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The DSES Springtacular took place this past week. For more, see p. 10

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BANK ON IT

By Klusmire

The camel's nose has officially entered the tent. Said camel is the idea that Eastern Sierra water could be exported and sold to thirsty towns or regions along the route of the LA Aqueduct instead of running downhill only

to Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power made a bare-bones, mostly vague announcement that it is planning some sort of "water banking" project that could possibly take water from an undisclosed

source in the Owens Valley/Eastern Sierra and "bank" it in the Rose Valley aquifer, located south of Haiwee Reservoir. Then when LADWP decides it needs that water, it could pump it out and send it down the LA Aqueduct to ... somewhere.

The prospect of any such move was quickly condemned by members of the Inyo County Water Commission at its meeting held Monday, April 22. Both the concept of water banking and the apparent location of the potential "bank" drew criticism and predictions it could create a host of significant legal and environmental issues.

Any water banking plan in the southern end of the Owens Valley could "open the door" to the possibility of LADWP conducting "water transfers to the Antelope Valley," said Commission Chair Teri Red Owl. "It's very concerning." (Note: Ridgecrest and the corporate owners of surrounding pistachio orchards are in a fight with the state over a dangerously low aquifer because of excessive groundwater pumping. Buying water from LADWP to replenish that aquifer has been brought up and thus far shot down by Inyo County and LADWP.)

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END OF AN ERA



Different angles of the Nevados demolition which took place this week.

LEVEL UNLOCKED

By Milender



Lucas Dutton, in his studio.

In the far recesses of the Internet is a place they call The Backrooms. It's an extradimensional space made of impossibly large, impossibly empty, and completely fictional rooms and spaces. People around the world traffic these spaces. They contribute to its lore.

It is a place of liminal places.

And there are levels to it.

Level 33 is an empty shopping mall, 1,000 miles long. One in a state of corrosion. The walls are molding. Plants grow wild through the storefront grates.

"The mall will progressively become more worn down the further you travel," reads the description of Level 33.

On Old Mammoth Road, next to Dan McConnell's TV office, is Lucas Dutton's recording studio. It's called L33. Named for the space, and from, what Dutton says, is "a lifetime of nerdiness."

Located 300 miles away from the city home to the most recording studios in the world, Dutton's venture is, quite literally, in a league of its own in Mammoth Lakes.

I asked Dutton if it was hard—hanging a shingle in a town without a roof.

But he says he likes having to do everything, himself. There are no quick cheats. No cut-throughs. That actually, he wishes there was stiffer competition in town, citing the theory that the best thing for a busy restaurant is to have another busy restaurant open up across the street.

But absent a challenger, Dutton knows he's attending to a need in town.

"We actually have a pretty good per capita ratio of musicians, creative types," he says. "If I go ask 10 people about their creative projects in Mammoth, I'll probably get 4 or 5 decent answers. Back in San Diego, it's 2 or 3."

Why? I ask him.

"It's just the place. Geography. A lot of people run to or from here for some reason. A lot of those people are dealing with emotions. Emotional people make stuff," Dutton says. "We've both met them—the Peter Pans. The Tinkerbells."

But Dutton, himself, is no

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OLD MEN’S VICES

I’ve got to hand it to Inyo CAO Nate Greenberg and Inyo County Counsel John Vallejo. Their approach to staffing and compensation of Inyo County Public Defenders has won the day.

On Friday, Elizabeth Corpora’s contract for Public Defender services is on the Inyo Supervisors special meeting agenda.

If approved, that would be the 4th and final contract for the 4th and final slot. Rory Kalin, Bryan Mack and Gerard Harvey have already signed.

The Kalin hiring, covered in The Sheet’s March 23 issue, was controversial because of Kalin’s past history in Humboldt County - which led him to sue Humboldt (his former employer). But it appears to have served as the domino to get others to sign, lest they get shut out and have to (gulp) rely on private clients.

Other news in Inyo. Talk about a Family Affair. Since Trina Orrill became District 1 Supervisor, the county has hired her brother (public works) and her sister-in-law (tax collector’s office).

I’ve been reading D.J. Taylor’s terrific successor biography, “Orwell: The New Life” to the first biography he published in 2003.

As Taylor writes, “Like Dickens, his [Orwell’s] message can be reduced to the slogan ‘Behave Decently,’ which, as he himself pointed out, is either a gigantic cliché or two of the most important words that you can say to anybody about anything.”

And as Orwell wrote in an essay published in 1944, “There is little doubt that the modern cult of power worship is bound up with modern man’s feelings that life here and now is the only life there is.”

Which I interpret, 80 years later, as, “The future seems a bit hopeless, so I’m gonna ‘live my best life’ (whatever the hell that means, but it apparently relates to travel and IG posts and living comfortably and a sprinkle of general ostentation) and not worry too much, if at all, about others.”

Which is fundamentally depressing.

I think about my YMCA summer camp motto from umpteen years ago. “God First, the other fellow second, myself last.” So quaint. God, the other fellow, and Elvis have long left the building.

I have a copy on my refrigerator of a poem by Gayla Wolf’s late husband Martin Wolf, who in his later years fashioned himself a biker/philosopher.

And the poem has this refrain in the first three stanzas. “Don’t be difficult. Do what is right.”

And in the final stanza, “You will never get any credit for what you didn’t do/ And very little credit for what you did do/So, what are you going to do?/Do it for



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from Blazing Saddles

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the right reason and forget about it.”

Behave decently.

I look at Mr. Rogitz’s letter on page four, and it’s funny ... it pretends to address my editorial from last week, but doesn’t.

When reading Kim Stanley Robinson’s Ministry for the Future, I was moved mostly by Robinson’s thoughts on economic inequality and how it warps people’s outlook and behavior.

And then at the end, I quoted Bill McKibben, who said of Robinson’s work, “The point of his books is to fire the imagination.”

But the mere mention of the name ‘McKibben’ - because who is McKibben but a stereotype, a hologram - fired in Mr. Rogitz a passionate defense of a personal philosophy which apparently goes something like this: Doing whatever the hell you want, when you want and how you want is the highest, best thing we can aspire to - you know, a defense of one’s unalienable rights against any and all who would suggest ... moderation, or limits.

I think of Prince Feisal’s last remarks to Lawrence in the film “Lawrence of Arabia” as Feisal and the British divide the spoils of Damascus.

“There is nothing further here for the warrior ... we drive bargains. Old men’s work. Young men make wars and the virtues of war are the virtues of young men - courage and hope for the future. Then old men make the peace and the vices of peace are the vices of old men, mistrust and caution. It must be so.”

Framing last week’s editorial as an argument over climate science is a wonderful diversion.

But it won’t stop younger generations from continuing to circle back to the increasingly stubborn belief that the old folks are being a bit too selfish and have stacked the deck a little too unfavorably.

Just today, Milender played a recording of Scott Galloway, who just wrote a book called “The Algebra of Wealth.” And he appeared on MSNBC to talk about it - and I say MSNBC just because I know the mere letters will drive Mr. Rogitz to distraction because anything emanating from MSNBC must be woke and skewed.

Galloway said this is the first American generation in history where a 30-year old man or woman isn’t doing as well as his/her parents were. Which he describes as “the social compact breaking down.”

I am not of the younger generation. But I can tell Mr. Rogitz and anyone else over 55 that we better behave decently. They’re coming for us.

DEATH INVESTIGATION ONGOING

By Lunch

A lovers’ quarrel turned tragic death over President’s weekend is still under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

The deceased was Alexis Sabrina Wicker, 23, of Hesperia.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:50 p.m. on Monday, February 19.

Wicker was in the passenger seat of a vehicle being driven by her boyfriend, Peyton Vukovich, 26 on Hot Creek Hatchery Road behind Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

Vukovich resided at the Hatchery and worked for the California Department of Fish and Game.

According to law enforcement, the couple had been traveling back to Hot Creek following an evening at the Mammoth Rock ‘n Bowl.

Vukovich told law enforcement that Wicker launched herself out of the car.

He then stopped, gathered her off then pavement, and brought her to the nearby CHP substation - which is located in the vicinity.

It was after hours and no one was there.

Vukovich then called 911 before racing to the hospital.

Wicker’s cause of death was multiple trauma, including head trauma from hitting the pavement.

Bridgeport CHP Lt. Mike Ritter said “the investigation / report is still pending as we are waiting on forensic analysis on personal and vehicle electronics. We will submit our completed investigation to the Mono County District Attorney for any appropriate charges.”

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LETTERS

The Not-Coming Apocalypse

Jack,

Great Earth Day article on the coming apocalypse, appropriately relying on a work of fiction. And not just any work of fiction but one blurred by Chief Hair-On-Fire himself, Bill McKibben. Had me speculating that your recent April Fool's goof was such a smashing success that you decided to make it a weekly feature, but the use of a fictional book to make your point gave away the wheeze.

Not to be Debbie Downer but I have some sad news. One of the interesting things we physics guys get to learn about is the age of heavenly bodies (keep your thoughts Platonic, please). Heavenly bodies like the Earth. It has been around for four billion years, and the climate has been changing the entire time. This includes the more recent millennia of human habitation, during which our benighted forebears adapted to the changing climate without ever once having to forage for a paper bag to breath into. The only weird thing about climate change would be if it stopped changing.

Having laid aside the canard about "climate denial", I'll turn to what I know you are thinking, because I know what we have programmed people to think. Human contribution to climate change! Somehow this is thought to be bad, although a warmer planet means a great many good things, including more arable land for humanity to farm and feed

itself and fewer deaths to cold (which outstrip, by far, heat-related deaths). There has never been definitive proof that we are having an impact or, outside the writings of climate apostate Bjorn Lundberg, any balancing of the benefits and costs of a warmer planet, but for argument's sake let's assume we are having an impact.

So what?

Here is where the climate cult—an apt characterization given its fervent obeisance to the half-witted pronouncements of St. Greta of the Angry Weather Goddess—departs from people who have studied actual, falsifiable science as opposed to computer programs created by grantees whose income unarguably depends on constructing models that output doom, not comfort. Not a single man-made climate model has ever successfully backcast past climate change. In other words, even when they know the answer because it has happened already, they cannot get the model to output the correct answer when given the same inputs used to forecast climate change. Yet every heat wave or cold snap (collectively in today's more pretentious and less articulate jargon, "weather events") is output by these crackerjack models as proof positive that we are on the road to climate hell, even though, to date, we have never experienced actual hellish climate. It's always somewhere over the rainbow. This is known as an unfalsifiable theory. Do you know what an unfalsifiable theory is? Whatever the opposite

of science is, because actual science is based on empirical evidence and tested against negative hypotheses to see if it is true. And this is something that cannot be done, and indeed must not be done at the risk of losing grant money, with man-made computer-based predictions of climate disaster.

Instead, if anyone questions why we must immediately overhaul our existence to use episodic power sources by defacing the Earth with thousands of square miles of bird-killing windmills and solar plants, impoverishing the Third World as a bonus, they are given the Ring Lardner response: "shut up, he explained". They are cast out of the Church of Eternal Gloom as heretics, a.k.a. "climate deniers". They are defunded if possible, denounced, and forever disinvented to the nice cocktail parties in Bel Air and Manhattan that serve as Mass for the chief high priests of the climate cult, the (mostly) white, invariably rich Bien Pensants at the summit of society who do not know because they couldn't care what the price of a tank of gas or the cost of an EV is. Because they have the juice – the green kind – to bear any hideous economic hardship they impose on others less fortunate than they. Heck, they get more of the juice – the green kind – by investing in government-mandated schemes.

And no hard-bitten reporter can afford to be skeptical enough about the motives and money flowing through the climate-industrial complex to dare to

ask a few questions. It's as if the classic newsroom question – "cui bono?" – were Latin or something.

John Rogitz
Mammoth Lakes

Thanks to the MLFD!

Dear Editor,

Every year we provide the locals of the area with free tax preparation. Through the generosity of the Mammoth Lakes Library, we have provided this service at the library Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons for the past 16 years during tax season.

Unfortunately, a few months ago, a water pipe broke in the library and caused significant damage. As a result, the library has been closed for months while the damage is being repaired. We were faced with quickly finding another public place to continue our volunteer services.

The Mammoth Lakes Fire Department came to the rescue letting us use the Fire Station training room. As a result, we were able to continue helping our local residents and filed over 400 tax returns.

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The rather cryptic announcement from LADWP didn't go into great detail, said Inyo County Water Department Director Holly Alpert. The announcement arrived via an email on Friday afternoon, she said, and alerted the Water Department of tentative plans to run a "pump test" on an existing LADWP well in Rose Valley. The email mentioned the pump test was part of a still-fuzzy water banking plan, but there were no solid details on the long-term project, she noted.

Any sort of water-banking plan that involves spreading water or injecting water into the Rose Valley, then pumping it back out would be "a multi-step process" since it would involve creating "a new wellfield," Alpert said. After being peppered with questions about the

need for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review, Alpert said she was working with the the Inyo County Counsel's office on that question and a number of other potential legal issues.

Water Commissioner Randy Keller, now retired from the Inyo County Counsel's office, said any water banking project would involve plenty of discussions and negotiations between LADWP and the county, and would be "a long process."

Rose Valley as a location for any water bank ... raised a raft of concerns.

That process should start at the next Inyo-LA Technical Group meeting on May 9, where LADWP will present details of the pump test and possibly more information about its long-term plans for Rose Valley, Alpert said.

-Klusmire

Just the prospect of water banking by LADWP is "very frightening" said Independence resident Nancy Masters. If the banked water is sold or exported somewhere besides

LA, the county's existing ordinance

banning such moves without a county special use permit and that entire public process should be in play, she added.

"The county has total say" and should ask for a CEQA analysis immediately since it appears the water banking project could be an "inter-basin water transfer," said Sally Manning, Big Pine Paiute Tribe environmental director.

Rose Valley as a location for any water bank also raised a raft of concerns.

First, Rose Valley is not part of the Owens Valley Aquifer. So any groundwater monitoring or analysis would be unique to Rose Valley. Alpert guessed that is one reason LADWP wants to run the pump test, so it can pump water out of the aquifer and then monitor and model any impacts.

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Although water banking is mentioned in the Inyo-LA Long-Term Water Agreement, Alpert said that section is not overly specific, and Rose Valley is not singled out as a potential location for such a plan.

Another complication is the existing groundwater pumping in Rose Valley by Coso Geothermal, whose well sends water via a pipeline to the large power plant. The company obtained the aforementioned county special use permit for the well and pipeline. The water is used sparingly by Coso to recharge the geothermal springs feeding the power plant. Current monitoring shows the Coso well has impacted the surrounding aquifer, and the company has limited pumping.

The LADWP well involved in the pump test is about three miles north of the Coso well. The test will involve running the well and eventually pumping about 21-acre feet of water. How the pump test and any potential water banking and pumping would impact the Coso well also needs to be addressed, it was noted.

-Jon Klusmire of Bishop is never surprised when a water fight breaks out in Inyo County.

SOLAR WOES

CPUC rules dent demand

By Lunch

“Last year,” said Amy Smith of locally-owned and operated Highpoint Solar, “I was so busy I couldn’t breathe.”

But this year, she acknowledges, has been slow.

Why? Well, in 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) changed the rules. The upshot, according to a calmmatters.org story published last November: “The commission said it altered the rates because paying solar panel owners near-retail prices allows these mostly wealthy property owners to avoid paying a fair share of maintaining the grid, while saddling everyone else with higher electric bills, including low-income customers.”

So the math has changed. And as Smith told The Sheet bluntly, “It’s killing us.”

The reason she was so busy last year was because if you submitted a solar application prior to April 15, you were

grandfathered into the old rules and compensation structure - when your system produced excess power, the utility companies had to pay near-market rate for what you produced.

The updated rules cut what they’ll pay you by 80%, according to calmmatters.

A story which appeared in the Wall Street Journal on April 15 says that despite the change, a UC Berkeley study asserts that homeowners save just as much as they did on their bills in 2019, simply because electricity rates have skyrocketed so much over the past five years.

Smith herself describes the CPUC reset as a “bump in the road.”

“It’s still viable. People are still forward-thinking. Battery technologies (to store power) continue to improve. It’s just going to mean a longer pay-back period.”

The biggest challenge with solar, she

says, is the initial sticker shock.

Which says the Journal, has been exacerbated by “high interest rates, tight credit and cuts to solar incentives.”

The Solar Energy Industry Assn. (SEIA) projects solar power installation by U.S. homeowners will decline 13% this year.

37% of the country’s residential market for solar is in California, according to SEIA.

“Any contracting-related industry is feast or famine,” says Smith with cheerful optimism. Yes, there are headwinds, but the magic of solar is that if you install a system and size it correctly, you’ll never pay an electric bill again.

And for folks living on the east side of Bishop who buy their power from LADWP, some good news. LADWP is not regulated by the CPUC, so these new CPUC rules would not apply.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Fee hikes in Death Valley

Beginning May 1, 2024, Death Valley National Park will adjust its fees for developed campgrounds. This adjustment complies with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), which mandates that recreational fees correspond with the benefits and services offered. This ensures they are periodically revisited and updated as necessary. The revenue generated from entrance and camping fees is critical for the park, as it directly supports visitor services and the upkeep of public facilities, including campgrounds. The changes will be as follows:

Campground	Current Fee	New Fee
Texas Spring Campground	\$16/night	\$20/night
Mesquite Spring Campground	\$14/night	\$20/night
Sunset Campground	\$14/night	\$18/night
Stovepipe Wells Campground	\$14/night	\$18/night
Furnace Creek Campground (dry site)	\$22/night	\$30/night
Furnace Creek Campground (RV Full Hookup)	\$36/night	\$44/night
Furnace Creek Campground (Small group Site)	\$35/night	\$40/night

Artist-in residence program

The Bureau of Land Management is currently accepting applications for

the summer and fall Artist in Residence program for the Bishop Field Office. This year applications will be accepted for the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area near Lone Pine, the Bodie Hills near Bridgeport, and other locations within the Bishop Field Office that inspires the Artist. The residency is available for a one-week period. Applications must be submitted by May 15.

Artists are asked to share a vision of their stay in a 45-minute public presentation. Following their residency, artists donate a representative digital image of their artwork to the Field Office. Housing or a stipend may be provided by partner organizations.

“The Artist in Residence program is a wonderful way to bring artists into our communities and inspire visitors to care for and protect public lands,” said Bishop Field Manager Sherri Lisius. “We are excited to continue this program this year and provide additional inspirational locations for the artists.”

This is the third year of the Artist in Residence program in the Bishop Field Office. The art from the first year of the program is on display at the BLM Bishop Field Office located at 351 Pacu Lane, suite 100, Bishop, CA.

The BLM encourages artists of all mediums to apply, including but not limited to painters, photographers, printmakers, illustrators and graphic artists. All applications will be given equal consideration. Interested artists

may obtain an application or more information by emailing the Artist in Residence Coordinator, Bishop Assistant Field Manager Philip Gross at: pgross@blm.gov, with “AiR 2024 in the subject line.

Southern Inyo Museum open for season

The Southern Inyo Museum in Lone Pine will reopen for the 2024 season on April 25. The Museum is open Thursdays-Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Operated by the New Coso

The Museum’s collection consists of artifacts from the Owens Valley and environs which date as far back as the mid-1800’s.

There are many old iron mining implements and tools including a derrick and a dry washer for sifting gold from the desert soil, as well as an insulated lunch bucket, surprisingly weighty, carried down into the shafts by miners as they labored long hours far underground. There are nineteenth century household items and a WWI infantry uniform worn by a local soldier

Also on display: Historical photographs and maps, and a comprehensive collection of taxidermied insects which documents all the hundreds of species of insects of the Owens Valley. Collected and painstakingly identified and mounted in display cases by local entomologist Lee Gonzalez, the “Bug Room” is one of Lone Pine’s real

treasures!
The Southern Inyo Museum is located at 127 W. Bush St. just west of Main Street (US395). Info: 760.937.0876.



Nguyen honored

Congratulations to Tammy Nguyen, 2024 Administrator of the Year for the Inyo-Mono Charter of ACSA (Association of California School Administrators). Tammy is the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for Mono County Office of Education.

At Bishop City Park

EARTH DAY WITH GAYLA

Photos by Gayla Wolf



WE WANT TO PUMP YOU UP (AND DRAW YOU DOWN)

By Klusmire

After last year's wet and wild record snow and runoff extravaganza, an "average" snowpack and runoff year seems rather tame. But that's what's in store for the Eastern Sierra and its water landlord, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power during the 2024-25 operational year for the water utility.

The Eastern Sierra snowpack came in at 103% of the long-term average, according to LADWP. That snow will turn into 419,300 acre feet of runoff in the Owens River Basin, with another 122,100 acre feet of water running off from the Mono Basin. The cumulative total of 541,300 acre feet should provide enough water for mandated local uses in Inyo and Mono counties while allowing LADWP to export 286,000 acre feet of water to Los Angeles via the LA Aqueduct, according to LADWP's draft 2024-25 Operations Plan. Thus, the aqueduct will deliver about 60% of the city's yearly water supply.

(Context Note: Last year Eastern Sierra runoff was about 878,500 acre feet, or 214% of normal, resulting in about 85% of LA's water coming from the Eastern Sierra.)

With ample runoff coming after a record runoff year, the Inyo County Water Department (ICWD) is recommending LADWP limit groundwater pumping to 51,470 acre feet, countering LADWP's suggested pumping "range" of between 51,470 and 77,413 acre feet.

For comparison, last year LADWP only pumped about 35,600 acre feet of groundwater, thanks to ample supplies of surface water for irrigation.

Last year's runoff and extensive water "spreading" of roughly 200,000 acre feet on land in Inyo County increased average aquifer levels across the county by about 3.3 feet. Some wellfields saw higher water levels and some saw lower or even a slight drop in groundwater levels. The minimum pumping of 51,470, will cause a countywide average decline in groundwater aquifers of about 1.4 feet, according to ICWD. Greater pumping will cause a larger drop in groundwater.

Noting both last year's massive runoff that raised Mono Lake more than three feet and this year's 100% snowpack, the Mono Lake Committee is pressing LADWP to limit the water it could divert from the Mono Basin, which would in turn help raise the level of Mono Lake. Based on the court orders governing exports from Mono Basin, the lake is high enough to allow LADWP to take 16,000-acre feet of water from the creeks feeding Mono Lake.

The Mono Lake Committee wants LADWP to voluntarily take only 4,000 acre feet, which was its allocation last year. The committee will be engaging LADWP on a staff level and also plans to mount a publicity campaign aimed at Los Angeles residents and officials that would pressure LADWP to minimize diversions. A fundraising letter outlining that strategy has been sent out. It asks supporters of the Committee "to help us mount a far-reaching public pressure campaign to persuade city leaders to do the right thing."

Water allocated for use on LADWP land in Inyo County will amount to

95,130 acre feet, with the following breakdown in usage (in acre feet): Agricultural irrigation, 50,400; Stock Water (for livestock), 10,840; Enhancement/Mitigation Projects, 9,920; The Lower Owens River Project, 14,910; Recreation and Wildlife, 7,460; and miscellaneous projects, 1,600.

The draft Operations Plan applies only to Inyo County, so it doesn't include local uses in Mono County. One of the largest of those uses is providing up to 30,000 acre feet of irrigation water for LADWP ranchland leases in Long Valley and Little Round Valley. The department has indicated it wants to change those lease terms so there is no guaranteed delivery of irrigation water. However, those proposed changes are

still being negotiated after encountering public protest and legal challenges.

The discussion at the April 22 Inyo County Water Commission meeting of LADWP's draft operations plan centered mostly on pumping levels in specific wellfields and how pumping is connected to vegetation and groundwater levels. Under the Inyo/LA Long-Term Water Agreement, wells can be turned on or off (literally) based on notable impacts to the vegetation levels tied to the aquifer being pumped. The ICWD independently monitors LADWP's wells. The department has about 500 wells, with a mix of monitoring wells and production wells that can actually pump water.

Inyo County will provide an official response and comments to the draft

operations plan by April 30, then the plan will go before the Inyo-LA Technical Group on May 9, and be finalized by LADWP by May 19.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is still working on his draft 2024 operations plan.





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ON THE SLOPES

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Mammoth Mountain turned orange and blue this past week, as 70 participants + DSES volunteers came out to ride for the organization’s annual Springtacular – a 4 day event celebrating and supporting athletes with cognitive and developmental disabilities.



DSES Instructor and Intern Supervisor, Josh Pigetti (right) and participant, Amanda (left).



Instructor, Art Varela (left) and participant, Nigel (right).



Volunteer, Matt Hall.

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Peter Pan.
He got his start in music early, learning to play the guitar at 10. Taught himself music production in the software he uses to this day, Ableton. By 15, he’d grown into a working artist producing his own house music from a laptop at home in San Diego.
Then, it was vocational school to learn computer programming before the usual malaise of one’s 20s—waiting tables, washing dishes, prepping tomatoes, slinging hamburgers. But always, with music on the side.
At 18, he joined his first band. They played the blues, but the name eludes Dutton now.
“Joseph Lloyd and something something...” he says. “The first band I ever had, and the best mechanical musicians I’ve ever played with.”
I ask him what makes a mechanical musician.
“Their muscles and brain are really well connected,” he says. “It’s all one piece.”
The bassist, he recalls, was 350 pounds, an Ambien addict, and could

play his instrument behind his head for the majority of a gig. The drummer could get up to 180 BPMs. And they were all young kids. Dutton’s parents had to accompany him to many of the venues the band booked—being, as they were, under the legal drinking age.
Dutton’s family made the move to Mammoth about 15 years ago when his father, Grady Dutton, took a job with the Town. Dutton moved up when his mom got sick. The distance from San Diego to Mammoth, and all that space between, no longer made sense.
L33 was started, then, in April of 2021. On the website, it is self-described as a recording service with “the express goal of providing access to great musical hardware, education on how it works, and the support to get your project finished.”
Dutton, though, describes the endeavor as selfish—“somewhere to go at 3 a.m., play music, and not be bothered.”
Still, the LA clientele does help keep

the lights on. Dutton estimates that the out-of-towners comprise 30% of his business and generously pay the full price of \$75 an hour for a full day of studio time.
But for any local musician worth his salt and a guitar lick or two, L33 is essential—especially when it comes at a cut price. Mammoth, as a town notorious for its housing shortage, is unsurprisingly short on practice space, sound-proof walls, and an absence of roommates getting up at 5 in the morning to brew coffee or bomb the mountain.
“Bands die if they have nowhere to play,” says Dutton. “That kills me.”
So, when musicians come to L33—which is to say, to Dutton, who manages the studio and its business alone—a few things might happen. Some groups just need the space to rehearse, and the amps, axes, and drum sets that come with it. If a client contacts Dutton looking to record, passes the sniff test for musicianship and overall likability, and can swing the cost for studio time, Dutton can bang out a project in a sitting. If it’s some kid with 4 songs half done, and less than 2 nickels to rub together, it’s a different story.

“I don’t want to work on stuff that’s undeveloped unless [someone] has the compensation for it,” says Dutton. “I don’t think that’s me being a fool. I don’t think that that’s bad for business... I have a respect for what they’re doing. When that’s not there, good music doesn’t get made.”
And that, for Dutton, is the bottom line of this whole thing. Practicing good music. And then, as a person with the know-how, making that good music alongside the creatives that might not.
I ask Dutton why, in shouting distance from Los Angeles, he’s set up shop in Mammoth. If he’s hoping for



A rendering, by Dutton, of the Old Mall.

some big break from The Felt Cutouts, or Pidder Padder (bands that have worked with Dutton, and recorded at the ‘old mall,’ as he calls it) so he can cash out on the royalties and the merch commission.
In asking though—in searching for the terminus, or the definition to a space like Dutton’s—is to miss the point entirely.
“I don’t know. It would be nice if it happened, I guess,” Dutton says, before trailing off.
“You ever heard of StarCraft?” he asks me. He’s a lifelong, career video-gamer.
“The point [of the game] is you collect resources. You build some units. You fight the other guy. If you win or lose the game with extra resources it doesn’t give you any more points. You don’t get anything—nothing that carries over. You simply won or lost what you had,” he explains. “I’m not trying to go out with anything beyond zero. I just want to be happy with what I made, before I do.”

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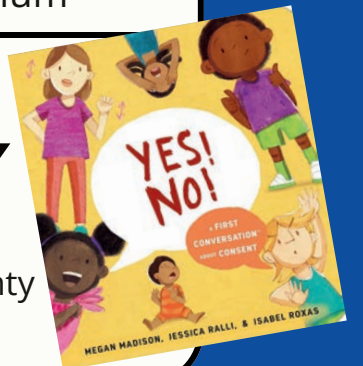
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BOOKS

PRESS PASS-IVE

By Milender

"Any person with the slightest spark of honor left in him will take good care in the future not to become a journalist." – Joseph Goebbels, Former Chancellor of the German Reich

On Friday, April 12, the Berlin police shut down a pro-Palestine conference soon after it began. Keynote speakers of the "Palestine Congress," Yanis Varoufakis, Ghassan Abu-Sittah and Salman Abu Sitta, were issued a "Betätigungsverbot" by Germany's Interior Ministry—a ban on any and all political activity.

Last week, and closer to home, former National Enquirer publisher, David Pecker, testified that he used his editorial power to bury stories about former President Donald Trump during the 2016 election. Pecker admitted that the Enquirer paid off two sources that might expose Trump's sexual misconduct, but never published the stories—a furtive technique referred to as a "catch and kill" in the news industry.

Now, back to that first quote.

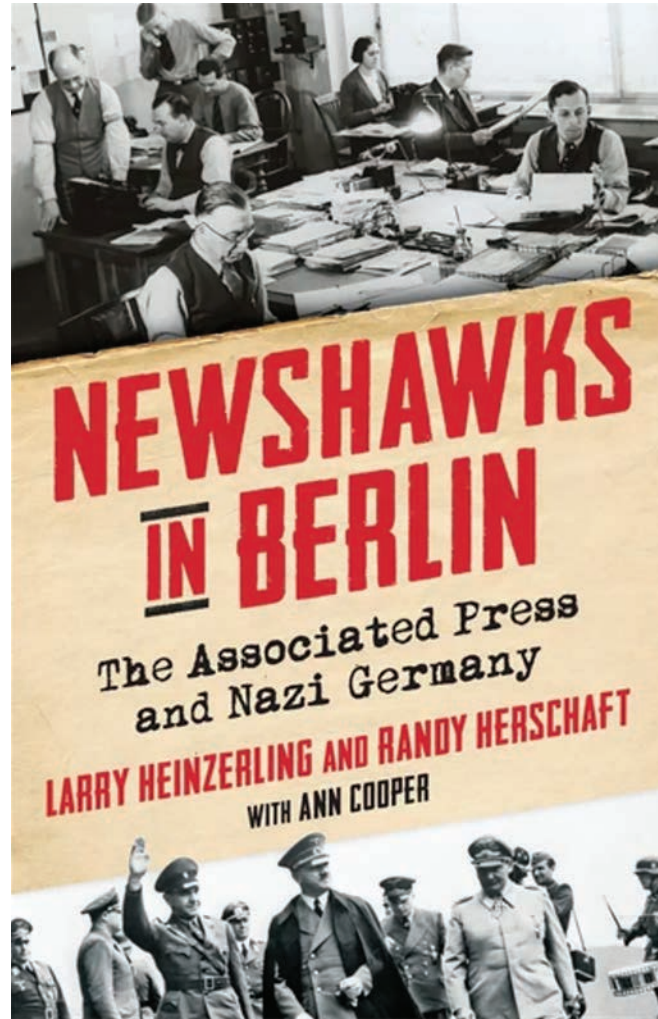
Goebbels is believed to have said that in private, shortly after Kristallnacht—a WWII era pogrom committed by the Nazi regime against

Jews, or the "Night of Broken Glass." In its wake, Germany established Schriftleitergesetz, or Editor's Law, as to relegate journalism to a wartime instrument of the state. More recently, Goebbels' lecturing was published in Larry Heinzerling and Randy Herschaft's new book, *Newshawks in Berlin: The Associated Press and Nazi Germany*.

Newshawks tells the story of producing news under a dictator's thumb, and the ethical compromises inherent to that endeavor. It recounts the goings-on at the Associated Press (AP) Bureau in Berlin during the Second World War, under the leadership of Louis P. Lochner.

"The result in this book," write Messrs. Herrschaft and Heinzerling in the Introduction, "is an account of AP's ... war coverage, their battles with the Nazi hierarchy, their professional rivalries, their self-censorship, their life in wartime Berlin, and an account of ... coverage of the Holocaust as it unfolded."

At the time, AP was the world's largest news organization, reaching a circulation of roughly 34 million readers through its subscribing outlets. In wartime, AP news bites and photo-



command from an AP bureau, to a bumpkin editor-in-chief, to a local news desk, was more or less like a game of telephone. The facts were often misconstrued and the narrative of a story was often distorted the further it moved down the line.

"How one individual story was played could look very different across the country," said Ann Cooper in a recent interview—Professor Emerita at Columbia, wife of the late Heinzerling, and collaborator on the book.

In truth, the most visceral and expository news consolidated at the Berlin Bureau never made it out beyond the borders of the Third Reich.

Any news that might be revelatory to the enemy was forbidden. The early and sanctioned persecution of Jews. Reports hinting at the changing winds of internal party politics. Following the invasion of Poland in 1939, even reports of the weather were stymied, lest they reveal information about German military strategy.

AP Correspondent, Melvin White-weather, wrote that the sanctions were like working with "a sort of Damocles sword, eternally hanging overhead." American reporters, should they cross these "red lines," risked expulsion or arrest.

From these restrictions and their associated consequences was born a practice of self-censorship under Lochner (who, it bears noting, was

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graphs (through AP's German photo agency, AP GmbH) were critical in a pre-TV, radio-infantile era. The way it worked was that the Associated Press fed news to the capital N, News. The AP, as a cooperative, did not publish directly, but instead disseminated the information collected from its foreign bureaus to subscribing newsrooms. From there, local papers were free to cut, rewrite, and change the raw facts as they saw fit.

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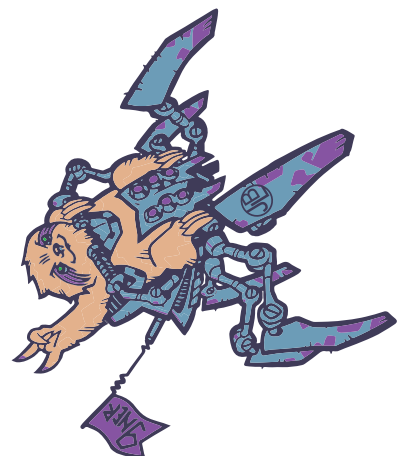
MADELINE LEFRANCOIS

Introducing Husky of the Week, Senior, Madeline LeFrancois. This is Madeline's first year competing in track. She takes on new challenges, and then teaches others. She is the first to compete in the high jump for the MHS coaches, and they did not have experience coaching high jump. Madeline did let that stop her, she watched videos, learned technique and talked with other coaches at meets. She was eager to share all she learned with her teammates who also want to compete in the high jump. Madeline also competes in the long jump, hurdles and 400. She brings enthusiasm and a can do attitude, and she encourages her teammates to try new things and do their best.

Along with being the senior class president and a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Volleyball, Soccer and Beach Volleyball player. Madeline is an outstanding student and will be graduating at the top of her class with an over 4.0 GPA. She will be attending UCLA next year. **Madeline we know you will succeed in whatever you do, congratulations!**

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born to German parents and remained in the country post-war). One of the book’s key anecdotes recalls Michael Siegel, a Jewish lawyer, lodging a complaint to the Munich police about recent anti-Semitic violence in the city. Siegel was beaten by the police until his eardrum burst, his pants were cut off at the knees, and a placard was placed around his neck translating to “I will never again complain to the police.”

Munich photographer, Heinrich Sanden, offered photographs to Lochner. Lochner rejected them.

“It is more important to remain in the field here ... than to risk having our whole organization destroyed by publishing a picture to which the regime in power objects,” said Lochner, in his own defense to AP’s subscribing papers. They had seen the “licked” photos after their eventual release by William Randolph Heart’s photo agency.

Hmm.
If nothing else (nothing), Goebbels—who was described by Time magazine, at the time, as a “barking, brawling, screaming propaganda maniac,” and “one of the great political orators of this century”—may have issued a prescient warning about the direction of journalism. Take out the personal accountability piece for a second (journalists, in theory, abide by the Walter Williams ethics creed in much the same way doctors swear to the Hippocratic Oath and lawyers recite their various Oaths of Admission). Journalists, and the

work they produce, are directly accountable to the record of history. And unfortunately, so much of that record has nothing to do with contemporary writing, itself. If Newshawks in Berlin is to teach us anything, it’s that truth is objective in peacetime. Truth in war-time, though, is handled like an object.

As Americans, we were predisposed to the faith that news, always, gets drunk from a firehose. In the War Against Totalitarianism, Heinzerling and Herschaft reveal that we were drinking from a bottleneck. But, as the Nazis were plundering the finest museums, archives, and Jewish homes on the European continent, Raubkunst, in the effort to curate a collection for the Führer—so too were they enacting curatorial decisions over which wartime regularities and atrocities could reach American audiences. And even after reaching US soil, that commodification was complete. Over 1,200 news outlets used AP Berlin as a source. When AP Berlin reported in 1942 that the Nazis had annihilated two million Jews, the story was buried on page 6 of the Washington Post. The New York Times ran a shortened version. Most papers didn’t run it at all. In the days following Kristallnacht, there was a widely released photo of a Jewish shopkeeper sweeping the glass out from the entryway of his shattered storefront. But the photo had been altered. While researching for the book in 2018, the Newshawks authors had



Michael Siegel. Berlin, 1933.

discovered the uncropped version in a London archive. It reveals German police officers in the frame standing by, and watching—an image that contradicts what German propagandists had dismissed at the time (for the benefit of international readers) as a spontaneous uprising amongst incendiaries.

Manicuring the news is no less dangerous than banning it outright. For that reason, I am unsure that Lochner was right. Bowing to a dictator by not indicting that dictator was itself a practice of appeasement. Bleaching stories about just how far the Final Solution to the Jewish Question had gone led an American public to believe it really

wasn’t that bad. Today, whether it’s the silencing of inflammatory voices, or the catching and killing of inconvenient truths—in countries which, now, claim constitutional protections for a free press, mind you—Newshawks in Berlin’s subject reminds that censorship does not have to be total to be effective. To get the cropped version of a picture is to not understand the picture, at all.
A written account of the news is only as good as its source material. And when that material is manipulated—self-censored, cropped, warped, and buried—journalism becomes a casualty of conflict. That’s a death, enduring.

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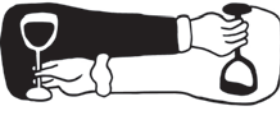
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Saturday, April 27/
Live music @ Stellar Brew in Mammoth. Time: 2:30-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 28/
Elle King plays the Fairgrounds! The event of the spring. Don't miss it. See ad p. 6 for details.

Wednesday, May 1/
Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant from 4:30-9 p.m. hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool. Entry is \$20. 100% of entry goes to player payouts. Info: admin@easternsierrapool.com
Trivia Night @ Main Street Pizza and Tap. Starts 6:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, April 26/
As part of the Mono County Sustainability Series (see back page ad in the Green Sheet), a **rare public tour of the local Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Plant** is being offered from 3-5:30 p.m. Space limited. Register in advance at highsierraenergy.org. Meet Mammoth Lakes Library before carpooling down.
IMACA monthly food distribution @ St. Joseph's Church in Mammoth. Time: 12-1 p.m. Sign up at imacanet - you can even designate someone else to pick up your food. Info: 760.873.8557

April 26-27/
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Saturday, April 27/
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TOWN STUFF

Saturday, April 27 (cont.)/
City of Bishop Foodie Fiesta takes place on Church Street from 4-9 p.m. Live music by Tommy Cheshire and the Pandemics.
Free Movie Night at the Museum of Western Film History in Lone Pine. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3*. Time: 7 p.m.
Spellbinder Books hosts bestselling author "Ghost Town Living" **Brent Underwood**. Time: 6-8 p.m.

Monday, April 29/
Auditions for Mammoth's Summer Shakespeare production of "The Winter's Tale" Location: Community Center on Forest Trail. Time: 6 p.m both days. Seeking men & women of all ages. *Note: A second audition night will also be held Wednesday, May 1*
Submission deadline for the ICA's (Inyo Council for the Arts) next show, entitled Valley Voyage: History of the Valley. *Contact inyoarts@gmail.com*
Inyo District #1 quarterly meeting with Supervisor Trina Orrill. Time: 5 p.m. Location: The Quilter building next to Grocery Outlet.

Tuesday, April 30/
Bear Whisperer Steve Searles is the featured speaker for the first-of-the-season **SNARL (Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory) lecture** at the Page Center, 1016 Mt. Morrison Rd. off of Hwy. 395. Time: 7 p.m. Free.

TOWN STUFF

Wednesday, May 1/
Mammoth's Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Thursday, May 2/
Tour Mammoth's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Part of Mono County's 2024 Sustainability Series. Registration req'd at highsierraenergy.org. Space limited. Time: 12:30-2 pm.

May 3-4/
Eastern Sierra Community Chorus has performances in Mammoth (3rd) and Bishop (4th) at St. Joseph's Church and First United Methodist Church respectively. 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday. *More info: See ad p. 18*

Saturday, May 4/
2nd Annual Health and Community Fair 2024 on the Southern Inyo Hospital's Front Lawn. Entertainment, food trucks, vendors, raffles. Free blood pressure and glucose testing! Time: 10-2. All welcome.
Chili, Cars, Cervezas & Monster Trucks @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds. See ad p. 5 for QR code.
Also May 4: While you're there check out the biannual Laws Museum Choo Choo Swap Meet from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. 100 yard sales all in one place!
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- Physical Therapist Assistant (Bishop and Mammoth locations) – Starting wage \$30.87 to \$33.05 based on qualifications. \$3,500 Retention Bonus.
- Cook/Food Service Worker – Starting wage \$19.83 to \$21.23 based on qualifications.

\$2,200 Retention Bonus.
To view more open positions and apply, please visit our website at www.mammothhospital.org/jobs

Shilo Inn is accepting applications for FT housekeepers, FT maintenance worker and Front desk/night auditor. Immediate Front Desk opportunity starting at \$18/hour. Please call Human Resources (Sarina Quintero) at 925.813.2331 or email your resume to squintero@marquishotelsgroup.com.



Mammoth Mountain Reservations is Looking for a part time office help in Mammoth. Must live in Mammoth. At least 20 hours/week. Please email resume/work experience to info@mammothres.com.

Help Wanted



Reservations Desk Clerk immediate opening at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA (20 min from mammoth). Must have excellent customer service and computer skills. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

P/T Wedding Coordinator asst. Great computer/communication skills essential. Please email interest to: weddingevents.doubleeagleresort@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Help Wanted



Friends of the Inyo hiring Summer 2024 Trail Ambassadors

TAs support National Forests providing trail maintenance and public outreach on local trails. Prior trail maintenance or similar experience, knowledge of the Eastern Sierra, and enthusiasm for wilderness preferred. Pay: \$20/hr + \$200 gear stipend. Resume+cover letter to Lindsay Butcher, Stewardship Director: Lindsay@friendsofheinyo.org

The following positions are available:
2024-2025 (1) K-8 Teacher at Lee Vining Elementary School. FT position for a total of 183 day to provide a planned instructional program, engaging learning experiences, and promote a classroom environment that is conducive to student growth. 2024-2025 Certificated Salary Schedule; \$51,540-\$103,410, an additional stipend will be paid for a Masters. Employer pays pro-rata portion for employee and dependents of medical, dental, and vision insurance, with co-pay paid by employee. Open until filled.
2024-2025 ASES Aide at Lee Vining Elementary for 3 hours with 2024-2025 Classified Salary Schedule of \$16.00-\$22.51 per hour depending on experience.



Mammoth Community Water District Is Currently Recruiting For Temporary/Seasonal Construction Crew Positions:

Construction And Maintenance Worker \$25/Hour **Construction Equipment Operator** \$28/Hour **Construction Heavy Equipment Operator** \$32/Hour **Construction Leadworker** \$36/Hour

For Application Information/To Apply: Review The Job Bulletin At The District's Website <https://Mcwd.dst.ca.us/Employment/> To Determine For Which Position(S) You Meet The Minimum Qualifications

U.S.P.S contractor needs a carrier trainee. \$33/hr., 5/6 days per week 6 hrs./day. Must pass FBI clearance & DMV. Contact Mike @ 760-914-1463

John's Pizza Works seeks energetic, motivated, reliable individuals, to work in the FOH or cashier position. Oppty. for year-round employment. PT/FT positions. Experience preferred. Come in for an application.

Marina Boat House Assistants Looking for outgoing and friendly individuals who enjoy the outdoors, sunshine, and beautiful views. Must be capable of checking guests in and out, maintain/clean/organize marina inventory, and educating guests on Policies And Procedures. P-T And F-T Positions. \$22-\$25/Hour + Ot +Tips + Bonus + Benefits + Employee Discounts. Send Resume To Jobs@Convictlake.com And/Or Call 760.934.3800 X 49



FT/PT, Year-Round: Front Desk PM Security (11pm-7am) and Front desk agent (3-11pm)

Prior experience a plus. Basic computer skills. Must be 100% reliable. Must be capable of working alone and in a team environment. Good customer service. Positive can-do attitude is a must. Competitive Start Pay + Benefits!

*All FT Positions Include Full Medical Benefits, 401k with Employer Match, Ski Pass, Paid Time Off. Stop by for an application- 50 Canyon Blvd! or call (760)924-4400

Experienced help wanted. Ski tech, Nordic ski expert, Alpine Approach store, Mammoth Mountaineering Supply. Apply to jobs@mammothgear.com

Library Assistant I -Bridgeport Library Part-time. Range 43: \$20.80-\$26.57 per hour. Filing Deadline: Until Filled. For more details/application log onto www.edjoin.org Mono County Office of Education Attn: Monica Hernandez, Human Resources, PO Box 477, Bridgeport, CA 93517-0477. 760.932.7311

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1,750-sq. feet of Commercial space. Two shop bays, office space, bathroom and two storage rooms. No common area fee. \$3,500/mo. Not available for auto repair. Call 760.937.7569.

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Administrative Services Officer
FLSA Classification Salary Range Bargaining Unit Exempt Range 82. Non-Represented, Confidential (\$9,523-\$12,156/month DOE)

Under administrative direction of the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), plans, organizes, and manages the administrative services for the District, including leading and overseeing all financial and human resources activities.

The position is also responsible for contract management, purchasing, grant and special funding management, safety, risk management, legal compliance, benefit administration, facilities management services, and other related work as required.

This is a management classification that aids the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) in a variety of administrative, coordinative, analytical, and liaison capacities. Successful performance requires knowledge of public policy, all District functions and activities, including the role of the Governing Board, and the ability to develop, oversee, and implement projects and programs in a variety of areas. Responsibilities include supervising and overseeing the complex and varied function of the administrative division, as well as coordinating the activities of the division with other divisions and outside agencies.

For a complete job description and instructions on how to apply, please visit www.gbuapcd.org/employment or <https://gbuapcd.bamboohr.com/careers>. Desired start date for the position is May 2024. Open until filled.



Footloose Sports is seeking enthusiastic and passionate outdoors lovers to fill the following positions:

- Retail Sales Associates
- Rental Associates
- Part time seasonal positions
- Full time yearly positions



If you have a passion for the Eastern Sierra or just want to get your foot in the door at one of the best and largest outdoor shops in the country, please come see us now!

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\$18.50-\$45.00

Outdoor Recreation
\$19.43-\$30.00

Muni. Intern - Engineering
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For more information and to apply: townofmammothlakes.ca.gov (760) 965-3604

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Notice Inviting Bids

CAP 24-003
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed Bid Proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: SLURRY SEAL 2024 in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California.

Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town’s Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> until 3:30 PM on May 3, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at: 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project includes slurry seals on multiple roads throughout Mammoth Lakes, striping, and associated traffic control. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

ENGINEER’s ESTIMATE: \$700,000Forms, plans, and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a ProcureNow/OpenGov account and for “Following” the project to be listed on the plan holder’s/bidder’s list and to receive updates and addenda. Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town’s Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to “Follow” the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on April 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A – General Engineering Contractor license and shall have (or shall obtain prior to commencing work) a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by bidder’s security in the form of cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or a bid bond, payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, if its bid is accepted, will promptly enter into the proposed Contract. The bidder shall guarantee the total bid price for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. A bid security in the form of a bid bond shall be scanned and uploaded to the Online Bid Portal when prompted in the online submittal process. A bid security in the form of a certified or cashier’s check or cash shall be sealed and delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of the Clerk located at PO Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, so that it is received prior to the time of bid opening. Bid securities that arrive after the time of bid opening will not be accepted, regardless of any postmarking, and the corresponding bid shall be considered non-responsive. Original bid bond documents shall be delivered to the Town Office within 10 days following the bid opening. A labor and materials/payment bond and a faithful performance bond, each equal to 100% of the total bid price, are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder, and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid.

The California Air Resources Board (“CARB”) implemented

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

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid “on the base bid alone” OR The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 5, 2024
TS #2024-0046

Notice Inviting Bids

FAC 24-001
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed Bid Proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: FACILITIES EXTERIOR PAINTING in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town’s Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> until 3:00 PM on May 24, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at: 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of work for this project includes exterior painting of fifteen (15) facilities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and six (6) facilities in the Whitmore Recreation area. The work at each of these facilities is detailed in the Plans and includes exterior building painting, including all preparation work necessary to achieve the appropriate finish coating quality.

ENGINEER’s ESTIMATE: \$ 550,000
Forms, plans, and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a ProcureNow/OpenGov account and for “Following” the project to be listed on the plan holder’s/bidder’s list and to receive updates and addenda.

Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town’s Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to “Follow” the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on Thursday May 9th, 2024 at 4:00PM, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A, B or C Contractor license and shall have (or shall obtain prior to commencing work) a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by bidder’s security in the form of cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or a bid bond, payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, if its bid is accepted, will promptly enter into the proposed Contract. The bidder shall guarantee the total bid price for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. A bid security in the form of a bid bond shall be scanned and uploaded to the Online Bid Portal when prompted in the online submittal process. A bid security in the form of a certified or cashier’s check or cash shall be sealed and delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of the Clerk located at PO Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, so that it is received prior to the time of bid opening. Bid securities that arrive after the time of bid opening will not be accepted, regardless of any postmarking, and the corresponding bid shall be considered non-responsive. Original bid bond documents shall be delivered to the Town Office within 10 days following the bid opening. A labor and materials/payment bond and a faithful performance bond, each equal to 100% of the total bid price, are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are

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on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder, and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid. The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid on the base bid alone. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 12, 2024
TS #2024-0048

Notice Inviting Bids

CAP 24-002
The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed Bid Proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: ROAD & MUP REHAB 2024 in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California.

Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town’s Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> until 3:00 PM on May 3, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at: 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project includes a variety of asphalt rehabilitation on roads and multi-use paths throughout Mammoth Lakes, including but not limited to pulverizing existing AC pavement, recompacting base, placing new hot mix asphalt, and milling asphalt. Construction of a new multi-use path section with clearing and grubbing, forming path, placing base, and placing new hot mix asphalt will be included. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

ENGINEER’s ESTIMATE: \$3,200,000Forms, plans, and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a ProcureNow/OpenGov account and for “Following” the project to be listed on the plan holder’s/bidder’s list and to receive updates and addenda. Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town’s Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to “Follow” the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only.

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its bid is accepted, will promptly enter into the proposed Contract. The bidder shall guarantee the total bid price for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening. Bid securities shall be sealed and delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Office of the Clerk located at PO Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, so that it is received prior to the time of bid opening. Bid securities that arrive after the time of bid opening will not be accepted, regardless of any postmarking, and the corresponding bid shall be considered non-responsive. A labor and materials/payment bond and a faithful performance bond, each equal to 100% of the total bid price, are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 5, 2024
TS #2024-0047

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

Functional Medicine Healing Center

Jennie Walker, MD Inc.
306 Laurel Mtn. Road, Suite 203
P.O. Box 2485
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed herein on Nov. 1, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 15, 2024. File Number 24-021 (4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11)
TS: 2024-0051

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Summons

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: J. H. MARTIN, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF J.H. MARTIN, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; H.C. BLANCHARD, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF H.C. BLANCHARD, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; N.W. BOYD, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF N.W. BOYD, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; T.H. MOYLE, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF T. H. MOYLE, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; C. R. GILKEY, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF C.R. GILKEY, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; MARK SHERMAN, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF MARK SHERMAN, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; R. S. HOLDEN, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF R.S. HOLDEN, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; GILBERT C. WEDERTZ, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF GILBERT C. WEDERTZ, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE TO THE PROPERTY; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive.

The property that is the subject of this action is real property commonly known as 4654 Dobie Meadows Road, Bridgeport, California 93517, Mono County, Assessors Parcel Number 013-160-001-000 and legally described as: "THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 27 EAST, M.D.B. & M. IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF. "YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CHARLES T. SEARS, TRUSTEE OF THE SEARS LOVING TRUST DATED APRIL 6, 1992.NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you.

If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Mono, 100 Thompson Way, PO Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93514. The case number is 24UCM37. The name, address, and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is: Gian Carlo Simonetti, Esq., Wood Law Group PC, 126 Old Mammoth Road Suite 203, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 934-5821; Gian@woodlawgroup.com.

TS #2024-0050

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Government Code Sections 66016 and 66018 that at the regular meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to be held at the Mono County Courthouse meeting room on May 14, 2024, at 9:00 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 new or changed fees for specific permits or other services provided by the following County Departments: Clerk/Recorder, Community Development, Environmental Health, Finance, and Solid Waste.

Public data indicating the cost or the estimated costs required to provide the services for which the proposed fees are to be levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the services, including General Fund revenues, are available for inspection during business hours in the offices of the Director of Finance, located in Courthouse Annex II at 25 Bryant Street, Bridgeport, California. The description of the services and the proposed new or changed fees can be view online at <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/tax/page/public-hearing-fee-list> or at the Mono County Annex II at 25 Bryant Street, Bridgeport, California.

TS #2024-0054

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-24-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF SECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

WHEREAS, staff of the Mammoth Community Water District ("District") has prepared the Report on Secured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges as of March 31, 2024, containing a description of each parcel of real property within the District for which water and sewer service charges are delinquent, along with the amount of such delinquent charges, together with interest and penalties thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Report on Secured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District that a public hearing on the Report of Secured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges is set for May 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, California. The hearing will take place both in-person and virtually. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all objections and protests to said written report. If the Board of Directors adopts said report, or revises, changes, reduces, or modifies any charge thereon, the

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-24-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF UNSECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

WHEREAS, staff of the Mammoth Community Water District ("District") has prepared the Report on Unsecured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges as of March 31, 2024, containing a description of each parcel of real property within the District for which water and sewer service charges are delinquent, along with the amount of such delinquent charges, together with interest and penalties thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Report on Unsecured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District that a public hearing on the Report of Unsecured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges is set for May 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, California. The hearing will take place both in-person and virtually. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all objections and protests to said written report. If the Board of Directors adopts said report, or revises, changes, reduces, or modifies any charge thereon, the delinquent charges, together with penalties and interest thereon, as stated in the adopted report, shall be added to the Mono County tax roll for the purpose of collecting such delinquent charges, shall constitute a lien against the respective parcels of real property described in the adopted report, and shall be included by the County Tax Collector in bills for taxes levied against the respective parcels of real property and be collected for the Mammoth Community Water District in the same manner, at the same time, and by the same person as taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby directed to publish this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the District. Such publication shall be for not less than once a week for two weeks prior to the date set for the hearing with the first publication at least fifteen (15) days prior to the public hearing. A notice of the public hearing shall be sent to each person listed on the Report. The published and mailed hearing notices shall detail the information to attend virtually.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District at its regular meeting held on April 18, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Cage, Domaille, Hylton, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT
Thomas R. Smith, President, Board of Directors
ATTEST: Mark Busby, Secretary, Board of Directors

TS #2024-0053

EXHIBIT A FOR RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-24-10		
UNSECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 FOR PLACEMENT ON MONO COUNTY TAX ROLL		
ASMT NUMBER	NAME	DELINQUENT ACCT
860-000-492-000	C. & J. ALMEIDA	289.84

PERSONALS

I saw you ... plan to be in the Eastern Sierra for fishing opener. If you get skunked, don't get too depressed. You're not the only Laker getting shut out this April.

Notice of Resolution (cont.)

delinquent charges, together with penalties and interest thereon, as stated in the adopted report, shall be added to the Mono County tax roll for the purpose of collecting such delinquent charges, shall constitute a lien against the respective parcels of real property described in the adopted report, and shall be included by the County Tax Collector in bills for taxes levied against the respective parcels of real property and be collected for the Mammoth Community Water District in the same manner, at the same time, and by the same person as taxes.

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EXHIBIT A FOR RESOLUTION NO. 04-18-24-09

SECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 FOT PLACEMENT ON MONO COUNTY TAX ROLL		
ASMT NUMBER	NAME	DELINQUENT AMOUNT
022-370-012-000	WEST/HINDMAN TRUST	482.33
035-251-109-000	C. AND D. PECK	290.15
035-252-141-000	C. AND D. PECK	255.41
910-001-269-000	B.R. PEREZ	237.96
040-013-025-000	C. ROBINSON	619.35
035-041-019-000	A. AND D. GAABO	252.83
031-180-020-000	C. TOMAJKO	292.03

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing May 9, 2024.

The meeting will be held virtually at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/81826768071> and in the Bridgeport Board Chambers, Second Floor, Mono County Courthouse, 278 Main Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517 or via teleconference at the Dana Room of the Mono County Civic Center, Second Floor, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following, no earlier than 9:05 a.m.:

Purchase of 264 Highway 182 Bridgeport, CA 93517 (APN 008-213-011-000) by Mono County: General Plan conformance determination for the County acquisition of short-term rental property for conversion to long-term rentals for local workforce.

Notice of Resolution (cont.)

the public hearing shall be sent to each person listed on the Report. The published and mailed hearing notices shall detail the information to attend virtually.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District at its regular meeting held on April 18, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Cage, Domaille, Hylton, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT
Thomas R. Smith, President, Board of Directors
ATTEST: Mark Busby, Secretary, Board of Directors

TS #2024-0052

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission will hear an application request for the following: Application Request: Variance (VAR) #24-001 is requested to permit a 3'-foot, 10"- inch east side yard setback, a 62% reduction of the 10-foot side yard setback requirement, for construction of an enclosed access stairway to replace the existing unenclosed access stairway for an existing single-family residence on a steep upsloping lot at 682 Canyon Place.

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines this project is exempt from further review pursuant to Categorical Exemption Section 15301 (e) – Existing Facilities. Location: 682 Canyon Place (APNs: 031-130-004-000)

Zoning: Residential Single Family (RSF)
Proponent: Mike Britton (Applicant)/
Richard and Julie David (Property Owners)

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

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than May 2, 2024, contact Kimberly Cooke, Senior Planner, at (760) 965-3638 or email: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 1609 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2024-0055

HARTLEY

MOCK THIS

Before I get started on the NFL draft ... why are star WRs suddenly getting paid so much money? Especially because we keep hearing every year how good receivers are absolutely littered ALL OVER THE DRAFT. To the extent that guys like Puka Nacua and Tyreek Hill are latter round picks. You can't deny the talent of Justin Jefferson, Jamarr Chase or CeeDee Lamb. But the supply/demand curve doesn't justify \$30 mill a year like Amon Ra St. Brown just got.

Here a few things I think will happen on Thursday night - my own mock draft, if you will.

The Commanders will select Drake Maye over Jayden Daniels with the second pick because when the Commanders treated their potential picks to an interview/outing at Top Golf, Maye thought the outing was COOL and allegedly Jayden Daniels (the better prospect) was irritated by it.

This will leave Daniels to the New England Patriots, choosing third. But then he'll be running for his life this fall due to the rest of the unathletic and largely horrible roster.

Arizona Cardinals. Everyone wants them to draft WR Marvin Harrison Jr. I would trade back and get more picks AND draft Michael Penix Jr. Because Kyler Murray will never be the answer at QB. They'll draft Harrison because that's what they're supposed to do.

LA Chargers. REAL TEAM NEEDS: A TRADE DOWN and BUNCH OF LINE-MEN. I think Minnesota moves up here trying to get a QB, probably McCarthy. If I were the Chargers I would trade down and let these teams fight over the WRs and the QBs. If they do make this pick, they take OT Joe Alt out of Notre Dame.

New York Giants. TEAM NEEDS: QB. WR. TALENT EVERYWHERE. I think the Giants stay here and select WR Malik Nabors. But then they'll have to snap the ball directly to him to get him touches because incumbent QB Daniel Jones can't throw.

NY JETS. Oh where to start. Team Needs: WR, TE, OT. REAL TEAM NEEDS: New owner, new head coach, new offensive coordinator, new QB who isn't 40 years old. Other team needs: TO DRAFT A REPLACEMENT FOR EVERY OLD, INJURY-PRONE free agent they signed in the offseason. Jets will select TE Brock Bowers to try and give Rodgers a WIN-NOW weapon. But Rodgers will refuse to throw to him because he is a rookie.

Las Vegas Raiders. Team Needs: QB, QB, QB, OL, CB, ROSTER OVERHAUL. REAL TEAM NEEDS: An owner who isn't a clown and a head coach who will shut up sometimes. Raiders probably can't move up for a QB because the Chargers won't trade with them and the Cards have a ton of picks already. But I think the Vikings move up and take McCarthy so I say the Raiders will be able to take Michael

Penix Jr. here. If he is gone, Raiders select OT Taliese Fuaga out of Oregon State.

Seattle Seahawks. If Penix somehow slips they'll roll the dice on him. Otherwise, they select CB Terrion Arnold.

LA RAMS. REAL TEAM NEED: For Aaron Donald to come out of retirement after skipping training camp. REAL TEAM NEED #2: To look at the Steelers roster for whatever player the Steelers have misused or undercoached and trade them a bucket of wings for that player and then make them a Pro Bowler like they did with Kevin Dotson. REAL TEAM NEED #3: for the Bengals to NOT take Byron Murphy ahead of them. Rams select Amarius Mims, OT, Georgia.

Pittsburgh Steelers. REAL TEAM NEEDS outside of a new head coach and offensive coordinator: For the Rams to NOT take Amarius Mims right in front of them. Steelers will end up taking Center Graham Barton out of Duke. Because their archaic thought process dictates WE ARE THE STEELERS. A HISTORY OF LEGENDARY CENTERS like Webster and Pouncey. BLAH BLAH BLAH.

Philly Eagles. Team Need: Defensive players. REAL TEAM NEED: A QB who isn't paid \$52M a year to be a fullback. Eagles select: A GEORGIA DEFENSIVE PLAYER to add to the 8 they already have. Eagles REALLY SELECT: Cooper Dejean, CB Iowa. A white CB. Crazy. The city will love him.

Dallas "ALL IN" Cowboys. REAL TEAM NEED: Stop overpaying their QB. Cowboys select OT Tyler Guyton.

Buffalo Bills. TEAM NEEDS: WR, LB, CB, EDGE, OL. They need more than people think. REAL TEAM NEEDS: A cold weather toughness to match their home weather. Bills panic and select speedy Texas WR Xavier Worthy.

Detroit Lions. They are handing out money. They just made Penei Sewell and Amon Ra St Brown the highest paid in the league at their respective positions. REAL TEAM NEED: A coach with more brains and less balls. REAL TEAM NEED #2: A CB who isn't on America's Most Wanted for evading police after whipping his wife's ass. Detroit Lions select, because Dan Campbell thinks it's funny: CB Kool-Aid McKinstry out of Alabama

San Francisco Forty Niners. REAL TEAM NEED: That QB Brock Purdy continues to be average enough for them to almost win. REAL TEAM NEED #2: How do we pay Aiyuk and Deebo and McCaffrey? Niners select: CB Ennis Rakestraw.

What I'll miss most in this draft - Belichick and the Patriots trying to be cute and selecting a projected third-rounder in the first round because they think they're smarter than everyone else.

But this year Belichick will be like everyone else - pontificating for profit on ESPN.



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MARK TWAIN AND THE GODS OF MONO LAKE

By Jim Reed

When he embarked on this adventure, Mark Twain was still Sam Clemens. He would not adopt his pen name until the next year.

In 1862, Mark Twain moved from Carson City to the booming mining camp of Aurora in the outback of the Nevada Territory. He had a case of gold fever and was out to seek his fortune. Mark and his pal and cabin mate, Cal Higbie, located a ridge of promising rock and staked a mining claim. The law required that claims be worked every ten days or be forfeited. They lost the claim for failure to work it. Mark would later write that he and Cal almost became millionaires.

They decided to explore a mysterious nearby body of water called Mono Lake. The state line had not yet been surveyed, and so it was uncertain whether Aurora and the lake were in California or in the Nevada Territory. In fact, folks in Aurora could vote in elections in both Mono County, California, and in the Nevada Territory.

When he first saw the lake basin, Twain described it as Marco Polo might have when he saw the vast Gobi: It was, Twain said, a “lifeless, treeless, hideous desert.” The lake itself was an “unpretending expanse of grayish water.” He didn’t know that the lake could take on a mixture of beautiful colors, including green or bright blue or, yes, gray, depending on cloud cover, the angle of the sun, or the wind. The gray was often a warning that a storm was on the way, and storms could cause dangerous waves.

Twain said the lake’s “waters were so alkaline that if you only dip the most hopelessly soiled garment into them once or twice, and wring it out, it will be found as clean as if it had been through the ablest washerwoman’s hands.”

It was no place for a swim. There were flies along the shoreline that swarm so dense, Twain said, they look like a cloud. “You can hold them under water as long as you please—they do not mind it—they are only proud of it. When you let them go, they pop up to the surface as dry as a patent office report.” There are only two seasons there, he said, “and these are, the breaking up of one winter and the beginning of the next.”

The two men found a boat and started out on a voyage to the two islands in the lake, Cal manning the rowing oars, Mark the rudder oar. The lake was smooth and glassy as they started out, but they knew that if a storm blew in, they had better get back to shore as quickly as possible. Waves could capsize their small boat. Once capsized, Twain said,

“death would ensue in spite of the bravest swimming, for that venomous water would eat a man’s eyes out like a fire.”

They took two canteens of water, but the sun ruined it. They searched an island for the better part of the day looking for a spring they heard about, but they found “nothing but solitude, ashes, and heart-breaking silence.”

Then the wind came up, and at this point fear becomes prominent in Twain’s telling of the story even ten years later. They had not secured the boat. They hurried back to their landing place “and then—but mere words can describe our dismay—the boat was gone!” They were prisoners on a desolate island, with neither food nor water. “To speak plainly,” Twain wrote, “[the situation] was frightful.”

Eventually they spotted the boat far from shore, but as it drifted near a jutting cape Higbie was able to reach it with a daring leap. The storm was increasing. After rowing a mile, “we were evidently in serious peril, for the storm had greatly exaggerated, billows ran very high and were capped with foaming crests, the heavens were hung with black, and the wind blew with great fury.”

They began shipping water and Twain realized that if the boat capsized “in less than five minutes we would ... be eaten up so quickly that we could not be present even at our own inquest.” After a desperate hour the sky cleared, and they “came booming into port, head on.” He and Cal ate, drank, and slept well that night.

It seems the gods of Mono Lake were not happy with Twain’s harsh views of the lake and basin and had set out to teach him a lesson.

Lesson learned. Gone from his descriptions of the lake are words like “lifeless, treeless, and hideous.” His views change as, for example, he notices “that at intervals all around its shores stand picturesque turret-looking masses and clusters of a whitish coarse-grained rock.” He says that if one breaks off a piece of the rock “he will find perfectly shaped and thoroughly petrified gull eggs deeply imbedded in the mass.” Whether that’s true or not, Twain leaves to the geologists.

What is clear from his writings is that

“There are only two seasons there ... the breaking up of one winter and the beginning of the next.”

-Twain

he came to appreciate the rugged beauty of the lake and to realize the dangers it presents to the disrespectful.

The gods had let Mark and Cal off the hook.

Twain’s book “*Roughing It*” tells of his adventures in the wild West. It is dedicated to Calvin H. Higbie, “An Honest Man, A Genial Comrade, and a Steadfast



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Friend.” It is “In Memory of the Curious Time When We Two WERE MILLIONAIRES FOR TEN DAYS.”

Jim Reed is the author of the very fine book, “*The Fatal Affair in Convict Canyon*.” He lives in Nevada.

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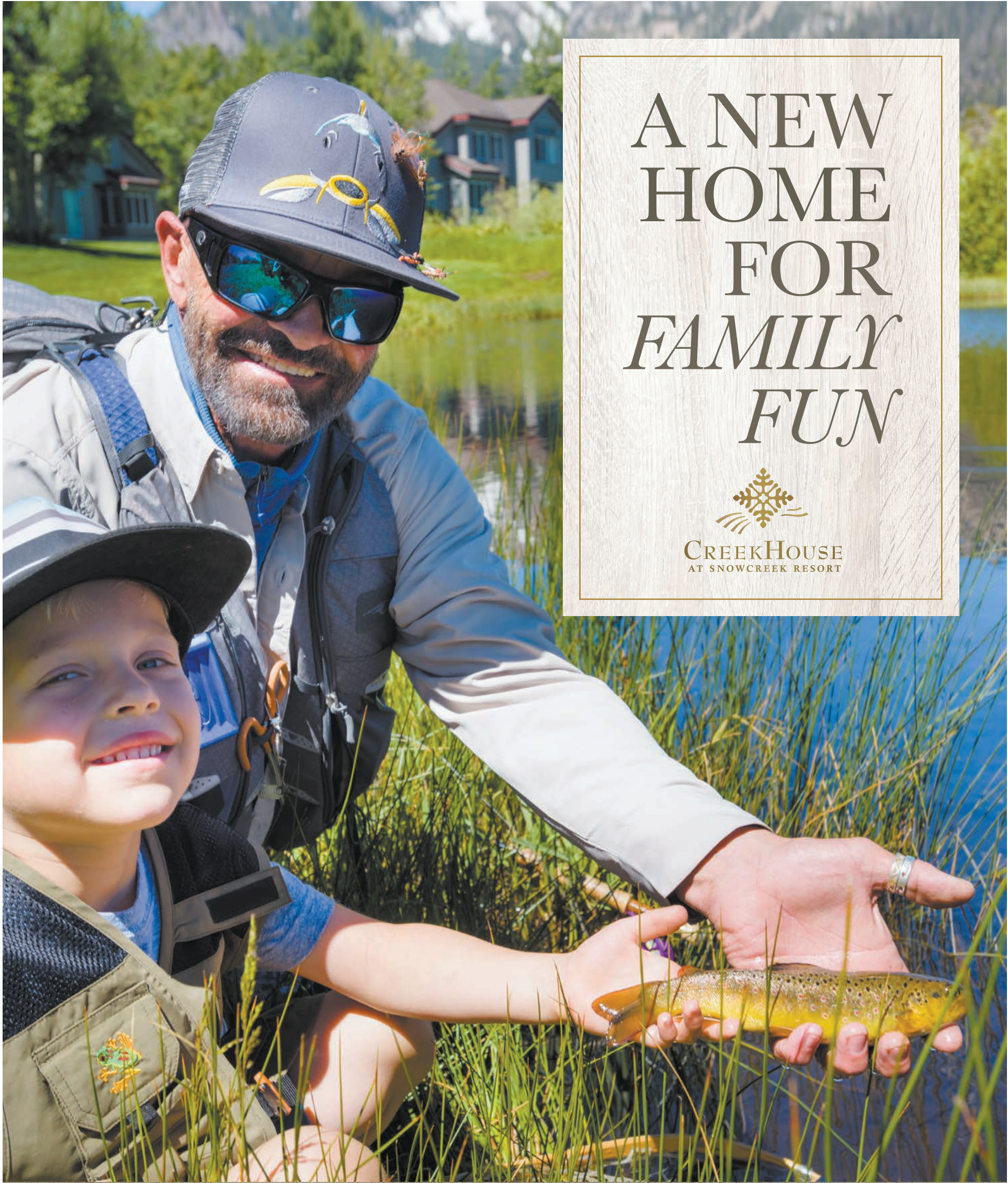
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