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PEN AND INK

A man and his sketchbook

By Milender

My interview with Bob Mechling began in the unusual way. He asked me a question first.

"Do you draw?" he asked

"No," I said. "Not in a long time."

And so Mechling pulled out his sketchbook—always on hand (he says), each page not much larger than a postcard—and picked up the cup of tea on the table in his right hand. He picked up a pen in his left.

Though a lifelong artist, it was only two years ago that Mechling took up the medium of pen and ink drawing. Since then, he says he can teach anyone how to do it.

"You don't look at the paper," he said. "Most people think you look at what you're drawing 10% of the time, and at the paper for 90%."

And he drew the coastal inlets of his hand, each fold and wrinkle and curvature, in just the way it wrapped around the cup.

"But really, it's the other way around."

What comes out, he says, is distorted but detailed. The trusting impression of a moment. A contour drawing.

Some contour drawings, Mechling refines and commits to the permanence of ink. Others just teach him how to see better.

He told me that, over the course of a year, if I devoted 10 minutes of my 1440 each day—and 9 of those, I suppose, would be seeing out my own eyes anyway—I could produce a half-decent sketch.

Mechling should know. Mechling has put in the time.

Mechling was born to creatives in Orange, California (the fruity motif, of which, is



Bob Mechling

a recurring one in his pad of sketches). His mother was a portraitist and a painter of still life with her own studio above "the Circle" in Old Towne. His father was a jazz drummer, a decent boxer, and an insurance salesman out of necessity. Mechling remembers his father as always being in the kitchen with a record on, sitting in a bathrobe with a smoke between two fingers and a coffee in the other hand; and with one-liners, too, but never the same one twice.

In his house, then, was the present mechanics of jazz rhythm. A book, he remembers, of Leonardo DaVinci's greatest work which he describes as "inventive" and "machine-oriented." When asked what inspires his art today, Mechling remembered seeing Disney's Pinocchio when it first hit

theaters. He was five years old, enchanted by the carpentry. Both the nosey, dancing puppet, and the swirling colors of the Italian wood carving in Geppetto's shop.

Later, Mechling says, he took art at every college he went to.

The Sheet: Every college you went to? How many colleges was that?

Mechling: Probably five or six, but I never got a degree.

Mechling's course load also included boxing (in honor of his father who put his sense for rhythm to another use, teaching the skill in the Army while serving a stint in the Philippines), fencing, and children's literature.

Professionally, Mechling worked as a salesman and then

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AN UNEASY TRUCE

By Lunch

Here I am, on the eve of the eve of Independence Day, 248 years old we are, the fate of the republic seemingly in the balance.

On the one side, we've got a creep and a crook and a demagogue.

On the other side, we've got a gaping, mouth-breathing, doddering old man well past his prime.

And even in his prime, he was entirely ordinary. An average Joe.

But I'm not sure I want to talk about that. Maybe I can circle around to it later. That's what a good writer would do. Tie things altogether.

But I'm also a guy well past one's prime ...

What I want to talk about first is the work relationship I have with my reporter Kendall Milender, who has been with The Sheet for nearly a year and will depart in a little over month.

And the relationship is fundamentally very close, but also ... uneasy.

Because like so many young people in this town, Kendall has more than one job. That's what it takes to live here - and it certainly got tougher when her student loans finally kicked in about six months ago.

From time to time, I had the nagging suspicion that I was getting the short end of the deal. I was supplying the majority of her income. I was also supplying her a relatively inexpensive place to live (she lives in my condo in Mammoth). But the gravy was in her other part-time job as a barista at the Looney Bean.

Because the job at The Sheet generally paid a fixed income. Whereas every extra shift at

the Bean was that much extra in her pocket.

So in my mind, she was incentivized to do just enough to satisfy one master (the paper) while she cashed in with the other.

On the other side of the ledger, what price talent? And boy is she talented. The young woman can write. And so I'd say to myself, does it really matter when she produces or how she produces so long as she produces compelling stuff that I like to read?

Even if getting her to cover a town meeting (getting anyone to cover a meeting these days) is like pulling teeth.

I feel like one of the most important jobs we have at the paper is to cover such meetings, dull as they are, because it's fundamentally important to track how your public representatives are spending your tax dollars.

And I like sitting in meeting rooms when I can because I like to get the temperature of the place. Body language doesn't lie. You get a sense of the players and their relationship to one another.

And sometimes in weak moments they tell secrets in broad daylight.

But that's a luxury these days - the time to sit in a council meeting. And young reporters ... it's hard to convince them that sitting in a room full of politicians and staffers will meaningfully improve a story that can also be done sitting on one's couch watching Zoom and drinking a beer.

With this as backdrop, I got a call a few weeks ago from a nice young man named Rudy Castellanos. He had just been let go from his job at Schilling Plumbing, where he'd worked

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for close to a year as an apprentice plumber. Castellanos, a full-time Mammoth resident since 2014, said he'd been at the job for nine months but was fired when he took a second job as a server at Dos Alas Cafe. Because the unwritten rule at Schilling Plumbing was "no side work." He took the second job, he said, to pay for surgery for his three-year old dog. He intended to keep the job only as long as it took to pay the vet bill. His friends have urged him to sue for wrongful termination. He's on the fence about that. "But I do feel like people should know how employees are treated." But he's not all sour on Ron Schilling. "I have a [plumbing] license thanks to him. He didn't completely do me dirty."

The Sheet then spoke to Ron Schilling. Indeed, Rudy Castellanos was a former employee. And his story, says Schilling, is partially accurate. "I let him go for multiple reasons," says Schilling. He said Castellanos's second job absolutely interfered with his plumbing job - in terms of energy level and skill and commitment. "He had a lot of stuff going on [in his life]," said Schilling. "He missed a lot of time." "And he left some jobs right in the middle [because he had to get to his wait shift]. You can't leave a plumbing job unfinished." At one point, Schilling said he told Castellanos to arrive at work at 7:30 a.m. to give a little cushion in the event a job ran longer than expected. He said Castellanos was then late for work. Like Castellanos, Schilling said he had no hard feelings about the whole affair. But in Schilling's view, Castellanos "wasn't dedicated to working." Philosophically, Schilling had a bit more to say. "I was at six [employees]. Now I'm down to three. Since the pandemic, the work ethic has changed. And the commitment. Employees feel like they've got you under the gun. They don't work any harder. They just want more money. Employees up



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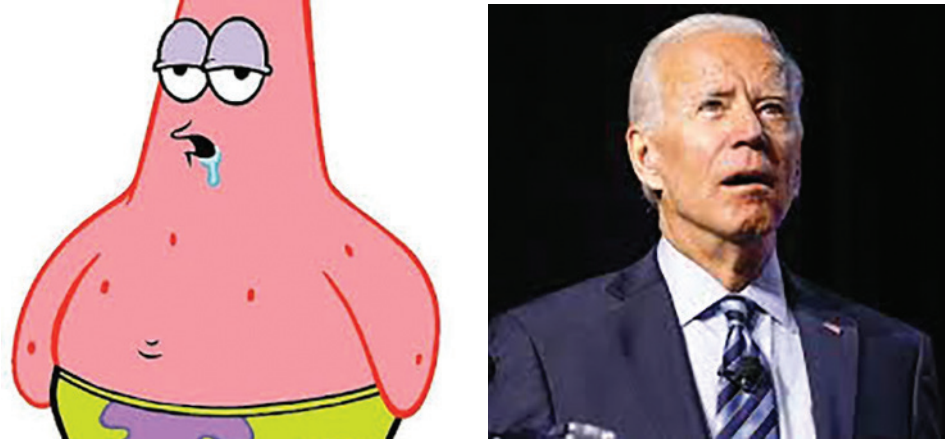
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here ... it's very difficult to find help. They're harder to find in the first place and harder to keep. All the good ones are working."

In the news this week... I did get a note from Chris Morrison, a former Alpine Stove employee who wished to "clear his name" following last week's more LUNCH, page 7



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Someone is above the law

Dear Editor:

Yesterday, The United States Supreme Court overthrew the central premise of American democracy: "that no one is above the law."

Chief Justice John Roberts and the "Supremes" decided that the president of the United States, has "absolute immunity" from criminal prosecution for crimes committed as "part of the official acts" at the core of U.S. presidential powers. It is time for Jefferson, Adams, Franklin and Associates to return from the dead to write a Job Description entitled the "Official Acts of the President of the United States."

Suggested official Presidential acts as defined:

Inciting an insurrection to stop the counting of electoral votes?

Using a sharpie to amend the track of a hurricane on an official NOAA weather map?

Throwing rolls of paper towels to hurricane victims in Puerto Rico and calling it disaster relief?

Placing your immediate family members on the government payroll?

Telling election officials in Georgia to find 11,783 additional votes to change the presidential election outcome?

Order his/her handpicked FBI Director to arrest and jail his political opponents.

Order the IRS to put liens on the property of media companies who criticize him/her, while jailing reporters and editors.

"Hail to the Chief" is the personal anthem of the President of the United States. The song's playing accompanies the appearance of the president of the United States at many public events; It has lyrics; but the new title should be "Hail to the THIEF!"

Hail to the Thief we have chosen for the nation,

Hail to the Thief! We salute him, one and all.

Hail to the Thief, as we pledge cooperation,

In proud fulfillment of a great, noble call.

Dr. Joseph Pawlick
Bethel, New York

Unlock the Gate!

Dear Editor,

Why is the gate to Crowley Lake locked at the Whitmore entrance? When will it open? Must we expect this in future years?

With the gate locked, shore access to much of the lake is blocked. The area typically provides enjoyment to hundreds of anglers, kayakers and birders each week throughout the spring, summer and fall.

I discovered the exceptional Crowley Lake fishing over 20 years ago. Along the way I purchased a condominium in Mammoth and spend several weeks here each year. Most mornings you would find me in my float tube along the now inaccessible shoreline. The closure seriously compromises my enjoyment of the area and I know that hundreds of other outdoorsmen feel similarly.

I sincerely hope that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will consider this perspective and restore the access that is so important to many area residents and visitors.

Jim Pearce
Mammoth Lakes/Indian Wells

E-Bike Peril

Dear Editor,

I wanted to express my concern for a walking-path collision that I witnessed a few weeks back on the Mammoth Bike Path. I was so shook up that it has taken me a few days to write in. It has been bothering me enough that it warrants a public notice.

While I was not injured myself, I watched the horrific events unfold before my eyes. Grateful am I to not have been knocked over as well. An E-bike shot out of nowhere like a bat-out-hell and collided into a young family, barely missing a mother with a baby in

a stroller. The young woman who was run over screamed so violently I feared she might be seriously injured or worse. I hate to think of the possible outcomes. The baby in the stroller was safe - this I made sure of as well.

The paramedics were called, and my attempts to talk to the teenagers on the e-bike were equally upsetting. The attitude of rude and self-entitled curled my blood. This is what I would like to bring up for your readers: Please folks, BE CAREFUL AND GO SLOW on the bike trails. BE COURTEOUS. Do not think you are the only ones out for a fun afternoon. LOOK OUT for pedestrians. And FOR GODS SAKE, if you do cause an accident, own up to it and apologize. DO NOT LEAVE THE SCENE.

I hope your readers can take note of this and be more careful.

After witnessing this, my wife and I are not going to be so casual in our walks with the pups anymore. This was a very scary event that I don't wish upon anyone. I hope the young lady received the medical attention she needed. May this be a warning and wake-up call to those on bikes, especially e-bikes, so bones are not broken in the future. or worse.

PLEASE FOLKS, BE CAUTIOUS on our bike trails. They are intended for ALL to enjoy.

Thank you for a forum to speak up.

Nathan Burton
Mammoth Lakes/Reno



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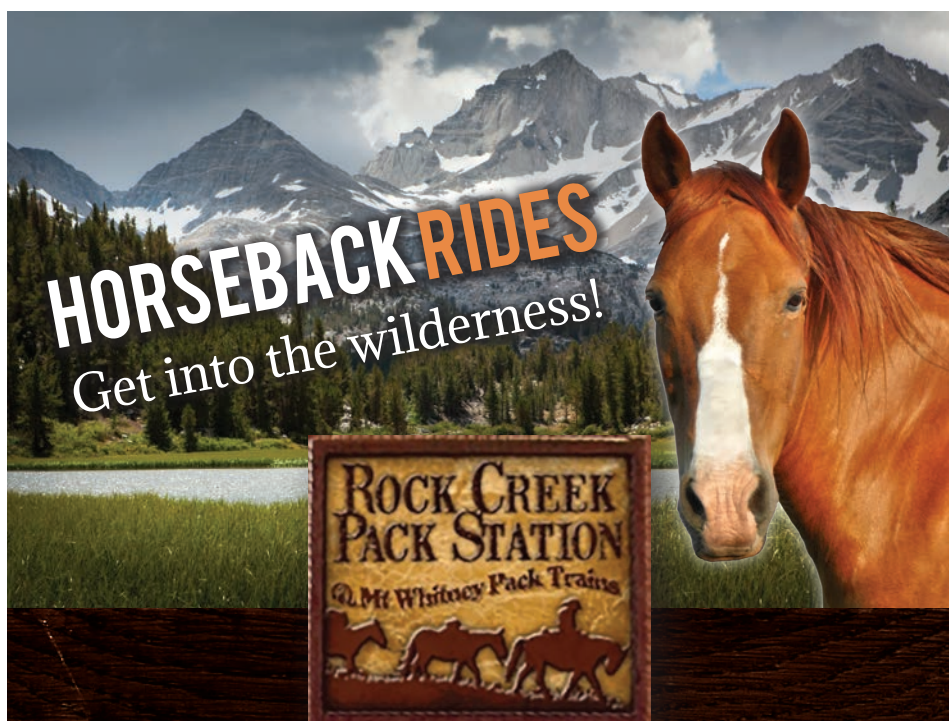
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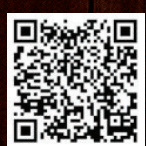
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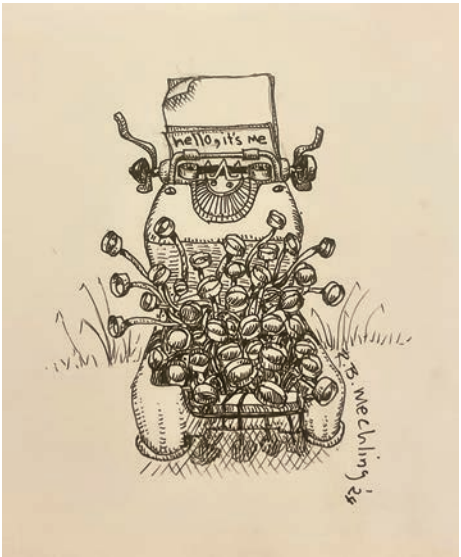
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as a general contractor. Half-retired, he's in business with his daughter, Brooke. Half-retired, he spends much of his time driving the pitch of 395 in his renovated cargo van. He drives, continuously, between Orange County, the Alabama Hills of Lone Pine, and Santa Rosa looking for places to make his art, sell his art, and for people to sell it to.

The Sheet: Do you want fame and fortune from the art you make?
Mechling: Fame would be bad. That's your ego. I already have an ego. I fight my ego. Fortune—I wouldn't mind a fortune.

I'd use it well. I'd give most of it away. Mechling, it would appear, is a man devoted to condensing—to fitting big worlds into what would appear to the untrained, unartistic eye as impossibly small spaces. In his notebook are dozens of sketches (colored, annotated, and occasionally smudged) of planned designs for his mobile home—floating shelves, French cleats, a pulley-rigged bed, and a restaurant booth where he can make his pen and ink drawings. The découpaged drawers he's planned all fit together into a myriad of geometric shapes, much like



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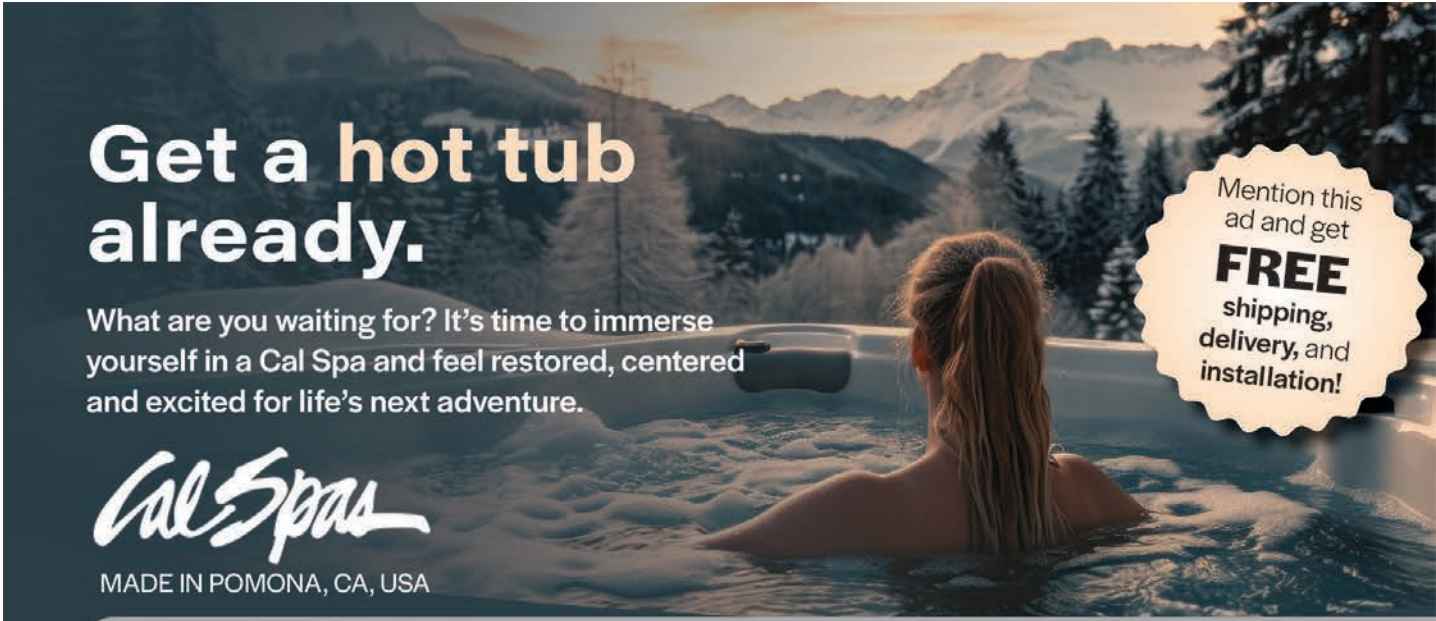
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At left: Mechling's favorite drawing. Not for sale
At right: The Sheet's commission. An exploding typewriter.

the doors of an Advent calendar. And his small-ish sketchbook is even more fantastical. The motifs that had originally drawn me to Mechling's work (from across the room, in a crowded Looney Bean) were typewriters with exploding keys, Rolleiflex cameras growing strangely out of flower stems, and anglerfish with clock gears in their eyeballs. The machine, taking over from the organic. The organic harboring the machine. We looked at one of his angler fish together. He said there were 30 more at home.

The Sheet: Do you ever try to analyze what they mean? Maybe, there's some hidden meaning?
Mechling: Maybe. Or maybe it's just a cool fish.
The Sheet: Clockwork Orange.
Mechling: Clockwork Anglerfish.

Mechling said that, aside from his drawings' subject matter, he thought what people liked most about his work was that it was organic in another sense. Inexact. What he called "working into the mistakes." He said that, for him, making artwork is as much about intuition as it is about getting the fundamentals down pat. Allowing, I suppose, our basic technique to act on what we intuitively understand. "We're all radios," he said. "And there are frequencies in the air that your thoughts can be. Maybe you're tuned in. Maybe you're not, because there's too much clutter up in your head." And then Bob Mechling picked up his pen. He started on a new page.

Mechling's art can be found on Instagram @bobscooldrawingsbestof. Mechling, himself, can be reached at 714-804-7329.



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story regarding potential fraudulent activity (taking orders and deposits but not delivering product nor communicating with customers.

He wrote, "My name is Chris Morrison, and as the former employee of Alpine Stove, I need to clear my name. I was never an owner or operator of the business. I was merely an employee. I knew nothing of any alleged fraudulent activity, and remain in the dark on any customer issues. I stopped working for Alpine Stove at the end of February, 2024. I have cooperated with the Mono County DA, and provided all information that I had of business operations. I was ignorant of any wrongdoing, intentional or incidental, both during my employment there, and now.

To which I replied ...
Chris,
I also just received the following email: "Last year Chris and the owner of Alpine told me I needed a new stove because the part needed to fix my fan was no good and was no longer made. They told me it would be about \$8,000. I found it odd that they never opened the stove to see the part.

Afterwards, I opened the stove to look for the issue. I found the faulty part, found a replacement on Amazon and for 8 dollars, it's been working just fine.

I did call Chris Morrison to let him know that I fixed it myself. He became angry and defensive. He let me know to never call Alpine again for a sweep or anything."

I am happy to print your statement, but to be fair, will also include the additional feedback above.

His reply was as follows.
"I don't know who this person is, but I have never told a customer to never call for any reason.

Regardless, I was an employee of the company, not an owner or an officer or operator. I did not go out on service calls,

and only conveyed information I was given by the owner of Alpine Stove. I was an office jockey that gathered and conveyed information. You can find an equal number of people that were thrilled with my customer service as were dissatisfied. That is not the purpose of this.

I have never been under investigation, I have never been accused of theft by any authority, and when interviewed by the Mono County District Attorney's office, I fully cooperated.

I, myself, never received any pay for the entire month of February 2024, which is when I recognized trouble, and I left the company.

The article as written is misleading and implicates me for doing nothing more than the job that was assigned to me at that time. In August of 2023, there was no indication of any wrongdoing nor financial distress. It was my job to type up and email the estimates I was given by the owner, and to receive payments for the business. All the information I gave to customers came directly from the owner of Alpine Stove.

Any alleged wrongdoing is solely the responsibility of the owner(s) of Alpine Stove, not the various employees that worked there over time, including myself."

Update: Chelsea Heinrich appeared in Mono County Superior Court on Wednesday to pursue a small claim against Alpine Stove.

She was awarded \$4,589.20 by Judge Gerald Mohun.

The case, first filed on May 20, 2024, centered around Heinrich's request for the return of a deposit for the pellet stove she'd previously ordered, but never received.

Alpine Stove and Fireplace, owned by Alex Solorio, did not have a representative present in court.

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ROBERT HUGH “BOBBY” TANNER 1959-2024

Born to Robert and Jean Tanner, Robert Hugh “Bobby” Tanner was born in Bishop, California on October 29, 1959.

In 1960, his parents purchased Red’s Meadow Resort and Pack Station. Thereafter, Bobby spent every summer of his life working at Red’s with his family. Bobby spent countless hours leading pack strings into the Sierra Nevada mountains. This family business instilled not only a way of life, but the foundation for what would become one of his life’s passions.

His love for the outdoors was reflected in the sports that he enjoyed the most. Bobby was an avid skier and grew up racing on Mammoth Mountain. His love for the sport kept him continuously fine tuning and improving his skiing. His immense talent and dedication in the sport led him to become a coach for the Mammoth Masters Ski Team.

Bobby graduated from Bishop Union High School in 1978 and was a proud Bronco football player. After graduating in 1978, he went on to play football at the University of Redlands for one year. Bobby later finished his degree and graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

After graduation, he began his first business, Tanner Hay Co. and later, in 1994 he purchased Rock Creek Lodge.

With his return to the Owens Valley, Bobby returned to one of his passions, football. His love for community, youth and the sport led him to become an assistant football coach at BUHS for some years. Recently, Bobby returned to the field and the coaching staff as his



son joined the program. Bobby was an inspiration and role model to countless Bronco athletes.

As a young businessman and entrepreneur, Bobby was a strong supporter of small local businesses and organizations, believing they were the key to a thriving community.

In the history of Mule Days, the contribution of the Tanner family is truly monumental. As the son of Bob Tanner, one of Mule Days’ founders, Bobby was a part of the classic Eastern Sierra event since the very first show in 1970 when, as a boy of 10 years old, he led a pack string in the first parade. Thrilling audiences with his riding antics, Bobby’s exceptional skill as a mule man only grew over the years. Learning from the last living teamsters of the famed Twenty Mule team, Bobby assembled the first Twenty Mule team in decades for Mule Days in the 1980s. Bobby’s teams of twenty mules, pulling two huge freight wagons and a water tank just as borax miners did in Death Valley over a century ago, is a unique and special attraction that has drawn people to Mule Days for more than 40 years.

In addition to bringing entertainment and fun to the event as a competitor, Bobby served for many years as a Board member, and was President of the Board in 1990. As a leader of Mule Days, Bobby kept Mule Days focused on the fun and spirit of Mule Days that continues to entertain crowds who visit from all over the world. Bobby was inducted into the Mule Days Hall of Fame in 2000. Mule Days would not be what it is today without Bobby’s contribution. He is part of the soul of Mule Days and will be greatly missed by the Mule Days family.

Starting in the early 1980s, Bobby and his father began a decades-long effort to revive the twenty mule team. Bobby

reverse engineered the long-lost historic twenty mule team jerk-line hitch and publicly demonstrated it, most notably to pull six historic ore wagons in Ketchum, Idaho’s annual Wagon Days Big Hitch Parade. By 1998, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Equestrian Committee had heard of Bobby’s work and approached him (and Rio Tinto Borax) to carry the Tournament of Roses president and Family in the Borax wagons in the big parade.

Based on the success of that 1999 parade appearance, the focus shifted to re-creating the original borax wagons. Bobby was instrumental in helping to research and design the replica wagons now on display at Laws Museum. He ultimately drove the team and these full-scale replica wagons in parades across the country, including another appearance in the 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade, the 2017 Washington DC Fourth of July Parade, and at Death Valley National Park’s 25th Anniversary Celebration. Bobby most enjoyed the handling of the team and wagons at the annual Bishop Mule Days parade and show.

In 2006, during the Bishop Mule Days celebration, Bobby met the love of his life, Claudia Moya. Bobby and Claudia were married in 2008 and a year later, they completed their family, and Bobby’s proudest accomplishment, their son Bo.

Bobby, Claudia and Bo spent their summers in the high country and winters on the mountain, continuing the family legacy. Bobby was much more than a devoted husband and a loving father, he was a best friend.

Bobby was preceded in death by his father Robert C. Tanner. He is survived by mother, Jean Tanner of Reno, wife Claudia, and son, Bo of Bishop, sister and brother-in-law Suzanne and Harvey Bertrand of Reno. A Celebration of Life to honor Bobby will be held later in the fall.



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LUNCH
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Heinrich detailed her claim, explaining that despite repeated attempts to contact Alpine Stove for a refund, she had received no satisfactory response.

“I’ve recently seen a handful of reviews online indicating I’m not the only one who never received a stove or refund,” said Heinrich.

A random thought ...

I saw that the Mono County contract with Caporusso Communications was recently up for renewal. Justin Caporusso pens all the press releases. They pay him \$105,000/year for a job which can’t take more than 15 hours/week.

By contrast, Inyo County’s Assistant Clerk Darcy Ellis handles all of Inyo’s press releases as part of her job description. She also proofreads the pressers from other departments and serves as the Clerk for the Inyo Board of Supervisors.

I asked her how many hours per week she spends on P.R. work. And my guess was about right. She said, on average, ten.

Here’s the tie-back for you. I just finished a book by a guy named Christopher Leonard (not the MHS teacher Christopher Leonard - a different guy) about the Federal Reserve entitled “The Lords of Easy Money.”

And the author is just terrific at dumbing down monetary policy so average Joes (even Bidens) can understand it.

He posits the Fed has taken an increasing policymaking role because Congress is too dysfunctional to handle the job itself.

As Paul Tucker of the Bank of England says, “Elected politicians should not be able, in effect, to delegate fiscal policy to the central bank simply because they cannot agree or act themselves.”

And what’s the Fed’s path of least resistance in a crisis?

Printing money.

And as Leonard argues, once you get addicted to printing money, it’s almost impossible to stop, because withdrawal can induce seismic effects.

Consider, “Between 1913 and 2008, the Fed gradually increased the money supply from about \$5 billion to \$847 billion. This increase in the monetary base happened slowly, in a gently uprising slope. Then, between late 2008 and early 2010, the Fed printed \$1.2 trillion. It printed a hundred years’ worth of money in little over a year ... “

In the first 90 days of the pandemic, the Fed printed \$3 trillion.

The upshot - all of this liquidity has to go somewhere. So it often filters into risky investments, or it’s used to inflate asset values.

As Scott Minerd of Guggenheim Investments observes, “The Fed has made it clear that prudent investing will not be tolerated.”

This is just great if you’re rich and own assets. And sucks if you don’t.

It was always my gut feeling that the pandemic represented the greatest transfer of wealth from regular guy to rich in our nation’s history.

This book kinda confirmed my instinct. People like Kendall and myself and Ron Schilling and Rudy Castellanos have far more in common than not.

As I write about us wrestling over acorns like that saber-toothed squirrel in the Ice Age movies.



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REAL ESTATE

MID-YEAR MARKET REPORT

By Lunch

Local Real Estate Broker Matthew Lehman is a generally optimistic guy. In temperament and philosophy, I think you could safely call him a Reagan Republican. The embodiment of the “Morning in America theme from the 1984 presidential election, where Reagan won reelection and carried 49 of 50 states.

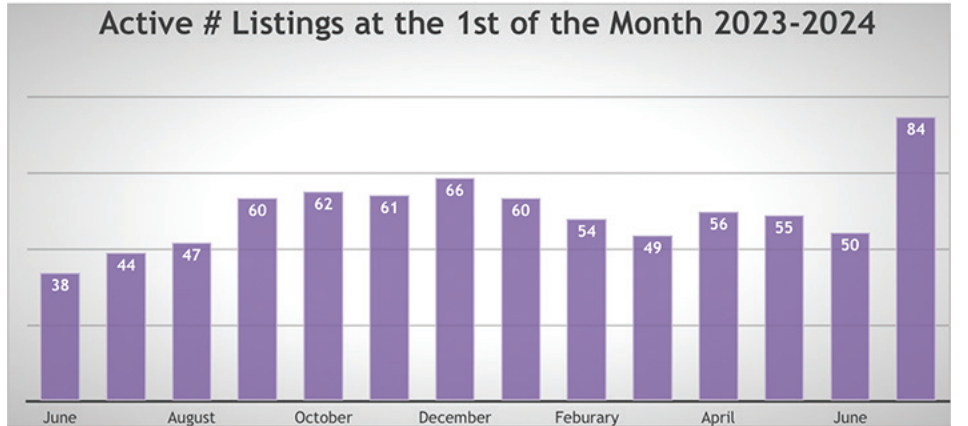
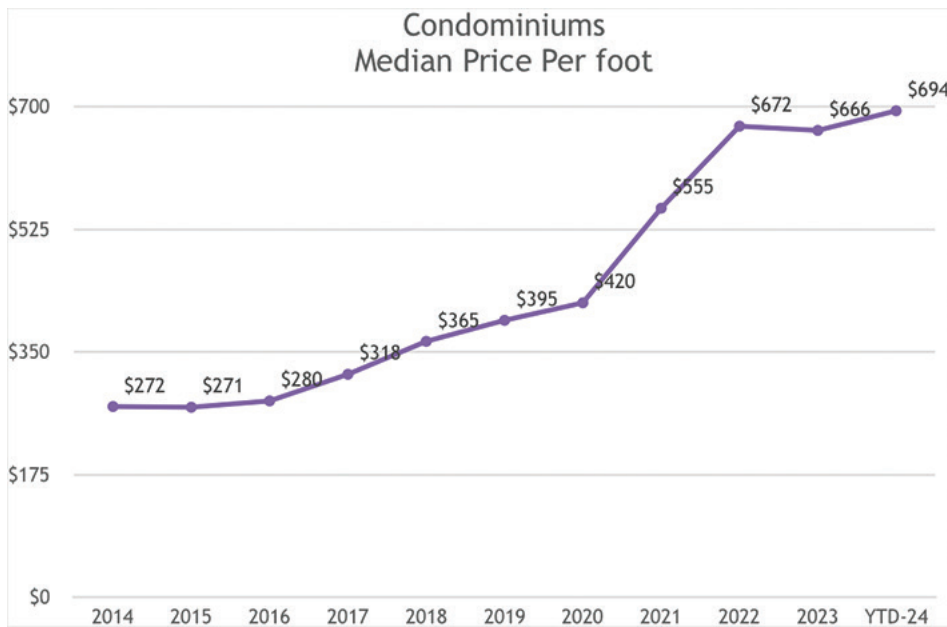
So it was a surprise to sit down with him this week to get his mid-year market

report and discover that he’d sold some stock and is positioned more defensively than usual. Why?

“Well, after the debate last week, I’m a little nervous. I’m wondering who’s running the country,” he joked.

But in all seriousness, he said his outlook is more influenced by state and local policies than national concerns.

On the local level, he is concerned about the Town of Mammoth’s push to



Condo listings spiked 68% last month and are up 91% year-over-year

increase the effective Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 14% to 16%.

The current rate is 13% and the TBID for marketing adds an additional point.

A two-point increase, Lehman points out, is the equivalent of a 14.3% tax hike.

Meanwhile, he said the state is also toying with the idea of approving tax changes either via executive order or via lower voter thresholds for passage.

He says Prop. 13 is under increasing pressure.

As far as trends he’s seeing within the local real estate market, Lehman says he’s seeing an uptick in commercial vacancies.

On rates, he says larger commercial spaces like the former Tonik space along

Old Mammoth Road are priced at about \$2.10/foot all-in.

Some of the smaller office spaces, he says, go for more than \$3.

In residential estate, prices have remained steady but he reports a huge uptick in inventory over the past month - typical for the summer season and yet elevated year-over-year.

Condo listings are up 68% over the past month and single-family home listings have nearly doubled, from 11 to 21 on the market.

What provides nervousness for Lehman regarding the market is the same thing which provides comfort - we’ve had a bull run that’s now 12 years old. “That’s a long time to go without a hiccup or a correction,” he said.

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ARTS

DANCES WITH SACCHARINE

But you know what? Hell. I liked it.
By Milender

For the next two weeks, Horizon: An American Saga—Chapter 1 will be playing at Minaret Cinemas here in town.
And the way it's looking at the proverbial Box Office, the latest venture of Kevin Costner (who has producing, acting, and directing credits in the film) may benefit from a few additional weeks

of ticket sales.
Costner is no stranger to the western genre, having produced and directed the Oscar-winning Dances with Wolves, and starred in such films as the epic biography of lawman and eponymous Wyatt Earp, Silverado, and the home-steadier soap of the small screen, Yellowstone.



Kevin Costner in "Horizon"

Still, critics have dismantled Horizon as a saccharine, character-laden alternative to harder and leaner gun-slinging fare.
The budget of the film neared \$100 million—\$38 million of which was funded through Costner's own investment and the mortgaging of 10 acres of the actor's land in Santa Barbara. It grossed just \$11 million this past opening weekend.
But you know what? Hell. I liked it.
Maybe that's the War and Peace effect. You get 300 pages into the thing (or in this case, 3 hours and 1 minute), and invest the brain power into memorizing all the names of the characters that really sound the same, and you are impelled

to grant the benefit of the doubt.
Or maybe, Horizon (pardon the pun) is grasping a new hold of its genre's receding, and dated line.
We begin, first, in the San Pedro Valley. 1859. The story follows groups of settlers drawn by promises of prosperity in a place on the frontier called—you guessed it—Horizon. However, this promised paradise West of Eden proves illusory when a minority group of raiding Apaches destroy the settlers' village, set along a tribal river crossing. In the final scene of the film's preamble, Frances Kittredge (played by veteran Sienna Miller) and her daughter survive the attack by hiding in an underground bunker and breathing through a rifle barrel prodded through the ground. It's damn creative. Damn claustrophobic. And marked by a kind of severe intimacy that foils well with that more sprawling nature of the film.
And then we move to the Montana territory—a sudden shift in sending, but a conscious choice by Costner to craft a western that does not make out the frontier to have been a monolith. Where the film's scenes in pioneer country California are congenial and community-oriented, the Montana storylines are replete with harsh weather and harsher characters. It took a village to conquer the West, says Horizon. It also took true
more SACCHARINE, pg. 17



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Fridays/
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Friday, July 5/
Beans Souza (acoustic) plays the patio @ Liberty. Perfect way top start your evening. Time: 4-7 p.m.
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July 5-6/
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Saturday, July 6/
The Felt Cutouts (Americana Rock) play **Liberty** in Mammoth. Time: 9 p.m. No cover.
Live music @ Stellar Brew in Mammoth. Time: 2:30-5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10/
Eddy Evans plays on the deck for summer wine Wednesdays @ Liberty starting at 4 p.m. 1/2 off wine by the glass!
Weekly trivia @ Main Street Pizza with Maurice Cooper. Time: 6:30 p.m.

July 12-13/
Mammoth Jazzfest for two nights @ the Village at Mammoth. Info: mammothmountain.com
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Saturday, July 13/
Party on the Mountain in June Lake.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, July 5/
Local artist Dana Ellis's latest show "Set a Spell" debuts at the Mono Arts Council Gallery inside the Minaret Mall and runs through the summer. Dana is one of Lunch's faves. Check it out!

July 5-6/
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TOWN STUFF

Saturday, July 6/
Summit Sunset Series @ MMSA. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Scenic gondola ride to the top of the mountain at a magical time of day. \$. Info: mammothmountain.com

July 6-7/
Death Valley Brill Car train rides @ Laws Museum just east of Bishop off Highway 6. Time: 10 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. 10+ ride for \$5. Under 10 rides for a buck. Info: lawsmuseum.org.

Monday, July 8/
Marilyn Hayden celebration of life. Time: 12-3 p.m. Location: Bishop Country Club. Please RSVP. See ad p. 8.

Tuesday, July 9/
Bishop Twin Theater summer matinee series (Thursdays also). \$2 crowd-pleasers. Time: 1 p.m. This week: Illumination.

TOWN STUFF

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Inyo County Supervisors meet. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Board Chambers @ 224 Np. Edwards in Independence or online via inyocounty.us.

Wednesday, July 10/
Pickup Ultimate Frisbee behind the Bishop Elementary School. Time: 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 11/
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GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514-3537

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Air Monitoring Specialist

FLSA Classification
Salary Range, Bargaining Unit Non Exempt, Range 65 (\$8,200-\$11,000 per month) Non-Management

Under direction of the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), the Air Monitoring Specialist position supervises the daily activities of the District Air Monitoring Division including oversight of the installation, maintenance, and repair of air pollution measuring or testing devices and instruments to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal air quality regulations; assisting in design and modification of air pollution devices; preparation and public presentation of plans, technical reports, and other documents detailing the District monitoring activities; develop, implement, and oversee the air monitoring quality assurance program; ability to coordinate

Statement Of Abandonment

Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

Mike Kenney Roofing

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:

Mike Kenney Roofing Inc.
P.O. Box 7840, 420 Commerce Circ.
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January June 13, 2024.
File Number 24-050
2024-0105 (7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:

BW Painting

Briant Wells
340 Chaparral Rd., P.O. Box 8054
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business in 2013 under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on June 13, 2024
File Number 24-054
2024-0096 (6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:

Black Velvet Coffee Village

Timbercreek Hospitality Group LLC
9201 Minaret Rd. W2-24
PO Box 7404
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited partnership. The registrant has yet to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on June 24, 2024
File Number 24-057
2024-0109 (7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27)

PERSONALS

I hope to see you ... at the Lions Club pancake breakfast. Just because they're old guys doesn't mean they don't like to serve the sausage.

I hope to see you ... parading in lingerie. Well, not really. But it beats the alternative. Because no one wants to see our emperors without their clothes on.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANCES E. YORK

MONO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 24PRB13

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANCES E. YORK.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MICHELE TILTON in the Superior Court of California, County of Mono. The Petition for Probate requests that MICHELE TILTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m., Mammoth Courthouse, Department 1, 100 Thompson Way, PO Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Gian Carlo Simonetti, Esq. (SBN.: 279468), Wood Law Group, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 203, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 934-5821.

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Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - HILTON CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Crowley Lake Community Center, South Landing Road, Crowley Lake, California, on the Delinquent Accounts Report as of June 30, 2024 for Sewer Use Fees and Juniper Drive Road Maintenance Fees. A copy of said report is included in this Notice.

At said 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 change thereon, the delinquent charges, together with penalties and interest thereon, as stated in the adopted report, 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 bills for taxes levied against the respective parcels of real property and be collected in the same manner, at the same time, and by the same person as taxes for the Hilton Creek Community Services District.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is directed to publish this Notice 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. This Notice of Public Hearing shall be sent to each person listed on the Report.

HILTON CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By: Lorinda Beatty, Secretary of the Board

Hilton Creek Community Services District Delinquency Report June 30, 2022 Updated: 6/30/2024 DELINQUENCY									
ACCT	NAME	Sewer	Late Fees	Total	Juniper	Late Fees	Total JD	Admin Costs	Grand Total
6014007	Lonsdale	1,209.66	476.81	1,686.47	1,771.56	737.80	2,509.36	50.00	4,245.83
6014012	Perry	438.90	43.90	482.80	590.52	59.04	649.56	50.00	1,182.36
6019006	McMillian	968.62	287.70	1,256.32	1,050.58	524.10	1,574.68	50.00	2,881.00
6023029	Cherry Moore	976.10	285.91	1,262.01	-	-	-	50.00	1,312.01
6023031	Yzaguirre	434.31	42.99	477.30	-	-	-	50.00	527.30
6032001	Ronci	534.88	72.70	607.58	-	-	-	50.00	657.58
6033009	Orozco	731.50	146.36	877.86	-	-	-	50.00	877.86
		5,293.97	1,356.37	6,650.34	3,412.66	1,320.94	4,733.60	350.00	11,683.94

*Administrative Costs subject to change dependent upon publishing costs.

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on July 18, 2024 in the Board Chambers, 2nd floor, County Courthouse, 278 Main Street, and the meeting will be accessible remotely by livecast at https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/88314926257 or in person at the Dana Room of the Mono County Civic Center, Second Floor, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, 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 am.

Variance 24-002 Wilson requests a front yard setback reduction from 20’ to 5’ at APN 015-060-024-000 on Bruce Street in June Lake.

The 0.23-acre lot is designated Single Family Residential (SFR). Project materials are available for public review online at https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission and hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction by calling 760-924-1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting in-person; and to submit comments to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov, by 8 am on Thursday, July 18, 2024. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to issues raised by you or someone else at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Secretary to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

TS #2024-0106

Notice of Cancellation

GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT - NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL GOVERNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board scheduled for July 4, 2024, has been cancelled.

A special meeting of the Governing Board will be held on July 10, 2024, at 10:00 am via zoom and in-person. Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85685997271?pwd=NGlnTzZ6dWVZY24vc2lYaEQ5RkVc5QT09Phone: +1 669 900 6833

Webinar ID: 856 8599 7271
Passcode: 131401

Physical Location: Alpine County Administrative Center
99 Water Street (State Hwy 89),
Markleeville, California 96120

This notice of cancellation was posted at the District offices of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop CA 93514 on June 28, 2024 as well as the District’s website (www.gbuapcd.org).
DATE: June 28, 2024

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - HILTON CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

A Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Crowley Lake Community Center, South Landing Road, Crowley Lake, California, on the Standby Fees (Availability Fees) Report as of June 30, 2024 for Sewer Standby Fees (Availability Fees). A copy of said report is included in this Notice as “Exhibit A”

At said 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 change thereon, the delinquent charges, together with penalties and interest thereon, as stated in the adopted report, 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 bills for taxes levied against the respective parcels of real property and be collected in the same manner, at the same time, and by the same person as taxes for the Hilton Creek Community Services District.

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HILTON CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By: Lorinda Beatty, Secretary of the Board

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Notice of Public Hearing/ Preliminary Budget Adoption

The Hilton Creek Community Services District Board of Directors has prepared a preliminary budget for the fiscal year July 1, 24 to June 30, 2024.

The proposed preliminary budget is available for inspection with the District Secretary at the District office located at the Sewer Treatment Plant on Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California during normal business hours by appointment only (760) 965-9696 or on our website hiltoncreekcsd.com.

The Board of Directors will meet to adopt the preliminary budget on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Crowley Lake Community Center, Crowley Lake, Calif. Any person may appear and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items.

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Notice of Election

A Municipal Election will be held in the Town of Mammoth Lakes on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing two members to the Town Council. The Councilmembers presently occupying these offices are Sarah Rea and Bill Sauser. The term of office for each seat is four years. Councilmembers are paid \$1,029 per month. Candidates must be registered voters and reside within the Town.

Nomination Papers will be available from the Town Clerk by appointment starting on Monday, July 15, 2024. The deadline for filing of Nomination Papers is 5 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024. If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the Town are not filed by August 9, 2024, the voters shall have until August 14, 2024 to nominate candidates other than the incumbents.

Citizens interested in running for a seat on the Town Council can contact Town Clerk, Jamie Gray, at (760) 965-3602 for further information. The Town Clerk’s Office is located in the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230 and is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated: July 1, 2024
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

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and rugged individualism.

And then the narrative shifts to the Wyoming territory. Costner's character, Hayes Ellison, a respectable horse trader, is introduced after an hour of runtime. His arrival injects a sense of nostalgia and familiarity—he's the classic, western hero archetype. It's the power of his love interest, and mining town prostitute Marigold (Abbey Lee) that adds dimension to Horizon's occasionally dizzying cast of characters. Through Marigold, Horizon achieves its largest subversion of western female tropes—she's a bustier-wearing, lip-pouting harlot, but she's also astonishingly funny, cosmopolitan, and flawed in a way that is somehow reminiscent of Mad Men's Don Draper.

I don't know. See for yourself.

I'll concede that where the film does get into trouble is that it feels driven by a pace more familiar to television—the constant interweaving of characters' relationships, personal plotlines, and their attachments to the Wyoming, California, and Montana territories are complex, certainly, but drop stitches. Costner is ambitious to premier a franchise in such tight succession, but foolhardy to assume that a modern audience (more readily adapted to short-form storytelling) can gather the attention span required to keep Horizon's story as straight as Costner's Hayes Ellison shoots.

But, what I appreciate most about Horizon was its neglect of that most troubling, and that most beloved American myth—that our history of the West was a binary tale of Cowboys versus Indians. The film may be character heavy, sure. But then again, so was the frontier.

One of the film's storylines follows the Apache man that incited the attack on the San Pedro settlement, and the factionalism that precipitated his ill-consulted mission. Another follows a young boy, orphaned from that same attack, and his wavering journey toward avenging his family's deaths. There are warring indigenous tribes, and unlikely allies with white settlers. There are the black, Mexican, and Chinese westerners (who, though often excluded from similar on-screen narratives, receive little screen time and nary a speck of dialogue). Danny Huston's character—a US Army outpost colonel—is fatalistic about the endless caravans of wagons headed for the West, and the encroachment on indigenous land.

In other words, says Horizon, westward expansion was driven less by Manifest Destiny than it was by the competing destinies of many peoples, and the perspectives and hopes they staked into that fertile ground.

What Horizon leans into—and

which is a lesson worth reviewing as we near this weekend's holiday—is that history, no matter how well remembered, is not inevitable. The West was not won. Rather, it was decided and contoured irreparably by the expansion of claimed land, the dissolution of indigenous land, and all of the egos, vendettas, cruelty, courage, pride (good and bad) in flux between that contrast.

So, this 4th of July weekend, give Horizon a try. If nothing else, Horizon's oft-featured white settlers had to expend some elbow grease to lube those wagon wheels and pitch their canvas tents. As an audience, I have faith we can practice patience, at the very least,

for the pace this saga demands.

And to Costner, I say this of your films: if you build it, I will come sit through it.

*Showtimes listed in ad below.

**A four part series, the next install-

ment of the franchise will hit theaters the second week of August. The third is currently being filmed.



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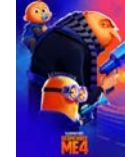
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DRIVING TO SIGHTS WORTH SEEING. OR NOT

I need to reassess the star power of Wells, Nevada. I do not need to reassess how hard California's license plates suck. Then there are the questions. Why are there telephones and bibles in hotel rooms in 2024? And daylight headlight zones?

Those were just a few items that perplexed and entertained me during a week-long vacation that included traversing five Western states and racking up a tidy 1,400 miles on the road.

But first, a quick report on the fun part of the road trip. In my totally unbiased opinion, the love of my life and my kids and family are brilliant, funny, insightful, caring and generally as spectacular as the scenic vistas we enjoyed in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. A good time was had by all, in other words.

Onward, to the surprises.

Topping that list is Wells, Nevada, located about halfway between Ely, Nevada, and Twin Falls, Idaho. So, it's not the end of the earth, but you can see it from there. It's been years since I drove as fast as possible through Wells to avoid what is basically a minor cluster of truck stops, hundred-dollar-a-night hotel rooms, and smoke-filled little casinos (yes, Virginia, you can still smoke cigarettes indoors in Nevada, as long as you keep feeding money into the one-armed bandit in front of you.) Ah, but chance intervened on this trip. Due to leaving West Yellow-

stone, Montana, a bit late, we had to stay in Wells.

Oh, Wells.

Dining choices were slim. A steak and snarky waitress joint next to the smokey casino and an Indian restaurant. What the heck. We went Indian. What a delightful surprise. In Sher-E Punjab Dhaba, English was definitely a second language to either Punjabi or Hindi. The men behind the counter wore the traditional Sikh turbine. Truck drivers getting meals to go and Indian families filled the small restaurant. We ordered and were rewarded with authentic, made-to-order, wonderful Indian food. Amazing.

Then, to top off the Wells experience, the next morning we marched into a Dunkin' Donuts. Coffee, glazed French crullers, Long Johns (I've heard all the jokes, so spare us both. Thank you). Not as good as Hing's but nothing is. So, great Indian food and a Dunkin Donuts hundreds of miles from "civilization." Who knew?

The travel lesson: Take a chance. Give it a try. Don't settle for the routine, normal, familiar.

Highway 50 across Nevada is proud to call itself the "loneliest highway in the US," but there are sections of US 6 and US 93 through Northern Nevada that could land in the top five on that list.

While screaming down those two-lane racetracks I noticed several signs that

asked drivers to turn on their headlights in the Daylight Headlight Section. Then monotonous miles later, it was time to turn off the headlights. The headlight notices reeked of a 1970 highway safety experiment that is pretty much irrelevant today, thanks to the advent of modern vehicles with driving lights that guarantee the headlights are on at all times.

All that highway driving and cruising and parking in two national parks gave me plenty of time to peruse plenty of license plates from near and far. And once again, it was abundantly clear that California has the worst license plates in the Western United States. The lame California plates stand out like a hipster at a rodeo when compared to colorful and creative plates offered by our neighbors. Utah has an orange/red sandstone arch direct from Arches National Park, or a skier advising, "Life Elevated," or "Greatest Snow on Earth." Montana has half a dozen interesting designs and colors touting the "Treasure State" or "Big Sky Country."

Nevada's plates are pretty boring, but at least they have a tag line, "The Silver State." New Mexico has an eye-catching bright yellow background, colorful Native American artwork and the simple statement, "Land of Enchantment." Arizona makes the desert look good with stylish cactus art and the moniker, "Grand Canyon State." Wyoming? A cowboy tipping

his hat while riding a serious bucking bronco for the Cowboy State.

And California, the Sunshine State, the Golden State? Not if you look on the license plate. The standard plate has "California" in cursive and then an inspirational, marketing masterpiece of a slogan: "dmv.ca.gov." Be still my beating heart.

Can we talk about bibles? Sure. In Bozeman, Montana, allegedly the "liberal" city in the Treasure State, our hotel room sported a "Holy Bible," proudly placed by the Gideon Society. Those hotel room bibles, and sometimes a Book of Mormon, seemed to have disappeared at least a decade ago, in my experience.

Another hotel room oddity that has been making me chuckle for at least a decade is the telephone in the room. A real, physical phone, with a handset, and a keypad for dialing. The only update, I think I see, is the preset calls are for the front desk and a wake up call. I'm betting a French cruller from Wells that no one has made a call to anyone on a hotel phone for a long time. On the other hand, the phones could be a nice way to dial up a tangible history lesson. I think there are millions of kids who haven't seen or touched or dialed or talked into an old-fashioned phone. They are now mysterious "way back machines" representing misty wisdom from a hoary past that can only be revealed by the elders.

Real ancient wisdom arrived in June in Yellowstone when a sacred white buffalo calf was born in the park. The birth of the white buffalo is extremely rare and fulfilled a 3,000-year-old Lakota prophecy. The calf represented a blessing and a message/warning that a spiritual awakening must take place and it's time to take better care of the earth, according to Native spiritual leaders, who named the calf Wakin Gil, which means "return sacred," in Lakota.

More specific were the comments by Chief Arvol Looking Horse, the spiritual leader of the Lakota, Dakota and the Nakota Oyate in South Dakota and the 19th keeper of the sacred White Buffalo Calf Woman Pipe and Bundle.

"It's up to each and every one of you to make it happen for the future of our children. We must come together and bring that good energy back,"

Jon Klusmire of Bishop would strongly suggest anyone driving to Yellowstone National Park from the Eastern Sierra take some extra time to also go through Grand Teton National Park, just south of Yellowstone. The big valley and soaring granite peaks will remind you of home. Except for the trees. And the lush greenery. And the rivers. And the lakes. And the buffalo. And the moose. And the antelope.



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