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COUNCIL TALKS SDA

By Fisher

Nolan Bobroff, Mammoth Lakes Community Development Director, presented an update and discussion on the timeline for the Snowcreek Development Agreement (SDA) Amendment at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Meeting on Wednesday.

The deadline to the original agreement had been July, 2030, but it appears destined to terminate early because construction of the hotel and (expanded) golf course hasn't happened.

That moves the deadline up to July, 2025.

If the SDA expires, the developer can still build the planned hotel and golf course, but the Town won't get promised benefits, and the developer (Chuck Lande and Chadmar Group) might face changes to the project plans.

Because the SDA might end soon, the developer wants to extend it for another 20 years.

"There's a lot of confusion as to what was promised or agreed upon back in 2010 and now we're actually at the stage of implementing the project" Bobroff. "It creates a lot of uncertainty with what [the developer] is required to do and what the town is in place to receive."

To address this confusion, Bobroff outlined a series of meetings to discuss the SDA amendment and allow for public comment.

The first meeting will be held this month as a workshop with the Town Council to discuss the current SDA and the parameters of the amendment.

Following that meeting, the town plans to engage with an outside consultant who specializes in development

agreements to identify "gaps or loopholes," Bobroff said. After four to six weeks, they will hold a meeting with the consultant and make adjustments as necessary.

"We're not asking the consultant to negotiate new elements to the deal, just solidify what's being proposed," Bobroff said

In November, Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission (PEDC) will hold a joint meeting to discuss the results of the consultant analysis and proposed amendments. They have not yet set a date for this meeting.

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LEE VINING TO GET THE CALTRANS TREATMENT

By Fisher

Most highway projects aim to lessen congestion, but promoting congestion isn't a bad thing in the Lee Vining Rehabilitation Project, said Caltrans Design Manager Michael Collins.

The \$20 million project seeks to revitalize the town's "Main Street," a segment of the 2.5-mile project scope.

Collins, accompanied by Project Manager Austin West and Project Engineer Eric Girod, presented an update on the project at the Lee Vining Community Center on Wednesday, September 11.

The existing pavement layout on U.S. 395 through Lee Vining is a five-lane road with parallel parking. Caltrans plans to implement a "road diet" on

this segment, reducing it to a three-lane road (one lane each direction plus a turn lane) and adding pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.

Caltrans also plans to repair and construct drainage systems to manage stormwater effectively. One of the new drainage spots will be located behind the Shell gas station, which already has a storm pipe, Collins explained. They will enlarge that pipe and build a berm.

Caltrans will also begin to direct and collect stormwater in a flat area north of the high school to prevent erosion during heavy storms.

At the same time, they will add bike lanes in both directions, and widen the sidewalks. To meet Americans with Dis-

abilities Act (ADA) standards, the sidewalks must be 14 to 16-foot wide and feature curb extensions.

"Is that because someone in a wheelchair sued you guys?" asked an audience member regarding the new sidewalk regulations at the Lee Vining meeting.

"Well, that did happen," West chuckled. "But they sued on a state level, not a local one."

Following the new ADA standards, the Caltrans team aims to create "holistic" sidewalks with new street trees, greenery, and improved lighting.

Caltrans will also install 20' tall, "pedestrian-friendly" light fixtures, which the town can attach banners to (if it wants).

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Bear issues haven't changed much in the past 15 years. This shot at Sierra Star (starring A.J. Huebert) graced the front cover of our Aug. 16, 2008 issue. As A.J. was quoted as saying, "This proves that golf is a mental game. You've got to block stuff out." Lunch reflects on p. 2.

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THE MORE TIMES CHANGE ...

I was digging through my archives looking for our coverage of the approval of first Snowcreek Development Agreement (which occurred June 10, 2009) and came across the two stories at right from the summer/fall of 2009.

The saga of Victor the Bear is hardly a novelty.

Only difference I see from then and now is that back in the day, private citizens didn't just stand there like a bump on a stump shooting video - they engaged in vigilantism.

As for the research project regarding the original Snowcreek DA, according to my coverage of yore, the zoning for 790 units was a reduction from the 850 which had been planned.

According to Hart Howerton consultants, "The land spoke to us and gave us that direction."

As to the golf course, the discussion focused upon the symbiotic relationship between golf and the planned hotel.

"High quality golf will drive the hotel and vice versa."

"Golf and the hotel are joined at the hip."

Joined at the hip, sure. In oblivion.

One thing we do forget is what was happening at the time - the fallout from the

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-The Waco Kid
from Blazing Saddles

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Great Recession. The Town suffered a year-over-year plunge in TOT receipts of 22%. Its budget, which relied heavily on projected Development Impact Fee (DIF) revenue, was in shambles and forced layoffs. MMSA also laid off 101 employees that winter.

It was in this context that Tom Cage said the following at the June 10 Planning Commission hearing (it was just a planning commission back then, before someone had the genius idea to rename it the planning and economic development commission):

"This is the nearest thing [development] we've got in the pipeline ... hopefully this board realizes both the sensitivity and the need."

The Planning Commission approved a 790-unit development and 400-room hotel.

BEAR SHOT AT LAKE MARY

A four-year old female bear was shot and killed by a 58-year old San Bernardino man at Lake Mary on Tuesday evening.

California Dept. of Fish and Game Lt. Marty Markham told The Sheet the shooting occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on Forest Service land. Markham said the man was picnicking with others when a black bear approached.

The picnickers retreated to their car while the bear soon began feasting on their food left near the shoreline. An unidentified person managed to haze the bear away, but after the group returned to the picnic, the bear returned once more.

This time, the man, apparently concerned about several "items" at the scene, retrieved a "large caliber handgun" and fired a single shot from approximately 20 yards away, killing the bear.

Mammoth Lakes Police initially responded before handing the situation over to DFG.

An investigation is ongoing and witnesses are still being interviewed, Lt. Markham said. The shooter's name is being withheld until it's determined whether or not charges will be filed with the Mono County District Attorney's office. Markham added that a final report on the case should be ready in "a few days."

According to Mammoth's Wildlife Specialist Steve Searles, there were clear sight-lines up and down the shore providing ample warning of bears who might be approaching in either direction.

A dead bear cub was pulled out of Lake Mamie the same day. Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Randy Schienle said the deaths are unrelated.

/from The Sheet Sept. 26, 2009/

AT THE FEEDING STATION

Old Mammoth home seemingly at epicenter of bear break-ins

This story originates, innocently enough, from an anonymous phone call. A woman named Jean-Marie called to inquire about local efforts to relocate Blondie the bear to Colorado.

Blondie, according to Mammoth Wildlife Specialist Steve Searles, is responsible for at least 50 break-ins of local residences within the past two years.

Oddly, though, Blondie had disappeared over the past week-and-a-half, leading Searles to wonder whether the bear had been shot or poisoned.

The name Jean-Marie rang a bell. Reason being that Searles caught a man red-handed a couple of weeks ago dumping a 25 lb. bag of dog food into a bucket in the backyard of an Old Mammoth residence. The homeowner's name had been Jean-Marie.

Piecing together some details, The Sheet learned that Jean-Marie Webster is a second-homeowner who lives in Ojai, Calif., and is affiliated with a non-profit organization, Wild Horses in Need, which rescues and rehabilitates wild horses.

So we asked her if she'd been intentionally feeding the bears.

No, absolutely not was the reply. "I don't believe people should feed bears," she said. Webster added that she'd had a caretaker on the property that day "measuring."

Yes, she admitted she'd put food on the deck for the raccoons and that there was a stray cat she's been feeding, but no bears.

She also said she hasn't been up to Mammoth in the past year.

Sheet: So how do you know you have a stray cat?

No response.

The caretaker was ultimately cited by Mammoth Lakes Police.

Webster says she has since filed a complaint against the Mammoth Lakes Police Dept., claiming her caretaker was handled roughly and placed in an arm-lock by Officer Andy Lehr.

/from The Sheet August 29, 2009/



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Sophie has held numerous jobs in town, most recently working on air at the radio station and for the mountain. In addition, she is a student athlete and one of the best ski racers our school has seen in recent memory. She can do it all!

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Housing mitigation fee: \$938,926



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Location: Mammoth Mall

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ESTIMATED # OF EMPLOYEES: 50

Housing mitigation fee: \$11,989



Project: Residence Inn

Location: Berner Street

Scope: 101 rooms

EST. # OF EMPLOYEES: 25

Housing mitigation fee: \$490,254

RESULT:

225 Employees, \$\$\$ for 3 Housing Units

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A WIN IS A WIN

No matter how small, a win is a win when it comes to the Owens Valley's ongoing tussle with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The most recent victory came courtesy of a stubborn resident of Independence, a successful Freedom of Information Act request, and the willingness of local LADWP management to respond to the reality of a row of big, dead sycamore trees lining Onion Valley Road adjacent to the LADWP maintenance yard in Independence.

The happy ending to the dead tree saga earned the local LADWP bosses high praise and compliments from the tree warriors for doing "the right thing."

A rare case of warm and fuzzies all around.

It is no coincidence the tree battle took place in Independence, whose community members hold public vigils when a

resident cuts down a tree, or just trims one poorly, and created a brochure that notes the landmark trees and gardens in town with the same reverence as historic buildings. Yes, there is a map with locations.

The latest tree trauma sprouted this summer when longtime resident Mary Roper continually pointed out the quick and untimely death of the string of about 20 large, mature sycamore trees lining Market Street/Onion Valley Road. The trees have had hard years and appeared sad and sorry before but are watered via flood irrigation and always sprung back. Not this time.

Roper also noticed the large, 80-year-old sycamore next to her home was slowly dying. The link: She lives next to the LADWP yard in Independence.

She started to think that something besides summer heat and age had killed the LADWP trees. She suspected poison. As she said at the Sept. 16 Inyo Associates meeting, there are absolutely no weeds whatsoever on the LADWP yard, but "anywhere else if you even spit that's enough to get weeds to pop up."

Her suspicions were heightened when noting that right across the street from the line of dead trees was a line of lovely, living trees occupying the edge of the Eastern California Museum property.

Both tree lines have been watered via the same irrigation ditch for years.

Not being the shy and retiring type, Roper started to contact LADWP about the dead trees. She brought up the issue at an Inyo/LA Standing Committee meeting. She also sent a letter to the new LADWP Commission members and CEO. And gave her tree talk at an Inyo County Board of Supervisors meeting.

As a former Inyo County Clerk and Recorder, Roper also knows the legal and bureaucratic ropes. So instead of just writing letters, she filed a Freedom of Information Act request asking for all records of herbicide (weed killer) treatments applied to the Independence equipment yard. For the past 10 years.

She said in an email she got a prompt, detailed response, including dates, amount of application and the name of the herbicide.

The key finding, as she wrote in a letter to the BOS: in March 2023, "the pre emergent herbicide was applied in double the amount of previous years, all in the span of three days."

She researched weather on those days and found "multiple high wind warnings."

Not hard to put things together: Too much herbicide being blown around by high winds and unintentionally end-

ing up on the trees. At the monthly Inyo Associates meeting this past Monday, Roper said it was likely the windy conditions caused the herbicide to miss numerous spots on the large grounds, so another dose was applied, again, without any intent to harm the trees.

Next up was contacting Adam Perez, the Bishop-based LA Aqueduct manager. Roper said Perez came down to Independence last month and inspected the trees and met with the concerned tree lovers.

Roper said at Inyo Associates that LADWP does not admit the herbicide treatment actually killed the trees.

However, Perez knows a dead tree when he sees one. And those trees are dead.

So the action plan that resulted is LADWP will cut down and remove the dead sycamore trees (and stumps) and plant new trees in their place. Roper said research is underway to determine and recommend which tree species would be the best choice for replanting.

"This is one story where LADWP and Adam Perez should get a lot of kudos," Roper concluded. "They really are going to do the right thing."

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is a sap when it comes to a good tree story.



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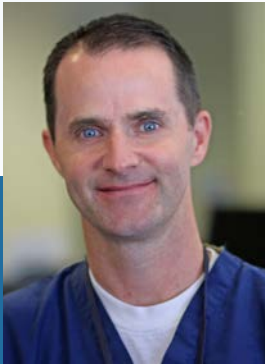
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LOCAL BRIEFS



MCOE taps Bennett Nguyen

On Tuesday, September 3, Tammy Bennett Nguyen was sworn into office as the Mono County Superintendent of Schools.

Ms. Nguyen was appointed by the Mono County Board of Education to serve the remainder of Dr. Stacey Adler’s term.

Dr. Adler retired on August 31 after fourteen years of service.

Ms. Nguyen brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and experience to her new position at the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE). She has twenty years of educational experience and 14 years with MCOE (most recently as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Director of Curriculum and Instruction).

In her role as Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Nguyen oversaw programs and services for students from birth through adult education, curriculum and instructional support for the districts, and various grants and special projects. In addition, she has been overseeing the

construction of the Curious Cubs Learning Center and is excited to offer more childcare support to families locally.

Ms. Nguyen was awarded the 2024 Administrator of the Year award for the Inyo-Mono Chapter of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Superintendent Nguyen (pronounced “Win”) has lived in Mammoth Lakes since 2005 with her husband, Vince, and two sons, Riley (16) and Landon (13).

In her new role, she also will serve as the Executive Director of the Mono County Libraries and as a First 5 Commissioner. Ms. Nguyen will be up for election in the statewide general election in June of 2026.

MLPD seeks info on Prieto-Gomez

In October of 2023, law enforcement began an investigation alleging lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age of 14. Further investigation identified the alleged suspect as Juvenal Prieto-Gomez, a 68-year-old resident of Mammoth Lakes.

Juvenal Prieto-Gomez currently has a full extradition felony arrest warrant for sexual intercourse/sodomy of a child under the age of 10 and lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age. Law enforcement believes Juvenal Prieto-Gomez may have possibly fled to Mexico to avoid apprehension and prosecution.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Brian Madera at 760-249-7507, or Mono County District Attorney Investigator Chris Callinan at 760-858-2127, or by email: detective@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

LEE VINING

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The intention is to have three of these fixtures installed on each block, similar to the lighting on Warren Street in Bishop.

A beacon will be added near Nicely’s that will arch over the road with flashing yellow lights to enhance safety for pedestrians crossing the street. Rearranged parking will reduce the number of people crossing on other sections of the road.

The plan does not remove any parking. It maintains parallel parking on most blocks and adds some angled parking at the Mono Market and truck parking at the north and south ends of town.

The project is not meant to promote or encourage the truck lots as a truck stop, Collins clarified. The goal of those lots is to prevent truck drivers from monopolizing street parking.

Planning for the Lee Vining Rehabilitation Project began in 2018, during which Caltrans conducted community outreach to gather feedback from the town. From that feedback, it created a needs assessment document. They are now in the design phase.

“We didn’t change anything without your input,” Collins said. “We heard a lot about how these changes would address speed, traffic, and snow removal.”

They plan to advertise the project in June 2025, later than anticipated due to staffing issues.

Construction, currently set to begin in May 2026, may be delayed by a year

if the county, along with the Lee Vining Public Utility District (PUD), decides to replace the water and sewer systems, which Caltrans recommends because they are in poor condition. Replacing these systems would cost about two million dollars.

“We believe it’s the right thing to do, but the state doesn’t own those utilities; they’re owned by the PUD,” Collins said. “We can’t legally pay for those.”

Once construction begins, work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with occasional overtime. The construction teams can only work on one block at a time, sometimes just half a block.

When an area is under construction, traffic will still flow through town but will be pushed to one side, with limited on-street parking. Access to buildings will be prioritized, and Caltrans wants to keep all businesses open during working hours and will indicate that through signage.

The only season in which construction teams are allowed to work on the project is between May 1 and October 15, Collins noted. Caltrans is currently applying for an extension to begin work in April to expedite the project.

“We really want to make it easy for the contractor to complete this job in one season,” Collins said.

Once the project is complete, Caltrans will conduct a speed survey and will attempt to change the speed limit in the area to 25 miles per hour.

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ELECTION

YOUR TURN TO MAKE SOME LAWS

By Klusmire

The 10 state ballot measures facing voters in November's General Election represent attempts to tackle a laundry list of ongoing issues in California: affordable housing, rent control, climate change, healthcare, crime, school funding, the minimum wage. Some of the measures come with price tags in the billions, others tweak existing laws or erase long-forgotten

historical relics (yes, friends, indentured servitude is still legal in California and marriage is only between a man and a woman), and some are complicated, technical "fixes" the experts probably should have handled instead of pawning off the decision to voters. The following is a quick overview of the 10 ballot measures.

Proposition 2: This asks voters approve a \$10 billion bond (borrowing money) that would be dished out to local school districts for modernizing buildings and upgrading such items as heating and cooling systems. About \$8.5 billion would go to K-12 schools, with community colleges getting the rest (no cash for the sprawling state university system).

School districts from Mammoth to Lone Pine are hoping to ride the coattails of this statewide ballot question by placing their own, separate ballot questions to voters asking for approval to raise property taxes to fund renovations and improvements. The Bishop Unified School District is asking for a \$60 million bond; the Mammoth Unified School District is proposing a \$70 million bond measure; the Independence and Lone Pine school districts each have bond measures seeking \$7.5 million for facility improvements on their respective campuses.

Proposition 3: This is some house-keeping. If approved this measure would remove language in the State Constitution (Prop. 8, approved by voters in 2008) defining marriage as "between a man and a woman." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of same

sex marriage in 2015, making the state prohibition irrelevant.

Proposition 4: Another \$10 billion bond measure. This would fund a variety of programs to address impacts of global warming in the state. Money would flow to water projects and efforts to curtail damage from drought, flooding and extreme heat. Environmental groups say it's a drop in the bucket compared to what is really needed, and just replaces some funding cut to balance the 2024-2025 budget.

Proposition 5: One sticking point for local government in financing affordable housing projects has been the need to get a two-thirds (66%) supermajority to approve bonds for those housing projects. If approved, this measure would drop that approval threshold to just 55%.

Proposition 6: This measure would ban forced labor and involuntary servitude. Another clean-up of old language in the state constitution, which allows forced labor as a punishment for a crime. If approved, this would mainly affect incarcerated folks who could not be forced into working. They can still volunteer for work assignments, such as the CalFire crews using prison inmates.

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PROPS

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Proposition 32: State mandated minimum wages are all over the board, with three separate ones on the books. If approved, this measure would increase the general state minimum wage from \$16 an hour to \$18 an hour over two years, then make yearly adjustments based on inflation. That still won't match the \$20 minimum for fast food workers, or the \$25 minimum for most healthcare workers, which is set to go into effect in October. Many cities have their own minimum wages which are higher than the state mandate.

Proposition 33: Rent controls. Wonder why no local governments have implemented rent control measures to cap rent increases? Answer: The Costa Hawkins law, which currently stops cities from imposing rent controls on any housing built after 1995, and any single family homes or condos. If approved, Prop. 33 would repeal Costa Hawkins, opening the door for local rent control efforts. It approved, it would also strip away the most common answer to angry renters asking their local elected officials for help to slow down rampant rent hikes, which has been, "Gee, would love to help, but you know, state law prohibits it. Our hands are tied."

The pro and con campaigns are in full swing over this ballot measure, complete with dire predictions that if approved no builder will build more housing, on one hand, with promises of fewer evictions and more affordable

housing on the other.

Proposition 34: This one seems a bit odd. It would make large healthcare corporations spend all the money they get from federal prescription drug discount programs only on patient care instead of other business expenses ranging from salaries to promotion and advertising. One observer noted it was a blatant attempt to target the AIDS Healthcare Foundation which has actively funded ballot questions, such as Prop 33. The backers of Prop 34 are a trade group for California Landlords.

Proposition 35: If approved this measure would create a permanent funding stream for the state's Medi-Cal program by making permanent the current temporary tax on managed

healthcare plans. Lawmakers would also be blocked from diverting the resulting cash from Medi-Cal. Theoretically, approval of this measure could mean increased reimbursement rates for healthcare providers for treating Medi-Cal patients. All local healthcare providers in the Eastern Sierra, hospitals and clinics, have complained for years that Medi-Cal payments fall far short of covering actual expenses.

Proposition 36: In 2014, Prop. 47 rolled back jail time and penalties for many "low level" offenses. Proponents of this measure say the result has been a massive increase in shoplifting, theft rings and increased drug dealing that created the perception that crime was raging out of control because of repeat

offenders facing no consequences. Prop. 36 would roll back some of those changes. It would impose harsher penalties for drug possession and retail theft, make repeat shoplifting a felony, not a misdemeanor, and increase penalties for fentanyl dealers. The measure is backed by numerous law enforcement agencies.

More information on the ballot measures will be in the official voter guide arriving in mailboxes soon and can also be found on the California Secretary of State webpage at www.sos.ca.gov.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is seeking part-time legislator's pay for his part-time job voting on new laws.

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A LOOK AT SMHD BOARD INCUMBENTS

By Lunch and Fisher

The Southern Mono Hospital District features three incumbents and a challenger.

The incumbents would suggest if you're happy with the status quo (SMHD is building a new \$140 million wing without having to go to the voters for a bond measure, because the district is in excellent financial health), vote for the incumbents - Ryan Wood, Laurey Carlson and Alec Clowes.

This week it appears we have room for two profiles. And will save the Clowes (pronounced Clues) profile for next week.

Ryan Wood

Incumbent Ryan Wood, a local attorney who has served on the Southern Mono Hospital Board for six years, is seeking election this fall.

Wood served from 2014-2018 and then joined the board again in January, 2023 when he replaced Dave Anderson, who resigned his seat when he became Mono County District Attorney.

Wood grew up in Mammoth, the son of former Mayor Rick Wood. He did his undergrad education at UC-Santa Barbara, and then graduated from the Fowler School of Law at Chapman University.

He said he passed the bar on a Thursday and moved back to Mammoth that weekend.

His wife Sarah also grew up in Mammoth (the daughter of Cindy Butner). She owns Blazing Shears salon. The couple has a one-year old child.

Wood's principal motivation for remaining on the board is to help shepherd the \$140 million North Wing project to its conclusion.

The project was necessitated by seismic requirements.

As with any large project, there have been differences of opinion regarding size, scope and services.

Last week, in her candidate interview, challenger Jennifer Burrows was critical of the current board's decision to limit the number of hospital beds in the new building to just 18 (an increase from the present 13).

But Wood says an increase in beds would also lead to an exponential increase in cost, and "we almost never get to capacity as it is. I know she's been vocal. The fact is, it's a done deal."

He said that even if Burrows won election, the decision on design/beds cannot be revisited at this point.

As a larger point of order, Wood questions just how many doctors/



Wood and wife Sarah, Xmas '23.

nurses should be on the SMHD board - given then potential for intertwining of district business decisions and personal interest. "The current board meshes well ... we come from different backgrounds. Our diversity makes us better."

He has some concern about the number of medical personnel on the board, as they are unavoidably self-interested.

The two board members not up for reelection are Dr. Yuri Parisky and retired nurse Joanne Hunt.

Ms. Burrows' (a nurse herself) husband, Dr. Craig Burrows, served as the hospital's Chief Medical Officer before he was ousted from the position nine months ago by Hospital CEO Tom Parker.

So Wood also has some concern regarding Ms. Burrows' motivation to

run.

"People get on boards and want to micromanage ... that is not [the hallmark of] a successful board."

Wood believes CEO Parker is doing a great job (Clowes and Carlson would agree).

Wood says the SMHD has traditionally had a local attorney serve on the board, from Dave Anderson to Rick Liebersbach to Judge Ed Forstenzer.

Yes, the board has in-house counsel, but Wood thinks having a legal background helps.

Over the past two years, Wood did have one major break with his fellow board members when he opposed the district's decision to discontinue labor and delivery services.

"I was blown away at the amount of support for L & D [in the wake of the decision] ... I must have had 25 emails and calls. I know people didn't want it to close ...

I'm prepared to be on the short end of a vote. You don't win all the time as a litigator. But I'll never back down from doing what's right."

Laurey Carlson

Laurey Carlson is running for her third consecutive term on the Southern Mono Healthcare District (SMHD) Board.

As an incumbent, Carlson benefits

see SMHD, page 9



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from her experience working with the other candidates over the past eight years. She noted that while Alec Clowes, a software engineer, a software engineer, and Ryan Wood, a local attorney, lack medical experience, they have contributed valuable expertise to the board.

“I’m extremely proud to have a strong, cohesive group of individuals willing to donate their time for the benefit of the community at large,” she said. “We have a diverse group and it’s nice to have a balance.”

Carlson herself has a diverse background. After initially moving to Mammoth for a season, she fell in love with the town and decided to stay. She served on ski patrol for 23 years, has been certified as an Emergency Medical Technician for 38 years, and is currently in her 43rd year as a Mammoth Mountain employee.

She currently manages employee housing for the ski area.

“I have lived in the community for such a long time and have gone through the struggles of having had three jobs at one time to make ends meet and living paycheck to paycheck,” she said.

In her free time, Carson runs a food bank and is involved with the “Ripping Over 50 Ski & Snowboard Camps,” which coaches athletes over 50 in snow sports. Staying active on the mountain has given her the energy to give back to her community, she said.

“Endorphins are great — they keep me positive and make my volunteer work and job responsibilities easier to



Laurey Carlson

manage,” she said with a laugh.

During her tenure on the SMHD Board, Carlson has been involved in the North Wing Project, which aims to add a new, up-to-code building to the current hospital.

“It’s been an ongoing, challenging project because there’s a lot of government guidelines that we have to adhere to,” she said.

The project is scheduled to break ground in May 2025, five months after the SMHD Board’s next term begins.

“I want to be on the board to see that part of our efforts come to fruition,” she said.

Looking ahead, Carlson aims to develop hospital-supplied housing and childcare for healthcare employees. She also wants to promote and expand the Elevate program, which the SMHD Board initiated in 2020 to address community health needs through lifestyle changes.

COUNCIL

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There will then be two public hearings, one held in December by the Mammoth Lakes PEDC and one held in January by the Mammoth Lakes Town Council. The dates for these hearings are also yet to be determined.

“The community is going to care a lot about this project, but sometimes they don’t engage until it’s too late,” Mammoth Lakes Councilmember Chris Bubser said. “Once it’s done, it’s done.”

Bobroff also gave an update on the Mammoth Lakes “Housing Now!” Program, where he announced that the first unit in the Lease to Locals program has been leased, and that plans for the third phase of the Parcel are in the works.

Lawson Reif gave a presentation to the Council on alternatives proposed by the National Park Service on the reservation system for Yosemite, and recommended they support alternative D, which separates Yosemite Valley from the rest of the park and only requires reservations for that area.

The National Park Service (NPS) recommends alternative B, which is the current reservation model and requires people to make reservations to visit anywhere in the park.

“When I first saw the proposals, I couldn’t understand why [NPS] chose B except that staying closed is easier than staying open,” Mayor Bill Sauser said.

The council unanimously agreed with Reif’s recommendation and authorized

Town Manager Rob Patterson to provide a letter of public comment to the Park Service.

Councilmember Sarah Rea worked in Yosemite for eight years, she said. She felt it was wrong to gatekeep Yosemite through the reservation system from people who don’t have access to the internet, and so she preferred alternative D because it allows people to access at least some of the park.

In the drafted letter, Reif identified some unintended consequences of alternatives B and C, which both require reservations to access the entire park.

“[This alternative] does not address negative effects on nearby communities or public lands and many people illegally camp in these areas so they can get up early and access the Park before 5 a.m.,” he stated in the document.

On the other hand, some locals also game the reservation system and restrict access to the park from other visitors, Councilmember John Wentworth said.

Councilmember Amanda Rice said she was excited about alternative D but unsure whether the NPS would actually implement the necessary infrastructure to enforce it.

The Sheet reported on the different proposed alternatives in last week’s issue, published September 12.



mammoth trailfest.

TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY FOR

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2024

The Mammoth Trailfest running event will take place on Friday, September 20 through Sunday, September 22, 2024. Over 2,000 runners are expected to participate. The start and finish of the event is located in The Village on Canyon Blvd. As a result, a section of Canyon Blvd. between Lake Mary Road and Hillside Drive will be closed from 6:00 - 8:30AM on Saturday, September 21 and between 6:00 - 11:00AM on Sunday, September 22. During this time, the bus stops in The Village on Canyon Blvd. will be inaccessible, which will impact several public transit routes.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE STOPS ON THE FOLLOWING ROUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2024

LAKES BASIN TROLLEY (ESTA) NEW STOP:
Pick-up/drop-off will be at the Village/ Minaret stop in front of Toomey’s.

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TOWN TROLLEY (ESTA) NEW STOP:
Pick-up/drop-off will be at stop #18 on Minaret Rd across the street from Old New York Deli, as well as at the regular Village/Minaret stop in front of Toomey’s.

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Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street Pizza - See ad this page for details.
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

September 20-21/ Cold Without Pants (Mammoth's favorite party band) plays Liberty in Mammoth for two nights. Shows begin ~9:30 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 13*

Sept. 20-22/ Millpond Music Festival @ Millpond County Park. More info, lineups, tix @ inyo.org.

Saturday, Sept. 21/ Starlit Skate Night @ Bar Sierra. Time: 7-10 p.m. Roller skating & live music.
Boot, Scoot and Bowl @ the Back Alley in Bishop. Time: 7-10 p.m. Live music by Angels Roost. No cover charge.

Monday, Sept. 23/ Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24/ Taco Tuesdays @ John's Pizza Works. Time: 4-9 p.m. And a great place to watch the game. *More info, see ad p. 4.*
Sports Trivia night @ Mammoth Brewing Co. Starts 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25/ Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.
Weekly trivia @ Main Street Pizza and Tap. Time: 6:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, Sept. 20/ Bishop Broncos Football faces one of its biggest challenges of the year in Ontario Christian. Kickoff 7 p.m. @ John Schwab Field.

Saturday, Sept. 21/ The Annual Lakes Basin Clean Up, in conjunction with the Great Sierra River Clean Up, is set for Saturday, September 21 at Horseshoe Lake. *More info: See ad p. 7*

Monday, Sept. 23/ "Stitch and Bitch" weekly stitch circle @ the MAC Gallery in Mammoth inside the Minaret Mall. Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24/ TOML Parks & Rec Bike Rodeo @ Shady Rest Park. Time: 12:30-4 p.m. Hot dog roast, bike races and more. *Info: See ad p. 13.*
MHS Volleyball plays at home v. Cal City. Varsity plays 5 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Wednesday, Sept. 25/ Science on Tap series moves to Distant Brewing for this installment. Speaker: Forester Melissa Boyd. Topic: An Inside Look on Forest Restoration Projects. Event starts 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26/ Oktoberfest celebration hosted by the Rotary Club of Mammoth. Location: Toomey's. \$45 buys you a bavarian buffet, games & more. Starts 5:30 p.m. *Tix @ mammothlakesrotaryclub.org.*

Sept. 27-28/ Annual Pabanamanina Pow Wow @ the pow wow grounds across from the Wanaaha Casino.

Sept. 28-29/ Mammoth Open Golf. 36 holes @ Sierra Star and Snowcreek. Three divisions. *More info: 760.924.GOLF/ sierrastargolf.com.*

UPCOMING

October 2: Bishop City Council Candidate Forum hosted by INYO350. The event is free and open to the public. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Bishop United Methodist Church @ 205 N. Fowler.
Sierra Classic Theater 25th anniversary party @ Mammoth Brewing Company. *More info: Ad p. 5*

*WEEKLY TRIVIA RETURNS TO MSP! WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30

TOWN STUFF

Moonlight Mammograms by appointment @ Northern Inyo Hospital. Time: 4-8 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 7*

October 2-5: Eastern Sierra Mountain Film Festival @ the USFS Auditorium in Mammoth, 2510 Main St. \$12 suggested donation nightly but no one turned away. *More info: easternsierraarts.org/ESMFF*

October 3: LA Kings Ice at Mammoth Lakes Opening Day and Winter Recreation Expo! Join us for FREE admission and rentals during Public Skate, learn about recreation programs in Mammoth Lakes this upcoming winter and purchase our DISCOUNTED 50% off Winter Play Membership! *More info: See ad p. 6*

October 5: June Lake Autumn Beer Festival @ Gull Lake Park.

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- Prop. Mgr. Coordinator - Mammoth \$25-34
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- Journeyman Plumber - Mammoth \$30-45
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- Community Integration Partner - Bishop/Mammoth \$20-25

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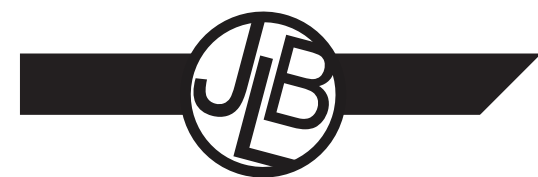


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PERSONALS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Property Tax (Delinquent) List

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT (DELINQUENT) LIST §3371 and §3372

I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Tax Collector, State of California, certify that: The real properties listed below were declared to be in tax default at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021, by operation of law pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section §3436.

The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in fiscal year 2020-21 that were a lien on the listed real property.

Tax-defaulted real property may be redeemed by payment of all unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees, as prescribed by law, or it may be redeemed under an installment plan of redemption. The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of September 2024, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee. All information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished, upon request, by the Mono County Tax Collector, P.O. Box

495, Bridgeport, CA 93517, (760) 932-5480. PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION. The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the county assessor's office.

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032-051-008-000	CONAHAN CHRISTIAN	\$ 18,030.01
025-030-004-000	COPELAND CARL & ELIZABETH	\$ 7,502.03
010-390-002-000	FARIAS TRUST 09-01-16	\$ 5,941.29
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022-480-021-000	OLIVER GREGORY	\$ 11,840.31
019-052-014-000	PAIN, MICHAEL DOUGLAS	\$ 4,764.47
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025-190-032-000	ROBERTSON JAMES A	\$ 548.80
039-060-005-000	STANTON FAM. TR. 10-21-98	\$ 8,820.81
026-210-041-000	VAN NEST CURT	\$ 1,380.52
026-440-007-000	VAN NEST CURT & KELLI	\$ 2,571.47
021-170-011-000	WHITE KENNETH O. & SHERRIE D	\$ 2,711.10

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Mono County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Mono County, California, on August 16, 2024
TS #2024-0123

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town") invites and will receive sealed Bids up to but not later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024 through the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> ("Online Bid Portal"), for the furnishing to Town of all labor, equipment, materials, tools, services, transportation, permits, utilities, and all other items necessary for the **TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – PHASE 2 TENANT IMPROVEMENTS** (the "Project").

After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

The project base bid includes the addition of stairs and an elevator lift to the top of the existing locker rooms with installation of flooring and bleachers, construction of an exterior steel pergola, and roofing on the existing CMU trash enclosure. Several project Alternates include miscellaneous completion items from Phase 1 of the Community Recreation Center construction. The base bid engineer's estimate for the project is \$650,000-\$750,000. Bids must be submitted on the Town's Bid Forms. Bidders may obtain a copy of the Contract Documents by registering on the Town's Online Bid Portal located at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. To the extent required by section 20103.7 of the Public Contract Code, upon request from a contractor plan room service, the Town shall provide an electronic copy of the Contract Documents at no charge to the contractor plan room. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to download and print all Contract Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Contract Documents before submitting a bid. Any Addenda will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to check the Online Bid Portal on a daily basis through the close of Bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The Town does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading or printing of the Contract Documents. Information on the Online Bid Portal may change without notice to prospective Bidders.

The California Air Resources Board ("CARB") implemented 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 the 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.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, a certified or cashier's check, or Bid Bond secured from a surety company satisfactory to the Town, the amount of which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price, made payable to Town of Mammoth Lakes. The bid security must be submitted in original hard copy directly to the Town prior to the specified date and time for bid opening as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. The bid security shall be provided as a guarantee that within ten (10) working days after the Town provides the Successful Bidder the Notice of Award, the Successful Bidder will enter into a contract and provide the necessary bonds and certificates of insurance. The bid security will be declared forfeited if the Successful Bidder fails to comply within said time. No interest will be paid on any cash deposited with Town as bid security.

Bidders are advised that mail going to and/or coming from the Town may be slower than the Bidder anticipates, particularly during inclement weather. Accordingly, Bidders sending documents by mail are advised to send any required documents as soon as reasonably possible to avoid late submissions. The Town is not responsible for the Bidder's late submissions of Bids, Bid securities or any other required Bid Forms or other required documentation.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16 at 2:00pm at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review the Project's existing conditions. The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows:

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Representatives of the Town and consulting engineers, if any, will be present. Questions asked by Bidders at the Pre-Bid Meeting not specifically addressed within the Contract Documents shall be answered via addendum posted on the Town's Online Bid Portal. Oral statements regarding this Bid made at the Pre-Bid Meeting should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Faithful Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. Each bond shall be in the forms set forth herein, shall be secured from a surety company that meets all State of California bonding requirements, as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and that is a California admitted surety insurer.

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, the Successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure its performance under the contract.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, Town has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Mono County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained via the internet at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/.

In addition, a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages is available at the Town's Public Works Department Engineering Division and shall be made available to interested parties upon request. The Successful Bidder shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at each job site. It shall be mandatory that the Successful Bidder, and any subcontractors, comply with all Labor Code provisions, which include but are not limited to the payment of not less than the specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, employment of apprentices, hours of labor and 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 will 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.

This Project is subject to 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.

Each Bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to sections 7000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code in the following classification(s) throughout the time it submits its Bid and for the duration of the contract: Class B – General Building. The Contractor, and all subcontractors will be required to procure and maintain a valid Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate. Town shall award the contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder as determined by the Town from the BASE BID ALONE. Town reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bids or in the bidding process. For further information, contact Haislip Hayes, PE, Public Works Director at hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or 760-965-3652.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: August 30, 2024

TS #2024-0129

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

Mammoth Pet Products

C.B. Worldwide, Inc.
38 Laurel Mtn. Rd., PO Box 1645
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on January 1, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 29, 2024
File Number 24-065
2024-0125 (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28)

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

Mammoth/June Publishing

Travis Thompson & Jill Marie Stein
122 Horseshoe Dr.
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by co-partners. The registrants have not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 23, 2024
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OBITUARY

DAVE PATTERSON 1939-2024

David Lawrence Patterson, age 85, of Bishop, California, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2024.

He was born on May 1, 1939, in Orange, California, to Lawrence Willard Patterson and Helen Riedele Patterson. He graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1957, then went on to attend Orange Coast College and USC studying Marketing and Finance.

David joined the Navy in 1962 and served aboard the U.S.S. Henrico until his honorable discharge in 1968. While in the Navy Dave published a newsletter called Pat's Press, which he dispatched back to his home to update his family and friends with the goings on in his life.

Dave married his first wife, Dixie Souleles, in 1965. It was a short marriage, but it produced one of the special people in his life - his daughter, Brittany.

Dave met his second wife, Vivian Smythe, in 1974. They became best friends and business partners before marrying in 1979. They lived in the back bay of Newport Beach where they loved to cook and entertain. They traveled the world (many times in France) studying cuisine and wine of other countries and cultures. This resulted in Dave starting a world-class wine collection. He also had the honor of studying French cooking with Roger Verge in Mougins, France, in 1981.

Dave's family was in the soda pop business. He started working at Pepsi Cola Santa Ana at the age of 11 cleaning soda pop bottles. He worked his way up to Fountain Syrup Manager for Los Angeles and Orange counties. He stayed at Pepsi until late in 1975 when he quit to join Vivian in the restaurant business. Together in 1976, they founded and opened three Sgt. Pepperoni's Pizza Stores in Orange County.

Dave's love of the Sierra Nevada started early. When he was a boy, he would stay with his grandparents every summer near their St. Mary's Gold Mine off Highway 49. Later he skied for years at Mammoth. Once he met Viv, they stayed every July for 19 years in the cabins at Lake George and spent their days hiking and fishing. He loved to teach visiting grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other kids to fish and clean fish; a memory these kids still talk about.

Dave and Viv moved to Bishop in 1994 to manage Whiskey Creek in Bishop. After four plus years at Whiskey Creek, Dave began working at the Bishop Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director. He loved this job and the challenge of building tourism and tourism dollars for the community.

Dave had many talents. He was a good businessman, very organized, one of the frontrunners learning technology, and he could fix anything. He loved to design what was to be built or remodeled. He loved to work with contractors building the restaurants and remodeling his home.

Dave served on LAFCO, the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee, the Board of the Foundation for Excellence, and the Board at Pioneer Home Health Care. He was widely active in commu-



Dave and Viv on their honeymoon in France, 1979.

nity service and a long-time committed member of Rotary. He was a kind man who always helped others.

Finally, we need to mention Thanksgiving at the Pattersons in Bishop. From his nephew Jeff Moore:

For those who attended (family, friends, friends of friends, orphans) this was more than going to Bishop for Thanksgiving. Bishop with Dave and Viv WAS Thanksgiving, punctuated with lively conversation, the venison stew on Wednesday, the hiking in the Buttermilks on Thursday morning, the pre-dinner appetizers and champagne, the dinner ... oh boy the dinner ... Turkey was prepared 5 different ways over the years. And gourmet sides for days.

Dave would take us on adventures before and after Thanksgiving ... hikes, climbs and Razor excursions.

But the tradition inside the tradition

was the time after dinner when each individual attendee got up to share what they were thankful for ... tears and laughter were blended to make a truly wonderful cocktail of gratitude and love.

Dave is survived by his wife Vivian, daughter Brittany Shaw, grandsons Bailey Laster and Brennan Bynum, Brother Bob Patterson, Sister Arlene Moore, Cousin Michael Patterson, and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and some very close friends. Preceding Dave in death are his mother and father and other very close friends.

A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, November 23, at noon, at the Patterson home in Bishop.

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THE HEAT WILL KILL YOU FIRST

By Fisher

With summer winding down and cool air moving into the mountains this weekend, Editor Lunch decided it was time for me to enjoy a bit of light reading. His choice of literature: *The Heat Will Kill You First – Life and Death on a Scorched Planet* by Jeff Goodell.

Goodell explores the concept of heat from the Earth's inception, how thermal energy flows through living things, and the dire consequences of a warming world, along with strategies for managing it. The research is scientifically robust, filled with worst-case scenarios, and provides a chilling account of how we are, quite honestly, doomed—at least if we don't intervene soon.

The first chapter breaks down how the body malfunctions under both external and internal heat stress. While reading it, I was sweating, oddly conscious of my heartbeat, deliberately breathing, and needed to take off my sweatshirt.

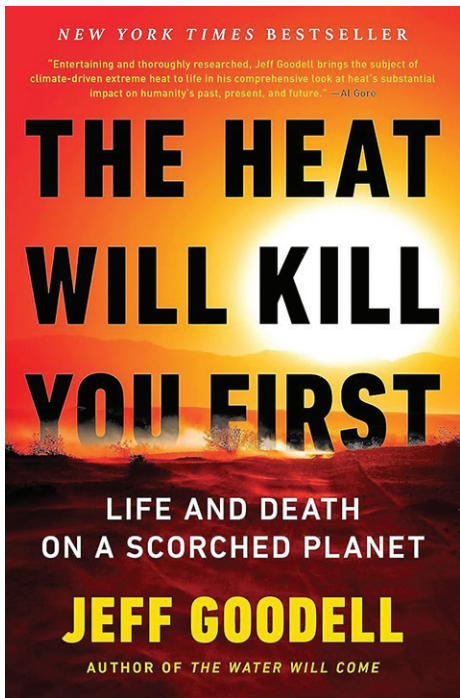
In the author's own words, "If there is one idea in this book that might save your life, it is this: the human body, like all living things, is a heat machine. Just being alive generates heat. But if your body gets too hot too fast [...] you are in big trouble." He illustrates these mishaps with the unsettling example of

the Chung-Gerrish family, who tragically died on a hike in 2021 (mom, dad, newborn and a dog inexplicably out for a stroll in 109-degree heat) in Mariposa.

Reading this book, especially this chapter, was like doing a reverse body scan meditation. I became acutely aware of the maladaptations in each of my appendages, the lack of resilience in my cells, and the whole extreme crisis of heat until my entire body was completely tensed. It's surreal to think such a hazard could lie so close. Yet every year, people—even healthy ones—die less than 200 miles away in Death Valley. And it's getting hotter.

Part of Goodell's goal, I believe, was to establish some urgency in the public to combat climate change. However, I imagine some folks (i.e., those not plagued by panic disorder) might also find a sense of wonder in understanding the world's connection to heat and the complexities it brings, rather than succumbing to hypochondria.

For those people: expect to find answers to your most burning questions about heat between the covers of this book. How will people in Paris retrofit their buildings while defending their culture? Why are we warm-blooded? How did people get rich off selling "cold



cheap air"? Why don't scientists name heatwaves the way we name hurricanes?

But most importantly, Goodell approaches the big question head-on: How screwed are we?

Screwed, it appears.

He talks plainly about fossil fuels, noting that if we continue to burn them, the

planet will get hotter. That will lead to the inevitable death of millions of species on Earth, including humans.

Each living creature, whether it's crawling, swaying, flying, or walking, has a temperature range it can survive in, or a "Goldilocks Zone," he wrote. The more we continue to burn gas and oil, the more we push these zones and kill life as we know it.

Not one corner of the Earth is spared. Goodell describes a horrifying scuba dive, where his partner touched a sea star, and its skin came right off. In fact, all the sea stars he saw were dying. Farmers' crops are failing. Pandemics are more common and less predictable. Polar bears are hungry.

The severity of heat risks is dramatically underestimated, Goodell writes. Americans move away from storms but gravitate toward places with high heat risk, like the Sun Belt. Goodell himself moved from cool New York to Austin, Texas, because he fell in love with a southern girl while she was up north to escape the heat.

People have a complicated relationship with heat—it's in our nature to love it, he explains. Ever since humans

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evolved from Africa, they have been anxious to return to a similar warm and sunny and temperate climate. One that, frankly, doesn't exist anymore.

Is there any good news? Well, accountability is a good way to start.

Some scientists want to establish clear proof of the connection between anthropogenic climate change and extreme weather so that we can restrict the companies that pollute the most. A multi-billion dollar lawsuit against ExxonMobil is likely—and sooner to happen than we think, one scientist said.

It's not crazy to imagine that technology could provide solutions, either. Electric cars or machines that suck carbon out of the atmosphere may be a way forward. And then there are alternatives to methane-producing beef products - Goodell suggests crickets. Seriously.

But in the meantime, Goodell warns, we can't let heat deaths become our new normal. As more and more people die, something "we accept and don't think too much about in our everyday lives," we risk becoming complacent in our quest to reduce greenhouse gases and stop the heat crisis.



PROTECT YOURSELF. DRIVE A CAMRY

By Hartley

Last week was brutal for upsets. Thankfully my Draft Kings app wouldn't let me bet the games I had picked last week so I got all my money still in my pocket. Still, how do the Ravens lose to the Raiders?

Panther QB Bryce Young got benched already. They brought in a new head coach, a so-called QB guru, to fix Young and after two games with Young, he affIXed his ass to the bench. So, Mr QB whisperer, you should be fired. The ONE thing you are paid to do, you can't do. You don't have a lot of experience as a head coach and had only ONE year as an OC before this, so if you can't fix Young, your ass should be affIXed to the end of the owner's shoe.

Speaking of which, Panther fans should just quit. Their franchise is a trainwreck and they keep pouring money into the pocket of an owner who has literally thrown drinks on them from his luxury box.

The only way this benching does any good is if Bryce gets to sit and clear his head and actually improves enough to start the last 8 games and become a franchise QB. Otherwise ... saying Andy Dalton gives us the best chance to win is insane. Better off tanking.

If I were a college QB right now considered a top draft pick next year, I would put out a message now that says I AM SAVING ALL MY NIL MONEY. I HAVE A FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND DRIVE A 2009 TOYOTA CAMRY TO SAVE MORE MONEY. I WILL NOT PLAY FOR THE CAROLINA PANTHERS IF DRAFTED

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On then college football front, the University of Tennessee announced this week it is adding a "talent fee surcharge" onto their tickets next year to create a pool of money to pay players. Crazy. The players are gonna get paid so UT is being proactive to make sure the fans are paying them and not just the boosters and the institution that is raking in money from tuition and everything else. College teams are now NFL teams. Do they get to charge tax money to folks to build new stadiums, too? You know that's coming, if not already here.

Dallas Cowboys are soft as hell. They remind me of the kid you knew who acted like a bully, then one day someone punched him in the grill and he never picked on anyone again. They run their mouths and the media and the fans tell them how great they are. They beat up on the little kid on the block. Then the first time a team punches them in the mouth in a game, they fold and quit. The Packers punched them in the mouth in the playoffs last year. And the Saints absolutely open-hand slapped them in the mouth last week and they ran home crying. Micah Parsons - just shut up and play football. On his podcast he whines, I AM DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO FIX THIS. I, I, always I. He is the epitome of the Cowboys overrated, soft-ass culture. He has been coddled so long it's all he knows.

Nick Sirianni, after the Eagles com-

pletely botched Monday's game by giving the ball back to the Falcons instead of milking the clock, said "Kellen Moore is the Offensive Coordinator if you want to stir things up." What? You are the head coach! He is clearly a puppet of a head coach and not happy about it. SO he made it clear he didn't make the call and that he isn't going to accept blame for it. He is openly in a power struggle with the GM and they should just fire his dumbass. If Sirianni isn't an offensive genius, like they said he was when they hired him, then what does he do? He is a terrible leader, a downright unlikable character and has a punchable face. If GM Howie Roseman has his hand up Sirianni's ass and is coaching the team, he may as well come down to the sidelines from C-suite and control the game.

And while folks are getting fired, the Colts should fire their defensive coordinator. The Packers started Malik Willis at QB last week and beat them. The Colts, the media, the guy working at Waffle House and his momma all knew the Packers were going to run the ball relentlessly because Willis is no passer. And the Colts let them run the ball right down their throats. 53 times for 261 yards. What? How is he still employed?

A friend of mine is always lamenting the beginning of Seahawk games. He says they are a second half team. I think the Seahawks should scrimmage a local college team for about a half before the game starts so they're tricked into thinking the first half is the second half. How's that for forward thinking?



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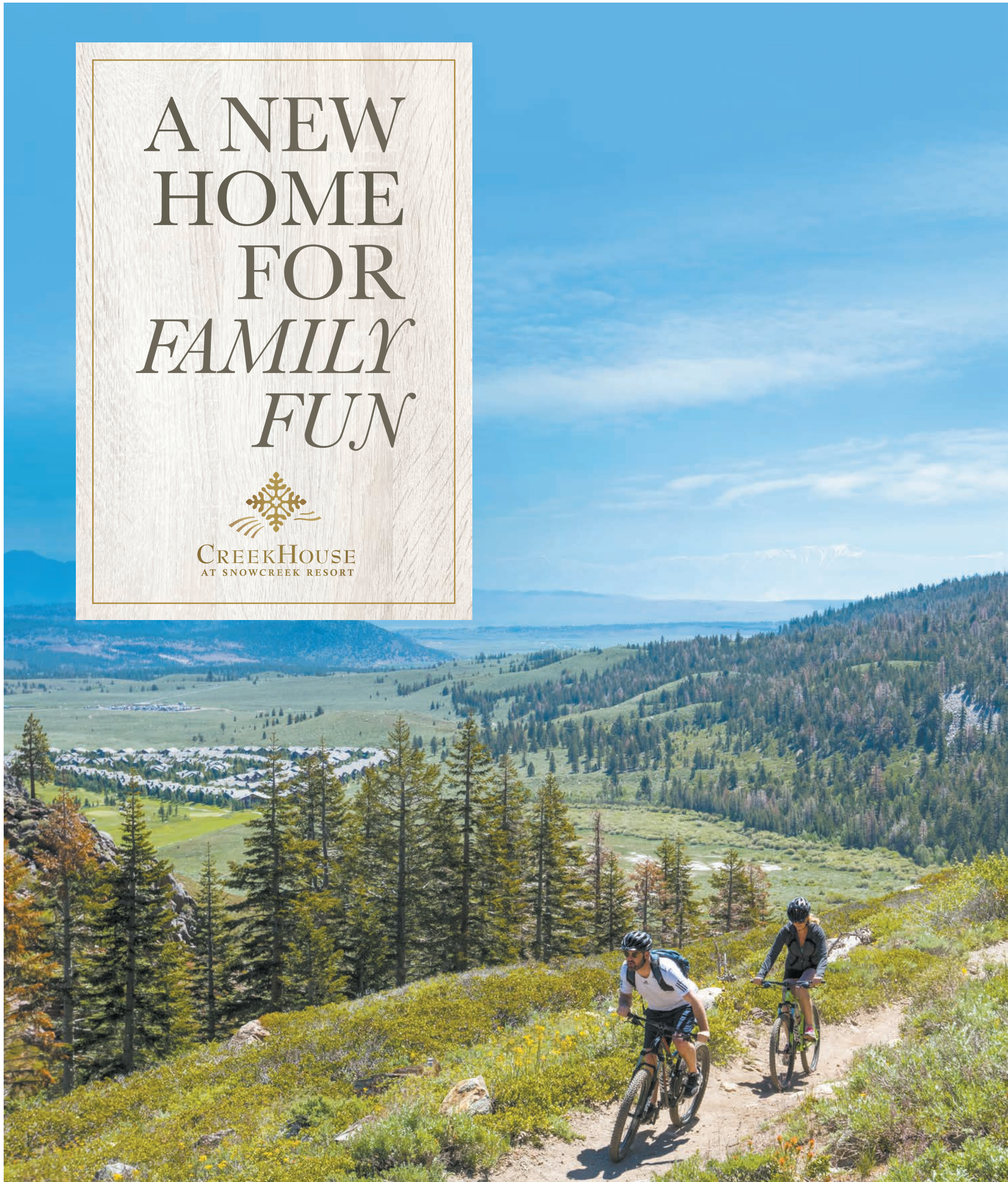


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