodlighting.

This project will be partially funded by the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Program of the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.).

The estimated range for the construction cost of the project is \$1,600,000 to \$1,700,000. The Engineer's Estimate will be made public at the Bid Opening.

**Obtaining Plans And Specifications:**

Plans and specifications can be obtained from the Online Bid Portal. Questions or requests for clarifications should be submitted through the Online Bid Portal under the project's Question and Answer section. The contact is Sierra Shultz, Deputy Airport Manager, Mammoth Yosemite Airport, via email [sshultz@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](mailto:sshultz@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov) or 760-965-3654. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes shall be issued by written addenda only.

**Contract Time:**

This work shall be constructed in accordance with details as shown on the plans and described in the specifications for this project. The contractor will be allowed thirty five (35) working days to complete the project.

**Bidder's Bond:**

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, or by a bid bond executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of California in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her.

**Contractor Qualifications:**

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor's license, a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate, and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform the work.

**Award Of Contract:**

The contract will be awarded on the basis of UNIT BID price and will provide for progressive payments and liquidated damages as fixed in the specifications. All proposals must be made on the forms as contained in the specifications for the previously described project and shall in all respects comply with the Instructions to Bidders and Contract Documents. Bids must be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the bidder.

The award of this project is contingent upon a grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration and acceptance of the grant offer by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The bidder shall guarantee the total bid price for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the bid opening.

**Bonding Requirements:**

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond for 100 percent of the contract price to secure fulfillment of all the bidder's obligations under such contract and to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

**Federal Provisions:**

The work to be done is being financed in whole or in part by means of a grant made by the United States acting through the Federal Aviation Administration of the Department of Transportation. This project is subject to the Federal provisions, statutes and regulations as set forth in the project specifications.

This project is under and subject to the Equal Opportunity Clause, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and Wage Rate Decision contained in the contract documents.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Mammoth Yosemite Airport has established a DBE contract goal of 12.63% for the utilization of firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged persons for this project.

The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR § 26.53.

**Title IV - Civil Rights Act:**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

**Carb Contracting Requirements:**

The California Air Resources Board ("CARB") implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations ("Regulation") which are effective on January 1, 2024 and apply broadly to all self-propelled off road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California. A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-road-diesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and Regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations section 2449 et seq. throughout the duration of the Project. Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder's and all listed subcontractors' most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance ("CRC") issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive.

**Wage Requirements:**

Pursuant to Section 1770, and following, of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Works Department, which copies shall be made available to any interested party on request.

All labor on the project shall be paid the higher of the minimum wage rates as established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, or the California Director of Industrial Relations. If a discrepancy exists between these two determinations, then all labor on the project shall be paid the higher of the two minimum wage rates.

**DIR Registration:** In accordance with Senate Bill 854 (SB 854) and Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

**Pre-Bid Conference:**

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the Airport Manager's Office at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport, 1300 Airport Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. Contractors may attend in person or may participate via Zoom. Information will be posted on the Online Bid Portal page. For those who can attend in person, a site walk will be conducted after the pre-bid meeting.

**Retainage From Payments:**

Monthly progress payments shall be made to the Contractor for the value of the work completed during the preceding month, less a five percent (5%) security withhold pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 7201.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 4590, at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the Town or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall pay such monies to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Securities eligible for investment under this section shall include those listed in Government Code Section 16430 or bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld and shall receive any interest thereon.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contracts Codes Sections 20166 and 20167 and accept such bids as are to the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality, or irregularity in a bid.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA  
TOWN CLERK: Jamie Gray  
DATED: February 23, 2024

TS #2024-0023

## PERSONALS

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

## Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road to consider the following:

Allocation of Measure U Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

(Per Municipal Code: Section 3.44.210: The tourism and recreation commission, or such other commission or committee as is hereafter designated by the Town Council, shall annually conduct at least one public hearing where it takes public testimony as to how tax revenues collected under the Mammoth Lakes Mobility, Recreation, and Arts and Culture Utility Users Tax Ordinance (Measure U) should be expended.)

All persons having an interest in the proposed resolution request may appear before The Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Program Director for Mammoth Lakes Recreation 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 Mammoth Lakes Recreation at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Kim Anaclerio, Program Director by telephone at (760) 660-4948 or email at [kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org](mailto:kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org).

**PUBLIC HEARING ZOOM INFORMATION**

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BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION BOARD  
Dated: February 27, 2024  
Kim Anaclerio, Program Director 760-872-1529.

TS #2024-0027

## Notice of Vacancy

**Notice Of Vacancies  
Building Advisory Committee/Board Of Appeals**

Notice Is Hereby Given that four terms of office will become vacant on the Building Advisory Committee/Board of Appeals. The terms of this office are four (4) years, expiring on April 1, 2028. The Building Advisory Committee/Board of Appeals meets quarterly.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Application forms may be obtained at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; or by writing to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; or by phoning 9343602; or by visiting the Town's website at [www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov).

Dated: February 20, 2024  
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

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## MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Pursuant to California Elections Code §12109, the elections official is required to publish the location where the ballots of this election are to be tallied.

### ELECTION NIGHT CENTRAL COUNT LOCATION:

Mono County Elections, 74 School St, Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517

Pursuant to California Elections Code §12105, the elections official is required to publish the list of polling places designated for each election precinct.

All Poll Places are open Election Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
(Poll Place Location / Voting Precinct Number and Name)

Walker Community Center 442 Mule Deer Dr., Walker, CA 96107	01 - Antelope
Bridgeport Memorial Hall 73 School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517	03 - Bridgeport
Chalfant Community Center 123 Valley Rd., Chalfant Valley, CA 93514	04 - Tri-Valley
June Lake Community Center 90 W. Granite Ave., June Lake, CA 93529	05 - June Lake
Crowley Lake Community Center 58 Pearson Rd., Crowley Lake, CA 93546	07 - Long Valley
Mammoth Lakes High School Library 365 Sierra Park Dr., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	08 - Mammoth Meadow 09 - Mammoth Minaret 10 - Mammoth Pinecrest 12 - Mammoth View 13 - Old Mammoth

### Ballot Drop Box Locations (open 2/6/2024)

All Ballot Boxes are open 24 hours a day and are locked at 8 p.m. on Election Day

Walker Community Center 442 Mule Deer Dr., Walker, CA 96107	Bridgeport Memorial Hall 73 School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517
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### All Vote Locations are Accessible to the Physically Handicapped

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE REFERENCE THE MONO COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE.

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections>

TS #2024-0024

## CLEAR AS MUD

By Casselman

The 2024 presidential primary voters' role is meaningfully over, even before most of the primaries have taken place. The result in South Carolina only reinforced this reality as Republican voters overwhelmingly rejected the only remaining GOP challenger, Nikki Haley, solidifying presumptive conservative nominee, former President Donald Trump.

No serious challenger to President Joe Biden in the other major party contest even entered the race as the Democrats' establishment prevented any potential major candidate from even challenging the incumbent.

The voters likely will have little, if any, final say on who the nominees will be. From here, those determinations will be settled in various court rooms, including the one occupied by nine U.S. Supreme Court justices; and in private discussions of party leaders.

The announcement by Nella Domenici that she is running for the U.S. Senate seat in New Mexico—currently held by Democrat Martin Heinrichs—was the second blow this week to Democrats, trying to hold onto the Senate in 2025.

The daughter of long-time New Mexico senator, the late Pete Domenici, she puts the race—previously rated “safe Democrat”—in play, adding still another incumbent to face a tough contest.

Earlier, the open but usually safe Maryland seat held by retiring Democrat Ben Cardin was also put in play when popular former GOP Governor Larry Hogan announced his candidacy in usually liberal Maryland.

Now, ten incumbent seats held by Democrats are in varying stages of competitiveness.

With district boundaries still not finally settled in some key states, the likelihood for the Republicans to keep control of the U.S. House is murky. Their margin of control is now barely wide enough, due to sudden retirements and the loss of a seat in a recent New York special election. The divisiveness that brought down Speaker Kevin McCarthy earlier in the year has returned to endanger the brief speakership of his successor, Mike Johnson. The GOP goes into the 2024 campaign, with all 435 seats on the ballot, lacking a unified message.

Many incumbent Democrats will be retiring, and some of them leave vulnerable seats in their wake.

Both sides face chaos at the top of their respective tickets that could keep notable numbers of usually reliable Democrats and Republicans at home—making traditional polling less useful than normal, and further blurring the political picture at a time when it typically starts coming into focus.



## MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Pursuant to California Elections Code §15360(a)(2)(e), the elections official is required to provide public notice of the time and place of the manual tally and of the time and place of the selection of the precincts subject to the manual tally before conducting the selection and tally.

### MANUAL TALLY PRECINCT SELECTION:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 10 A.M.

### MANUAL TALLY:

Begins no earlier than 10 A.M. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, to 4:00 P.M. daily until completed (excluding weekends and holidays).

Location: Mono County Elections, 74 School St., Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517

Elections: 760-932-5537

Main: 760-932-5530

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## HOW TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

### Registered to Vote with No Party Preference/No Party?

As a voter who declined to provide a political party preference, or you registered with an unknown or unqualified political party, you are considered a "No Party Preference" (NPP) voter, and **your primary election ballot will not have presidential candidates on it.**

If you want to vote for U.S. President, you must request a ballot with presidential candidates from one of the following parties:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Libertarian Party

Contact the Mono County Elections office to request a No Party Preference Cross-over Ballot Notice and Application. (760) 932-5537 / [elections@mono.ca.gov](mailto:elections@mono.ca.gov)

If you want to vote for the Green, Peace and Freedom, or Republican parties' presidential candidates, you must re-register with that specific party.

To re-register to vote online, go to [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov). If you need to re-register after February 20, 2024, you can do so in person at a polling place, any vote center, or your county elections office.

### Registered to Vote with a Qualified Political Party?

If you registered with any of the following qualified political parties, you can only vote for that party's presidential candidates:

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Republican Party

If you want to vote for another party's presidential candidates, you must re-register with that specific party.

You can re-register to vote online at [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov). If you need to re-register after February 20, 2024, you can do so in person at a polling place, any vote center, or your county elections office.

For more information on this process, visit [howtovoteforpresident.sos.ca.gov](https://howtovoteforpresident.sos.ca.gov).

TS #2024-0021

# THE TEST IS DEAD

By Hartley

**W**eek 2 of Life After Football. And it sucks. They've got some UFL starting up soon. A combination of the XFL and the USFL. So in other words, another minor league populated by a hodgepodge of players who were never good enough to be in the NFL and/or players who were in the NFL but liked drugs, alcohol and beating women more than playing football and getting rich.

The NFL combine is going on right now. I used to watch some of it and dream of the Steelers drafting certain players. Then the draft comes and the Steelers take an Artie Burns or a Najee Harris. I hardly watch anymore.

One thing I find great is more players not participating in the drills. Screw the drills. Do the interviews and move on. That's more important because there's already film of you playing football in pads.

I also like that agents representing players are telling them to skip the "aptitude" tests. Useless. The test said Texan QB CJ Stroud can't play NFL football. Then he was one of the best in the league at all the things the test said HE COULDN'T DO. I guess that test is dead.

The NFL released its revised salary cap number for the year. The cap for each team is now \$255 million. It was the biggest jump in cap history. The Buffalo Bills GM said the cap increase "saved them." Hardly. You will still make stupid decisions, like paying Von Miller money 'til he is 50 and getting nothing out of it.

Some interesting salary cap notes.

Teams with the most cap space in order of the most available cap space: Titans, Bears, Patriots, Commanders, Colts, Texans, Lions, Cardinals. Do you see a trend there? Most of those teams suck. That means their owners are making money, not winning. They don't give a damn about winning. They want your dollars. The Lions cap space will be gone soon - team starts winning and the players put their hands out. The Bears don't know what to do with cap money. They just keep spinning their wheels and firing coaches. The Patriot Way is dead and Belichick figured he could keep his job and keep chasing Don Shula's win record by saving Kraft money. Funny. The Patriots are devoid of talent but have all that money sitting there.

The teams with the least cap space available, starting with the team with the very least are: Bills, Dolphins, Saints, Chargers, Broncos, Cowboys, Niners, Browns, Steelers. These, for the most part, are teams that win games. Well, except the Saints and Steelers. The Saints are at the bottom every year and still trying to recover from the lavish Drew Brees years. That's why Sean Payton bailed and ran to Denver and inherited ... another lousy cap situation. That one is about to clear cuz he is dumping Russell Wilson this year.

Then there are the Steelers. The Steelers literally don't have a QB on the team that should be in an NFL uniform and yet have no cap money. Usually it's one

or the other. The defense is eating up all the cap. The only way they can get a QB is to take a marginal talent like Baker Mayfield or Russell Wilson on the cheap or draft one. And even if they do, they have no offensive line, their RBs are cheap and their WRs are cheap except for Diontae "Butterfingers" Johnson. I don't get what they are doing. Mired in mediocrity and addicted to their own traditions.

The two biggest cap hits in the league: Dak Prescott and Deshaun Watson. Watson's cap hit is \$64 million and Dak's is \$60 million.

For Watson that's about \$1 million per molested massage therapist and for Dak it's about \$30 million per playoff win. And now Dak is up for a new contract and probably will be signed for over \$56 million a year. Why? I keep hearing my least favorite thing (other than catching the ball at its highest point, which is literally impossible) people are saying... "what else are they going to do?" How about NOT PAY HIM and trade him. Draft another QB who might be able to win a playoff game. CJ Stroud won a playoff game. Jordan Love won a playoff game ... AGAINST DAK. Quit saying you have no choice. You have a choice - you just choose to take the path that will get you less criticized. I HAD TO DO IT. No, you didn't. I didn't think Jalen Hurts was worth the money, I don't think Tua is worth the money and I don't think Dak is worth the money.

Other funnies: Kyler Murray's cap

hit is \$51 million, about \$1 million per inch he is in height. Daniel Jones's is \$47 million, about \$3 million per win he has produced as a starter in his career. David Bakhtiari's cap hit is \$40 million. WTF? He is a lineman. Well he was - he never plays he is hurt so much. Since 2020 he has played 25 games. That's out of like 66 games. More, if you count playoff games. That is wild.

Antonio Pierce is the Raiders head coach now. And he is spending his time running his mouth about how tough his team will be instead of getting his team and coaching staff together.

He keeps talking about the Raider Way, which died long before Al "Lemony Snicket" Davis did. The Raider Way is dysfunction and losing for the past couple decades.

Lately, he's been preaching about THE MAHOMES RULES to stop Patrick Mahomes like the Pistons did with Michael Jordan.

He claims the BLUEPRINT to beat Mahomes is to beat him up. Yeah. One personal foul penalty at a time. That's a fine blueprint.

Pierce needs to focus on coaching and building a roster and coaching staff. Talking tough on every podcast that will listen to his drivel isn't going to win him games. You've got a blueprint? Well, what is your blueprint for your QB position? Figure that out.

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

This one should be easy. The freedom lovers in Texas and Florida have passed laws stating that private companies operating social media platforms do not have the freedom to decide what they want to publish based on the private companies' stated content standards or guidelines.

Instead, Texans and Floridians want the government to mandate that those social media sites accept and display whatever "speech," be it news, information, advertisements or opinions, comes spilling onto their platforms.

The US Supreme Court heard arguments about those laws on Monday (Moody v. NetChoice and NetChoice v. Paxton).

Again, this should be easy. For those a tad fuzzy on the First Amendment, here it is: "Congress 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; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

I am already biased when this topic comes up since I have been the editor of four different newspapers and have tossed out letters to the editor, advertisements and other "submissions" because a newspaper has the absolute ironclad legal right to decide what it will and won't publish. Instead of my wild rants about this free speech dust-up, I will just provide some straight up news from a number of "lamestream" media outlets about the arguments in front of the Supreme Court.

The Texas law bars social media platforms with at least 50 million active users — such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube — from removing content based on the views expressed. The Florida law prohibits them from removing speech by political candidates and "journalistic enterprises"; it also requires them to notify users of any content moderation decisions and provide an explanation. -- The Los Angeles Times

While the details vary, both laws (from Texas and Florida) aimed to address conservative complaints that the social media companies were liberal-leaning and censored users based on their viewpoints, especially on the political right. In Texas, the law ... is also intended to thwart what conservatives see as censorship by tech platforms such as Facebook and YouTube against right-wing ideas. -- The Associated Press

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh boiled the case down to this: The First Amendment prevents the government from censoring private companies; it does not prevent those companies from censoring their own users.

While serving on the D.C. Circuit, Justice Kavanaugh wrote an opinion opposing net neutrality with broad language that foreshadowed these cases: The government, he asserted, cannot

"tell Twitter or YouTube what videos to post; or tell Facebook or Google what content to favor." -- Slate

A key question, Chief Justice Roberts said is whether the power to decide who can or cannot speak on a particular platform belongs to the government, or to social media companies. "The First Amendment restricts what the government can do, and what the government is doing here is saying, you must do this, you must carry these people; you've got to explain if you don't," said Roberts, a conservative. "That's not the First Amendment." -- The Washington Post

"I have a problem with laws that are so broad that they stifle speech just on their face," Justice Sonia Sotomayor said.

Justice Kavanaugh read a sentence from a 1976 campaign finance decision that has long been a touchstone for him. "The concept that government may restrict the speech of some elements of our society in order to enhance the relative voice of others is wholly foreign to the First Amendment," he said. -- New York Times

Justice Samuel Alito asked why, when a social media company takes down a post, that shouldn't be described as "censorship" rather than "content moderation." Alito said he worried about "the Orwellian temptation to recategorize offensive conduct in seemingly bland terms."

"When I think of 'Orwellian,' I think of the state - not the private sector, not private individuals," Kavanaugh replied.

Kavanaugh also rebutted Justice Clarence Thomas' suggestion that a company loses its free speech privileges when it reaches a certain size or popularity. He noted that previous generations complained that newspapers had unchecked power "to shape public opinion, and that that had led to abuses of bias and manipulation." Yet, (the Supreme Court) "said that wasn't good enough" to let the government force newspapers to carry others' speech. His implicit question: Why is the internet any different?

Justice Elena Kagan noted that the tone and range of content shifted on X after Elon Musk bought the company in October 2022. "A lot of Twitter users thought that was great. And a lot of Twitter users thought that was horrible," Kagan said. Her point was that the change in tone was a reflection of a change in the company's own speech, and that such speech is protected from government intrusion by the First Amendment. -- CNN

A majority of justices seemed to agree, however, that the First Amendment protects the right of Facebook and YouTube to rank and moderate posts on their platforms, just as newspapers can make editorial decisions and bookstores and theaters may choose which content to promote.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett asked whether Florida could enact a law "telling bookstores that they have to put

everything out by alphabetical order and that they can't organize or put some things closer to the front of the store that they think, you know, their customers will want to buy?"

"If the government's doing it, then content moderation might be a euphemism for censorship," said attorney Paul Clement, representing NetChoice. "If a private party is doing it, content mod-

eration is a euphemism for editorial discretion." -- Washington Post

*Jon Klusmire of Bishop will let George Orwell have the last word: "Free speech is my right to say what you don't want to hear."*



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