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WHO'S IN THE DOGHOUSE NOW?
... Not the Inyo Sheriff's police dog

By James

The race for Inyo County Sheriff has kept The Sheet busy with its claims and counter-claims, but the latest chapter seems like it's straight out of a Simpsons episode and involves a county-owned dog that's being used as a political pawn.

The Sheriff's Department has removed the asset known as "Bady" the county-owned K-9 unit, from his dog handler, Inyo County Deputy Sheriff Reuben Bradley.

Bady had lived with Bradley's family. The family views it as though a family member has been torn from the home. Why the removal? Bradley's wife, Whitney Lee, posted a video on Facebook of Reuben "training" the dog. The video shows Bady attacking an untrained, uncertified civilian as opposed to a trained agitator.

Fortunately, the civilian was wearing a bite sleeve; a thick, cushioned protective arm-piece used in attack simulations.

The most common area that a police dog will target is a suspect's arm, although things do not always go as planned. A trained dog doesn't always bite someone where there is protection. For example, the head, neck, and groin area might be exposed and unprotected. There are full-body bite suits and even helmets used by some departments in training their K-9's to more fully protect agitators during a training exercise.

After the video was posted, people immediately began contacting the Sheriff's department. In a statement issued on May 28 to local news media outlets, Inyo County Sheriff Bill Lutze said, "On May 25, 2018 I made the difficult decision to remove K-9 'Bady,' from his handler. It appears that some individuals want to make this a political issue. It is not. As the Sheriff, I have a duty to keep all members of the Department and all members of the public safe, even if my decisions or acts are unpopular."

Lutze went on to say that the dog's removal was based on "my concern about potential liability and misuse issues." He stated that he had consulted with the County's outside legal counsel first, before making the decision to remove the dog from the custody of the handler. He acknowledged the video posted by the Bradleys.

Social media feeds blew up after Lutze's decision was made public. People posted comments stating that the removal of the Bradley family member from its home (see related presser page 8) was an "training" the dog. The video shows Bady attacking an un

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THOMPSON PLAYS HIS FINAL NOTE
"Grandfather" of Mammoth Jazz dies peacefully at 85

By Lunch

The singer Yves Evans described Elliott Thompson the best. She said, "Elliott made mortality seem easy, as if it weren't a burden... he was a spiritual being having a human experience."

Thompson, who recently moved to Bullhead City, Arizona after nearly fifty years in Mammoth, died peacefully in his daughter Sharon's arms on Tuesday. He was 85.

His son Gary and daughter-in-law had just spent the previous week with him and had flown back from Arizona that morning.

As recently as Sunday evening, Elliott had been out on the town, enjoying an enchilada and a glass of wine with family at a local Mexican restaurant.

Elliott was a Depression-era child, born on a dairy farm in Blanchardville, Wisconsin in December, 1932. He was an only child.

After the family lost the farm, they moved to Colorado. It was in Denver where Elliott met his wife of 54 years, Thelma. She preceded him in death in 2006.

After serving as a firefighter at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colorado, Elliott moved his wife and newborn daughter to Southern California, where he worked as a Plant Manager for an Aluminum Dye Casting company.

He played his horn on the weekends. At one point, he played in a big band called the Versatones.

They lived in Whittier. During the summers, Gary says his mother and father would take the family camping in Mammoth. "We never spent any time in the winters here. Only the summers," recalls Gary, who says his father never skied a day in his life, though he eventually took up snowmobiling.

In the late 1960s, Elliott and Thelma began actively seeking a way out of Southern California, and they found it courtesy of Tom Dempsey. Mammoth Estates was

see THOMPSON, page 12

Elliott Thompson on the trombone. He played in every one of the 26 years of Mammoth's original Jazz Festival

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Bob Waggoner, Scruffy Huffman, John Underhill and Earl McWilliams at Monday's Memorial Day service in Bishop at East Line Cemetery. For more photos, see page 15.

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HOW TO DIE

They talk about the coincidences in life. The serendipity of things ... I read a review of a translation of "How to Die" by the Roman philosopher Seneca in the Wall Street Journal and decided to buy it. I've been working hard lately. I thought it might be uplifting.

And then, when I spoke to Gary Thompson today about his father's passing ... the way he described it is exactly the way one should die. You only have one shot at it, and from what I heard, it seems like Elliott Thompson did it perfectly.

Gary said that his sister Sharon was visiting Elliott in his room in the afternoon. Gary and his wife Julie had flown home that morning. Elliott told Sharon that he felt quite tired. He was sitting in his chair. He was calm and composed. He was dressed nicely. He couldn't have been more dignified.

Sharon moved over so she could hold him as he sat. All the while they continued to chat. Small talk. He told her he was a little worried, but didn't really elaborate. And then, he just stopped breathing. But it was so ... understated. No death rattle. Just a slight slump. Sharon called Gary to tell him what had happened, but it had been so peaceful that she almost second-guessed herself, even though she was sure he wasn't breathing anymore.

"Typical Elliott," Gary observed. "Zero drama all the way to the end."

As James Romm says in his introduction to Seneca's book, "To 'die well' was immensely important to Seneca (ultimately forced to commit suicide by Nero, whom he had spent many years tutoring -how's that for a thank you?). To die well for Seneca meant accepting death with equanimity, sometimes choosing the time and method, and if you couldn't choose, to bear however death presented itself with courage.

"Because we will die only once, and quite possibly without advance warning," explains Romm, "it's essential that we prepare ourselves ahead of time and be ready at all moments."

Seneca actually counseled that death should be practiced, studied and rehearsed.

I found the story of Elliott's death comforting and beautiful.

As for the Earthly deaths we experience on occasion ... while I am looking forward to the end of this electoral cycle, I do not look forward to the blunt reality that there have to be winners and losers. Some get seats and some don't.

A few final thoughts:

The argument for Stacey Adler for Superintendent. She has made the Office of Education relevant. I have personally used the North Star Counseling Center and have taken an adult education class through the MCOE. My child does use the Footsteps2Brilliance app. She's produced good things.

The argument against. She hasn't satisfactorily answered the questions surrounding Stipendgate.

The overarching question: Do we know enough about Jennifer Huh? see EDITORIAL, page 16
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
HELP BUILD OUR
NEW PLAYGROUND!

The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded $100,000 to install a new, 7,770 sq.ft. inclusive playground at Mammoth Creek Park, which provides physical, sensory, social-emotional, cognitive and communicative benefits of play for all abilities. This playground is groundbreaking and will serve as a National Demonstration Site.

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What small airline turns down a guaranteed stream of revenue and profit in such a fickle industry (how many times has United filed bankruptcy?). Could it be that, with the new upscale Mountain ownership and the debate over airport location, Alaska feels this is the way to negotiate a better deal? Six months notice is plenty of time for us to see how serious Alaska is about leaving, and how serious the new Mountain is about backing out of its Mammoth airport funding commitment. Personally, I hope both are posturing. Losing Mammoth air service after what it would cost us to get it (i.e. the bankruptcy) would be a travesty.

For primary service to Bishop, not sure what folks are thinking. Smaller planes to Mammoth can’t be filled but big jets to Bishop magically find passengers. Colorado and Arizona airlines could coaxed to fly direct to Mammoth in multi-million dollar bill for the “must have” Bishop International Airport. Kind of like we are paying for the previous “absolutely must have” Mammoth airstrip that will now lie fallow.

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Dear Editor:

When Sheet Publisher Jack Lunch asked Mammoth Mayor John Wentworth last week why he did not support the YES on Measure Z effort, he responded: “I do not support using public referendums as a management tool for a town of 8,000 people...we can’t perpetuate this culture of distrust [in public and political institutions].”

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Yes on Democracy

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Thanks to all the businesses which chose to fly The American Flag in Honor of our fallen heroes for the Memorial Day weekend and for everyone who fly our Flag every day. God Bless America, our Troops, Veterans and their families. Thank you for your service.

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Todds toss penalty flag

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No matter the issue, if we were a viable market with growing enplanements, financial strength, consistent planned commitment to service and good vendor relationships, the flights and Alaska Air routes would have remained.

This is sad news for many reasons; not the least of which is the effect on our community travel needs.

I present that we have a bigger issue at hand: It is our acceptance of an institutional infrastructure whose time has passed and a continuum of ‘same old’ systems. We have a leadership style which results in the allowance of staff and/or private entities to sway our governmental decisions by having more say and clout than their deserved seat at the table.

The town has made continued blunders of repeatedly wasting money on re-creating solutions without looking back. We seek out the new guy for re-stated answers and pay consultants for ‘the golden egg’ time after time instead of investing in our vision and a solid plan.

We have a history of erratic decision making, taking snippets of symptoms to create misguided resolutions, rather than investing the time and energy to define the goals in alignment with our mission as a bigger picture and then following that path consistently, even in the face of adversity, knowing the right outcome would prevail.

Anyone remember the long ago argument for the Airport to be in Bishop? Or how about the push for 747’s landing in Mammoth? Both speak to our changing mindset and money spent to ‘prove’ it.

On failed marketing of air service: Initially, we paid to market 2 NorCal Airline destinations: SFO and SJC. Instead of investing in multimedia campaigns within the markets for the time needed to penetrate them and create awareness and loyalty (2-5 years), we pulled out in less than 1 year citing “SJC was unsuccessful.” Same with Las Vegas, Same with Seattle.

Cutting this promotion too soon just wasted the money spent. How many flight destinations have we changed in how many years?

How about an Ice Rink, Mammoth? It was 20+ years ago we were deciding if and where it should go. “Not in Mammoth Creek Park” was a headline I recall… Then there was the new v. used argument; we chose used. Then to fix it or not…

Why is it not getting used? Because it needs a roof! Let’s throw money at that guess. And how about moving it again? And now… lets create a huge multimillion dollar facility, blame the executive director for not raising enough funds, be told by staff it would only take $9M to build and we would have multiple bids, realizing it was 2 bids at $20M – oops… and no,

John Wentworth – it was not due to Trump tariffs.

Or… where was the strength in our leadership when they let a local, private company (MMSA) muscle undue influence over town staff at the airport, resulting in poor decisions… and to what end? Answer: A lawsuit followed by an appeal for something we did wrong in the first place costing us $50M+/- in debt including legal fees.

Oh wait – did we spend $3M slated for parking somewhere? Mammoth Lakes seems to be without the commitment and steadfastness to succeed. We lack the integrity of leadership to stand by decisions made with all the facts and for the right reason. These changes are costly and narrow minded.

In a February 17 letter to The Sheet, Matthew Lehman challenged the change of mindset to Bishop for our airport. While I agree, I am saying it goes beyond a single point. It speaks volumes to our lack of ability to plan the work and work the plan, committing to its success, and making fact-based decisions along the way when situations and global trends arise. I fear we are too eager to listen to the new, squeaky, shiny wheel and toss good dollars after bad to a new idea without remembering our past work or taking the vision into consideration. We do not fully vet each
The departure of Alaska Airlines is a symptom of our larger, internal issues. I challenge our leadership and citizens to be accountable. We must fix our decision making process. We must raise the expectations and mandate our leaders do what it takes. I demand more from our elected officials. Are we Amazon or a failing Sears as determined by our behavior, habits and actions? Our Town Council (sitting and past) has continued to accept staff snippets of information and operate without working together to change the overall mindset of our town government, an overhaul I feel is long overdue.

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Local News

Water was Never Part of the Deal
LADWP justifies turning off water to Long Valley ranchers

Press Release

Editor’s note: This press release came in Wednesday, May 30. Ranchers and LADWP representatives were expected to meet on Thursday, May 31 for a Standing Committee meeting. The Sheet will follow up on this story next week.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns over 315,000 acres of land in Inyo and Mono Counties. Much of this land is open to the public for recreational use and portions of it are leased to commercial ranching operations for cattle grazing. Recently, concerns have been raised about the renewal of ranching leases in southern Mono County.

Contrary to popular belief, LADWP’s 10 ranch leases in Mono County have never included a guaranteed quantity of water for irrigation. Both the old and newly proposed leases specifically state that LADWP will provide water for irrigation at its sole discretion, based on LADWP operating needs as the single consideration. “Operating needs” include things such as LA Aqueduct operations and shutdowns, flow limitations (such as managing last years’ extremely high runoff to avoid flooding in the Owens Valley and over-topping Lake Crowley), and maintaining habitat and fishery flow requirements.

Historically, the amount of Eastern Sierra runoff available to Los Angeles often exceeded the capacity of the aqueduct system to move that water. When this occurred in the southern Mono area, water was spread onto approximately 6,000 acres of ranch leases in Long Valley. Such was the case during last year’s record precipitation, when as much water was spread as we deal with the challenges of the prior drought years, there was increasing water bills that are driven in part by the need to purchase more water from the California Delta. In times where there is clearly no excess water and no operational need, LADWP cannot continue to provide free irrigation water to commercial ranching companies. No lease in Mono County has ever implied that LADWP would do so.

It is also important to clarify that these issues have been worked on for many months with the ranching community, and the new proposed twenty-year lease terms were the result of much discussion, and not the start of it. And there has never been any plan to eliminate stock water, or drinking water, that livestock need to survive. Changes in the Eastern Sierra are difficult, including for Los Angeles, which has relied heavily on the region for more than 100 years. Our pledge is to continue an open dialogue with our partners in Mono County as we go through an environmental evaluation on reducing the water footprint of Long Valley ranching operations while also trying to provide some predictability for our ranch lessees. And above all, we remain committed to protecting the local environment and watershed as we deal with the challenges of the future.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the status of work to restore higher seasonal flows to the Owens River Gorge?

LADWP has made good progress toward re-establishing higher seasonal flows in the gorge. Millions of dollars have already been spent in modifying and preparing LADWP facilities to be able to deliver the desired flows and the work on those facilities is expected to be completed in 2019.

Will limiting water available for cattle grazing on land leased by ranchers affect the Owens Pupfish, Owens Tui Chub, Bell’s Vireo, Yellow-Billed Cuckoo or Willow Fly-catcher? No. These species are not present in the areas where LADWP leases land in Long Valley for ranching.

Will reductions in water available for cattle grazing negatively impact the Sage Grouse’s survival in Long Valley?

Cattle grazing and raven predation, not the reduction in water diversions for irrigation, have been identified as the two of the most imminent threats to the Sage Grouse’s survival in Long Valley. That said, water that is needed to support the Sage Grouse and its habitat is always provided. Will reductions in the amount of water available for grazing harm the environment?

We don’t believe that reductions in water available to grow grazing grass will harm the environment.

-LADWP

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Pipe bombs in Big Pine

Following a search warrant on a residence on Dewey Street in Big Pine, Inyo County Sheriff’s Department investigators located the explosive devices.

According to the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, two climbers stranded on Mount Whitney called 911 for rescue assistance and all rescue resources were cancelled.

Injured hiker walks out

Inyo County Search and Rescue was called to save a man with a hurt leg but ended up helping him cross streams on the way back to the trailhead. According to the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, at approximately 5 p.m. on Monday May 28 dispatch was notified of a 60-year-old male subject with a leg injury on the Piute Pass trail near North Lake west of Bishop. A hasty team member arrived at the trailhead and began hiking to locate the subject, while five other SAR members left from the Posse Hut. When the second group arrived at the trailhead, they were informed that the subject had been found near Loch Leven, a popular lake near the trail, hiking carefully with trekking poles and in good spirits. The rest of the team continued up and met the subject, and the other team member at the base of Mount Emerson. The subject reported he either strained or tore his hamstring, but was able to walk. The whole team hiked with the subject, carrying his pack and providing mild care.

Padesky memorial

Thirty-five year local Jack Padelsky passed away on January 9th at his home in Sunny Slopes. Jack worked on the mountain as a Lift Maintenance Supervisor from 1983-2012. He loved his job at the mountain, his friends, dogs, and spending time with his horses. A celebration of his life will be held on June 2nd at 4 p.m. at the Mill Café at the base of Chair 2 at Mammoth Mountain. Please come to celebrate and share fond memories of Jack’s life.

Bradley said Reuben trains with the dog daily outside of work hours and the two have a close relationship.

“He rides next to him for 10+ hours a day in a unit,” she said. “He sleeps in a Kennel beside my husband’s head. They’ve competed in K9 trial and received 3rd place out of 64 dogs.”

The press release makes no mention of the video Whitney Bradley posted on Facebook of her husband engaging in a makeshift training exercise in the backyard with an untrained “agitator.”

Whitney Bradley said in her Care2 petition that allegations of canine training violations were fabricated. Normally, professional training is required to train professional work dogs.

Bradley said the dog is family and her family is “broken” after he was removed from Reuben’s care.

“One of our children rushed to the vet to see Bady, but missed him by minutes and left in tears,” she said. “As sad as we all are, we know that Bady is likely going through even worse, locked in a tiny, cold kennel — unable to do what he was trained to do, with the only person who knows how to handle him.”

Bady BING, Bady BOOM

Give me my Bady back!

The Sheet received a press release Thursday from a Washington, D.C.-based P.R. firm with the header, “Family Starts Care2 Petition to Return Officer’s K9 After “Politically Motivated” Act.”

Care2 is a petition-signing internet site. No idea who paid the P.R. firm to write the press release.

The officer’s wife, Whitney Bradley, in her petition, says the removal of the K9 was an act of political retribution for his support of a certain sheriff candidate.

Care2 claims the petition has gathered over 8,000 signatures.

Whitney Bradley told Care2 that in a heated race for Sheriff, her husband, officer Reuben Bradley, chose to support a challenger to what she calls the “hand-picked” replacement for the current sheriff. Inyo County Undersheriff Jeff Hollowell is hoping to succeed current Sheriff Bill Lutz.

Whitney says that one day when Reuben went to work, he was told the dog, Bady, was being removed from him.

“No warning, no reason. My husband has never been disciplined or warned due to any behavior with Bady,” she said.

She says the dog had become part of the family.

“For the last 2 years, this beautiful dog has been with my husband 24 hours a day. They are more than just partners,” she told Care2. “As a K9 wife, I’ve even felt jealous because their bond is so strong and the amount of time he spends training with this animal.”

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In a nutshell ...

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Cap and trade policies went into effect in California in 2012. In a nutshell, it means businesses, like food processing plants, must obtain permits to spew factory emissions into the atmosphere. The state issues the first permits for free but in a limited amount. This is the “cap.”

Companies that need more permission to spew can purchase credits from entities that have spares or at auction from the California Air Resources Board. This is the “trade.” Because there are only so many permits, the price for the permits rise. In theory, the higher prices will be an incentive for companies to clean up their environmental acts, according to the Air Resources Board.

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California Governor Jerry Brown defending his gas tax in May.
BALLYST
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to agree on anything. Voters could all
get emphysema by the time officials
decide what they collectively want to
do.
Proposition 71 is all about proposi-
tions. If passed, the initiative would
take effect 5-days after the Secretary of
State certifies the election because the
initiative would require that initiatives
go into effect 5-days after an election is
certified.
Currently, the California Constitu-
tion allows for propositions to go
into effect the day after an election is
certified, but Senate Bill 29 enacted in
2013, allows ballots to be returned up
to three days after the election.
The Sample Ballot doesn’t explain
why the contradiction can’t be worked
out in a small office in Sacramento but
it’s probably best to vote yes on this
one.
Proposition 72 is aimed at a niche
market; the DIY rain water-capture
system crowd. If passed, the systems
could be constructed without a prop-
terty tax assessment.
Why not vote for 72? Capturing
rainwater might be the wave of our
changed climate future.
There are four measures in Mono
County; Measure A, a special firefight-
ning resources tax, Measure B, a school
bond, and, Measure C, that sets taxes
on cannabis in the Town of Mammoth
Lakes and Measure D pertaining to
tax on cannabis in the unincorporated
parts of the county.
In Inyo County, residents in the
southern districts will vote on school
bonds.
The Sheet has covered the local mea-
sures in the past, but here’s a recap:
Measure A would levy an additional
$79 parcel tax to fund the Mammoth
Lakes Fire Protection District.
The Mammoth Unified School Dis-
trict is asking for $63 million in bonds
for infrastructure repairs and improve-
ments with Measure B. A tax of approx-
imately .05 cents to .06 per $100 or $50
to $60 per $100,000 of property value
would be added to taxable parcels.
The Lone Pine Unified School Dis-
trict is asking for $6 million in bonds at
a rate of .06 cents per $100 of property
value for school improvements in
Measure K. With Measure L, the Owens
Valley School District is asking for $4.8
million at the same rate.
Kids, you may learn a hard lesson
this year. It’s not about how much your
mommy loves you, but about how
much someone else’s grandmommy
wishes to tolerate you.
Measure C in the Town of Mammoth
Lakes and Measure D for the unincor-
porated parts of Mono County deals
the complicated formula about taxing
marijuana-related business. For the
full details, smoke a joint, break out a
bag of chips and read see the Sample
Ballot.
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Dempsey’s first development project in Mammoth and he hired Thelma and Elliott to manage it. Thelma and Elliott also ran a rental agency. This was back in the day when reservations (and confirmations) were handled by letter.

“Dad was incredibly happy here. They [Elliott and Thelma] were exactly where they wanted to be, with their niche, their lives, the business, the people ... they never bought a second home somewhere else because they never needed to escape.”

“I honestly never heard him yell once. He was always calm and cool. Even-keeled. With customers, it was always just about making them happy. What did they need? ... we just had an incredible percentage of repeat customers.”

But, as Gary says with a chuckle, managing property is not nearly as glamorous as being a musician, and Elliott was a helluva musician. Four couples, the Thompsons, Floss and Ken Coulter, Shelly and Sam Walker and Sue and Bob Hassler founded the Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee, mostly because they felt they needed some summer entertainment around here.

It started as one tent at the intersection of Canyon and Minaret and built from there.

Ken Coulter and Elliott were the glue of Temple of Folly, the longtime house band. As Ken Coulter shouted over the phone (once he figured out whom Flossy was speaking with on Wednesday night), “Elliott was my best friend and music companion for 35 years.”

Thompson and Coulter would often travel up to Mammoth Mountain Inn to sit in with Doug Randall, who played the piano up there in the lobby. Sometimes they’d also invade Roger’s (Nevados before it became Nevados) to “play tunes after we’d been tuned,” laughed Ken.

Yves Evans said that as a musician, “Elliott was a singer’s dream. The trombone is not as popular as the sax, but it’s very close to the human voice, and when Elliott played, it was as if he were singing ... he just knew how to harmonize, and he came prepared, both onstage and in life.”

“By nature, he was a very humble man,” continued Evans, “and it showed in his play. He never wanted to be out front, but when he was out front, he delivered.”

“Some people are great examples of what not to do,” she added. “He was a great example of, ‘hey, look this way,’ a great example to not only young musicians, but to the old, tired and discouraged ones ... he encouraged me and embraced me when i was unsure and prodded me along. He was fearless.”

Flossy Coulter always enjoyed Elliott’s dry sense of humor. As she recalls, “Thelma was the talker, and Elliott let her do the talking. He didn’t say much, but ... Elliott was the boss.”

“He was a gentle soul,” she said. “I don’t think there was a wicked bone in his body.”

Elliott Thompson is survived by his daughter Sharon, son Gary, daughter-in-law Julie and grandchildren Stephanie and Steven.
OBITUARY
BILL MACBRIDE 1955-2018

Bill MacBride, a longtime local who moved to Bishop in the 1990s after dropping out of the corporate world, died on May 16 at Bishop Care Center. He was 63.

Born on Long Island in New York, Bill was raised in Pittsburgh, and graduated from Hillsdale College in Michigan with a degree in Economics and Business Administration.

Post-college, he moved to the Bay Area and held corporate jobs at American Express as well as Chase Econometrics. Along the way, he obtained a Masters Degree in International Management at Golden Gate University.

But like so many others, he took a ski trip to Mammoth in 1978 and found his way back in the 1990s after he decided he’d had enough of the big city.

At heart, he was an outdoorsman, and loved to hike, bike, rock climb, trail run. Coming across Bill and his dog Butch on a 6- or 8-mile scamper was a familiar sight to Mammoth locals.

There were other scampers many didn’t even know about; ascents of both Aconcagua in Argentina and McKinley in Alaska.

Fittingly, when he arrived here in 1995, he took a job at Eastside Sports in Bishop and worked there for several years before obtaining his real estate and broker’s licenses in 2001.

Bill was a solitary man and somewhat enigmatic. He was kind, for sure, and cared deeply about the planet, his surroundings and how he chose to live. But as his partner at the end, Pam Mowat, says, “He liked to go off on his own.”

Other people’s company was okay, but Butch’s was better.

Mowat said she had seen Bill around town for years but finally got to know him more fully when they both worked out of Century 21. They also had the same martial arts teacher in Willie Harder. MacBride was an accomplished brown belt.

“I gravitated to him,” said Mowat. “But it took me a long time to get his attention!”

He was diagnosed in October, 2016 with Stage IV prostate cancer, which must have come as a fair shock to a man who lived such a healthy lifestyle.

“He was catholic, and faithful,” said Mowat. “And no matter the pain or difficulty he experienced at the end, he just never thought he was going to die.”

For Mowat, last summer represented the best time of her life. Treatment was still keeping the cancer at bay, so Bill still had most of his trademark energy and curiosity.

“We really hiked every pass, every favorite place. He took me places I’d never been to - and I’ve lived here forty years.” They made special trips to Tecopa, Death Valley, Alabama Hills …

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MULE DAYS 2018

By Gayla Wolf

Among the many beautiful images captured by Photographer Gayla Wolf in the arena last Saturday...

Kristyn Harris sang the anthem

Ross Conner and Kent Schlick

Jason Goodman drives the Percherons

Sharing a kiss in the grandstand

Bari Bonnett and Pastor Larry Condit

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

By Gayla Wolf

Approximately fifty people turned out for Monday’s service at East Line Cemetery. Unlike Mammoth, there was no shortage of flags.

Hunter Begy and Gabe Shoshone, gathering flags

Jane Thompson

American Legion Ladies’ Auxiliary, from left: Danielle White, Treasurer; Heidi Griffin; Vineca Hess; Kathy Hoelsche; Joyce Curwick, President; Jan Alcorn, Vice-President; Cathy Schmelting

Jim Wenzel with his father George, 95, of Klamath Falls. George, who fought in three wars, comes down to visit for Mule Days every year. He joined the service on December 8, 1941, the day after … (quick home quiz!)
I think the answers to the Sheet Survey on page 26 were pretty fascinating. If simple name recognition matters, and I think it matters quite a bit, Brent Truax is looking strong, as is John Wentworth.

I know, I know. Sample size. But still...

I do wonder how much of a backlash there may be against, as Kendi Thomas describes it, “a bunch of white guys.” Another person interviewed who happened to get dropped from the survey due to lack of space dismissively used the exact same phrase. Damn white guys...

I am a little puzzled as to why the other candidates allowed Truax to dominate the lawn sign game. I guess we’ll find out on Tuesday how strong the correlation is between name recognition and actual votes.

You know property owners of all stripes will turn out because of the ballot measures, but will young people? Stacy Corless deserves reelection. Period. She’s smart, works hard, dives into the minutiae. Her opponent Eric Kaufman has worked hard. He must regret having to face Corless versus having a go at Kosen, Halferty and Rea.

The following came in from fellow Lions Club member Buck Wahl and I’ll finish off the column with it. It’s a letter in favor of Measure A.

“I am honored to be a fire Commissioner for Mammoth Lakes Fire department. The fire department works and trains unbelievably hard to insure the safety of the town and is doing a great job. We have a Bond Measure (Measure A) coming up on the June 5 election, which I think is worth supporting and will help make our community safer.

The revenue estimate is based on 10,285 parcels within the Fire District. Each parcel will pay only $79 if the measure receives 2/3 ‘Yes’ vote.

The extra income will be used:
- To have three Fireman ready to roll on calls, rather than the current two.
- More training for our Volunteer and Part Time First Responders. Personnel would be available for additional training, more than the current 3 hours each Thursday night.
- Ability for members to afford housing costs in Mammoth. Timely response is possible only if members live in town.
- Tourism is increasing. More visitors are bringing in more calls.
- Capacity to mitigate the effects and possibility of a wildfire in our community.

The Fire District is independent of the town and is funded almost entirely by property tax. It does not receive sales tax or TOT.

Thanks for the time and I hope you agree that $79 added to your property tax is for a really good purpose.”

As for Measure B, Connie Lizza Moyer lays it out eloquently enough (see pages 4-5). More so than any other factor, good schools lead to good outcomes in virtually all statistical areas related to quality of life.

... and I hope I am spared the opposing argument from Senior citizens that they would have supported B ... except they can’t now because they had their Senior ski passes taken away.
By Benham

Don Morton has had it the killing of spawning German brown trout in Rush Creek. “I can’t even fish in October and November on Rush Creek, because I have this little guy/big mouth problem,” he said. Too many encounters, not enough fishing.

Morton is the June Lake Commissioner for the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission, which is petitioning the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a regulation change regarding German brown trout (browns) fishing on Rush Creek.

Changes would include a restriction on fishing between Silver and Grant lakes during spawning season (October 1-November 15), and going from a put-and-take to catch-and-release fishery. A put-and-take fishery stocks hatchery-raised fish and charges fishermen per catch. While a catch-and-release fishery might stock hatchery raised fish, all fish are released upon being caught.

Changes also include zero limits, barbless hooks, and artificial baits only. Power bait, a type of artificial bait, popular among anglers fishing for browns, would be illegal. Morton explained power bait. “It’s got a scent in it and an oil in it that is similar to the food that they [fish] are fed in a hatchery ... it’s just an imitation fish hatchery food.”

Rush Creek starts below Mt. Lyell, dumps out into Agnew Lake, shoots over Horsetail Falls, then down into Silver Lake. From Silver, it goes to Grant Lake and then finally into Mono Lake.

When Rush Creek reaches the June Lake Loop, it runs alongside Highway 158, making for easy access. The area where the browns spawn is between Silver and Grant Lakes. According to Morton, that is where they need to be protected.

Grant and Silver Lakes haven’t been stocked with browns since the early 2000s, but are home to healthy wild brown populations. “They’re doing great ... if we quit killing them,” Morton said.

Leo Aguado—a guide at Rick’s Sport Center in Mammoth—explained that catching spawning browns is easier because while the female hunkers down, the male guards her. During this time, the male is especially aggressive and will bite anything cast around the female. Fishermen take advantage of this. Aguado wants people to fish for the next generation, which means catch-and-release. So does Morton.

Morton sees spillover between put-and-take policies on Southern California lakes such as the Santa Ana Lake in Anaheim and the way anglers treat fisheries in the Eastern Sierra. The California Sportsman Magazine website encourages anglers to fish browns during spawning: “The great thing is that not all browns spawn at the same time: early October through November can be excellent months to target trophy browns (in lakes that remain open of course).”

Early October through November, during spawning is exactly the time that Morton wants to protect browns. He’d like to see a cultural shift. “You fish up here because you’re out and about.”

Fish and Species Modification

In a way, the pressures of overfishing, of put-and-take fishing, and of fishing during spawning season have created a larger and smarter brown trout—a trophy fish of a lifetime.

“We’ve modified their natural spawning behavior,” Morton said. “Normally a German brown will come up into the spawning area, hang out there for a week, protecting his spawning beds, waiting for another female to come along. But if they sit

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-Jon Tom Torlakson, California Superintendent of Public Instruction
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there and they stage, they’re dead.”

Now, the smart German browns enter the spawning area at last light and spawn overnight. At first light, they return to the lake bottoms. Of course, not all spawn like this. And they get caught and killed. Natural selection.

Morton has followed the money and thinks it’s the perfect time to make stocking practices more sustainable. “There is less political will to fund stocking programs as the number of licenses sold decreases, and the cost to stock increases. Alternate methods to fund fish stocking must be researched and or explored.”

More money is going toward trails because the trail user group is larger than the fishing user group and growing faster. He acknowledges stocking will still be necessary in the future, especially because adult browns eat smaller stocked fish.

In order to create a comprehensive sustainable trout management plan, Morton wants to mend what he called a “litigious at best” relationship between Mono County and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP).

“We’ve developed this whole culture where DWP is over here,” he extended one hand out wide, “and all the local government agencies are over here,” he extended his other hand out the other side, looked as if he were poised to hug a boulder.

“We've developed this whole culture where DWP is over here,” Morton said. When asked if he thinks DWP will cooperate he said, “Yeah.” He added, “You just go along until you run into a brick wall and then you adjust.”

Future Fishery

“There are people who believe, the California state record for German brown is swimming in Silver Lake or Crowley,” Morton said. He thinks people would come from all over the country to fish for these record browns.

“The only way to catch five pound trout is to let three pound trout live. The only way to catch ten pound trout is to let five to seven pound trout live,” Morton said.

“The math is easy. But people aren’t good at math especially when it’s combined with delayed gratification. When asked if he’d caught a ten pound brown, Morton said, ‘heavens no.’ Only three to five pounders. Maybe, if he has his legislative way, that’ll change.”
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The Bradleys have been seeking customer service skills and a passion for serving our local community are a must! Visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov for more information, application deadline June 25.

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

The Following Person Is Doing Business As: K2 Plumbing

Kevin Klein

107 Elderberry, Crowley Lake, P.O. Box 2248 Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 08, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 08, 2018. File Number 18-049 2018-0080 (5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9)

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in clear retaliation against Bradley for not endorsing Undersheriff Jeff Hollowell, a candidate for Sheriff.

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Bradley is housing his dogs, which are mixed Pitbull and that the dogs constantly get out of control barking at all hours of the day,” and that the dogs constantly get out of control barking at all hours of the day.”

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This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 08, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 08, 2018. File Number 18-049 2018-0080 (5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9)

**For Rent**

28R, 1BA Apartment for Rent Unfurnished washer/dryer hook-up, no garage. $1500.00, 1 year lease, and local references. Greg 760.937.7569.

Furnished Condo 2500/mo (flexible) 2BD, 2BA unit in Mammoth Pines. 265/sqft/3thape/soft Approx. 200 sq feet Available April 1 No Pets/Non-Smoking/Excellent Credit Email Call for showing. lteofcon@gmail.com 310.784.5728.


Room For Rent. Mammoth Slopes Home. Room for rent w/private bathroom, walk to Village & Shuttle. Utilities Included. W/D. Internet. Must be Dog-Friendly, NS, Non-smoker. May 1st, $950.00/month Available May 5. 760-965-6715

In search of... lost dog. If found, please return, along with missing right arm, right shin and left earlobe. Should’ve worn the body suit.

I saw you... put a campaign sign on the driver’s side door of a Mercedes that I couldn’t afford even after a solid decade of contributing at the sperm bank. Hint: Transfer sign to beat-up Subaru to increase vote total and reinforce street cred as man of the people.
Scott Christensen Floors
Providing Professional Quality with a Personal Touch since 1987

BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $1 off beers, $2 off wine, $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread. Outlaw Saloon - Happy Hour Monday: All Night Happy Hour; 4-11, Tues-Fri 4-6 p.m. Tuesday: 2, Thurs 4-9 p.m.; 6-9 p.m. Wing Wednesday 50% off all wings. Thursday: Burger & Beer special 6-9 p.m. See ad, p. 3.
East Side Bake Shop
Open Thursday-Monday Live Music and dinner every Saturday See ad, p. 8. Roberto's 4-6 p.m. every day. Austria Hof 5-8 p.m. daily. Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge Unwind with daily drink and food specials 4-6 p.m. Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30-7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. $5 dollar menu items, drink specials. Mammoth's Famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon, thru Fri 4-6 p.m.; Saturdays 4-5 p.m., Closed Sun. See ad, p. 5.
Hammer's @ The Bistro at Snowcreek 3:00-6:30 p.m. daily. Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.
Smoketown weekend Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only. Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m. Giovanni's Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings. Lakanuki Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4.50 margaritas, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m.-close. Black Velvet Coffee's Happy Hour, from 4-6 p.m. every day. Morrison's Happy Hour Daily 5-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Wild Wing Wednesdays at Outlaw Saloon 50 percent off all wings 6-9 p.m. See ad, p. 9.

Friday, June 1/
Michael Aguirre's Harmonica Stew with special guest Sara McConnell. Time: 7 p.m. Location: Edison Theatre. 760.924.0209.
Saturday, June 2/
Eastern Sierra Comedy presents stand-up comic Ed Gibson. 10:30p.m.-midnight. Mammoth Brewing Pub, 18 Lake Mary Rd. in Mammoth. Tix. @ edgibson.bpt.me Jonathan Siebrandt plays East Side Bake Shop. 6-9 p.m. Get serenaded by Jonathan Siebrandt who stands-up comic Edi Gibson. 7:30 p.m. in the bar only.

Sunday, June 3/
Milo Cagle plays the East Side Bake Shop from 1-3 p.m on the patio.

Monday, June 4/
Summer kickoff party @ Rafiers with the legendary Pato Banton. Starts 9:30 p.m. $10 cover.

Tuesday, June 5/
Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble. 7-8:30 p.m at the First United Methodist Church, 205 North Fowler St. in Bishop.

Wednesday, June 6/
Idle Hands String Band Album Release Party. 7-9 p.m. Inyo Council for the Arts, 413 S. Main St. in Bishop. Tix at door, $10/$20 with CD, cash only.

TOWN STUFF

Friday/
Explore the Hidden History of the Old Marina @ Mono Lake. Recurring event every Friday from 10 a.m. ’til 1 p.m. Join a tour guide with Friends of Mono Lake Reserve for a two-hour tour of state lands north of Lee Vining. You will discover how early residents made a home next to this unique lake and about farms and ranches that sprang up to feed surrounding communities and mining camps. Cost: $10 per person. Reservations: 760.932.7574. No tour June 16.

June 2-3/
Bishop Open Golf Tournament. Starts 9 a.m. Saturday at the Bishop Country Club. Info: steve@bishopcountryclub.org or
Saturday, June 2/
Pamper Pedal, hosted by Eastside Velo. All-female bike ride from Mammoth to Bishop. “Glitz and Glamour theme” so dress and ride accordingly. 8 a.m. start time. Post race meal and raffle. Register at eastsidevelo.org. See sidebar next page for more info.
Trail Days, join Mammoth Lakes Trail System for a half-day of trail stewardship. 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Free breakfast and lunch provided. Plus free prize giveaways. Volunteers of all ages and abilities welcome. Details at mtlsa.org, or email traildays@mtlsa.org.
High Sierra Ultra Marathons. A 20 mile “Fun run”, a 50k, a 50 miler and a 100k. Race check in June 1 at 7:30am. 4:45pm at Eastside Sports, 224 North Main St., in Bishop. All races start 5:30 am June 2 at Mill Pond Recreation Area. For more info call 760-873-7520.
Mammoth Leos Club winter clothing drive. 8 a.m. ’til 2 p.m. MHS parking lot. They’ll be GIVING AWAY used but eminently usable winter clothes to anyone who needs ‘em.

Sunday, June 3/
Crowley Lake Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m-2 p.m at the Crowley Lake Community Center, 58 Pearson Rd in Crowley. Free BBQ to vendors and buyers from 11:30 am-1:30 p.m. $10 for a spot to sell. Contact Denise Perpall at deweyskis@gmail.com or 760.914.0977.

HuskyFest Golf Tournament fundraiser. Proceeds go to MHS Athletics. 8:30 am shotgun start at Sierra Star Golf Course in Mammoth. Includes breakfast, grab bag, post-golf BBQ and music. Info: Andrew Jones @ 760.914.2380.

Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation Road Bike Ride. 9-11 am. Route: out-and-back on Green Church Rd. Adults and kids welcome. Bring water bottle, sun glasses, and sunscreen. Meet @ Whitmore ball fields.
Monday, June 4/
Owens Valley Radio Observatory tour. 1-2 pm. Free. No reservations required. For more information call Dr. Mark Hodges 760.358.6410. OVRO directions: Just north of Big Pine, take highway 168 east about 7 miles. Turn left on Leighton Lane and go 4 miles and through the gate. After a sharp left turn go about 100 yards and turn right on Robbie Road towards buildings #12 & #13.
Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meets, Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Time: 6:00 pm.
**Lands & Legacy celebration**

Celebrate the hope and resiliency that can be found in nature with Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) at their 10th Annual Lands & Legacy weekend, June 9-10, 2018. Hosted by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Lands & Legacy Benefit Dinner and Paddle Raise comes to life with mystifying magic tricks by Tamber, a delicious dinner, open bar, and an exciting Paddle Raise where guests champion causes that will have a major impact on the future of our planet.

For more information, visit estl.org or call (760) 873-4554.

**10th Anniversary of Trail Days**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo National Forest are teaming up for the 10th Season of Trail Days on the Mammoth Lakes Trail System! Beginning June 2 with National Trails Day and finishing on September 15 with The Great Sierra River Cleanup, volunteers will have plenty of opportunities to help maintain the places we all love to play.

Funded by Measure R, local recreation user fees, and sponsor each of the events, providing free breakfast, free lunch, and raffle prizes. Trail Days 2018 events will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Saturdays of June 2, July 7, Aug. 11, Sept. 15.

Volunteers should prepare to get dirty: wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and sunglasses are recommended. MTLPA will provide all tools. For more info, visit mtlpa.org or email traildays@mtlpa.org.

**Murder Mystery Submissions**

The Sierra Classic Theatre is calling all writers to submit scripts for the Theatre’s 10th Murder Mystery. Email a cover page, a brief synopsis, and up to 10 pages of the script to Allison at allisonmcpage@gmail.com. Pay is $400. The deadline is June 15, 2018. For more information, go to sierraclassictheatre.org.

**Mammoth Food & Wine Experience**

The 6th Annual mammoth Food & Wine Experience takes place July 13-14.

There are 39 participating wineries and 8 participating local eateries. The experience kicks off with Friday’s Wine Walk in The Village, which includes a complimentary wine glass and live entertainment. On Saturday there will be a Grand Tasting at the Sierra Nevada Resort and Spa, which includes food, auctions, live entertainment, cider, and desert.

Tickets will be infused with eclectic foods and activities. It’s all at one location, The Village at Mammoth, June 7-8, 2018. This is a non -ticketed, free event.

This is a fun summer event that is funded by the Town of Mammoth Lakes, our sponsors and our supporter. You can help make Mammoth Jazz 2018 reality a experience, by visiting our GoFundMe page above and make a donation today to support this event. 15% discount on Village Lodging for attendees. More information at mammothjazzfest.org.

**Mammoth Yoga Festival**

The inaugural Mammoth Yoga Festival will take place June 14-17. Workshops, yoga sessions and outdoor activities are accessible to yogis and instructors of all levels and styles. Speaking panels focus on diverse subjects such as injury prevention, meditation, and innovative teaching methods. The festival includes:

- "Over 20 World Class instructors "Yoga at Mammoth’s 11,053" summit"
- "Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga at Pokonobe Lodge"
- "Yoga in the meadow at the historic Hayden Cabin alongside Mammoth Clown"
- "Breathe meditation, slackline yoga, and sound bathing at Twin Lakes Art Gallery"
- "The Village Yoga Market will feature artisan vendors, live music, and wholesome food and beverages. For more info, go to mammothyogafestival.com"
PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING REZONE OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (MLBID) AND LEY OF AN ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN TOURISM BUSINESSES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 9:00 PM on June 6, 2018 at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Mammoth Lakes, CA., the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA., has been convened as at a meeting at which the following business will be transacted: To hear and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-0096, titled “An Ordinance amending and adopting the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Town Business and Services.” The Ordinance relates to the Collection of a specific assessment to be levied under Section 24239 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and the repeal of the Ordinance adopted by the Town Council on March 21, 2018.

Protest. Any owner of a tourism business within the proposed MLBID that will be assessed may present written protest to the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on June 5, 2018. Written protest should address the County of Mono, Mono County Clerk of the Courts, 910 G Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546, attache the name of the protestant, mailing address, business name, and tax identification number. Notice of the protest shall be mailed to the protestant within 10 days of the filing of the protest. The protest shall be an appeal to the Town Council for determination thereon. Any member of the general public may appear at the hearing to support or express a hearing regarding any item of the budget or for the inclusion of any additional budget items. The hearing will be at 9:00 AM on June 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council chambers, Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546. The Board may continue the public hearing to a subsequent date if necessary.

Notice of Vacancies

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND RECREATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two terms of office on the Planning and Economic Development Commission and two terms of office on the Recreation Commission will expire on June 30, 2018. Interested parties should contact the Town Clerk at Town Hall at (760) 965-3661 to apply for these terms. Applications will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall, 505 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546.

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY AND NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF TAX-DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY

I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/ Treasurer, hereby give notice that the following property has any delinquent property taxes, assessments, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2017-2018, that all delinquent real property taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2017-2018, shall be deemed delinquent.

That the unpaid delinquent property is completely redeemed through payment of all unpaid amounts, together with penalties and fees prescribed by law or which are provided for in the Tax Code. Each payment shall apply to the current fiscal year taxes, and the property shall become tax-free and may be sold if sufficient funds are paid to satisfy the tax lien.

That a detailed list of all properties remaining tax-defaulted as of July 1, 2018, and that has not been so redeemed prior to being submitted for publication, shall be published in the Mono County News on or about September 8, 2018.

The information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan for redemption of tax-delinquent property shall be furnished, upon request, by Gerald A. Funk, Mono County Assessor. Finance Director/ Treasurer/ Tax Collector, P.O. Box 465, Bridgeport, California 93517. Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 934-5340, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov.

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 25, 2018

SHANNON KENDALL
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/ Recorder/ Registrar
Mammoth Lakes Town Council
Town Hall, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person is Doing Business As:

Mammoth Rock & Bowl
Mammoth Rock Holdings LLC,
3029 Chateau Rd., P.O. Box 7089
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 14, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 14, 2018. File Number 18-18009.

The filing of this statement with the County Clerk is not intended to give public notice of the existence of an ongoing business venture, or of any transactions involving the registrant conducted before the filing of this statement.

Dated: May 25, 2018

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person is Doing Business As:

Simply Made
Melanie Reedy
6201 Miraret Rd. #216, P.O. Box 5034
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 29, 2014.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 21, 2018. File Number: 18-0078 (5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9)

This statement is for a business located at 3029 Chateau Rd., P.O. Box 7089, Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546.

Dated: May 25, 2018

Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person is Doing Business As:

Best Western Premier High Sierra Hotel
Jay Bhartot Lodging LLC
1228 Main Street, P.O. Box 390
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 10, 2018. File Number: 18-0085 (5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16)

Dated: May 25, 2018

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 18-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite 2, within the Mono County Administration Building, 431 Old Mammoth Road, the Mono Lake Town Council will hear a request for the following:

Applicant’s Name: Zoning Code Amendment 18-001... Amends certain sections of Chapter 17.7A.46 (Zoning of the Town of Mono Lake Zoning Code) etc.

(1) Eliminate the restriction of only one (1) Halo Lit sign per property and the 30 square-foot size restriction of Halo Lit signs, and

(2) Allow the size of signs with halo lighting to be up to the maximum size and number allowed for the standard sign types where halo lighting is currently permitted i.e., wall signs, hanging sign, monument signs, projecting signs, or freestanding.

PEOD Recommendation: The Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEOD) considers Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 18-001 at a noticed public hearing on May 15, 2018, and recommended to the Town Council approval of Zoning Code Amendment 18-001 as recommended by PEOD.

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164, an Addendum to the Town of Mono Lake Zoning Code Sign Code Update Mitigated Negative Declaration (SEIR No. 2018182266) has been prepared describing that no new or increased environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

Localities: Townside
Zoning: Non-Residential Zoning Districts

Proposal: Town of Mono Lake

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the City Clerk Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(a), 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 written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mono Lake at or prior to the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the draft report which will be published no later than June 1, 2019, contact Ruth Vander, Associate Planner, at (760) 932-2282. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 932-2315, or email at rveder@monocounty.ca.gov.

Mono Lake Town Council | P.O. Box 1002 | Mono Lake, CA 93544

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**Notice of Impending Power To Sell Tax-Defaulted Property**

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

(Rev. & Tax. Code, §§ 3361, 3362)

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code sections 3691 and 3802.4, the following conditions will, by operation of law, subject real property to the tax collector’s power to sell:

- All property for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for five or more years.
- Any property the tax collector has received a request to bring the property to the next installation plan of redemption terminated as provided by law prior to the last business day in June.
- Any property that has been identified and requested for purchase by the city, county, city and county, or nonprofit organization to serve the public benefit by providing housing or services directly related to low-income persons and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.

Note: The power to sell schedule for nonresidential commercial property is three or more years of tax default status, unless the city county, by ordinance or resolution, the five-year tax default schedule.

The parcels listed herein meet one or more of the criteria listed above and thus, will become subject to the tax collector’s power to sell on July 1, 2018, at 12:01 a.m., by operation of law. The tax collector’s power to sell will arise unless the property is either redeemed or made subject to an installment plan of redemption as provided by law prior to the last business day in June. The right to an installment plan terminates on the last business day in June, and after that date the entire balance due must be paid in full to prevent sale of the property at a tax sale.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the power to sell, but it terminates at close of business on the last business day prior to the date of the tax sale by the tax collector. All information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will be furnished, upon request, by Gerald A. Frank, Mono County Asst. Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 932-5480, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov.

The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of June 2018, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee.

The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of June 2018, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee.

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I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Janet Dutcher
Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector

TS #2018-0083
In California, grizzly bears are everywhere, just not the wild.

There's one on the upside-down state flag outside of the Mammoth Chevron station on Main Street. There's another on the German cousin's t-shirt your German cousin bought at the airport.

Luckily there wasn't one inside the Page Center during Tuesday evening's SNARL (Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory) lecture. But student of the grizzly, Peter Alagona, was. He gave a lecture titled 'Bear Essential: The Past, Present and Potential Future of Grizzlies in California,' to a packed house.

Alagona is an interdisciplinarian. He's an environmental studies professor at UCSB, a historian of conservation, and author of 'After the Grizzly: Endangered Species and Politics of Place in California.'

He calls Mammoth his "home away from home." He wore clean jeans, a checkered blue shirt, boots tied all the way up, a matching belt. His beard was trimmed, his hair cropped.

He held a clicker in one hand and a folded piece of paper with notes on it that he never had to reference. He managed to not overuse the laser pointer.

First, he asked the audience if it had seen a grizzly bear anywhere. It had.

Then he asked if it had seen one in the wild. It had.

"Who here has seen a wild grizzly in California?"

Hands remained down.

"Aha," he said. He'd got them.

"You'd have to be about ninety-four years old, at least, and have a really good memory."

He gave an overview of bear taxonomy. "A grizzly is the North American name for a brown bear," and is one of eight species of bear in the world. A polar and a grizzly have hybridized, that's science for made fertile offspring.

"Globally the entire species is not considered endangered."

He called the prevalence of grizzly bodies the extinction which began during the end of the nineteenth century, the "fading frontier." Many of them have tattoos wearing grizzlies somewhere on their bodies. Some of them have tattoos of a bear being lassoed by Spanish ranchoeros was cartoonish and horrifying.

Peter Alagona of a bear being lassoed by Spanish ranchoeros was cartoonish and horrifying. A sketch of a bear fighting a bull followed. "This is not an issue of habitat loss. This is an issue of direct killing." A bear hunter named Seth Kinman, among others, had his kills made into chairs—the grizzly bear chair. By the end of the nineteenth century, the brown bear become an object of sport and symbol of "the fading frontier".

Alagona moved the presentation into the present. "This is what we got," he said as he flashed an image of the UCLA Bruin, followed by a screen full of state flag logo wear. "They are mascots. They're on t-shirts. They're on ads. Half the kids in my class are wearing grizzlies somewhere on their bodies. Some of them have tattoos with grizzlies."

Alagona delved into the details of the extinction which began during the Mission and Rancho Eras. A painting of a bear being lassoed by Spanish ranchoeros was cartoonish and horrifying.

"Aha," he said. He'd got them.

"You'd have to be about ninety-four years old, at least, and have a really good memory."

He quoted a colleague, "We are existing in a low knowledge environment."

"Where would you put them?" the topic on everybody's mind. A woman whispered, "Not in my back yard." Alagona heard her. "Don't worry," he said.

He showed a chart of deaths in Yosemite National Park since 1872. Six have died from grizzly attacks, five have died from lightning strikes.

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Alagona ended the talk emphasizing the positive: "possibilities for positive change," "positive outcomes," "positive futures," "positive agents," "alternative possible futures," "more positive visions for the future."

But for now, the only true positive is that it's all positively vague.
NATIONAL

ITALY, SPAIN AND WHAT ABOUT BOB?

By Casselman

MISSOURI GOVERNOR RESIGNS

After months of controversy, sensa-
tional headlines and a criminal inves-
tigation, Missouri Republican Gover-
nor Eric Greitens has announced his
resignation. Although a court case was
dismissed by the trial judge and the
governor claimed vindication, he still
faces possible impeachment in the
state legislature. Major GOP lead-
ners had called for him to resign. His
political problems were considered
a handicap to Republican chances to
unseat a vulnerable incumbent Demo-
 cratic senator in 2018.

ITALIAN AND SPANISH CRISIS

The victory of anti-establishment
and anti-European Union (EU) parties
in Italy has created a major crisis in
this major EU partner nation. The Ital-
ian president, a member of his
country’s political establishment, is
refusing to name someone from one
of the winning parties as the new
prime minister in spite of the fact that
they now control a majority of seats
in parliament. This has set off a new
crisis in the EU, the currency, the euro,
as well as an obvious constitutional
crisis in a country already beset with
economic and banking woes. A coali-
tion between the two largest parties
has been suspended, but new efforts
to revive it are underway.

Meanwhile Spain is facing a new cri-
is as a hardline Catalan separatist has
been elected the new president of the
autonomous state in Barcelona while
a vote of confidence has been called
for Spanish prime minister Mariano
Rajoy’s center-right government, now
under fire in Madrid. If he loses this
vote, socialist leader Pedro Sanchez
would likely replace Rajoy, and call for
new elections in August.

BRAZIL AT A STANDSTILL

A nationwide truckers strike has
virtually paralyzed Brazil. President
Michel Terner is attempting to halt
this threat to South America’s biggest
economy, but so far faces an impass. Protesters seek to oust Terner in this
latest Brazilian crisis.

THE POLLING CONTRADICTION

The number of U.S. House seats
considered competitive in 2018 has
been expanded by several political
observers by about 15-20 races. All of
the new vulnerable seats are now held
by Republicans. In previous lists, the
overwhelming majority of incumbent
seats considered vulnerable were
also Republican. Democrats need to
pick up 24 seats to regain control.
The reclassification of the additional
Republican incumbents in danger of
losing presumably is based on recent
polling. At the same time, these same
observers, and virtually all others, are
reporting that the generic U.S. house
poll has fallen in less than two months
from 13 points favoring the Democrats
to 1-4 points. Historically, a party had
to have a lead of 5 points or more to
make significant gains in a mid-term
election. How such a dramatic in-
crease in GOP vulnerability can occur
while the generic Democratic advan-
tage has dropped dramatically at the
same time is a curious contradiction.

NEW JERSEY SEAT IN PLAY

New Jersey is one of the bluest states
in the country, and normally the re-
election of its Democratic incumbent
senator is no contest. However, Sena-
 tor Bob Menendez faced a criminal tri-
al, but when the jury could not make
a verdict, prosecutors decided not to
 retry the case. His 2018 re-election was
initially considered safe, but a respect-
ated state poll shows his lead against
a mostly unknown GOP challenger has
dropped from double digits to 4
points. Menendez’s favorable numbers
are also low. His opponent is a former
U.S. Marine, and currently CEO of a
major international company.
How many people are running for Mammoth Town Council? Who are they? Do you vote? (All of them said they do)

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—Emma Romo

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—Janelle Owens

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Bradley, were placed on suspension by Reuben, his very good buddy, fellow patrolman in the department. He, along with the former colleague, was heard from more than just one source, someone who worked with him in the department at the jail: “He’s a source, someone who worked with one ever told me.” Here’s a clue from life’s greatest mysteries: that is, “No one ever told me.” Here’s a clue from someone, someone who worked with him in the department at the jail: “He’s an arrogant know-it-all.” Actually, that’s how Hollowell, is not above scrutiny and criticism either. According to a rather substantial source close to one of the agencies, the two officers, had been disciplined. “And both condemned it.” The Sheet reviewed Hollowell’s personnel file or military records. The Sheet or provide access to either the Undersheriff to the victim informing her that her complaint has been “sustained” by an “investigation,” and the Undersheriff to the victim informing her that her complaint has been “sustained” by an “investigation,” and that the department employees (i.e., deputies) had been disciplined. We also have the incident report filed by the two officers. The other candidate for Sheriff, 30-year veteran Undersheriff Jeff Hollowell, is not above scrutiny and criticism either. According to a rather lurid and scandalous “hit piece” from a Nicholson supporter that popped up on social media like the “Whack-a-Mole” arcade game over the past few days (you might want to sit down for this revelation, if you are not already), Hollowell “…is a smoker. Worse, ‘he is a chain-smoker’ who collides with a local store clerk at a place frequented by him and his wife when they shop, to keep it a secret. It’s not known if Homeland Security has been alerted, but if there is one thing that all American citizens know to be true, it is that only bad guys and terrorists smoke cigarettes. At least in the movies.

That same anonymous post on social media purported to “out” Nicholson’s supporters in the department by exposing their sexual “indiscretions” and naming them, their alleged “girlfriends,” even wives of these unfaithful bastards, and offered sympathy to the wives by noting how “terrible” they must feel.” You cannot make this stuff up … well, apparently you can. All you need is anonymity, Facebook, the candidates’ own websites, and a complete disregard for others’ privacy. This “scarlet letter” did not appear to impress supporters of either candidate and both condemned it.

The Sheet reviewed Hollowell’s entire personnel file with the department and his military record which contained his training history in his two-year stint in the Army, as well as his original Certificate of Honorable Discharge, which even here, a few of his critics, including Nicholson in an email message, have attempted to discredit. In an email, Nicholson asked The Sheet to include both men’s military service record in our interviews, stating in his message that “Since both candidates claim to be veterans of the US Army (emphasis added by The Sheet) and in light of public service and transparency as you put it, why don’t we (both candidates) add our military records to this interview? I agree, facts are important, going back all the way to our military service. I will proudly have this information available when we meet.” Then of course, he never found the time to meet with The Sheet or provide access to either his personnel file or military records. So much for “transparency.” The Sheet also received a lead about Nicholson recently applying for a job at two local law enforcement agencies during which his applications were denied after the “background checks” were completed. One report was confirmed by a very credible and reliable source close to one of the agencies, while we are looking to still confirm the other.

The question that we are left with is this: Why would the news media be “biased” against someone who has refused to provide it with the real facts about his career in law enforcement?
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