Mammoth’s Town Council and Planning and Economic Development Commission met on Wednesday, November 20 to attend a workshop presented by Will Soholt, the Senior Vice President of Kosmont & Associates, “regarding public-private transaction structures such as development agreements and tax sharing agreements.”

The key item up for discussion: Is it smart to give developers tax breaks to incentivize development?

Kosmont & Associates, based in Manhattan Beach, describes itself as “a full service real estate and economic consulting firm that specializes in public/private partnerships.”

Soholt started by explaining that the Town of Mammoth Lakes receives 60% of its revenue from TOT and 55% of it’s tax sharing agreements. Further, the town has a multitude of revenue sharing tools available to encourage development if it so chooses.

According to Kosmont & Associates, a town would share revenue with a specific project: “If the project generates a lot of revenue (future TOT) for the Town, the town has a multitude of revenue sharing tools available to encourage development if it so chooses.”

Based on his findings, Soholt believes Mammoth’s TOT is a “heavily resilient form of revenue” due to its consistent increases over the past several years and the relatively small (-9%) dip after the recession. Further, the town has a multitude of revenue sharing tools available to encourage development if it so chooses.

Two passengers died in this accident which took place at the Inyo/Kern county border Thursday morning. For more, see p. 19.

BOY OF SUMMER
Marty Burgenbauch, 1948-2019

It’s fairly ironic that the last band (of many bands over the years) Marty Burgenbauch was a part of was called “The Jaded Haters,” as Marty was as far from “jaded” and “hater” as a man could possibly be.

As wife Judy Burgenbauch said, Marty appeared in a 1969 issue of Time Magazine after a series of riots in Santa Barbara, Calif. He was photographed in his hippie hair and playing a flute.

Nearly a half century later, he dyed his hair purple for “wacky hair day” as a Mammoth school-bus driver.

In between, there was a wife of 33 years (37.5 if you count the courtship). Three children.

Countless gigs as a drummer. Countless smiles. A lot of laughter.

That’s what his daughter Cassie remembers. “The best part about having Marty as a dad: ‘He made us laugh. He was so funny.’ And from Maggie Wahl, one of his drumming students: “Oh my God. He was so fun, so irreverent.”

As Maggie says, Marty sailed through life like it was a cosmic joke, a joke that only Marty and God were in on.

He was born in Pasadena. He went to high school and some college in Costa Mesa. Finished college at U.C. Santa Barbara.

He was the son of an engineer (dad) and a music teacher (mom).

He bummed around Europe for several years after college and after he was rejected for military service because of a heart murmur.

His heart is what saved him then, and what betrayed him at the end.

During his wanderings through Europe, with never more than a few hundred bucks in his pocket, he took a job at a beer bottling plant in Germany, lived on the beach in Portugal …

He was back living in Santa Barbara when he met his wife. Judy was student-teaching and bartending nights at a place called Flapper Alley. Marty was the drummer for the de facto house band.

One slow night, Judy had her glasses on at the bar, grading papers. Marty later admitted he sat down to talk her up because the glasses “made her look smart.”

“I didn’t know what my type was,” Judy said. “He wasn’t my type. He was older,” said Judy. When pressed what her type was, Judy laughed. “I didn’t know what my type was, but he wasn’t it.”

And yet, he was fun. And they liked to do things together. And maybe they dated other people at first, but Marty had a knack for being around a lot more than the rest. At one point, after they’d hung out several days in a row, Judy’s best friend Meg Fox predicted they’d get married.

They did. In their own way. Judy was applying for a job at Round Valley School and

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the Superintendent made it clear that she was worried about a single gal moving to the mountains.

So Judy told the Super she was engaged, and then drove home and told Marty he was engaged.

And then Marty called his parents to tell them he was engaged.

There are three children: Zac (29), Cassie (27) and Devin (23).

And it’s Marty’s relationship with his children that struck people. As Josh Mann, a bandmate in the Jaded Haters, observed “His relationship with his kids was like nothing I’ve ever seen. They were all best friends, and they all always smiled while they played. It was attractive.”

The Jaded Haters consisted of Marty, Cassie and Devin with Mann and Mike Coco.

“Mike was the catalyst for that band,” says Mann. “For four years, he wanted that lineup … and he’s especially convincing when he tells you he’ll cook you noodles [if you join].”

As Coco said, based upon the commitments he has to business and family, “Music is an indulgent hobby for me [based upon available time], so it has to be really, really right. It’s like family. Literally. And Josh and I were the adopted children.”

“Marty was my first call [when it came to forming a band],” added Coco. “I’ve played with him off and on for 15 years. He had impeccable feel and timing, and he could play anything.”

“The band has this to say about Devin’s talent: “By age 17, he could play with any-”

“As for Marty’s skill on the drums, Fry said, “A rhythm section … requires a high-

level of interactive collaboration. It can’t be fully arranged. It has to be spontane-

ous. There’s way too much going on for it to come off on paper.”

So the mark of a great drummer lies in that ability to fulfill artistic visions in real time. And that’s what Marty could do.

“Marty gave up a ‘real’ musical career to be a ‘real’ father,” contends Fry.

Black and white photos of Marty playing with the Jaded Haters.
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POISON PILL FOR MILL CITY TRACT OWNERS
Elevated levels of arsenic, lead, mercury shut down housing tract in Lakes Basin with no remedy in sight
By Hite

“We were hoping as we got more detailed studies maybe this wouldn’t be as bad as we thought. But I’m not going to sugarcoat this. This isn’t good news.”

Inyo National Forest Supervisor Tammy Randall-Parker said the above at a presentation to disgruntled Mill City tract cabin owners at a public meeting held in mammoth’s U.S. Forest Service auditorium on Saturday, November 16.

Mammoth Mill is “an 1870’s former gold processing facility located in the town of Mammoth Lakes.

At some point, “the Forest Service permitted a Mill City cabin tract,” which was to be “located immediately adjacent to and down the slope of the Mill Area. There are currently fourteen recreational cabins within the cabin tract,” according to a Forest Service handout.

In early 2014, the USFS began testing sites around the mill as well as the main mill tailings. It found elevated levels of arsenic, lead and mercury in the immediate area.

The USFS also found that the contaminated area is bigger than previously thought and one of the proposed solutions calls for a cleanup, “projected to cost $8.8 million to remove over 14,000 cubic yards of impacted soil.”

Other solutions proposed: Alternative 1: “No Action”, which would cost around $600,000 over a thirty year period and would leave the cabin owners with “5 days a year of occupancy.”

Alternative 2: “Minor Grading and On-site Encapsulation”, which would import two feet of clean soil to the project site and suggest removal of 935 trees. This alternative costs $5.75 million over a thirty year period which does not include the Mill Site cleanup worth an estimated $4 million.

Alternative 3: “Selective Hotspot Excavation” with either onsite or offsite disposal which came with an estimated thirty year cost of between $3.4-4.4 million. This would contemplate a partial cleanup of the area and allow cabin owners 182 days a year of occupancy.

Alternative 4 was the previously described soil removal estimated at $8.8 million.

Who pays for this cleanup? As of now, the answer is no one.

The USFS has been working on PRP (potential responsible party) settlement negotiations to determine financial responsibility. According to Dennis Geiser, a regional Environmental Engineer working on the project, “PRP settlement negotiations notified Union Bank (a prior owner of the property) that it could be

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be financially responsible, but Forest Service attorneys claim they are being stonewalled by Union Bank.

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Service attorneys claim they are being financially responsible, but Forest continued from page 4

MILL CITY

Coordinator, explained that because contaminated soil was found intermittently throughout the site, it was probably not a spill that ran down the site but rather many different instances of people (cabin owners or cabin builders) moving the soil in an unnatural manner.

This hypothetically could mean the cabin owners are responsible but Mark Carney, a cabin owner and an attorney representing a subset of the owners shot this down quickly, “Good luck blaming the victims in court.” he said.

After rounds of questioning, Geiser finally admitted, “Any party that is deemed responsible could be held financially responsible.” This incited one member of the audience to blurt out, “So we, the victims of this, could be forced to pay for the cleanup?” To which Geiser reluctantly answered, “Yes, it is possible.”

Carney is disappointed with the process, “It is 30 months after the closure board contacted us, and at that time (April/May 2017) they told us it would be done by November 2017.” He claimed.

On Feb., 2, 2018 Carney wrote a letter to representatives of the Forest Service, including Randall-Parker and Geiser, where he laid out twenty questions. There was no response due to the ongoing PRP negotiations. Eventually, Carney spoke on the phone with multiple representatives from the Forest Service and a team of lawyers. This led to Carney saying, “Last fall we knew that you guys didn’t have the money for the cleanup and the PRP was stiff-arming us. ”

Carney then wrote another letter in January of 2019 to see if the facts the cabin owners had were the same ones that the Forest Service was using to make decisions.

Here is a compilation of the key assumptions:

- Union Bank is stiff-arming PRP
- Union Bank would not be responsible to clean up mill city tract
- Cost to clean up tract would have to come from other sources
- Cost to clean up Mill exceeds $5 million
- Cost to clean up both sites (Mill and cabin sites) will exceed $10 million

The meeting ended with neither side happy. ‘The next step for the Forest Service is to “further define the extent of contamination and if contamination exists beneath and immediately adjacent to the cabins.” It is likely the USFS follows part of Carney’s proposal and determine the feasibility of the Mill City campground site at the same time.

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**Good luck blaming the victims in court.**

- Mark Carney

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The path forward is murky at best. The cabin owners could hope for a buyout from the Forest Service but as Randall-Parker explained, the USFS probably doesn’t have the funds.

No relocation and no buyout leaves the cabin owners with no options besides chalking up the situation as a loss. The scariest part is that this event might not be isolated. The Mammoth Mill is certainly not the only mill located near cabins on Forest Service land. If this were ever to happen to a different area, the Forest Service would again have no way to secure funds and even more people would be kicked out of their cabins with no possibility of recourse.

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  - Minaret Village Shopping Center
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COUNTY TO RESTORE HOUSING MITIGATION ORDINANCE

Mono County supervisors took another step towards re-enacting a Housing Mitigation Ordinance (HMO) on Tuesday, voting on four recommended actions pertaining to the reinstatement of the currently suspended housing ordinance. The vote came after a public hearing on the matter with Wendy Sugimura, director of Community Development, reviewing an amended ordinance before the board.

An HMO would require developers to build affordable housing units or pay an in-lieu fee based on square footage as part of any new housing development in the region.

The County had previously suspended its HMO but began to explore bringing it back in 2017 after hiring BBC research and consulting to assess housing needs in the area. BBC found that “unincorporated Mono County has a need for 120-170 housing units to accommodate current needs and future employment growth.”

They came back with recommendations: updating the HMO, incentivizing the creation of affordable housing for a workforce, and collaborating with the Town of Mammoth Lakes on their own housing action items. The county then conducted nexus and fee studies, while putting together a list of housing goals and the means to achieve them.

The studies undertaken by Economic Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) analyzed Mono County housing statistics to assess housing needs. EPS also explored the possible fee structures that would allow the county to generate revenue for affordable housing development.

Sugimura and her team came up with a tiered fee package: 5% inclusionary rate on single-family residential projects consisting of multiple units and a 3% rate on multi-family residential projects and individual single-family units or accessory dwellings.

The logic: “Market rate multi-family residential project and individual single family residential projects that tend to contribute to development within existing communities and or compact development patterns are favored over single family subdivisions that tend to contribute to more sprawling development patterns.”

Supervisor Kreitz felt that separating single-family units into two fee levels could create confusion, stating “I like policies to be a little more easy for people to understand.”

The Board agreed, amending the policy so that all single-family developments would be subject to the 5% inclusionary rate, not just multi-unit developments.

Supervisor Peters saw the fee situation as a Catch-22 of sorts: “Charging such a low fee can be criticized,” said Peters, while noting that the fee structure “amounts to substantial fees for the developer the other way.”

Exemptions proved to be the other points of contention with the board. Supervisor Stump inquired about the process for defining income levels. He cited instances of people moving to low-income or “disadvantaged” areas of the county to benefit from building exemptions.

Kreitz jumped in at this point, explaining that the standard or metric for determining income levels is applied across the board, noting that a variable “just creates confusion.”

Sugimura and County Counsel Stacey Simon also noted that some conditions would require a director review permit to create accountability, “so that it’s documented what we’ve agreed to do.” If that were to be the only reason for the permit, fees would be waived, but otherwise, exemption requirements become considerations within the plan.

The board ultimately voted to: 1) enact housing mitigation requirement as modified 2) extend the current ordinance suspension to February 9, 2020 3) schedule a public hearing on December 10, 2019 to consider adoption of the resolution and 4) bring back discussion on minimum square footage requirements.

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If you wanted to add a stipulation that they needed to have the best margarita in town, you could.

—Will Soholt on granting TOT subsidies

extraordinary infrastructure cost factors

*Projects that further public policy goals (possibly workforce housing)*

Soholt added an asterisk to all these items, telling Council and the PEDC that, "Our goal should be to not subsidize something, we need to know why the private market won’t facilitate the development of a project.

“We need to know if the project is a benefit to the Town,” he said, expanding on his slides.

The presentation was a look at all the tools available to make this revenue sharing possible. He used one example of a hotel that utilized a diminished TOT (6% of the 13% currently applied) to show that a company would have a better debt ratio allowing them to remain afloat despite the uncertainty that comes with the first few years of a brand new hotel.

The 6% of the TOT (a property paying less TOT which means that it is effectively selling rooms discounted to the rest of the market) was just an example provided by Soholt. The revenue sharing options are infinite and Soholt reiterated this as he joked, "If you wanted to add a stipulation that they needed to have the best margarita in town [to receive a subsidy], you could."

When the floor opened for questions, Councilman John Wentworth started by saying, "A few years ago we were approached with a request of revenue sharing. The town didn’t have the data to understand if it was a policy goal or not. I don’t know what we should keep track of to make a decision like this."

Soholt explained that his team normally takes a phone call to see if it passes the "sniff test" and if it does they will dig deeper into the financials to establish a deal that works for both sides. He ended his answer with, "If you have a stated policy that says here is what we will consider, that could filter out some of the requests you get.”

The next issue Wentworth brought up was whether these types of funding tools would trigger prevailing wage laws to which Soholt effectively answered, "Maybe."

He added that he is not a prevailing wage lawyer and couldn’t definitely answer the question.

Town attorney Andrew Morris advocated for caution, stating "I would highly suggest getting an opinion of DIR before moving forward with any type of TOT revenue sharing."

He continued, noting that "any type of subsidy could trigger a prevailing wage."

Councilman Kirk Stapp, who is against revenue sharing, asked the consultant, "On the topic of TOT, how do you approach existing hotels in the village, how do you justify it (a lowered TOT) to them?"

Stapp had an issue with Soholt’s presentation changing the landscape of competition among hotels in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Soholt cited the high occupancy rate that the town has during winter months. Stapp told the Sheet he disagrees with that sentiment, "What about when the town has a 60% occupancy rate and the hotel (that is receiving the revenue share) can cut its' rates?"

Stapp followed up the answer with another question, "How many incentives should the town consider for developers?"

Soholt answered Stapp with a statement that summed up the entire workshop: "There isn’t a real answer. " Soholt said. "Maybe it is 0. That is a philosophical, policy and economic development question."
Mammoth High School athletic teams gear up for the 19/20 season.

By Hite

Boys Basketball
Head Coach: Robbie Presson
Last season: 14-9 (2-4 League)

Coach Robbie Presson returns for his sixth year coaching Mammoth High Boys Varsity basketball. Last year the team went 14-9 and 2-4 in the Desert Mountain League.

The goal this year: Make the playoffs.

This year’s team is younger than last year’s as the Huskies lost six seniors from a year ago. The only seniors this year are captains Cardiff Smith and Trent Presson (son of Robbie). In addition to the seniors, The Sheet asked coach Presson who to watch for and he said, “We have Ryder Radcliffe, who is a junior, and he is an all-around player and fun to watch. But there are a lot of players that will contribute; we are solid around the perimeter, and we have a big kid we can throw the ball down low to named Casey Piccione and he’s only a Sophomore."

The basketball team, like many other Mammoth teams, is in a transition year, in between divisions, and will be freelancing in the Central Section of Division Five. Presson told The Sheet, “It is the same thing for the most part - the biggest difference is every game counts as a league game so every opponent matters more.”

Presson is referring to playoffs in general because in order for Mammoth to get into the playoffs, it has to be ranked accordingly. There are no automatic bids for freelancing teams regardless of record. So every game does have a significant impact on the fate of the season. Presson added to the freelance discussion by saying, “We loaded up our schedule with future conference opponents.” They likely did this to test the waters of their division.

Their first match is an away game at Trona on Thursday, November 21, with their home opener coming on December 3 against Big Pine at 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Head Coach: Andrew Jones
Last season: 9-8 (4-2 League)

Mammoth Girls Basketball enters this “freelance” year with a deep roster of 17 girls. First-year head coach Andrew Jones broke down his roster in a conversation with the Sheet, “This is the most girls I’ve ever coached. There are eight girls who are experiencing varsity basketball for the first time (either freshman or players who played junior varsity last year). We have a few juniors and sophomores, and five senior girls led by Ella Thompson.”

Jones highlighted the seniors, “Ella Thompson is a three time MVP of Desert Mountain League (now disbanded). Sam Jones (his daughter) was first team all league, and Nicole Escobar and Maggie Raya were honorable mention.”

He noted Ella Thompson was being recruited by Junior colleges and other smaller division schools, which is extremely rare for a Mammoth athlete. Jones and the schedule makers for girls basketball had to think outside the box while making this years schedule. They ended up with a schedule that has mostly home games early and away games later in the season. Jones explained why this happened, “It was hard for us to get home games because teams weren’t required to do a home-and-home schedule with us. So we will have to travel to teams that won’t be travelling to Mammoth."

Jones highlighted the Mammoth Winter Classic, which both the boys and girls compete in, as an example of the early home games. The Huskies will host five girls team for their annual tournament. The team has 24 games which is seven more than last year but this excited Jones, “I am happy with the amount of games we have, and I am excited that we have 17 quality girls on our varsity squad”

The Huskies girls basketball team starts its season by hosting Big Pine on December 3 at a time to be announced. The next game is a home match against Boron at 5:30 p.m. on December 10. Then Mammoth will participate in the Mammoth Winter Classic from December 12-14.
Boys Soccer
Head Coach: Jose Garcia
Last season: 3-5-2 (1-2-2 League)

Jose Garcia was the assistant coach for the Boys Soccer team last year but now he is the head coach and his brother, Juan Garcia, is the assistant coach. In his first year he will take control of a team that is younger than last year.

Garcia didn’t have the roster handy but told the Sheet, “I think we have seven returning varsity players. A couple seniors and the rest of the team are freshmen.”

The Husky Boys will be led by senior captains Alfredo Delgado, Muriel Murguia, and Cristian Martinez.

On the switch from the High Desert League to freelancing, Garcia believed it will make it harder to make the playoffs. “We have to win almost all of the games. We beat Boron 6-0 (on November 15) and then tied Bishop 1-1 yesterday (November 19), but it will be hard.”

Garcia also explained what he wanted out of the season, “Not being in the league this year, I just hope the boys do well because I want it to be a successful year for our seniors.”

As coach Garcia stated, the team’s record is 1-0-1. Their next home match is at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 25. They then play an away match against Bishop Union at 3 p.m. on December 3 before hosting California City at 3 p.m. on December 5.

Girls Soccer
Head Coach: Brittany Fernie
Last season: 5-6 (4-0 League)

Mammoth Girls Soccer follows the trend of Mammoth teams that have a new head coach at the wheel. Brittany Fernie, with assistant coach Kyle Howell, are set to take over the program after Tom Cage’s departure.

“Kyle Howell and I are inheriting a great team,” said Fernie. “Tom Cage worked hard to build the program into what it is today. Kyle has coached many of the girls in AYSO, and I was Cage’s assistant coach last year so the transition has been relatively smooth.”

While the team is coming off an undefeated record in league despite a 5-6 season, it graduated seven seniors last year.

“We have a pretty young team this year,” Fernie explained, “but the girls have the right attitude and work ethic to make it a memorable season. They already have an incredible sense of camaraderie and they’re willing to work hard; that’s all I can ask for as a coach.”

The Girls Soccer team beat Boron 7-0 on November 15 before traveling to Bishop and losing by the same score on November 19.

The Huskies next host Big Bear at 12 p.m. on November 23, before another home match at 11 a.m. on November 25.

BISHOP FOOTBALL
ADVANCES TO SEMIFINALS

The Bishop Union High School Broncos secured a round 2 CIF win as they beat Foothill High 34-14 last Friday night at home.

Luke McClean ran for 3 touchdowns, threw a TD pass to Joe Weaver and Bishop advanced to the CIF Central Section Division 6 semifinals.

The Bronco defense was anchored by Kennedy Batchelder who turned in a team high 10 solo tackles. Luke McClean added 8 solo tackles and three tackles for a loss. Trevin Moose, Tristan Valle, Anthony Diaz, Garrett Martinez, Uriah Benally, Edward Ray and Caden Lanphear did a great job on the defensive line.

The Broncos now advance to the semifinals this Friday when they will host Lindsay. Also in the bracket, California City will host Orosi in the other Division 6 semifinal game.
MHS VOLLEYBALL DROPS FINAL

Mammoth High rolled into the Southern section finals of the CIF division five state girls volleyball championship by beating Elizabeth in four sets, 25-18, 18-25, 25-13, 25-18.

This set up a Southern Section final, and CIF Division Five semifinal, against University High School of Los Angeles. University beat Kerman in the quarterfinals, while Mammoth lost to Kerman in the Central Section final two weeks before on November 9.

The gym was as full as it could be; Mammoth High School Athletic Director Heidi Thompson said, “I think it [the gym] is the most packed I’ve ever seen it; you never see people sitting on the ground.”

The students were chanting the entire match and the crowd went crazy every time the Huskies pulled out a point.

Which made the team’s five-set loss even more difficult to swallow.

The Huskies fell 25-15, 23-25, 25-23, 21-25, 13-15 to University, a team which had a few players that actually rivaled the play of Ella Thompson, Drew Presson, Kendall Lach, and Sara Mueller.

Stats courtesy of volleyball co-head coach Kevin Gilfoy, “Ella Thompson had 20 kills while hitting .279 and added 15 digs to her stat line. Drew Presson had 15 kills, 11 digs and a 92% serving performance. Sophomore Sara Mueller had 13 kills with a .308 hitting percentage and added 4 blocks to our defensive effort. Kendall Lach had 5 kills. Erica Lynch posted 19 digs in the back row and served 93.8% on the evening. Makenna Kumlue had another perfect match from the service line. Adi Witherill had 19 assists. Sam Jones had 25 assists. Keely Podosin served right at 90% for the night.”

Two points more and the Huskies would have won and gone onto the CIF Division Five finals, but the season ended painfully (literally) when Sam Jones took a spike to the face on match point.

It was a tough ending to a 29-7-1 season for first year head coaches Kevin Gilfoy and Erin LeFrancois.
HELPING TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIVERSE

Katie Bouman speaks about her pioneering research into black holes

A crowd gathered at Cerro Coso Community College in Bishop on the night of Thursday, November 14, to hear a talk by Dr. Katie Bouman, an assistant professor of computing and mathematical sciences (CMS) and electrical engineering at CalTech. Bouman was in town to give a presentation, titled "Imaging the Unseen: Taking the First Picture of a Black Hole", as part of the Owens Valley Radio Observatory’s 2019 Lecture Series.

Bouman was a member of the team at the Event Horizons Telescope, a project that generated the first-ever picture of a black hole earlier this year; a tweet showing her reaction to seeing the black hole image for the first time went viral soon thereafter. The team at Event Horizons focused on this project numbered over two hundred individuals including physicists, engineers, and data scientists from around globe.

Bouman explained that the Event Horizons Telescope had pushed the boundaries of interdisciplinary learning, as it leaned on research from fields such as data science, computing, astronomy, and physics.

She began her presentation by illustrating the 55 million light-year distance between Earth and Messier 87 (M87), the galaxy where the black hole in question is located. Bouman zoomed in repeatedly on a large image on the night sky until reaching the final image of the black hole at the nucleus of M87. With that picture, Bouman said, "humanity had taken an image of something thought impossible." That image represents the culmination of ten years of work, with nearly two of those years spent solely on processing all the data retrieved.

That data came in petabytes, equivalent to 1,000 terabytes, in such quantities that it all had to be put on planes and flown to a common location for calibration and analysis.

Bouman likened the process to playing a song on a piano with a lot of broken keys. You have to be able recognize the "song" that’s being played even though a limited set of notes exists to produce the correct sound. If you were to increase the number of available keys, the tune becomes easier to pick out.

With black hole imagery, it’s not as easy; you can’t simply add telescopes and data points at your own discretion. Bouman explained that it would take an earth sized telescope to get the full data set required, although they are exploring other ways of obtaining the data such as satellites.

The Event Horizons team has also set its sights on another black hole, this one much closer and smaller than than the one in M87. Sagittarius A star (SagA*) sits at the center of the Milky Way and is theorized to be a supermassive black hole. Gas rotates around this site in the span of thirty minutes, whereas M87 saw hours long rotations, making it easier to capture the image.

Current methods of data capture and analysis don’t work with SagA*, according to Bouman, but Event Horizons has been exploring new sites, including one at Owens Valley Radio Observatory that could provide the boost needed. In that case, Bouman theorized, we may even be able to create a video of the black hole.

During the question and answer session, Bouman was inevitably asked what the point was in photographing black holes. “Humanity likes to understand the universe.” Bouman said.

“People did basic science without knowing it could impact the future...we’re curious, we want to know more.”
Lee Vining freshman wins poetry competition

Five Mono County high schoolers took the stage at Edison Theatre on Friday night November 15 to compete for the title of Mono County poetry recitation champion.

The tenth edition of the Poetry Out Loud competition, supported by both the Mono and California Arts Councils, brought students ages 13-17 from Coleville, Lee Vining, and Mammoth High Schools together to recite self-selected poems in front of a panel of judges.

Shira Dubrovner, artistic director at Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre (MLRT), played the part of emcee of the evening as well as coach for the students competing.

Dubrovner estimated that she’d made between two and four visits to each school, spending up to thirty minutes with each student coaching them through their selected poems.

This year’s competitors, winners of school-wide competitions, were Storme Donahue and Catarino Reeve of Coleville High School, Jasper Page (no relation to this story’s author) from Mammoth High School and sisters Kira and Anna Wanner of Lee Vining High School. Page, Reeve, and Kira Wanner are all freshman at their respective schools while Donohue and Anna are juniors.

The judges, selected for their backgrounds in education, were retired religion professor Malcolm Clark, Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent Jennifer Wildman, local filmmaker Trevor Van Winkle, MLRT veteran Juliana Olinka-Jones, Noelle DeInken, and former Mammoth mayor Jo Bacon.

The judges were asked to score the competitors on a scale of one to six in four categories: physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding, and on a scale of one to nine in overall performance.

The evaluations also featured an accuracy score, worth up to eight points, that Dubrovner stressed as a key make-or-break factor in determining the winner.

Before Dubrovner announced the winner and runner-up, each student was given the chance to introduce themselves to the audience and talk about their plans after high school.

Reeve told the crowd that he was just happy to be performing, noting “I like to do things like this” while Page, a freshman, explained that he didn’t really know what life after high school would look like. Donohue, the eventual runner-up, expressed a desire to study neuroscience and attend medical with the end goal of becoming a psychiatrist. The Wanner sisters both talked about taking time to traveling and working abroad after high school.

The big winner of the night turned out to also be the youngest. Kira Wanner took home the grand prize for her recitations of “Let Evening Come” by Jane Kenyon and “Songs For The People” by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper. She also let Dubrovner know that she was actually thirteen after Dubrovner had explained earlier in the night that those competing were between fourteen and seventeen years old. The spoils? Each competitor walked away with a $50 gift certificate and each judge got a bottle of wine as a thank you.

As for Wanner, she’ll head to Sacramento in March to take part in the statewide competition against more than forty other county and district winners from around California. Wanner will perform two poems, one on March 15 at a dinner reception, and the other the next day in the State Senate chambers. If she places in the top ten, she would perform a third time later that day.

The winner of the statewide competition goes to Washington D.C. in April to compete for the national title.

In the event that Wanner is unable to go to Sacramento, Donohue would go in her stead.

Winner Kira Wanner, Dubrovner and runner-up Storme Donohue
HOLDING COURT

David Court pushes for common ground in Climate Change debate

By Page

The setting: Thanksgiving Day

Time: Between dinner and dessert, when everyone has nothing better to do than talk and drink.

Scene: Eventually, talk turns to current affairs and and all these wildfires in California. (Insert relative here) brings up climate change and (insert other relative here) laughs and dismisses the topic. General heated conversation and growing tensions.

While that may not be the textbook standard for a Thanksgiving dinner, it certainly doesn’t require a stretch of the imagination to capture a sort of conversation that can be difficult. David Court may have an answer for you.

Court, a teacher at Santa Barbara Community College, brought his lecture “How To Talk About Climate Change Without Ruining Thanksgiving Dinner” back to Mammoth Brewing Company for a second year. The lecture came as part of the “Mountain Culture Speaker Series” put together by the Adventure Hub and benefitting the High Sierra Energy Foundation.

Court also works at the Earth Research Institute at UC Santa Barbara and spends time in the Sierra as a guide for California Alpine Guides. He took advantage of the time back in town to get re-certified as a Wilderness First Responder.

Court explained that the concept for the lecture came from a “Climate and Weather” course that he teaches at SBCC. Towards the end of the semester, he brings those two topics together to talk about climate change as a way of building tools to have a debate with those who may disagree.

He focused on the term “synoptic” as a key component of his presentation, that is, allowing for a comprehensive view of a whole situation.

Court tackled the issue by presenting the “myths” of climate change, arguments that people may use that either deny the existence of climate change or minimize its impacts.

The first myth: “The science is not settled. If the Earth is heating up, then why is it cold?” The key to debunking this myth lies in separating climate from weather; Court likened weather to the loving person you know. If your love gets mad when the Packers lose, explained Court, that’s just a temporary outburst that doesn’t reflect their overall personality. If your grandfather gets mad when the Packers lose, explained Court, that’s just a temporary outburst that doesn’t reflect the loving person you know.

Second myth: “Weather predictions have always been wrong... climate predictions are wrong.” This is a piece of the first myth that relies on understanding the difference between climate and weather. In this instance, scientists are able to track climate change on a historical scale through natural phenomena like tree rings, ice and sediment cores, ocean buoys, and satellites.

Couch pointed to thermohaline circulation, the movement of warm and cool water around the ocean, as an example; we know that the ocean is warming up and if the temperature were to become too warm, that circulation would slow down or stop. This would kill wildlife, disrupt weather patterns, the list goes on.

Third myth: “Humans can’t possibly be the problem... climate change is natural” Well, in some cases yes. Earth’s rotation changes slightly every year and natural phenomena like volcanoes cannot discharge enough ash and gas to alter the climate. But the rate at which the climate has changed is unprecedented; Court showed a picture of a glacier line in Chamonix, France from 1990. Almost thirty years later, the glacier had shrunk so much that it was out of sight from that point today.

The fourth and final myth: “So what if the planet gets warmer... isn’t that a good thing?” Court argued that while, yes it might make for longer growing seasons and open up new lands, the drought, famine and rising sea levels that would accompany it warming would kill wildlife and make it much harder for humans to live.

Court also pointed out that “it’s unfortunate when you start politicizing science.” “Political debate over climate change has long resembled contest to see which party can discredit itself more.” said Court. He pushed back on liberals for hyperbolizing extreme doomsday scenarios and avoiding any approach that employed a semblance of conservative values (i.e. the economy). Conservatives, according to Court, often find climate change to be an anti-capitalist hoax while espousing values that favor the economy, protection and “moral purity, values that Court says are not inconsistent with climate policy.

One audience member asked Court how to deal with her parents, who would undercut her points about climate change by asking what she was doing to affect it. Court, after a moment of gathering thoughts, had to concede that he didn’t fully know.

In his conclusion, Court advocated finding common ground in a debate by using the “Cold War” solution: putting aside differences to unite against a common threat.

“We’ve seen this before,” said Court. “We were able to move away from a hostile relationship towards collaboration.”
**BARS & MUSIC**

**Happy Hour /**
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill.  
Happy hour 3-6 p.m. 1/2 off wings on Mon-Thurs. More info: See ad pg. 3.  
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Mon-Fri., Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.  
Morrison's Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. all summer Sunday through Thursday in the bar. More info: See ad p. 19.  
Mammoth Tavern 'N' Bowl Mon. DJ 9:00 p.m. Thurs. DJ 10 p.m.  
Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4-7 p.m. daily. $6 dollar menu items, drink specials. Info: See ad p. 3.  
Petra's happy hour. 5-7 p.m. Signature cocktails, special menu. See ad p. 3.  
Roberto's Happy Hour: 4-6 p.m. daily.  
Austria Hof happy hour 5-7 p.m.  
The Public House Local Mondays (all local beers are $5 a pint). Karaoke Tuesdays @ 8:00. ½ Priced Wine on Wednesdays, Open Mic night Thursdays.  
Famous Slocums Happy Hour Mon./ Fri.-4-6, Sat. 4-5:30 closed Sundays. No reservations “Just Come on In!” More info: See ad p. 5.  
Giovanni's Happy Hour daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.  
Shelter Distilling Open 11am -11pm  
Daily Happy Hour: 3-5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday/Half Off All Drinks Info: See ad. p. 12.  
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar with food and drink specials.  
Bleu Daily Happy Hour 5-6 p.m.  
$5 Beer, Wine and Small Plates.  
Devils Creek Distillery tasting room hours. 3-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Location: Industrial Park, 123  
53 Kitchen & Cocktails happy hour Friday-Sunday. Time: 2-4 p.m.  
Black Velvet Coffee happy hour 4-6. Wine tastings on Wednesdays.  
Rafters daily happy hour 4-6 p.m. All night happy hour on Thursday.  
Jimmy’s Taverna 1/2 off select bottles on Wine Wednesday. 4-6 p.m. Happy hour every day 4-6 p.m with special menu at the bar.  
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 daily. Mammoth Tavern Happy hour 4-5:30 p.m. Half off draft beer, well drinks and wine. App specials  
**Sunday, November 24/ Catch all the NFL action @ Liberty, Clocktower, Gomez in Mammoth and the Palate Palace in Bishop see ad pg. 3.**

**Monday, November 25/ Monday Night Football @ Liberty Bar. 1/2 off wings and extended happy hour 3-8 p.m.**

**Tuesday, November 26/ Team trivia at Mammoth Brewing Co.**  
Time: 7 p.m. Free.  
Karaoke @ Public House. 8 p.m.  
**Wednesday, November 27/ In the Biz Wednesdays @ Mammoth Rock ’n Bowl. $1 games and $1 shoes after 9 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 28/ Open Mic Night @ Public House. 8 p.m. 1/2 off wing night and extended happy hour for Thursday Night Football @ Liberty.**

**TOWN STUFF**

**Friday, November 22/ June Pie Grand opening, @ 2588 Hwy. 58, June Lake. Stop at noon for a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of June Lake’s own NY-style Pizzeria More info: 760.648.7774, or email info@balancedrocksaloon.com**

**Green Drinks Networking Meetup @ The Fort, Mammoth Lakes. Stop by for a casual networking meetup with people from industries across the spectrum of employment. Time: 4-6 p.m. Turkey Bingo @ June Lake Loop Community Center, Hosted by the June Lake Loop Women’s club, these bingo games promise a Thanksgiving Turkey for the winners. Time: 6 p.m. Bishop Girls Soccer plays Big Bear at Bishop High School. 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 23/ Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center scheduled opening. Get on track this season and explore the Mammoth Lakes Basin on snowshoes or Nordic skis. Info: Mammothmountain.com**

**Alabama Hills Natural History Interpretive Hike: “The Alabama Hills Under Our Feet!” @ Eastern Sierra Visitor Center. Hear geological and cultural tales on a short walk through corridors and crags nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Wear layered clothing for a range of conditions, sturdy footwear and bring plenty of water. Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Info: call Dave Kirk at 760.872.5000 or Molly Trauscht at 760.872.1250 Eastern Sierra Bowmen Annual Turkey Shoot Eastern Sierra Bowmen Archery Club is hosting their annual Turkey Shoot at the Millpond Archery Range off of Highway 395. Prizes include turkeys for adults and cornish game hens for the kids. Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mammoth Girls Soccer plays Big Bear at Whitmore. Time: Noon.**

**Sunday, November 24/ Alabama Hills Natural History Interpretive Hike: “These Alabama Hills Are Alive” @ Eastern Sierra Visitor Center. Explore the mysteries hidden within the granite rocks and passageways and learn about the area’s wildlife. A moderately strenous hike with occasional steep sections. Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Info: call Dave Kirk at 760.872.5000 or Molly Trauscht at 760.872.1250 Monday, November 25/ Mammoth High School Soccer plays Burroughs @ Whitmore Field. Girls: 11 a.m., Boys 1 p.m. Bishop City Council meets in Council Chambers. 377 West Line St. Time: 6 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 28/ Mammoth Lakes Turkey Trot More info: see sidebar pg.15 November 29-30/ Train Rides at the Laws Museum Ride the historic Death Valley Railroad Brill Car. Tickets available at the train station for the day of, $5/person and children ride free with adults. Time: 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Info: https://lawsmuseum.org**

**November 29-December 1/ #MadelnMammothMakers Market @ Minaret Village Shopping Center. Hosted by the Mono Arts Council. Info: see sidebar pg. 15**

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### Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot
Join Mammoth Track Club, The Town of Mammoth Lakes, and Visit Mammoth for the 5th Annual Mammoth Lakes Turkey Trot! Start your Thanksgiving morning out right and come out for a two mile run on a brand new course on the streets of Mammoth Lakes. This is a fun, family friendly event! Costumes and fun are encouraged. Packet pick up at 7:30 a.m. race starts 9 a.m. All Participants Receive: -Complimentary Hot Chocolate -Signature Mammoth Lakes Turkey Trot Beanie

### White Friday XC ski sale
Purchase a set of gently used cross-country ski gear for a fraction of the price and you’ll be sliding in style all winter. Come by the Tamarack Cross-Country Ski Center early on Friday, Nov 29 (doors open 8 a.m.) for the best selection from last year’s demo equipment. Inventory is limited and sells out fast.

### MLBOR Holiday Food Drive
Please drop off any non-perishable food item at any Mammoth Lakes real estate office between now and December 4. Info: 760.934.4637/info@mlbor.com.

### Makers Market
Mono Arts Council hosts the #Mammoth2x Mono Arts Council Gallery. Join local artists Miguel Flores for step-by-step instruction in acrylics. Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Info and ticket:
https://monoarts.org/Mammoth Ice Rink Opening Night @ Mammoth Ice Rink. Celebrate the opening of the rink for 19/20 season with free admission and rentals following the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Village At Mammoth Holiday Tree Lighting. Kick off the holiday season with free fun for the whole family. Live music starts at 5:45 p.m., with the lighting at 6:45 p.m. and appearances throughout by both Santa and Woolly. Used Equipment Cross Country Ski Sale @ Tamarack XC Ski Center. Snag gently used XC ski equipment for a fraction of the price. Doors open at 8 a.m. - first come, first served. Social Ballroom Dance @ Bishop Senior Center. Non-formal, all are welcome. Time: 7-9 p.m. Info: call Donovan and Theresa Otto at 760.872.2175.

### Black Friday Ladies Night @ Cardinal Village Resort. Start the holiday shopping season off the right way with wine, cheese, prizes, and discounts on holiday gifts. Time: 7-9 p.m.

### November 30-December 1 / Cardinal Village Tree Sale and Christmas Fun @ Cardinal Village Resort. Stop by to pick up a freshly cut pine tree for Christmas, with free ice-skating and a visit from Santa (Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday: 2-5 p.m.) Info: see sidebar this page. Unbound Series #1: Slalom / Giant Slalom @ Mammoth Mountain Main Park. Catch the first Unbound event of the 19/20 season at Mammoth. Spend the day as a spectator or sign-up to compete, with a chance to qualify for USASA championships. Head down to the Village afterwards for an appearance from Santa and Woolly. Note: must be a USASA member to compete. Time: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration and general info:
https://www.mammothmountain.com/

### Saturday, November 30 / Film History in the Alabama Hills @ Eastern Sierra Visitor Center. Presented by ESIA. Walk lasts from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Covers an area of Movie Flat that includes locations from memorable films such as Gunga Din, Tremors, and Django Unchained. A relatively easy walk on existing roads and trails covering less than one mile. Wear layers clothing for a range of conditions, study footwear and bring plenty of water. Info: call Dave Kirk at 760.872.5000 or Molly Trauscht at 760.872.1200.

### Santaville @ The Village at Mammoth. Stop by McCoy Sports in the Village to check out Santaville, with opportunities to take photos with the Big Man in Red himself.

### Sunday, December 1 / Alabama Hills Natural History Interpretive Hike "The Alabama Hills Under Our Feet" Info: see calendar description pg. 14.

### Monday, December 2 / Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tours @ Owens Valley Radio Observatory. See the "Big Ears" up close and learn about the work that the observatory does. Tours meet in front of the Mayer Control Building. Time: 1-2 p.m. Info: Dr. Mark Hodges 760.938.2875 x109.

### Mammoth Mountain Thanksgiving Weekend
Mammoth Mountain kicks off the holiday season with a weekend of activities. From Thanksgiving Dinner in the Village to the first Unbound event of the season, there’s plenty of action to catch. Santa and Woolly will be making appearances all weekend so be sure to get your photos in! The highlight of the weekend is the Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday night, with live music starting at 5:45 p.m and the lighting taking place at 6:45 p.m.

### Cardinal Village Christmas Festival
Cardinal Village is hosting its 5th annual Christmas Festival this holiday season. The festival kicks off Thanksgiving Weekend and is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until December 22. The festival features freshly cut Christmas trees, sledding, a snow maze, caroling and plenty of holiday shopping. The Gingerbread Cafe will have hot drinks and snacks for all ages. This is one holiday celebration you should be sure not to miss!

### One Man Christmas Carol
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- Be sure to put it on your calendars: November 29th, 30th, and December 1st.
- Don’t forget to shop our online gallery! We’re adding new items all the time.

### Avalanche Dynamics Art Project
- When: Through November 30
- Where: Forest Island Studios at the Main Street Promenade (Mammoth Luxury Outlet Mall).
- The Forest Island Project third session artists – Alice Kohnitz, Brian O’Connell and Nina Waisman – are showing work developed during their session artist residency.

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### AT THE MOVIES
- **Five**
  - **Fridays**: 7:45pm, 6:45pm, 4:30pm, 2:30pm
  - **Sat-Sun**: 9:30pm, 7:30pm, 5:30pm

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### White Out Extravaganza
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Mammoth Rock N Bowl has immediate openings for 2 Assistant Pinsetter Mechanics, who will perform maintenance and upkeep on Qubica/AMF Bowling Equipment. Additional responsibilities include Facility Maintenance Projects. This is a part-time, hourly position with flexible hours and a starting salary range between $16.00 - 18.00/hour.

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa maintenance/technician position. This is a Full Time Position (Monday through Friday). This position offers vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Hourly lifting is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1810 Tavert Road Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be e-mailed to mammothspa@aol.com.

Surefoot Mammoth is hiring for the upcoming winter season! Seeking passionate skiers to fill multiple full time bootloader/sales associate positions. We offer competitive pay and a season pass with time to use it. Must have excellent customer service skills and be able to work in a fast paced work environment. This is a great opportunity to learn an important skill in the ski industry. Please contact Mammoth@surefoot.com or stop by the store to fill out an application. Please include your resume. Part time positions are available.

Vacasa is hiring full and part time housekeepers in June Lake with pay starting at $18.00 per hour. Apply online at vacasa.com/careers. Summer Haus Motel and Hostel is hiring for year round permanent position for Front Desk. Excellent pay DOE. Contact Todd @ 760-934-2441 or stop by and see us in person at 3905 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes.

Seasonal/Condominiums Rentals downtown desk position. FT reservation/guest service position open. Must be computer literate, enjoy working with guests, - guests want turn around - quick and easy. Fri, Sat, Sun, daytime hours, Sun-Tues afternoon-evening. Email resume: teni@seasons4.com and we'll set up an interview. Immediate hire. Teton is seeking PT/FT help. Fun place to work, cozy, comfortable. Stop in or call 760-924-7277.

Kittredge Sports is now hiring part and full time retail positions. We are looking for responsible, motivated individuals interested in working with us. Must have a positive attitude, willingness to learn new skills and enjoy working with people. Come enjoy a fun working environment, opportunity to work in the board shop, learn about the latest equipment, and enjoy competitive discounts. Apply in person or email resume to dj@kittredge.net. Kittredge Sports is looking for a full time Senior Staff Accountant to join our team! Competitive pay, benefits, and a great working environment. To apply, visit: https://mammoth-hospital.breezy.hr/p/cf93fcd7f-1-senior-staff-accountant

Help Wanted

Alpenhof Lodge is accepting applications for winter employment. We are looking for full-time and part-time team members for year round and seasonal positions. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Day and evening front desk shifts, housekeeping and maintenance shifts are available. Please apply in person at 6800 Minaret Rd, Mammoth.

Hot Creek Aviation is accepting applications for a full-time Customer Service position and part-time seasonal positions. We are looking for friendly, service-oriented people to join our team. Please apply in person or email your resume to customer.service@hotcreekaviation.com or call 760-924-9127.

Part-time legal secretary to cover vacation of full-time person and work 2-4 days a month. Must be comfortable using a computer and have administrative/secretarial experience. We are happy to train the right person. Email resume to pmcorto@timothysanfordlaw.com.

Onsite Condo Management Position Available: Requires hands-on organized individual/couple experienced in seeing and doing what needs to be done, including providing friendly and helpful customer service for renters and owners, lawn and landscape maintenance, snow removal, snow blowing, pool & spa cleaning, cleaning restrooms, general repairs, obtaining project bids, computer, website & office skills. Must be a team player, self-starter & dependable. Need full-time plus housing, utilities & medical insurance. Email reservations@mammothlakes.com or Fax Resume 760-934-1703.

Not-for-Profit Organization

Northwest Construction Tommy's San Francisco is accepting applications for an Office Manager - who represents the company. Excellent working knowledge of Microsoft OfficeSuite, Excel, Word, Accounting. Excellent communication and organizational skills. Ability to multi-task. Valid California Drivers License and Full MIL ground operator license is a plus. Please submit your resume to pmcorto@timothysanfordlaw.com.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Government Code Sections 66350, that at the regular meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to be held in the Boardroom of the Mono County Administration Building, 110 Justice St., Bridgeport, CA 93517, on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 9:30 AM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing, at which oral and written presentations may be made, regarding a proposed resolution imposing housing mitigation fees that shall be deposited into the Housing Trust Fund for the purposes of implementing housing programs with a focus on those identified as priorities, as well as other programs that meet needs through acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or rehabilitation and subject to the provisions of Mono County Code (MCC) Chapter 15.40, Housing Mitigation Requirements. MCC Chapter 15.40 has been suspended since 2011.

Fee and nexus studies supporting the proposed fees are available at: https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/planning/page/mono-notices-fee-schedule.

Project materials are available for public review at the Community Development Department offices in Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes. For more information call 760.924.1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS may appear before the Board to present testimony or, prior to or at the hearing, file written correspondence with: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, PO Box 715, Bridgeport, CA 93517.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Local Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is the multi-modal listing of capital improvement projects of the Local Transportation Commission. The adoption of the RTIP is exempt from CEQA (guideline section 15276 (a)).

9:30 a.m. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE to adopt Resolution B19-10 approving the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP is a multi-modal listing of capital improvement projects of the Local Transportation Commission. The adoption of the RTIP is exempt from CEQA (guideline section 15276 (a)).

By Hart and Marv

The Falcons are on their 5th punter for the season. How bad is your offense so that you break five punters?

Carter out

And from Hartley …
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...something. Whatever it’s for, I hope Delon Sanders does it, too.

John Fox used to coach the Bears. He now says he wanted to draft someone other than Mitch Trubisky while he was there. That is rich. John Fox talking about a QB is like me talking about sobriety. The guy has run the most boring, predictable offenses in the history of the NFL. If he had drafted Tom Brady and Joe Montana, he’d find a way to make them ordinary. He’s just an old guy trying to market himself for another job that’s never going to come.

I was watching Ben Roethlisberger on the sidelines during the most recent Steeler game. I know Ben had shoulder surgery but it obviously hasn’t affected his ability to bend his elbow and force cupcakes into his mouth. He is getting large. Jerome Bettis large.

Rams. If you remove WR Cooper Kupp from the Rams game plan, Jared Goff gets confused. I know they say you can’t read a book by its cover, but given Goff’s cover is a blank stare …

...what you gotta do be a joke with their leadership. Punks instigate and then be a victim. This confirms it. They still aren’t.”

Robert Quinn said after the Garrett suspension that the NFL is becoming soft. So if you can’t beat people in their bare heads with hard weapons the game is soft? Let that punk go do some MMA or something. Get his ass kicked by someone face to face with no weapons and see who is soft.

Myles Garrett. Remember, I said there was something wrong with this kid when he got drafted based on his own comments. Now after trying to crack another player’s skull with his own helmet, he claims Rudolph made a racial comment and that’s what got him enraged. Okay … cowardly. Cowardly move. Come on. Can you substantiate that? No one but you and him there? No one to refute it. Cowardly. He is a punk.

What is wrong with us?? I mean this is a microcosm of society now …

Check out this story. McDonalds employees are suing the company for the redesigns of their stores. Why?

Because apparently the company has redesigned stores in a way that makes it easier for CUSTOMERS TO JUMP OVER OR AROUND COUNTERS TO ATTACK THE EMPLOYEES. What? The F&$k?? What??

Employees complain they have been threatened with guns, beaten with a wet-floor sign, had kitchen equipment thrown at them by a naked customer, been pepper-sprayed, been flashed and propositioned, and even urinated upon, according to the complaint. In the Chicago area, there are more than 20 calls every day to emergency services from McDonald’s stores, the suit said.

If you know all this is going on, don’t redesign the stores - that you keep open 24 hours a day, endangering your employees. This is insane. If you are McDonalds, close these stores. Just close them. If an area is so bad you have people committing those acts on your people, close the store. The money you are making is not worth it. And make those lowlife miscreants eat somewhere else.
**TWO DEAD IN CRASH**

**Press Release**

On November 21, at approximately 5:15 a.m., a blue Volvo semi tractor/trailer was making a turn from the Shell Gas Station, located in Pearsonville, Calif., northbound onto US-395.

At the same time, a gray Honda CRV was traveling northbound along US-395 at an unknown rate of speed.

As the semi truck was halfway onto US-395, the Honda CRV collided with the left side of the truck.

The driver of the Honda CRV sustained major injuries and was flown to Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield. Two other passengers of the Honda CRV sustained fatal injuries at the collision scene. The driver of the semi truck was not injured in the collision.

Both northbound lanes of US-395 were closed, but a detour route was made available. Personnel from the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department, Kern County Sheriff’s Department, Kern County Fire Department, Olancha Volunteer Fire Department, Inyo County Coroner’s Department, Caltrans, Sierra Life Flight, and the California Highway Patrol responded to the collision scene.

This collision is still under investigation by the California Highway Patrol. The identities of the deceased parties will be released through the Inyo County Coroner’s Office once next of kin has been notified.

The deceased were both in their 70s.
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