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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 simula-

tions.

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-9s 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)

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PHOTO: GAYLA WOLF

Amber Woolwine wasn't the only Wonder Woman at Mule Days - just the best-dressed. For more photos, see page 14



PHOTO: WOLF

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.

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 El-

liott 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

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

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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.

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"XCVII% of populus qui sunt usus ad III% tradiderunt eum qui non dedit."

-Harvey Specter

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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?

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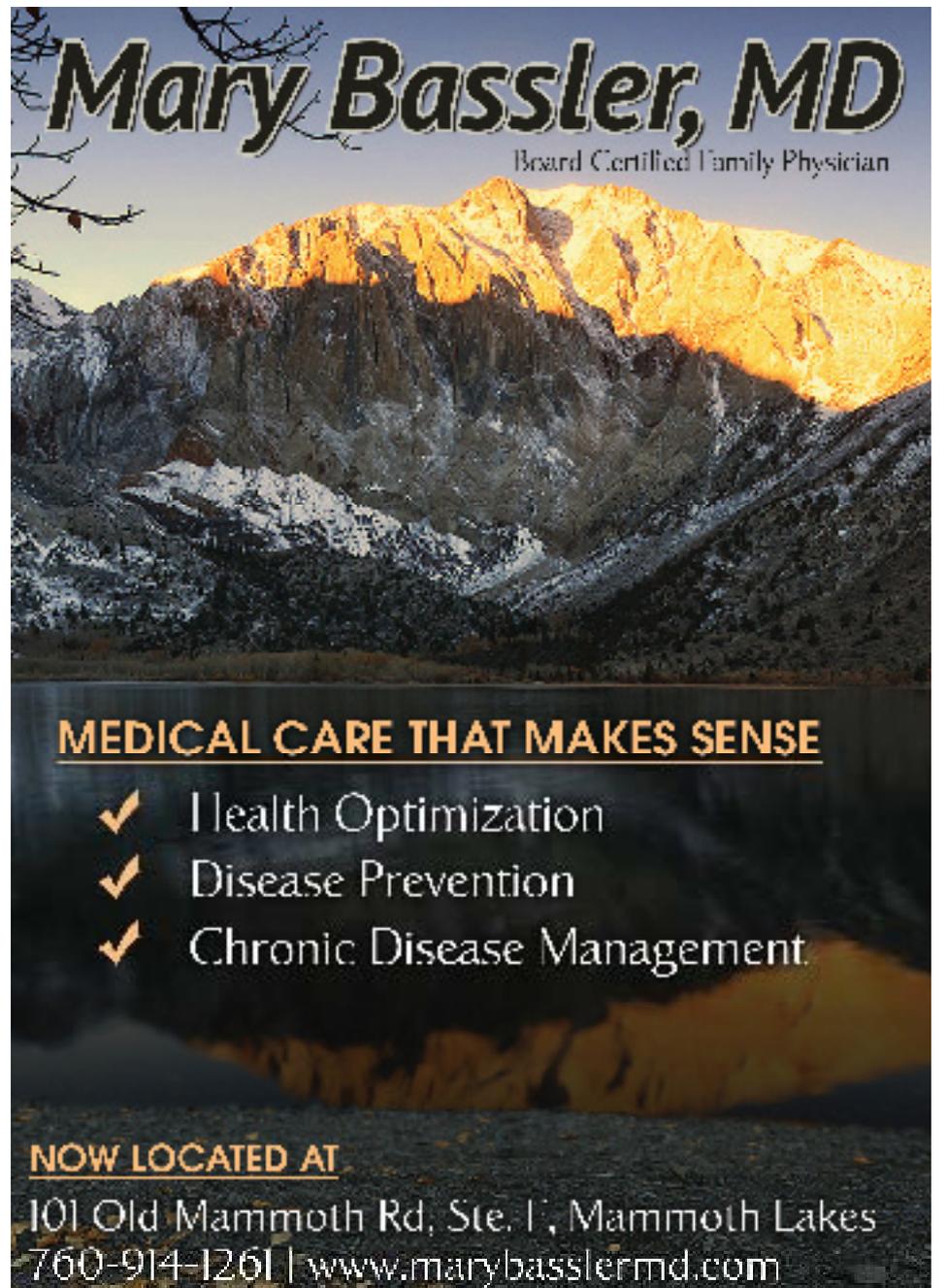


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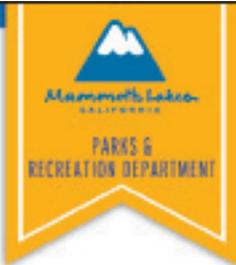
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More on the Alaska pull-out

Dear Editor:

The Alaska announcement has me wondering. Is this a page from the Trump negotiating playbook? (Yes tariffs, no tariffs, yes tariffs, yes a meeting with Kim, no meeting, yes a meeting).

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 cost us to get it (i.e. the bankruptcy) would be a travesty.

As 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 will be? Angelenos who couldn't be coaxed to fly direct to Mammoth in adequate numbers will fly to Bishop to diddle around during a passenger and luggage transfer to a bus, and sit for an extra hour bus ride up Sher-

win grade? (Only to turn around in the same whiteout conditions that prevent Mammoth landings. Or wait for the bus to put on chains and drive at 35 miles an hour making it a 2 hour drive.) Talk about yet another square peg in a round hole.

If other folks want to invest a lot of money on a Bishop airport to attract the perceived business from Phoenix and Houston and St. Louis, great. But Alaska had two daily flights to Los Angeles. Add in San Francisco and San Diego and that's four roundtrips a day to and from Bishop that buses will have to run. Then throw in the big jet from Houston, Phoenix and St. Louis that needs three buses for passengers and luggage, and you need a whole fleet of \$300,000 motor coaches, multiple \$100,000 a year union/pension drivers, bus mechanics, ground transfer crews, the lost luggage clerk ... Who is going to pay for this non-stop fleet?

Whichever way it all goes, let's hope we don't leave common sense, and our dollars, out in the cold. But somehow I get the feeling neither the Mountain nor the airline but rather you and I are going to be paying that multimillion 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.

The fact of the matter is air service to Mammoth airport is inherently

imperfect, but maybe we just need to recognize that and work with that rather than let someone make us pay to chase yet an even more imperfect solution.

Andy Ulich
Mammoth Lakes

Yes on Democracy

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]."

The mayor failed to understand that Yes on Z folk were afraid Council was planning to allow nightly rentals throughout town. We are/were neighbors trying to protect the integrity of our neighborhood homes from nightly rentals. Council could have accepted our initiative instead of spending \$50,000 on a special election. 70% of voters agreed that a vote was required to change the ordinance.

Whenever politicians ignore what their constituents want, the voters have every right to gather signatures, be it referendums, initiatives, petitions, etc., to make politicians listen. For me, it is the perfect example of democracy: government of, by, and for the people.

The decision to abandon the long planned ice rink roof to build a new ice rink, in spite of community protests, led to further distrust of Council. Some community members wanted to do yet another petition; others simply gave up. Council would not hear the people they were supposed to serve, perpetuating distrust.

On June 5, the ballot box is another example of democracy. We have opportunity to elect community leaders instead of politicians. Let's learn to cooperate, communicate and work together for our town's common good.

Sharon Raven Clark
Mammoth Lakes

Todds toss penalty flag

Jack,

We were saddened and disappointed that our town chose not to display American Flags along Main St. over the Memorial Day weekend.

Everyone we spoke with agreed that a show of respect for our fallen soldiers and their families by our town is the right thing to do.

Banners welcomed fishermen for the opener, which is great, but no American Flags for Memorial Day. Sad.

We have a Fourth of July parade every year, which is very nice, but no American Flags for Memorial Day. Disappointing.

We have a beautiful town Christmas tree for all to see as they enter town, which is wonderful, but no American Flags for anyone to see as they enter town for Memorial Day weekend. Sad and disappointing.

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.

Debbie and Spike Todd
Mammoth Lakes

B generous to our kids

Dear Editor,

In 1974, Mammoth High School opened its doors to the community. Thanks to the generosity of Mammoth Mountain, students attended the first two months of school at Canyon Lodge because the school building was not complete.

On the cover of the 1974/75 yearbook is a photo of MHS students carrying tools and beams to help complete the construction of their new school.

Once we moved into the new building, there was so much pride. No longer did we have to be bused to Lee Vining to attend high school. The senior class chose the Husky mascot,

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with cardinal and gold as the school colors. Our high school for the years to come was sparkly new, we loved it and there was an atmosphere of proud support for learning. It is shocking now to discover the current conditions of our deteriorating school buildings. Pride is absent.

With more and more demands placed on our schools with mandates from the state, and yet very little financial support, priorities turn to supporting learning programs, with barebone patches placed on the infrastructure of the buildings. That is why we need to Vote Yes on Measure B on this June's ballot.

Most importantly, these school bond funds will enhance campus safety and security (during these unfortunate changing times). Permanent classrooms will replace the "temporary" portables (that accommodated Mammoth's growing populations) and get students under one roof with one entry to each school. No longer will 2nd and 3rd graders have to race out of the portables (that have no running water) in the winter snow just to use the restroom.

When I recently toured Mammoth High School, to my surprise much of the classrooms look the same as they did when I attended. I suppose some of the desks still have my doodles scribbled underneath from the late '70s. Measure B will renovate and update the outdated classrooms and libraries to facilitate modern essential learning environments. Measure B will replace or repair the leaky roofs, plumbing, heating, electrical wiring and sustainability of the buildings.

If we invest in Measure B, we will be eligible for millions of dollars in state matching funds that would otherwise be unavailable. If passed the expenditures of this bond will also be audited by a local independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and all funds generated by this school bond will stay local. It has been over 20 years since we passed the last bond!

Personally, my own kids will be graduated from Mammoth Schools by the time the construction is complete and will not benefit from these improvements. So why should I pay if it doesn't directly benefit me? It's called a greater good for our whole local community, civil society and increased property values with better schools.

On June 5, please vote YES on Measure B and restore the pride back to our schools. Thank you.

Connie Lizza Moyer
Mammoth Lakes

Fed up

Dear Editor:

Alaska Airlines announced two weeks ago it "will be exiting six underperforming routes, two of which result in the complete exit of the Mammoth market." While the company also cites a secondary, aircraft issue, it is clear that the chief reason was the underperforming market.

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 resolves, 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.

A few examples:

Anyone remember the long ago

argument for the Airport to be in Bishop? Or how about the push for 747s 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

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concept; nor do we consider the complete cost to implement including a change to our direction.

We are blindly led by a MLT (marketing) team which is well-funded from our tourism dollars and also have added director payroll funding by MMSA. They seemingly take credit for innate growth and good snow years. They apparently do not get outside of a box, but rather just follow a path of least resistance, or worse, a path mandated by a private company with its own agenda, who in past years has been allowed by our leaders to dictate public policy.

Do not get me wrong, I applaud the campaigns MLT has created for us; I just do not see them executed to their fullest capacity. I also do not blame private corporations. If I owned one and had the ability to control much of the town, I would jump at it, too! It is not the fault of MLT, MLR or town staff. They are simply following the low expectations and implicit approval of the town council to attain the status quo without proven direct impact on our ROI (Return on Investment).

This is not about whether the airport is in Bishop or Mammoth Lakes. It is not about how much snow we received or other such outside factors. It is about how we operate. Are we an 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.

Losing air service 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 involvement by those in charge of our town. I believe we are capable to learn new techniques without recreating a wheel – just a new mindset.

Let's stop chasing the proverbial squirrel. There are enough variables requiring assessment along the way without changing the actual vision based on only a smidgeon of the facts. If we continue as is, then we have, well, just what we have: debt for a lawsuit we should not have been in, dysfunction, mismanaged funds, incorrectly anticipated costs for structures and operations and a whole lot of dollars thrown wastefully at changes in our course, not to mention loss of air service.

The departure of Alaska Airlines can be an opportunity. Let's not seek to fix the symptom. How about if we figure out why our routes were under-performing and work to fix the underlying issue v. the symptom? Another airline will have issues too if we are under-performing. The lack of air will hurt me professionally, but I would rather fix us now than go through this again.

This is not the time to throw blame or money around. It is a time to look inward, as well as work together towards an outcome we may not all

agree with, but understanding it is best for the whole, we agree to be on board with such an outcome once decided.

What a concept... to stop the infighting and work together accepting final outcomes.

To do this, we must first trust the process. It will take the understanding of how to do this along with hard work, huge effort, time and commitment. We can come out stronger for it. Isn't that worth it?

Deb Pierrel
Mammoth Lakes

Adler responds

Dear Editor:

With one week left to go until the election, I want to acknowledge and say thank you to all of those who have supported me throughout. I could not have gotten through this without all of your help, support and encouragement. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I am not naïve, and I understood early in the campaign that there might be some negative opinions of the recent issues that have played out in the local media. But what I didn't expect was to have my honesty and integrity challenged for the purpose of building up someone else's. I realize as the Mono County Superintendent of Schools that not every decision I make will be universally accepted. While I wish I could make everyone in our organization content all of the time, my decisions are made for the greater good. That is the responsibility of leadership.

Since I came to Mono County in 2002, I have worked hard to bring programs to the residents of Mono County that have made a positive difference in their lives. Starting with the Dual Immersion program at Mammoth Elementary School through the latest Footsteps2Brilliance app that is made to serve all families throughout the county, my passion for improving and supporting education has never waned. Under my leadership, the Mono County Office of Education has flourished and has gained a hugely valuable and locally advantageous statewide presence.

Going forward I intend to see that a Child Development Center is built and fully operated. Continuing to work with our current agency partners like Mono Arts Council and Mono County Behavioral Health to provide arts education and counseling services to our students and families will be on the forefront of my priorities. Expanding our Adult Education programs and continuing to support our amazing Community Schools is yet another priority.

I would be honored by the opportunity to have another four years to continue the great work I have done on behalf of the students, districts and communities of Mono County.

Stacey Adler
Crowley Lake

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 meeting 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 the land could handle. However, it should also be no surprise that during the prior drought years, there was little to no additional water anywhere in the Mono Basin or Owens Valley watersheds. Simply put, the facts on the ground have changed from what we knew even a decade ago. There is a trend of less overall water in the Eastern Sierra – whether you call it prolonged drought or climate change, the water is not reliably there.

About half of LA's historic water supply is now left in Mono and Inyo Counties for environmental remediation and other commitments, which come first as long as they do not violate fish flows and other regulatory requirements. As a result, in most years there is no excess water.

Since 1989, LADWP has given Mono County ranchers an average 7 billion gallons of water a year for irrigation, enough water to serve more than 65,000 homes. Ranchers in Mono have benefited from extremely favorable lease terms and virtually free water. In the meantime, residents and businesses in Los Angeles continue to conserve water each year while facing

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 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. On the contrary, returning the land to its natural state likely would have many benefits similar to the dramatic environmental benefits seen on the Mono Basin. Restoring the natural hydrography to the streams and creeks in Long Valley, which have been degraded by years of water diversions, could substantially benefit the fisheries and riparian habitat found along those waterways. Further, cessation of irrigation could eliminate nutrient laden return water that will improve water quality in both the streams and Crowley reservoir, resulting in reduction in late season algae blooms that affect water quality and fishing. In order to ensure any environmental impacts, if any, are identified, LADWP is conducting the environmental evaluation prior to finalizing the proposed leases.

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

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LOCAL BRIEFS

By Bodine

Pipe bombs in Big Pine

Following a search warrant on a residence on Dewey Street in Big Pine, Inyo County Sheriff's Department arrested resident Mark Osterman for possession of "pipe bombs."

According to a press release, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department's Major Investigations and Narcotics Taskforce served the search warrant for illegal sales of firearms at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28. During the execution of the search warrant, investigators located the explosive devices.

Osterman was taken into custody without incident. He is currently being held at Inyo County Jail on \$100,000 bail.

Climbers call for help ... then decide it's not so scary

According to the Inyo County Sheriff's Department, two climbers stranded on Mount Whitney called Inyo County Sheriff's dispatch for a rescue - then decided the descent wasn't too scary and they could make it down on their own.

On Sunday, May 27 at approximately 1 a.m., the climbers, whose names were not released in the statement, contacted Sheriff's dispatch regarding being stranded off route while attempting to retreat

from the East Buttress route of Mt. Whitney, via rappel. The climbing team reported being lost and stuck on a ledge without enough gear to leave their position.

In addition to being cold and without food or water, one party reportedly having vomited multiple times.

Inyo Sheriff's called for helicopter assistance from the California Inland Division Air Operations. A call was also made to Inyo Search and Rescue members with technical climbing and rope rescue experience.

A plan was made to insert two SAR climbing teams to the base of the route and contact the stranded party from two directions and either raise or lower them to a better location.

At 7:30 a.m. Monday, the CHP helicopter crew made contact via telephone with the stranded party, who reported being able to melt snow for water with a stove. They further reported that since it was daylight they were able to see terrain features on the mountain, self-rescue and climb to a better location under their own power. The party requested no further 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 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.

Padelsky 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.

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, Whittney 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.

Whittney 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 Lutze.

Whittney 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."

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 Whittney Bradley posted on Facebook of her husband engaging in a makeshift training exercise in the backyard with an untrained "agitator."

Whittney 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.

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K-9 Bady with former handler Reuben Bradley.

ELECTION

PROPS TO THE PROPS

The Sheet gives the lowdown on propositions appearing the June ballot

By Bodine

Along with local candidates and those who will represent the Eastside on the state or national stage, most of whom you will never meet (see "Candidate Disappearance" page 11), there are five state and between one and four local ballot measures, depending on where the voter resides.

In a nutshell ...

Proposition 68 would pump \$4 billion into state parks, water quality, water storage and flood protection. Approximately \$2.8 billion would go towards maintaining the state's 110 state parks and building hiking trails and the remaining \$1.2 billion will fund water projects and flood protection.

There are no state parks in Inyo County and two in Mono County. People also like clean drinking water. Can we afford it? It appears cheaper than an ice rink.

Proposition 69, known as the Transportation Taxes and Fees Lockbox and Appropriations Limit Exemption Amendment, is an example of classic bureaucracy. If passed, it will mandate that revenue from a transportation law, Senate Bill

1, passed in April 2017, will be used for transportation purposes.

SB 1 raised gas tax and registration fees to repair failing roads and highways. In the past, funds for transportation have been used by legislators to balance the state's budget as well as fund some kinky pet projects. Proposition 69 will guarantee that the revenue from SB 1 will be used for what it was intended.

Voting yes might keep sticky fingers off money used to fix potholes, but I didn't think weed had anything to do with it.

If voters approve **Proposition 70**, it would require revenues generated from the state's cap and trade initiative be placed in a piggy-bank until a two-thirds majority vote by the California legislature releases that money. Currently, that money could be spent with a simple majority vote.

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 permits 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.

This is another waste of voter time and money, vote no. It will take a lot of grease and thongs and compromise to get two-thirds of legislators

see BALLOT, page 10

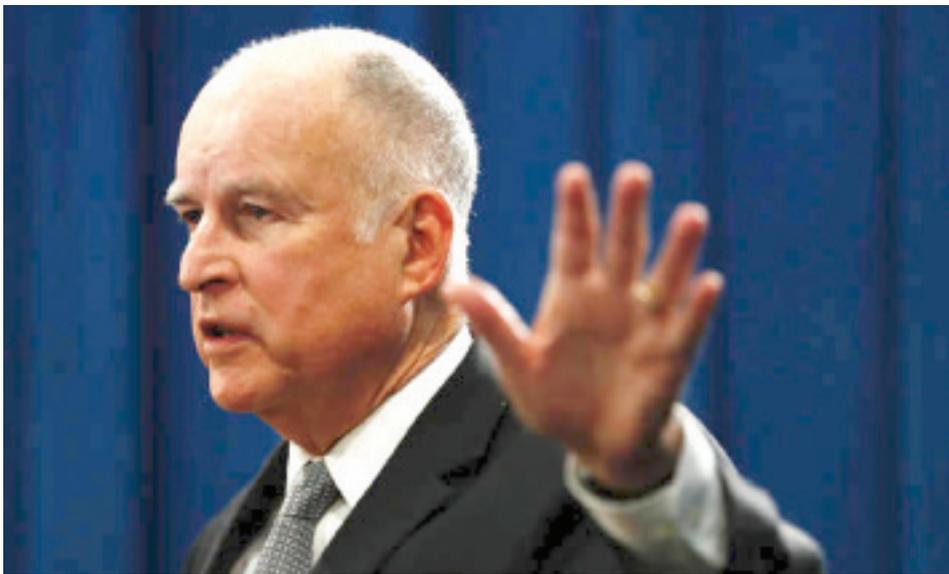


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California Governor Jerry Brown defending his gas tax in May.

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Ballot Measures Review

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BALLOT

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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 propositions. 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 Constitution 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 property 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 firefighting 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 measures 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 District is asking for \$63 million in bonds for infrastructure repairs and improvements with Measure B. A tax of approximately .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 District 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 unincorporated 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.

See you at the polls.

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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.

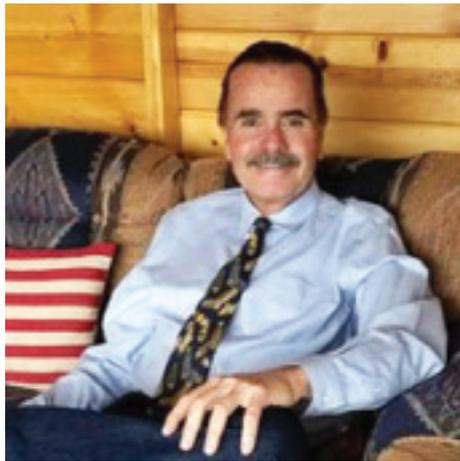
Post-college, he moved to the Bay Area and held corporate jobs at American Express as well as Chase Econometrics. Along the way, he obtained a Masters Degree in International Management at Golden Gate University.

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 ...



"Bill ... we'd be driving along and he'd pull off the road and we'd get out and hike three, four miles, right off into the sagebrush or whatever, just to see something."

The couple had been living together in Mono City since last September. It was a little closer drive to the oncologist in Truckee.

But when the oncologist told Bill earlier this year that he'd have to do chemotherapy if he hoped to extend his life, Bill declined and lived it out the best he could.

MacBride is survived by Butch and Pam and a multitude of friends and colleagues who were lucky to know him. Bill had a way of ... guiding others to the sunny side of the street.



Bill, Butch and an homage to the Steel City



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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 ...



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Sharing a kiss in the grandstand.



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HONORING OUR VETERANS

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

By Gayla Wolf



Hunter Begy and Gabe Shoshone, gathering flags



Jane Thompson



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!)



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



Tom Chinzi, looking up a family member

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- "Downtown Revitalization Action Plan"
Accepted by Town Council/December 20, 2017 - Action Item



EDITORIAL

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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. Very important for initial response.

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.

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OFF THE SLOPES

THE DON OF THE BROWNS

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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The Don on the shores of Rush Creek



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THE DON

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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.

"DWP has extensive information

on all the waterways," 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.

"If they sat there and made Crowley catch and release or one fish over eighteen inches, Crowley would be the best place to fish in the Western United States. Bridgeport would be second best."

"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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K9

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

Lutze, is not stepping away from his decision, noting that there are other issues.

Bady is generally housed at his handler's home as are most trained service dogs. There has been some concern expressed by those familiar with the Bradley home, who wished to remain anonymous, that he does not control his own personal dogs.

There have been numerous calls and complaints over the years made to Animal Control and to the Sheriff Department from neighbors about the Bradley's dogs. The Bradleys have been cited for numerous violations. Complaints include "incessant and uncontrolled barking at all hours of the day," and that the dogs constantly get out of their enclosure and run freely around the neighborhood.

Some neighbors are concerned that the dogs, which are mixed Pitbull breeds, are overly-aggressive. Adding to the neighbors' concerns are that he has reportedly threatened those who have called about or filed complaints regarding his dogs.

It is likely that an investigation will cover all these areas and action will be taken accordingly to make a determination before Bady is returned to his handler, if at all.

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East Side Bake Shop Open Thursday- Monday Live Music and dinner every Saturday *See ad, p. 8.*
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Black Velvet Coffee's Happy Hour, from 4-6 pm. every day.
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Friday, June 1/ Michael Aguirre's Harmonica Stew with special guest Sara McConnell. Time: 7 p.m. Location: Edison Theatre. \$10 cover.

Saturday, June 2/ Eastern Sierra Comedy presents stand-up comic Edi Gibson. 10:30pm-midnight. Mammoth Brewing Co. 18 Lake Mary Rd. in Mammoth. Tix. @ edigibson.bpt.me
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June 2-3/ Bishop Open Golf Tournament. Starts 9 a.m. Saturday at the Bishop Country Club. Info: steve@bishopcountryclub.org

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 am 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-1:30 pm. Free breakfast and lunch provided. Plus free prize giveaways. Volunteers of all ages and abilities welcome. Details at mtlpa.org, or email traildays@mtlpa.org
High Sierra Ultra Marathons. A 20 mile "fun run", a 50k, a 50 miler and a 100k. Race check in June 1 at 2pm - 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 am-2 pm at the Crowley Lake Community Center, 58 Pearson Rd in Crowley. Free BBQ to vendors and buyers from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$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 2 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.

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calendar of events

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 8-10, 2018. Hosted by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Lands & Legacy Benefit Dinner and Paddle Raise comes to life with mystifying magic tricks by Tammer, 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 region. That same weekend, all dinner attendees are invited to join us for one of two guided land tours on very special lands. For more information, visit eslt.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 groups and businesses will co-host 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 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15.

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

Murder Mystery Submissions

The Sierra Classic Theatre is calling all writers to submit scripts for the theater's fall 2018 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 8th 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.

Seminars will take place during the week leading up to the event.

Proceeds from Mammoth Food & Wine Experience provide crucial support for higher education and the arts through the local nonprofit founded by Dave McCoy, Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

TOWN STUFF

Monday, June 4/ Mono Basin Historical Society potluck dinner at the Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Ave. in Lee Vining. Potluck begins at 6:00pm followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. For more information call (760) 647-6461.

Tuesday, June 5/ Election Day! Vote early and often, particularly if you're Russian. **SNARL Spring Seminar Series.** Speaker: Sarah Stock. Subject: "Back from the brink: Bighorns, Peregrine, and foxes in Yosemite National Park". Time: 7-8 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm. Location: Page Center, 1016 Mt. Morrison Rd. Food and drink provided. **Mono County Board of Supervisors meets.** Location: Mono County Courthouse in Bridgeport. Time: 9 a.m. **Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets.** Location: Board Chambers, 224 North Edwards St. in Independence. Time: 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 6/ Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Time: 1 pm. **Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets.** Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Time: 6 pm. **Ladies Get Golf Ready clinics @ Sierra Star Golf Course.** 5:15-6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays through July 11. No session on July 4. \$99 for all five sessions or \$30 drop-in for single session. Info: 760.924.4653. **Volunteer Eastern Sierra** meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at the Mammoth Mercantile.

Thursday, June 7/ Friends of the Inyo Open House - 5:00 - 7:30 PM - 819 N Barlow Ln, Bishop, CA 93514 - Join us for re-

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Deadpool 2 (R): The second film in the satirical superhero saga of Deadpool, (Ryan Reynolds). Deadpool joins forces with fellow outsider heroes to save a child from Cable, a time-travelling villain.

Solo, a Star Wars Story (PG-13): It may not be Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher, but it is Star Wars, and Han Solo is eminently compelling.

*"Customer Appreciation Night" every Tuesday. All seats, All shows \$6.00 For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.



UPCOMING

freshments, snacks, and mingling with Friends of the Inyo Staff & Board at our Open House.

June 8-10/ Eastern Sierra Land Trust's Lands and Legacy Celebration Weekend Dinner fundraiser and guided wilderness tours. Tickets are very near sold out. Reserve tickets or get on the waitlist by calling us at 760.873.4554. **Mono Lake Committee Seminar** Subject: The Art of Wildflower Macro-photography. Instructed by David Gubernick. \$275. \$250 for members. Register at monolake.org.

Saturday, June 9/ Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation Road Bike Ride. 9-11 am Kids and adults welcome. Meet at Crowley Park, 3627 Crowley Lake Dr. Plan to ride at least one hour out and back toward Long Valley and Tom's Place. Bring a water bottle, sunglasses and sunscreen. **Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA Bird Walk and Census.** All birding experience levels welcome. 8:30-11:30 am. Meet at BLM/Forest Service Building 351 Pacu Lane in Bishop. Contact Hillary Behr for more information: hillarybehr@yahoo.com. **Eastern Sierra Land Trust's Lands & Legacy Benefit Dinner.** 5-8 pm at the Parallax Restaurant on Mammoth Mountain. Open bar and donation opportunities from \$50-\$5000. For reservations call 760.873.4554

For more information and to buy tickets visit mammothfoodandwine.org.

Jazzfest

Mammoth Jazz 2018 is all about Refreshing, Renewing and Reinventing Jazz in Mammoth. This is a collaboration of Contemporary, Fusion, Latin and other genres of Jazz music. Friday night starts with a wine walk that raises money for local High School musicians. Saturday is a melting pot of jazz bands. The Event will be infused with eclectic foods and activities. It's all at one location, The Village at Mammoth, July 6-7, 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 supporters. You can help make Mammoth Jazz 2018 experience a reality, 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 Creek
- *Forest meditation, slackline yoga, and sound bathing at Twin Lakes Art Gallery.
- *The Village Yoga Market will feature artisanal vendors, live music, and wholesome food and beverages. For more info. go to mammothyoga-festival.com

Red's Meadow Road open

... as of Wednesday, May 30 to the Madera County line. That gets you as far as Minaret Vista. Beyond that, you're hoofing it.

Summer Film Club

Megan Pierce will be running a Summer Film Club through Mammoth Lakes Library this summer. The Club will meet at the upstairs Maker-space on Mondays and Fridays from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The club will explore all aspects of moviemaking, from shooting to scriptwriting.

More info: meganpierce@me.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Precincts/Locations

PRECINCT #	NAME	LOCATION
1	ANTELOPE	Walker Community Ctr. 442 Mule Deer Drive, Walker
3	BRIDGEPORT	Memorial Hall 73 No. School Street, Bridgeport
4	TRI-VALLEY	123 Valley Road, Chalfant
5	JUNE LAKE	June Lake Community Ctr. 90 W. Granite Ave, June Lake
6	LEE VINING	mail only
7	LONG VALLEY	Crowley Lake Community Center 58 Pearson Rd, Crowley
8	MAMMOTH MEADOW	Mammoth High School Library 365 Sierra Park Rd Mammoth Lakes
9	MAMMOTH MINARET	Mammoth High School Library 365 Sierra Park Rd Mammoth Lakes
10	MAMMOTH PINECREST	Mammoth High School Library 365 Sierra Park Rd Mammoth Lakes
11	SWALL MEADOWS	mail only
12	MAMMOTH VIEW	Mammoth High School Library 365 Sierra Park Road Mammoth Lakes
13	OLD MAMMOTH	Mammoth High School Library 365 Sierra Park Rd Mammoth Lakes

TS #2018-0096

Notice of Availability/Hearing

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED 2018-2019 COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING THEREON BY THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the proposed county budget documents for fiscal year 2017-2018 will be available to members of the general public on June 1, 2018, on the Mono County website and in the North and South county offices of the county administrative officer, courthouse annex 1, Bridgeport, California (760)-932-5412, and 452 Old Mammoth Road, (Sierra Center Mall), Mammoth Lakes, California.

Notice is also hereby given that the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono, will meet at the time and place specified below for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing regarding the fiscal year 2018-2019 proposed budget, preparatory to making a final determination thereon. Any member of the general public may appear at the hearing and be heard regarding any item of the budget or for the inclusion of additional items. The public hearing will commence at 1:00 PM as part of the meeting of the board on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the board chambers, 2nd floor, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California, 93517. The board may continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday, June 19, 2018, if necessary, and thereafter in its discretion.

Leslie L Chapman
County Administrative Officer

TS #2018-0095

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Update the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Town Services, including fees for building, public works, and planning permits and services, public safety processing and services, recreation programs and services, and administrative products and services.

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 Town Clerk written correspondence pertaining thereto.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Rob Patterson, Administrative Services/Finance Director, by telephone at (760) 965-3661 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

Dated: May 25, 2018
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2018-0090

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING renewal OF THE Mammoth Lakes TOURISM Business Improvement DISTRICT (MLTBID) AND Levy of AN ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN Tourism BUSINESSES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 6:00 PM on June 6, 2018, at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, has been set as the time and place for a public hearing at which time the Council proposes to renew the MLTBID and to levy the proposed assessment as set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

Boundaries: The renewed MLTBID includes all tourism businesses located within the boundaries of the Town of Mammoth Lakes. As used in the Plan, the term "tourism business(es)" includes all tourism businesses: lodging businesses, restaurants, retail businesses, and ski resorts.

Purpose: The MLTBID is designed to provide specific benefits directly to payors by increasing tourism and commerce at assessed businesses. Sales, marketing, media relations and communications programs, and air service subsidy marketing programs will increase tourism and marketing payors as tourist, meeting and event destinations, thereby increasing tourism and commerce at assessed businesses.

Budget: The total MLTBID annual budget for the initial year of operation is anticipated to be approximately \$5,000,000. This budget is expected to fluctuate as visitation does, but is not expected to significantly change over the MLTBID's term.

Assessment: Based on the benefit received, the assessment rate will be tiered as indicated in the table below. The assessment is levied upon and is a direct obligation of the assessed tourism business. However, the assessed tourism business may, at its discretion, pass the assessment on to patrons. The amount of assessment, if passed on to each patron, shall be disclosed in advance and separately stated from the amount of consideration charged and any other applicable taxes, and each patron shall receive a receipt for payment from the business. Further detail on benefits can be found in Section V of the Plan. Retail and restaurant businesses are divided into three tiers. All restaurant and retail businesses are assessed at the Tier 1 rate, unless and until an appeal is submitted and approved to be classified as Tier 2 or Tier 3.

- Tier 1 businesses are those which have at least \$150,000 in annual gross revenue and receive at least half of that annual gross revenue from visitors;
- Tier 2 businesses are those which have between \$50,000 to \$149,999 in annual gross revenue, or which exceed \$150,000 in annual gross revenue but do not receive at least half of that annual gross revenue from visitors; and
- Tier 3 businesses are those which have \$49,999 or less in annual gross revenue.

Businesses situated within other businesses, such as restaurants located within a hotel or ski resort, will be assessed at the rate for that business type and not at the rate of the other business they are situated in. Certain revenue and businesses will not be assessed as described in Section V of the Plan.

Business Type Annual Assessment Rate
Lodging 1% of annual gross revenue
Ski Resorts 2% of lift ticket, season pass, and ski school annual gross revenue
Retail – Tier 1 1.5% of annual gross revenue, including equipment and vehicle rentals
Retail – Tier 2* \$500 per year
Retail – Tier 3* \$50 per year
Restaurant – Tier 1 1.5% of annual gross revenue
Restaurant – Tier 2* \$500 per year
Restaurant – Tier 3* \$50 per year
*Only applicable upon submission and approval of an appeal

Collection: The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be responsible for collecting the assessment on a monthly basis (including any delinquencies, penalties and interest) from those tourism businesses that are assessed a percentage rate; and collecting the assessment on an annual basis in conjunction with renewal of businesses licenses or the appeal decision from those tourism businesses that are assessed a fixed amount. The Town of Mammoth Lakes shall take all reasonable efforts to collect the assessment from each tourism business.

Duration: The renewed MLTBID will have a 10-year life, beginning September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2028. Once per year, beginning on September 1, there is a 30-day period in which owners paying more than fifty percent (50%) of the assessment may protest and initiate a Town Council hearing on district termination.

Management: Mammoth Lakes Tourism will continue to serve as the MLTBID's Owners' Association. The Owners' Association is charged with managing funds and implementing programs in accordance with this Plan, and must provide annual reports to the Town Council.

Protest: Any owner of a tourism business within the proposed MLTBID that will be subject to the assessment may protest the renewal of the MLTBID. If written protests are received from the owners of tourism businesses in the proposed MLTBID who represent 50 percent (50%) or more of the estimated annual assessments to be levied, the MLTBID shall not be renewed and the assessment shall not be imposed.

You may mail a written protest to:
Office of the Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R
PO Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

You may also appear at the public meeting or hearing and submit a written protest at that time.

Information: Should you desire additional information about this proposed MLTBID or assessment

Notice of Public Hearing cont.

contact:
John Urdi, Executive Director
Mammoth Lakes Tourism
PO Box 48 / 2520 Main Street
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 934-2712 ext. 1259

TS #2018-0092

Central Location/Vote-By-Mail

CENTRAL LOCATION FOR COUNTING 'VOTE-BY-MAIL' BALLOTS CAST DURING THE STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 5, 2018

Will be at the following location:
Mono County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar's Office
74 School Street, Annex I, Library Building
Bridgeport, California

SHANNON KENDALL
MONO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR

TS #2018-0097

Notice of Manual Tally for Election

COUNTY OF MONO NOTICE OF ONE PERCENT MANUAL TALLY FOR THE STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

Pursuant to California Elections Code §15360, Mono County's Election Officer will conduct a public manual tally of the ballots tabulated during the Statewide Direct Primary Election held on June 5, 2018. Random selection of the precinct to be tallied will occur on June 6, 2018, at 12:00 pm in the Mono County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar's Office located at 74 School Street, Annex I, Bridgeport, California.

The actual manual tally will begin at 9:00 am on June 7, 2016, at the same location as described above.

SHANNON KENDALL
MONO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR

TS #2018-0098

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 become vacant. The terms of appointment are for four years and will expire on July 31, 2022.

The Planning and Economic Development Commission meetings are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. The Recreation Commission meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Application forms ("Application for Public Appointment") may be obtained from the Town's website, www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov; Town Clerk at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; by emailing jgray@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or by phoning 965-3602.

Dated: May 25, 2018
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2018-0099

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

Simply Made

Melanie Reedy
6201 Minaret 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, May 14, 2013.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 14, 2018. File Number 18-076
2018-0078 (5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9)

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, March 29, 2014.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 21, 2018. File Number 18-081
2018-0100 (6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23)

Notice of Property Tax Delinquency

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY AND IMPENDING DEFAULT (Rev. & Tax. Code, Section 3351 & 3352)

I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/ Treasurer-Tax Collector, State of California, certify as follows:

That at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2018, by operation of law, any real property (unless previously tax-defaulted and not redeemed) that has any delinquent taxes, assessments, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2017-2018, and/or any delinquent supplemental taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2017-2018, shall be declared tax-defaulted.

That unless the tax defaulted property is completely redeemed through payment of all unpaid amounts, together with penalties and fees prescribed by law or an installment plan is initiated and maintained; the property will become tax-defaulted and may be sold subsequently at a tax sale to satisfy the tax lien. That a detailed list of all properties remaining tax-defaulted as of July 1, 2018, and not redeemed prior to being submitted for publication, shall be published on or before September 8, 2021.

That information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan for redemption of tax-defaulted property 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.

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Bridgeport, Mono California, on May 16, 2018

TS #2018-0084

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.

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 Town Clerk written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Rob Patterson, Administrative Services/Finance Director, by telephone at (760) 965-3661 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

Dated: May 25, 2018
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2018-0091

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

Ellucine Photography

Elli Davtyan
452 Old Mammoth Road, P.O. Box 2692
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 05, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on May 17, 2018. File Number 18-078
2018-0085 (5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16)

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

Best Western Premier High Sierra Hotel

Jay Bharat Lodging LLC
3228 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 18-075
2018-0082(5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9)

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 Z, within the Mineral Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council will hear a request for the following:

Application Request: Zoning Code Amendment 18-001 — Amend various sections of Chapter 17.48 (Signs) of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Zoning Code to:

- (1) Eliminate the restriction of only one (1) Halo Lit sign per property and the 20 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 various sign types where halo lighting is currently permitted (i.e., wall sign, hanging sign, monument sign, projecting sign, or theater sign).

PEDC Recommendation: The Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) considered Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 18-001 at a noticed public hearing on May 9, 2018 and recommended to the Town Council approval of Zoning Code Amendment 18-001 as recommended by staff.

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164, an Addendum to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Sign Code Update Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2011022069) has been prepared describing that no new or increased environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

Location: Town-wide

Zoning: Non-Residential Zoning Districts

Proposer: Town of Mammoth Lakes

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 Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65002(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than June 1, 2018, contact Ruth Toster, Associate Planner, at (760) 965-3837. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or email at: rtoster@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Town Council | P.O. Box 1829 | Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2018-0094

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 3692.4, 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 scheduled tax sale from a person or entity that has a nuisance abatement lien recorded against the property and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.
- Any property that has been identified and requested for purchase by a 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 county adopts, 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 initiated as provided by law prior to close of business on 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 assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office.

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2012 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
1	002-020-024-000	1328 Cunningham Lane	BRANDON REV FAMILY TRUST & BRANDON ARNOLD DEAN	\$20,793.16
2	008-141-010-000	157 Main Street	BRANDON REV FAMILY TRUST & BRANDON ARNOLD D.	\$4,450.88
3	015-113-071-000	155 South Crawford Avenue	FOX HILL INVESTMENT CORPORATION	\$30,766.13
4	060-240-001-000	80 South Landing Road	ECKERT GREG & TERRI	\$5,902.92

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2013 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
5	001-100-068-000	11 TOPAZ LN	MCKAY BROTHERS CATTLE CO.	\$13,126.18
6	002-320-018-000		DOUGLASS, ELIZABETH A.	\$2,295.62
7	002-320-019-000		DOUGLASS, ELIZABETH A.	\$2,295.62
8	002-370-016-000	107367 Highway 395	KUEHN MANFRED H. & CARLA E.	\$2,234.85
9	007-190-029-000		MILLER GREGORY J. & LINDA A.	\$10,171.28
10	011-294-007-000		GARSDALE STANLEY STAIGER & SIMPSON SALLY G.	\$446.39
11	022-382-040-000	200 Le Verne Street	SHERWIN BLUFFS HOLDINGS, LLC	\$79,178.65
12	025-210-021-000		ZAHNOW, CRAIG F.	\$1,687.78
13	026-272-004-000	175 Virginia Avenue	TRIESCHMAN DUSTY L	\$15,607.74
14	031-170-008-000	28 Snowridge Lane	NILSSON KENNETH A. & PAULA M.	\$30,506.39
15	060-020-017-000		MASLEN HOLBROOK	\$14,334.88
16	033-021-021-000	1111 Forest Trail #C21	FORSTER-GILL, INC. & THE NANCY FORSTER CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST	\$100,358.11

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

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SCIENCE

WILL WE BEAR GRIZZLIES?

By Benham

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."

The last credible sighting of a grizzly in California happened in 1924 on the West slope of Sequoia National Park.

The presentation was divided into three parts: past, present, and future. 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."

At the start of the Gold Rush there were 10,000 grizzlies in California and 110,000 people. Brown bear habitat was "basically in any area that wasn't a hot desert," Alagona said. Today, there are about 40 million people in the state, but no grizzlies. The ratio and the grizzlies have been shot.

Alagona delved into the details of the extinction which began during the Mission and Rancho Eras. A painting



Peter Alagona

of a bear being lassoed by Spanish rancheros 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 became 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."

He called the prevalence of grizzly iconography, "a weird irony". He was being diplomatic. The grizzly is a lot easier to deal with dead than alive.

Not only are there a lack of grizzlies, but there's a dearth of scientific and historical knowledge about the grizzly. "The last significant research about grizzlies in California was published in 1955," he pointed out. "There wasn't

anything to have an intelligent conversation on." Enter Alagona and his colleagues. They did some studies and eventually founded the California Grizzly Research Network (CGRN)

Alagona made clear that it is not an activist organization. Its goal is "to promote through rigorous interdisciplinary research a more informed, scholarly and public discussion about the past, present, and potential future of grizzly bears in California."

CGRN has embarked on a study of grizzly diets, using stable isotope analysis, which looks at the composition bear bones and claws. "One of the things we discovered is that California's grizzlies are not really generalizable in what they were [eating]."

CGRN has also completed a statewide survey to find out what people know and think about grizzlies. The answer, "Not much." 25% of Californians know that there are not currently grizzlies in the state. The rest either think they still live here or were too confused to answer and bailed out with an 'I don't know either way.'

"Which makes a reintroduction program much easier," Alagona joked.

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

When he asked rhetorically, "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 Yellowstone National Park since 1872. Six have died from grizzly attacks, five have died from lightning strikes.

There are four big chunks of wild lands that would likely host a future reintroduction project: the Modoc-Cascade region in the Northeast corner of the state, Los Padres region in central Coastal Range, the Northwest Forest, and the Sierra Nevada.

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.

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ITALY, SPAIN AND WHAT ABOUT BOB?

By Casselman

MISSOURI GOVERNOR RESIGNS

After months of controversy, sensational headlines and a criminal investigation, Missouri Republican Governor 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 leaders had called for him to resign. His political problems were considered a handicap to Republican chances to unseat a vulnerable incumbent Democratic senator in 2018.

ITALIAN AND SPANISH CRISES

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 Italian 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 currency, the euro, as well as an obvious constitutional crisis in a country already beset with economic and banking woes. A coalition between the two largest parties has been suspended, but new efforts to revive it are underway.

Meanwhile Spain is facing a new crisis 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 Temer is attempting to halt this threat to South America's biggest economy, but so far faces an impasse. Protesters seek to oust Temer 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 increase in GOP vulnerability can occur while the generic Democratic advantage has fallen 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, Senator Bob Menendez faced a criminal trial, 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 respected 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.

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How many people are running for Mammoth Town Council? Who are they? Do you vote? (All of them said they do)



"I think there are four ... John Wentworth, Truax, Salcido. I can't think of the other one."
—Emma Romo



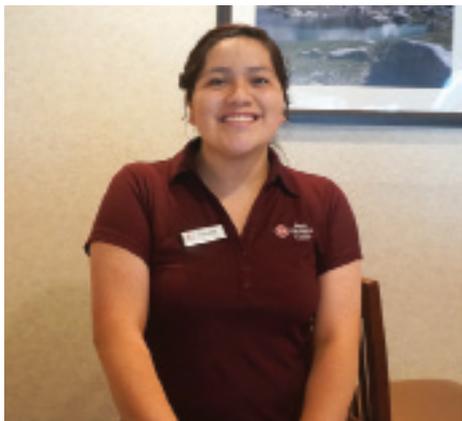
"I believe there's five, maybe six. John Wentworth, Lynda Salcido, Kirk Stapp, Jennifer Huh and Brent Truax."
—Janelle Owens



"Truax, Wentworth, Lesley something and my friend the blonde girl."
—Scott Saltsman



"Three or four. John Wentworth, Truax ..."
—Tom Molloy



"Six. Stacey Adler?"
—Valerie Reyes



"I know there's more, but I know Stacy Corless, John Rea and Truax"
—Andrew Jefferson



"There are 7. Stacy Corless, Lesley-Anne Hoxie, Jennifer Burrows and a bunch of white guys."
—Kendi Thomas



"I want to say, like, 3. I've seen a bunch of name around town but don't really know who's who. I do vote but I haven't registered yet as a Mammoth voter."
—Jenica Law



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FINAL THOUGHTS ON INYO SHERIFF'S RACE

By James

Much like the terminus to an alimentary canal, the 2018 June Primary election is coming to its inevitable closure on Tuesday, June 5. It may seem an odd comparison until you have witnessed some of the recent mudslinging taking place in the final days of the campaign between the two candidates for Inyo County Sheriff.

Deputy patrolman Josh Nicholson wants voters to place all their faith in his service in the military some eight years ago, while dog whistling his "faith," and ignoring what should matter, that he has worked for the sheriff's department for the past seven years and has a somewhat "checked history" with the department. His most significant achievement to date as a deputy appears to be that he was once promoted to corporal, then demoted 11 months later, and still hasn't quite figured out "why" because it is one of life's greatest mysteries: that is, "No one ever told me." Here's a clue from a source, someone who worked with him in the department at the jail: "He's an arrogant know-it-all." Actually, that was heard from more than just one former colleague.

Nicholson recently took several "days off at the beach" (a euphemism used in the department). He, along with his very good buddy, fellow patrolman and staunch supporter, Reuben Bradley, were placed on suspension

without pay for basically "lying." If the name Bradley sounds familiar, he has recently been in the news, and literally "in the dog house" on yet another issue, one literally involving misuse of a department K-9 asset, the trained police dog called "Bady," which has been removed from his possession.

The two patrolmen were both suspended for harassing and threatening a woman alone at a campground, very late at night last year in July, in an area without cell phone coverage, and then later lying about it in the incident report narrative filed afterwards. The Sheet first wrote about the incident last week when we first became aware of it. Since then, we have obtained a copy of an audio recording of the incident (yes, the victim recorded the entire incident on her phone). We also received a copy of a letter sent from 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 colludes 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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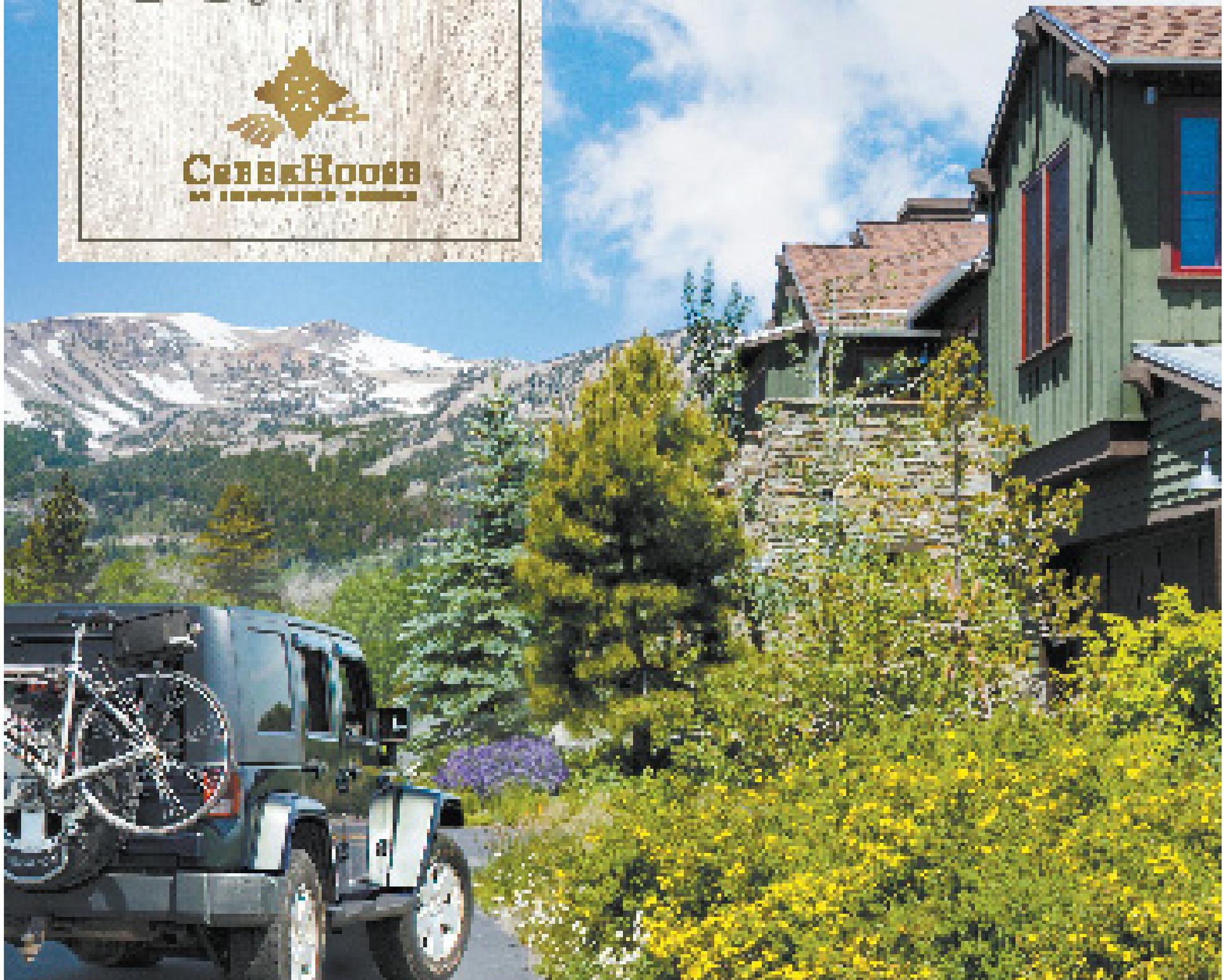
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