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Raust, Ramsdale, Peeler, Washington and McManus co-star with one big dumbass in the latest from Mammoth Lakes Repertory. For Lunch's review, see page nine.

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OUR MONEY NOW!

Mono Supes remain non-committal on how they'll spend added TOT revenue

By Fisher

On Tuesday, the Mono County Board of Supervisors opted not to approve a resolution that would lock in funds for housing from its Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rate increase. Instead, the board voted 3-2 to table the resolution.

The ballot question (Measure K) to raise the tax from 12% to 15% did explicitly include affordable housing, but also included other services like emergency response, childcare, and county parks. Because it was passed as a general tax, the fund can be allocated at the Board's discretion.

County Administrative Officer, Sandra Moberly, said the ballot question's broad wording has raised public concerns about the intended use of the increased revenue.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) passed a similar measure, also with a broad scope of potential allocations, in November, raising its TOT from 13% to 15%. However, Mammoth's Council unanimously opted to allocate all additional funds from the TOT increase to its Housing Now! program on January 13.

Following suit, County staff presented a resolution which, if it were approved, would also direct all the new funds to housing for the next 10 years and expire December 31, 2034.

The Transient Occupancy Tax revenues would then be allocated as follows: 60% to the General Fund, 13.3% to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 6.7% to Tourism, and 20% to housing from the 3% portion, according to the staff report.

**As explanation, 20% to housing equaling 3 out of the 15 percentage points.*

These funding allocations aren't locked; the Board just tends to put funds towards certain things as it deems necessary, and those choices are typically consistent year-over-year.

Throughout the discussion, Chair Lynda Salcido argued against the need for a formal resolution on the basis that current political commitments are sufficient as is, and she doesn't question that housing will continue to be a priority for the Board.

She voted not to table the resolution, but to get rid of it altogether.

"If people are concerned about it, they should talk to one of their board members," she said. "They should talk to the [County Administrative Officer] and be assured it will continue to be honored."

By not passing the resolution, she added, the Board also leaves an opportunity to use the funds as needed in the case of "financial devastation," if they "don't have any money to keep the lights on in the county."

Vice Chair Jennifer Kreitz, also a "no" vote, questioned the necessity of the ten-year limitation in the resolution. She argued the time restriction might limit the board's ability to leverage longer-term funding opportunities for housing projects, and cause them to consistently go back to amend it - rendering the overarching resolution useless.

"When you think about leveraging funding, are we hamstringing ourselves?" she asked.

Councilmember John Peters, on the other hand, supported tabling the resolution, hoping the language could be amended to ensure the funds specifically benefited unincorporated

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BEE POSITIVE



Mono County Office of Education hosted the annual County Spelling Bee this past Tuesday in Lee Vining. The winner in the grades 4-6 division was Mammoth 4th grader Juliet Gallagher. Lee Vining 8th grader Luc Bessenbacher won the junior High (7-9 grades) division.

FIRST PERSON, SECOND THOUGHTS

By Lunch

Steve Searles didn't see what he thought he saw. And it's messing with him a little bit.

"It's a humbling thing," he said this week. "When you're a person who prides himself on being truthful and accurate."

Searles was an on-site witness to last week's officer-involved shooting in Mammoth.

He had been running errands in the vicinity when he noticed police vehicles and officers at the curb leading to the Mammoth Lakes Library and school district offices.

He then drove into the mall entrance at Giovanni's to get a closer look.

As he was pulling in, straight ahead, in the gap between the dumpster and the snow bank, he could see a guy running - like he was doing a looping buttonhook, curling down the hill and then back up towards the Library stop sign. He assumed this was a suspect.

Searles then backed out, and parked his vehicle blocking the street entrance. This helped secure the perimeter and also

gave Searles a dual view - towards the events unfolding at the library as well as a view towards the high school. He was concerned about school letting out for lunch and kids streaming towards potential danger.

So his attention was split.

Through his passenger window looking up the hill, he saw three officers standing just off the sidewalk, their backs to him, their guns drawn. He saw

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The small memorial for Jesus Uribe at Mammoth Lakes Library

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the guy who'd been running, now standing at attention, his arms at his sides.

He wasn't expecting gunfire. He's been on hundreds of calls with MLPD officers over the years. He'd seen guns drawn in plenty of situations - squirrely situations - but never fired.

He turned away again to check the school.

He didn't hear the shots. A trick of windows up, wind direction, who knows. But when he turned back, he saw a man hit the sidewalk concrete.

But what Searles didn't understand in the moment was that the man who hit the sidewalk and the man he'd seen running weren't the same man, even if he saw them both in the same exact spot a few seconds apart.

The man he'd seen running, he believes (but isn't sure), was a plainclothes officer.

The suspect (at the time), later identified as Mammoth resident Jesus Uribe, was located on the other side of a berm, in between the officers and the library.

In the time that Searles looked away, Mr. Uribe apparently charged the officers' position. Searles assumes the plainclothes officer made evasive action to get away. Mr. Uribe was shot and killed and dropped in almost the exact same spot where the plainclothes officer had been standing.

Searles said the experience has given him perspective.

"We're all confused," he said. "I was, too. I was an eyewitness. I perceived bad things [had occurred]. It colored my opinion."

Now he's prepared to reserve judgment and wait for the release of the bodycam footage.

"We should all watch that footage closely and make our own determinations," he said. But until then, he hoped the community would take a collective breath.

Instead, perhaps say a few prayers. There's a lot of healing to be done. "We're all going to live with this memory for the rest of our lives."

"I've read the comments online. 'Mexicans aren't safe.' 'Murdering Motherf****s.' It's natural to be upset, to cast blame, for feelings to be raw. But you're saying these things without all the facts."

"Don't be like me," he concluded.

As far as an update from MLPD, Chief Dan Casabian issued this statement on Thursday afternoon:

"We understand this event's impact on the community and everyone involved. The public has a right to know the facts surrounding this incident, and MLPD is determined to release the body-worn camera video and more information as soon as the investigation allows."

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"These are people of the land. The common clay of the New West. You know ... morons."

-The Waco Kid
from Blazing Saddles

JACK LUNCH
PUBLISHER

The graphic below came from Wednesday's Regional SBDC (Small Business Development Center) weekly Zoom seminar. The speaker was Dr. Mark Evans, a Professor Emeritus in Economics from Cal-State Bakersfield. Evans said the NFIB (Nat'l Federation of Independent Business) Uncertainty Index reading for February was the second-highest ever recorded.

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NFIB, Small Business Economic Report (Feb 2025 survey)

	1 yr ago	3 mo ago	latest
NFIB Small Business Optimism Index	89.4	101.7	100.7
NFIB Uncertainty Index	76	98	104
Earnings (%higher - %lower, last 3 mo vs prior 3 mo)	-31	-26	-24
Sales (%higher - %lower, last 3 mo vs prior 3 mo)	-13	-13	-12
Price changes (%higher - %lower, last 3 mo)	21	24	32
Employees (%higher - %lower, last 3 mo)	-1	-1	-3
Job openings (% w/ positions unable to fill right now)	37	36	38
Compensation changes (%higher - %lower, last 3 mo)	35	32	33
Regular Borrowers (% borrowing at least every 3 mo)	25	28	24
Capital expenditures (% making expenditure last 6 mo)	54	54	58

Source: Small Business Economic Trends Report, <https://www.nfib.com>

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out. Because addiction, in all its forms, isn't just a personal failing. It's a public health crisis.

So what can we do? First, we start talking about it. No more pretending this problem doesn't exist. No more shrugging off the people who need help. Second, we push for real solutions. More mental health resources. More addiction services. More sober-friendly spaces that offer connection without substances. More education about addiction that goes beyond just "Don't do drugs."

Mammoth Lakes is more than just a resort town. It's a home for thousands of people. And no one should have to feel alone in their struggle. It's time to start treating addiction—and the loneliness that fuels it—as the community issue it really is. Because ignoring it? That's not realism. That's denial.

Dr. Arianne Weiner
Mammoth Lakes

Regarding that \$37T

Jack,

As usual my good friend and lawyer extraordinaire Dan O'Connell writes a superb brief (*March 8, 2025 letter to The Sheet*) advocating opposition to cuts to federal bureaucracies that might impact one of his (and my) favorite pastimes, enjoying the wilderness. Good advocate that he is, his analysis tightly focuses on

the vacuum of his specific case, studiously avoiding broader issues that might detract from his point.

Here's where I come in to breathe a little air into the bigger picture. The federal debt currently stands in the neighborhood of \$37T and growing. The interest we must pay on that debt is the fastest growing major line item in the federal budget, at around \$1T per year or roughly the size of the entire defense budget (for "fact checkers" who insist on missing the forest for the trees, the actual numbers are both a little less than \$1T). The bite out of the federal apple those interest payments take is not just getting worse, it is accelerating. And we dare not default, or the dollar will lose its status as reserve currency for the world (a process already underway, unfortunately) and that status is a major if unsung reason for America's prosperity.

So what to do? Observing that counterfeiting is illegal only when someone other than the government is doing it, we could just print \$37T (or some large fraction of it) and pay off the bond holders. There's even a name for that - it's called "monetizing" the debt. But consider the inflation that was recently unleashed when Biden injected a trillion or two into the economy and then multiply that effect by ten. Zimbabwe-levels of inflation are not a recipe for prosperity - and that might be unfair to Zimbabwe.

Or, we could jack up taxes and use the extra money to pay down the debt.

But particularly in states like California and New York, we already have one of the highest combined federal and state income tax rates in the developed world. More taxes means less money in the private sector to build houses and take ski vacations in the eastern Sierra. Plus, the only guy who believes that the feds would use the extra swag to pay down the debt instead of spending it on new programs to buy more votes is Charlie Brown, but he is too busy to write in, still doggedly charging the football Lucy is holding.

Or, we could reduce taxes in an effort to spur the economy and grow our way out of debt. Without dilating on supply side economics, I'll simply observe that from 2021 on we've had super good GDP growth but the debt has only worsened, so "growing our way out of debt" doesn't seem to be doing the job.

That leaves Dan's bugaboo, cuts to spending. Not an easy job since around two-thirds of federal expenditures are untouchable - the entitlements known as Social Security and Medicare, whose antiquated designs rely on an obsolete demographic structure that has almost inverted. But try telling Grandma she'll have to do with an updated system. She and her friends at Bingo will throw you out of office in a New York minute and there are way more of them than a few grumpy old hikers like me and Dan.

Hence, DOGE, which is nothing more than the latest manifestation of trying to

rein in the most incontinent government spending in the history of the human race. Problem is, as Dan's letter evidences, there is nothing that can be cut that is not someone's sacred cow. Even the most ridiculous examples from the DOGE website such as \$56K a year to water eight plants in a VA office represent someone's sacred cow and usually represent the sacred cow of multiple levels of bureaucrats and their contractors, since almost every expenditure passes through many hands, each taking a cut between the source at Treasury and the target recipient. A Porterhouse steak for Timmy in Timbuktu arrives as a hamburger bite on Timmy's plate. Not for nothing does 25% of our national output funnel through a single D.C. zip code.

Would I prefer not to have my recreational opportunities in the Sierras altered? Yes I would prefer that. In fact, I would prefer to be the guy who gets to make the cuts, because like my friend Dan, my judgment in this regard would be pluperfect. I would make sure to cut only other people's sacred cows.

But failing that, would I prefer to leave a country to posterity that is NOT a debt-ridden, impoverished relic of what it once was, an economic basket case on the order of Italy after the fall of Rome? Yeah, I think I'd prefer that more.

I cannot agree with everything that is being cut, but what I cannot agree to even more is the inertia that has led us to this pass and that will soon drive us over the cliff if nothing changes.

John Rogitz
Mammoth Lakes

BENHAM'S BLOG

Recreation

If you don't get out of the way
—if you don't step aside
—if you don't get both those feet
completely out of the boot pack
—just pick a side
either side
any side will do
and while you're at it get your
shit-smeared backpack
stuffed stiff with extra layers,
musty Nalgenes,
and pickled turkey
out of my dumb fu**ing face
so I can go on my way,
enjoying the outdoors I'm
enjoying the outdoors I'm
enjoying

-Benham

Jack Benham is a former Sheet staffer and itinerant poet. I don't know where he lives these days, but he says he is not in rehab.





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March 31 — 4-7pm

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April 7 — 9am

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Dr. Gianquinto, a native of Bakersfield, California, pursued his education at the University of Colorado at Boulder, the University of New Mexico, and Temple University School of Dentistry. As a Navy dentist, he completed an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency and earned several military honors.

In 2011, he founded Gianquinto OrthoArts in Bakersfield after training in orthodontics at Temple. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander from the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2016 to focus on his family.

A pioneer in Custom Digital Orthodontics, **Dr. Gianquinto has treated over 2,000 patients with CAD-CAM custom braces and clear aligners.** He is a Scientific Advisor for KL Owen Braces, and an active member of the American and California Associations of Orthodontists.

Dr. Gianquinto practices in Bakersfield, Tehachapi, and Mammoth Lakes. Outside of work, he plays bass in the funk band The Akoustiks, is a private pilot, and enjoys outdoor adventures with his family.

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RODRIGO “RIGO” BECERRA 1998-2025

At 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, Mammoth Mountain ran the gondola early for a group of skiers and snowboarders, all friends and family of Rodrigo “Rigo” Becerra.

The group made pancakes, drank coffee and placed flowers at the sign on the summit before skiing fresh tracks to the base – a tribute dubbed “Ride for Rigo.” It was his birthday, a day he had eagerly anticipated would be his 100th day on the slopes this season.

Rigo had unexpectedly passed away just a few days earlier, on Thursday, March 6. The cause of his death has not yet been identified, though it is believed to be related to complications from an illness he had days prior.

“I always knew that he had friends in Mammoth, but seeing the amount of people who had a lot of love for him and were absolutely devastated by his passing – It was extraordinary to say the least, just how many people he had an impact on,” his older sister, Mariela, said in an interview in the days after the event.

Rigo was born in Los Angeles and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the age of seven, where he spent his adolescence and young adult life. He returned to California in 2022 to pursue his love of nature and skiing, eventually settling in Mammoth.

Over the years, he found joy not only in the landscapes of the Eastern Sierra, but also in the close-knit community that embraced him. His favorite spots in Mammoth included Crystal Crag for sunsets and the Shady Rest disc golf course, and he had a deep affection for the nearby

lakes and scenery of Yosemite.

Rigo’s family and friends take solace in knowing that the last few years of his life were filled with happiness and fulfillment — in fact, they were the happiest he had ever been.

Rigo’s passion for the outdoors blossomed during a road trip in 2018, when he and Mariela drove to Seattle and traveled down the West Coast, exploring national parks and embracing hiking.

The trip was Mariela’s idea, but Rigo’s excitement for the outdoors grew quickly, leading him to fully commit to a life in nature. His journey to Mammoth began with a friend’s encouragement, and he soon became a fixture in the skiing community.

Just this season, Rigo logged 96 ski days (and over a million vertical feet). At the time of his death, he held the top spot on the Mammoth Mountain leaderboard for the season, and he also topped the charts last year, too.

Despite facing significant injuries — a

back injury and a hip injury, just one year apart — he never wavered in his commitment to the sport he adored.

“He was a genuine light for so many people in the community,” friends said of him. “A no-bullshit kind of dude with the biggest heart and the craziest commitment to the things he loved.”

Rigo served as a mentor to his younger family members and inspired Mariela, who admired his courage to move halfway across the country to prioritize his happiness; something she had always been hesitant to do herself.

Picking up one’s life and moving somewhere new is no easy feat, but Rigo had a natural talent for making friends.

On Tuesday nights, Rigo lit up the Liberty Bar karaoke stage with his bright smile and voice, sometimes singing in pairs or trios and other times performing solo. His love for the stage was evident from a young age; Mariela fondly remembers him entertaining shoppers at the mall with an impromptu toy microphone performance of “Feliz Navidad.” Memories of him singing still bring smiles to his loved ones’ faces.

Rigo is survived by his siblings and mother, and preceded in death by his father. A celebration of life will be held in Milwaukee on April 22, with further plans for a gathering in Mammoth this summer.

Donations in Rigo’s memory can be made through his GoFundMe page to help cover expenses related to his passing and future memorial plans: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/remembering-rigo-a-life-full-of-adventure>.

-Fisher



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SKI BOOT PIONEER SVEN COOMER DIES AT 84

Former Olympian, US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame inductee and Footloose Sports founder Sven Coomer passed away on March 10.

Coomer's lasting legacy is the ski boot you use today. He's responsible for making plastic ski boots work well just as the popularity of skiing took off in the early 1970s and is considered the 'Father of the modern ski boot.'

Born in 1940, Coomer was raised in Sydney, Australia. At age 16 he became the youngest competitor at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, representing Australia in the Modern Pentathlon.

Coomer was a brilliant natural athlete who mostly taught himself to ski. He tried skiing for the first time at Arë, Sweden during a spring break from his university studies. In the early 1960s, he talked his way into training with the French ski team, the greatest team of the era. He



Circa 2021 posing with the Sapporo, the first boot he designed for Nordica

went on to teach skiing in Australia before emigrating to the United States where he became ski school director at Solitude, Utah and then Mt. Rose, Nevada, where he coached the McKinney kids. In 1968, Doug Pfeiffer at Skiing Magazine hired him as a ski tester at Mammoth.

In 1969, under contract to Nordica, Coomer launched a series of revolutionary boots that established the pattern for every high-performance ski boot built since. His designs were immediately successful in World Cup and Olympic racing and are still used by ski racers and boot manufacturers around the world. When he left Nordica in 1977, the company had close to 35 percent of the world ski boot market.

Coomer-designed boots fit precisely and comfortably. His innovations include the power strap that closes the cuff on all modern high performance boots, the removable liner that adapted readily to the skier's foot, and the integral high-back "spoiler" and extended tongue, to set the ankle in its strongest position and enable full leverage in powering modern race skis.

Coomer spent close to two decades operating Footloose Sports in Mammoth Lakes, California, which he and his wife Kathy Coomer built from scratch with Tony and Andrea Colasardo along with an amazing crew of characters including Corty Lawrence.

When he wasn't fitting boots, he continued developing ground-breaking innovations and consulting with ski boot manufacturers. Coomer invented the custom-built Superfeet footbed, and trained several generations of retailers



Coomer skiing Mammoth in the '60s.

in the new art of custom boot fitting. He then launched ZipFit, manufacturing and selling top-quality innovative liners, or "inner boots" as he preferred to call them, for Alpine skiing.

He moved to Aspen in the early 2000s where he met his wife Mary Dominick, who passed away last August. Coomer continued to operate Zipfit out of a home office and provided custom fittings for any clients willing to spend an hour or more in his garage fitting area and listen to him recount his adventures as a skier and ski industry pioneer.

Sven Coomer was inducted into the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2021 for his contribution to the industry. He brought comfort and ski-control power

to millions of skiers worldwide. Over a 50-year career he created the boots used by alpine champions and beginners alike. He showed the way forward for an entire industry, and is justly regarded by that industry as its best and most prolific designer.

Sven was ever the optimist, and always true to form, even in his final hours. Minutes before his death he looked at his children and said, "Time for the next adventure, ciao, ciao."

He is survived by his sister Vicky Murphy, his children Robin and Seth Coomer and everyone still skiing. The family requests that the next time you're on the hill take a turn or two for Sven.

-Robin Coomer and Allyn Harvey

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areas of the County.

“I know there are some things that Mammoth Lakes Housing has invested in, but I think we should delineate that the funds stay in the unincorporated part of the county’s housing program,” he said.

Also in support of the unincorporated areas, Supervisor Rhonda Duggan wanted to require an annual review of the resolution via the budget adoption process. For context, the ballot measure to increase the rate was voted on by the entire county, including the Town, but the funds are only generated from lodging facilities in the unincorporated county.

County Counsel Chris Beck said the

Board could decide whether or not to put these funds towards projects involving the Town as the projects come up, and Salcido questioned again why the resolution was needed in the first place.

Chair Pro-Tem Paul McFarland said the County needs to help provide clarity to people on how TOT funds are allocated and how housing programs will be funded, though “this [resolution] might not be the perfect vehicle for that.” He directed staff to create educational graphics and look for other “vehicles” to provide transparency.

Because the resolution was tabled, the Board will consider it again at a later date.

BISHOP POOL GETS EFFICIENT

The Bishop City Park pool recently received an energy efficiency upgrade through a collaboration between the High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF), a local nonprofit, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). The project, funded through LADWP’s Community Partnership Program, replaced the wading pool’s aging pump with a more energy-efficient model.

The Bishop City Park pool serves as a recreational center for the community, recording over 4,500 visits in 2024. The facility offers swim lessons, water aerobics, and provides a place for residents to swim during summer months.

“This energy-efficient retrofit will reduce the pool’s operating costs, lower energy consumption, and extend the life of the facility’s equipment,” said Pam Close Bold, Executive Director of HSEF.

The upgrade focused specifically on replacing an outdated pump. HSEF identified a premium-efficiency replacement model, and the new equipment is expected to decrease maintenance needs and enhance the reliability of the pool’s systems.

The pool improvement project is part of an ongoing relationship between LADWP and HSEF, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainability and energy efficiency initiatives in both Inyo and Mono counties. Over the past five years, their partnership has channeled approximately \$55,000 toward various community projects, including the Inyo

County Business Resource Center, lighting improvements at county parks, and a weather station at Bishop City Park.

“We’re thrilled to support the Bishop City Park’s pool’s energy-efficient upgrade to help ensure the pool remains a safe and accessible space for all and we’re proud to partner with the High Sierra Energy Foundation on projects that reduce energy consumption and costs,” said Jessie Johnson, Regional Community Affairs Manager at LADWP.

The energy-efficient pump installation addresses several practical concerns for the facility. In addition to reducing electricity consumption, the new system is designed for greater reliability—an important consideration in Bishop’s remote location, where access to replacement parts and service technicians can be limited.

HSEF has been working with LADWP since 2018, implementing various initiatives to help Eastern Sierra residents, businesses, and public agencies reduce energy costs and environmental impact through efficiency improvements. This pool upgrade represents one example of how coordination between local organizations can produce tangible benefits for smaller communities.

For more information about the High Sierra Energy Foundation and its work in the Eastern Sierra, visit HighSierraEnergy.org. For details on LADWP’s Eastern Sierra programs, visit LADWP.com/EasternSierra.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

POTUS OPERANDI

Mammoth Lakes Repertory delivers shock & awe (and laughs)
By Lunch

Let's just say this is a 180-degree departure from "The Heiress," Shira Dubrovner's previous show which went up in November.

"POTUS: Or Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive" is the latest production from Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater.

It's a raucous farce - you won't get lost in the weeds of Victorian-era ethical dilemmas.

Actually, you won't get lost, period. The writing and the jokes are snappy and in-your-face and dripping with in-nuendo.

Not a show for the prudish. The show opened on Broadway in April, 2022. It was written by a first-timer (Selina Fillinger) and was nominated for three Tony Awards.

It chronicles the staff, loves, family and hangers-on of a president who's got the libido of Bill Clinton coupled with the rhetorical skills of G.W. Bush and the moral compass of Donald Trump.

In short, a president who meets our expectations.

All hell starts to break loose when one of POTUS's lovers shows up at the White House to tell him she's pregnant.

Which launches staffers into frenzied action to keep the lover away from the First Lady as well as a nosy White House correspondent running loose in the West Wing.

To complicate matters, the President's drug-dealing sister (who's counting on a presidential pardon) shows up, and one of the staffers mistakenly gobbles up too much of her stash.

And in some respects, her psychedelic trip matches our own as we try to keep up. Dance numbers break out. As does projectile vomiting.

There are occasional moments of idealism ... rest assured they are quickly drowned out by more immediate concerns - like job security and evading criminal prosecution.

It's all familiar territory, n'est-ce pas?

The all-women ensemble cast is more than up to the challenge. Fun show!

Chief of Staff - Joanna Ramsdale
Press Secretary - Michelle Raust
POTUS's Secretary - Meghan Bair
FLOTUS - Jameisha Washington
Pesky Journalist - Tyler McManus
POTUS's Mistress - Lianne Salcido
POTUS's Sister - Allison Peeler
POTUS - Craig Ramsdale



Meghan Bair (pre-psychedelics) and Lianne Salcido

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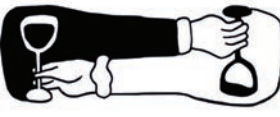
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Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 13*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street Pizza - *See ad this page for details.*
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

March 14-15/
Weekend Apres Ski parties @ Canyon Lodge. Starts 2 p.m.
Cold Without Pants, Mammoth's favorite party band, plays Liberty. Music starts 9:30 p.m. No cover. *For full March music schedule, see ad p. 14*

March 14-16/
Elevation: Mammoth Gay Ski Week continues. *For event tix and info, check mammothgayskiweek.com.*

Monday, March 17/
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day @ Liberty in Mammoth with DJ Onezie and Friends.
Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18/
Vinyl night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19/
Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, March 14/
"POTUS: Behind Every Great Dumbass are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive" by Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre opens at the MHS MPR and runs weekends through March 30. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 8*

Saturday, March 15/
Bishop Elks host a Veterans Fair lunch event from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. @ the Elks Lodge, 151 E. Line St. Free sandwich lunch and presentation booths from local organizations serving Vets.

Monday, March 17/
Online Town Hall with Congressman Kevin Kiley. Time: 6:30 p.m. To join, call (877) 229-8493 and enter PIN #122293.

Tuesday, March 18/
Special Mammoth Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) meeting to hear items postponed from March 12.
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: County Civic Center in Mammoth or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
Mammoth Baseball hosts Rosamond. Time: 3:15 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Wednesday, March 19/
Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Mammoth Hospital hosts an Advanced Care Planning Workshop in its Family Medicine Clinic Lobby from 10:30 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 4*

Thursday, March 20/
Bishop Bronco Baseball and Softball teams hosts Kern Valley. Time: 3:15 p.m.

Friday, March 21/
Equinox Restorative Yoga & Sound Bath @ Apres Zen Yoga. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$40

UPCOMING

March 22: Annual Blake Jones Trout Derby. *More info: See ad p. 14.*

March 22: Free interpretive walk with Sierra Forever, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management in Lone

UPCOMING

Pine, focused on the **1872 Lone Pine Earthquake.** Time: 11 a.m. Location: Whitney Portal Road Entrance Station.

March 25: After School Art Explorations Program for Kids ages 6-10, Tuesdays from 3:15pm-4:45 pm at Mono Arts Council & Community Arts Center. Runs from March 25th to May 20th. Scholarships available. See monoarts.org for more info.

March 28: Rat Pack Tribute @ the Elks Lodge in Bishop. Doors 5:30 and show 6:30. Call 760.873.3221 or grab tix on Eventbrite. Cost: \$25.

March 30: Annual Wild Spirits fundraiser to benefit Wildcare Eastern Sierra. Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: Bishop's Cerro Coso community college @ 4090 West Line St.

ONGOING

ONGOING: Free tax help! The AARP Foundation Tax Aide programs in Bishop and Mammoth using IRS-certified volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns online without charge to low- and moderate-income residents. Call for an appt./more info

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-Bishop \$16.50-21

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-Mammoth \$25

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Whitebark Institute Seeks Environmental Planning Program Director
Whitebark Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to environmental resilience in California's Eastern Sierra, is hiring an Environmental Planning Program Director. This leadership role will provide strategic leadership for Whitebark's environmental planning initiatives. Salary \$115K-\$135K/year, benefits, hybrid work. Apply at whitebarkinstitute.org/careers.

Help Wanted



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Help Wanted

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to \$99238.5 of the Transportation Development Act, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) will conduct a Public Hearing on unmet transit needs on **March 18, 2025 at 9:00 am.**

The PEDC is soliciting input of transit-dependent and transit-disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. The PEDC will also receive comments from interested citizens on unmet transit needs that may exist within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and that might be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services or by expanding existing services in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Identified unmet needs within the Town of Mammoth Lakes will be considered the Mono County Local Transportation Commission for allocations of Transportation Development Act Funds for FY 2025/26. All persons interested in these matters are urged to attend and make comments. Comments may be sent to clerk@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

NOTE This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Order which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. It is strongly encouraged that you watch the Planning and Economic Development Commission meetings on the Town of Mammoth Lakes’ website at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or on the local government cable channel 18. Public comments can be submitted to the Town Clerk at clerk@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov before and during the meeting.

ZOOM INFORMATION

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TS #2025-0021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council hear an application request for the following (a teleconference option via Zoom is available for remote participation by the public):

Application Request:

District Zoning Amendment (DZA) 24-001, Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 24-003, and Use Permit (UPA) 24-004, for the Outbound Hotel “Villas” Project. The application request is for a subsequent amendment to the Amended Phase 1 Clearwater Specific Plan document to allow the subdivision of five (5) existing four-plex structures “Villas” into twenty (20) condominium hotel units that may be sold individually.

The Planning and Economic Development Commission held a public hearing for this application on February 12, 2025, which concluded with a 3-1 vote of the Commission in favor of recommending approval of the application to Town Council.

CEQA Determination: The proposed action is within the scope of the project analyzed in the previously adopted 2021 Addendum to the Clearwater Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2006062154). No additional CEQA review is required.

Location: 164 Old Mammoth Road
Zoning: Clearwater Specific Plan (CSP)
Applicant: Matthew Mering / WH SN Mammoth, L.L.C.

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

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than March 14, 2025, contact Kim Cooke, Senior Planner, at (760) 965-3638 or email: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov
Mammoth Lakes Town Council, PO Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
TS #2025-0022

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will hold a Regular Meeting and conduct a public hearing on April 10, 2025 at 10:05 a.m. in the Mono County Civic Center, Dana Room (2nd Floor), 1290 Tavern Road in Mammoth Lakes and remotely by live cast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/81605728150?pwd=tPjYVdcajKppKP1u5fteKTb8ql226.1>

A budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year will be considered and changes shall be made to the budget based on input at this meeting. A public hearing to adopt the final budget will be held in June. For more information, contact Heidi Willson at 760-924-1804 or hwilson@mono.ca.gov or the LAFCO website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/lafo>.

TS #2025-0027

Notice of Vacancies



NOTICE OF VACANCIES - MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board (MLT) has two seats with terms expiring as of June 30, 2025, which are available for candidacy: one from the Retail Industry, and one At-Large position. The term of appointment for the Retail position will expire three years after appointment to the Board, and the At-Large position will expire two years after appointment to the Board.

The Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meetings are scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. Interested parties should file a letter of interest with Mammoth Lakes Tourism Office Manager, Jetsabel Aleman, via email at jaleman@visitmammoth.com no later than 5:00 p.m. March 28, 2025. Applicant interviews will be conducted by the MLT Nominating Committee in April and May. Recommendations and Board vote will take place in June and new Board Members will start their service at MLT’s July 2025 meeting.

Dated: March 3, 2025
TS #2025-0026

Notice of Vacancy

NOTICE OF VACANCY - MAMMOTH PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy in an unexpired term exists on the Planning and Economic Development Commission due to a resignation. The term of appointment will expire on July 31, 2026. The Planning and Economic Development Commission meetings are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Application forms (“Application for Public Appointment”) may be obtained from the Town’s website, www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov; Town Clerk at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; by writing to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, Attention: Town Clerk; or by phoning 965-3602.

Dated: February 12, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0017

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

Unique Design Construction

Kevin Robert Gain
29 Crawford Ave. #3, P.O. Box 110
29 Lake, Calif. 93529

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 17, 2025
File Number 25-011
2025-0020 (02/22, 03/01, 03/08, 03/15)

PERSONALS

I hope I don’t see you ... on St. Patrick’s Day. Because my patron saint is Epipodius (patron saint of bachelors, victims of betrayal and victims of torture) and to me, you’re a triple crown’s worth of “saintliness.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** and continuing until finished, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road to consider the following:

Allocation of Measure U Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
(Per Municipal Code: Section 3.44.210: The tourism and recreation commission, or such other commission or committee as is hereafter designated by the town council, shall annually conduct at least one public hearing where it takes public testimony as to how tax revenues collected under the Mammoth Lakes Mobility, Recreation, and Arts and Culture Utility Users Tax Ordinance (Measure U) should be expended.)

All persons having an interest in the proposed resolution request may appear before The Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with Mammoth Lakes Recreation written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to Mammoth Lakes Recreation at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Kim Anaclerio, Executive Director by telephone (760) 660-4948 or email at kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org.

PUBLIC HEARING ZOOM INFORMATION

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Public comments can also be given through Zoom by logging in and raising your hand.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION BOARD

Dated: March 1, 2025
Kim Anaclerio, Executive Director

TS #2025-0023

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

AIP NO. 3-06-0146-____-2025
Multipurpose Building - Site Work Phase 1
Base Bid - Reconstruct and Extend Service Road
Alternate 1 - Relocate Taxiway A3

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled:

Construction Plans for
Multipurpose Building - Site Work Phase 1
Mammoth Yosemite Airport
Base Bid - Reconstruct and Extend Service Road
Alternate 1 - Relocate Taxiway A3

in The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

Bids will be received through the Town's eProcurement Portal at:

Online Bid Portal
<https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>

until 2:00 pm PST on Friday, April 4, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contractors can attend the bid opening by Zoom (information will be posted on the Online Bid Portal page). Proposal forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:

Contract and Bid Documents for Mammoth Yosemite Airport
Multipurpose Building – Site Work Phase 1
Base Bid - Reconstruct and Extend Service Road
Alternate 1 - Relocate Taxiway A3 In
The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The project generally consists of the following work:
Base Bid – Reconstruction and extension of the service road from the airport entrance to Taxiway A (24’ x 1,750’) including grading, drainage, utility stubs, paving, marking, and fencing.
Alternate 1 - Construct new Taxiway A3 connector taxiway between Taxiway A and the runway (35’ x 225”) and remove existing Taxiway A3 including pavement removal, grading, drainage, paving, marking, lighting, and signage.

This project will be partially funded by the Airport Improvement Program of the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.).

The Engineer’s Estimate for the construction cost of the Base Bid only is \$1,400,000 to \$1,500,000.

The Engineer’s Estimate for the construction cost of Alternate 1 is \$500,000 to \$600,000.

The Engineer’s Estimate will be made public at the Bid Opening.

OBTAINING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Plans and specifications can be obtained from the Online Bid Portal.

Questions or requests for clarifications should be submitted through the Online Bid Portal under the project’s Question and Answer section. The contact is Sierra Waugh, Deputy Airport Manager, Mammoth Yosemite Airport, via email swaugh@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or 760-965-3654. Oral clarifications are non-binding, and any changes shall be issued by written addenda only.

CONTRACT TIME:

This work shall be constructed in accordance with details as shown on the plans and described in the specifications for this project. The contractor will be allowed 40 (forty) working days to complete the project if the Base Bid only is awarded and within 60 (sixty) working days if the Base Bid plus Alternate 1 is awarded.

BIDDER’S BOND:

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier’s check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, or by a bid bond executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of California in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her.

CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor’s license, a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate, and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform the work.

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

The contract will be awarded on the basis of UNIT BID price and will provide for progressive payments and liquidated damages as fixed in the specifications. All proposals must be made on the forms as contained in the specifications for the previously described project and shall in all respects comply with the Instructions to Bidders and Contract Documents. Bids must be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the bidder.

The contract will be awarded on the basis of the Base Bid only or the Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1. The award of this project is contingent upon a grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration and acceptance of the grant offer by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS:

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond for 100 percent of the contract price to secure fulfillment of all the bidder’s obligations under such contract and to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

FEDERAL PROVISIONS:

The work to be done is being financed in whole or in part by means of a grant made by the United States acting through the Federal Aviation Administration of the Department of Transportation. This project is subject to the Federal provisions, statutes and regulations as set forth in the project specifications.

This project is under and subject to the Equal Opportunity Clause, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and Wage Rate Decision contained in the contract documents.

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of the Sponsor to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Sponsor encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION:

The Sponsor has established a Small Business Element in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to facilitate competition by small business concerns, taking all reasonable steps to eliminate obstacles to their participation and to create a level playing field on which small businesses can compete fairly. While there is no specific numerical goal assigned to small business participation the prime contractor should make every effort to solicit small business concerns (as defined in 13 CFR Part 121) to participate as subcontractors, service providers, suppliers, etc.

The Bidder must submit the Small Business Participation information with its proposal on the forms provided herein (Fostering Small Business Participation & Non-Certified Small Business Verification Form).

SOCIALLY/ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

The Sponsor encourages Contractors and Subcontractors to utilize the services of financial institutions owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in the community. You can find a link to Minority-Owned Financial Institutions and their branches on the FDIC website: <https://www.fdic.gov/regulations/resources/minority/mdi.html> or the U. S. Department of Treasury – Bureau of the Fiscal Service <https://fiscal.treasury.gov/mbdp/>.

CARB CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS:

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-road-diesel/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.

WAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Pursuant to Section 1770, and following, of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Works Department, which copies shall be made available to any interested party on request.

All labor on the project shall be paid the higher of the minimum wage rates as established by the U.S. Sec-

retary of Labor, or the California Director of Industrial Relations. If a discrepancy exists between these two determinations, then all labor on the project shall be paid the higher of the two minimum wage rates.

DIR Registration: In accordance with Senate Bill 854 (SB 854) and Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the Airport Manager’s Office at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport, 1300 Airport Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. Contractors may attend in person or may participate via Zoom. Information will be posted on the Online Bid Portal page. For those who can attend in person, a site walk will be conducted after the pre-bid meeting.

RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS:

Monthly progress payments shall be made to the Contractor for the value of the work completed during the preceding month, less a five percent (5%) security withhold pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 7201.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 4590, at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the Town or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall pay such monies to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Securities eligible for investment under this section shall include those listed in Government Code Section 16430 or bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld and shall receive any interest thereon.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contracts Codes Sections 20166 and 20167 and accept such bids as are to the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality, or irregularity in a bid.

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I also attended Tuesday’s meeting with the Bishop Commons developers held at C5 Studios.

A few more tidbits.

In terms of resume, Developer Doug Wiele of Foothill Partners has also done the Reno Public Market, located on Virginia Street just up the block from the Peppermill.

It’s a pretty sleek industrial-type space with an open floor plan and a huge food court on the first floor.

This is to assuage those who, when they hear terms like “value-engineering,” can’t help but assume that every future project is destined to become an abomination like Inyo’s County Office Building.

In a conversation we had prior to the meeting, Wiele talked about a key issue being if you take one dollar of public money you’ve got to pay prevailing wage, and that’s the biggest financial impact to these types of projects.

He thinks he can build (or at least thought he could prior to the Trump tariff fallout) modular residential units at an average price of about \$150,000.

Compare that number to the units being built in Mammoth form 4x and 5x the cost.

He mentioned lumber tariffs as a potential issue.

According to a story which appeared Monday in the Journal, “Around 8% of the materials used to construct a new home are imported from outside the US,” according to the Nat’l Assn. of Home Builders (NAHB).

NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz believes tariffs will add as much as \$10,000 to cost of new home.

Note: Foothill Partners is in escrow on the old Kmart property. That acquisition is not final.

Aaron and Marianne Schat and the City of Bishop settled their legal dispute before Schat’s appeal hearing of his Conditional-Use Permit cancellation, which had been scheduled for this past Tuesday.

In brief, the Schats dropped their appeals and paid the City’s attorney fees (\$150,000)

Meanwhile, the City has agreed to largely offload its supervision and enforcement of the Schat development projects to Willdan Engineering. Tyson Sparrow has also been removed as the assigned Building Official.

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JACK DANIELS TASTES LIKE ...

By Hartley

NFL Free agency is in full swing. Teams are throwing around money like a frat boy at a strip club. One team's trash is another team's shot at a Super Bowl. The idiots in the media have already announced the Free Agency Winners and Losers despite NONE of the teams having a single practice, exhibition game or real game. Let the idiocy begin. The day one winners are announced. Soon the day by day team free agency grades will kick in. But come late September most teams will realize they wasted their money and still suck. Free agency for fans of bad teams is like Xmas for poor kids. They think they are getting that shiny new bike and a Playstation for xmas. The teams think they are getting the next LaDainian Tomlinson or Reggie White. Instead the kid gets nothing but a pair of jeans and a white t-shirt from Rite Aid. And the NFL team gets Kirk Cousins or Aaron Rodgers on a bad leg. In both cases they realize their parents/owners are broke and stupid.

The Seahawks are not trying to win right now. I said during the season there was something going on the way they were dumping players from their team. Now they have let Tyler Lockett, Geno Smith and DK Metcalf go. That's only their whole fucking offense. But they got Sam Darnold. That's a lateral move. One reclamation project QB for another. They are trying to eliminate the stench of Pete Carroll from the organization like the Patriots are doing with their

Belichick cleansing.

The Steelers have acquired the aforementioned DK Metcalf. Now they have two headcases at WR with him and George Pickens. That tandem is worse than Dumb and Dumber. And having a WR like Metcalf with the Steelers offense and QB situation is like having a .357 magnum bullet and no gun. Just throw the bullet at someone.

Meanwhile, the Steeler are rumored to be signing Aaron Rodgers. I can imagine that is the final nail in the Steelers coffin for me. The thought of him in that uniform causes me to want to vomit violently. It would be nearly impossible for me to watch the team with that giant ass on the field.

The Seahawks traded DK Metcalf and were disappointed that the news leaked on Tyler Lockett Day. Wait? What? You mean the day they cut Tyler Lockett? Shut up. That is one of the dumbest things I have heard anyone say. Yeah, I divorced you today and I am sorry my sidepiece announced that I also dumped my sidepiece on the same day I divorced you. It was supposed to be your special day, not hers.

I was glancing at an NBA game the other night and it was dribble dribble 3 point shot. Other direction ... dribble dribble 3 point shot. They barely crossed half court before heaving up 3s. Then I came back later and there was like a minute left in the game and there was timeout after timeout. They were

drawing up plays trying to get that one good shot to win the game. Made me think to myself, why now? Why didn't you give a damn about getting that one good shot the whole rest of the game? Oh, you only care about a good shot at the end of the game. Maybe you would be up by 6 if you ... I don't know ... hit a few more good shots during the first 47 minutes. Impossible to be entertained by that garbage.

Trump and his idiocy. With the tariffs he was imposing on Canadian goods, the good ole passive Canadians struck back. Hard. They started pulling US liquors, including Jack Daniels, from all their stores. Hilarious. They know how to hurt the liquor-swilling Americans - ban their liquor and attack their money.

I for one am in favor of removing all Jack Daniels products from Canadian stores and American stores. That is absolutely shit liquor. Tastes like ass.

Trump had to relent and suspend the tariffs the next day. He is like a petulant child seeing what he can get away with. I am sick of him and Elon.

But the stage was set long ago on idiots being president. As soon as guys like Jesse Ventura and Schwarzenegger started winning high political positions, it was apparent that the average American is less than average when it comes to intelligence. They don't understand the importance of the positions and how it reflects on the US. It's a game

to them. Like Survivor or Apprentice. Some idiot would probably vote for Tom Brady for president. What is next? Elon Musk is next. They'll find a way to make him eligible. The combination of ignorance and hatred in a voter is a dangerous thing. It's the reason Trump is president now, despite the fact that he has the same hate and contempt for the legion of morons who voted for him.

The whole farce of a Department of Government efficiency is laughable. Those are terms that should not be strung together in any way. And for that meathead Musk to be SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE is laughable. He should start eliminating government waste by firing himself and going back to launching old vehicles into space again.

The sad part is he will run for president and probably win because despite the folks that think he is doing too much, there is an even more ignorant legion of hateful dumbasses that wish he was doing more. They will vote for him. Then the backlash will be to elect Taylor Swift or the Kelce Brothers. Black folks might actually get off their ass and vote for Snoop or Kevin Hart who I am fucking sick of seeing too. Utter shills. Trump's DOGE and DOGE Coin are equally worthless.

Harold Hartley lives in South Carolina and has been observing a Dry March. Well, a Dry March 12 to be exact.

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DOGE Boy: Hey, Dude, did you see the latest court ruling saying DOGE is pretty much a government agency, so all our files and emails will be public records and whimperers and whiners will be able to FOIA our stuff? So let's delete this email string when we're done.

DOGE Dude: Way ahead of you kid, been deleting all morning. Some of my emails make Elon's X feed look tame.

DOGE Boy: Elon said we wouldn't have to hassle with regular government regulations and watchdogs so we would pretty much have free rein. Can he get us out of that court thing?

DOGE Dude: Ha, haven't seen much of Elon lately. His rockets are blowing up, X is a money pit, Tesla is tanking, he's lost like \$100 billion. He still has enough money to buy a suit, though. That black t-shirt thing was so Steve Jobs wannabe. But he did get Trump to buy a Tesla. The guy hates electric cars, promised to ban them and never drives. Man, he's got him on a leash, right?

DOGE Boy: Sort of. Did you see the tools in the Cabinet barked at Elon and Trump backed them up – sort of tossed Elon under the cyber truck – god those are ugly.

DOGE Dude: Well, we didn't help much with the whole "fake news" on how much we "saved." Claims we uncovered and slashed \$100 billion of waste, fraud, abuse was shot down like a Space X rocket. We might have a legit \$10 billion. I don't remember being warned about fact-checkers, we were just told to hit big numbers.

DOGE Boy: We told 'em from the start we aren't accountants, just data miners using a little better version of Google Search to find crap on the hit list and cross it out and make a brag post on the website. Then the website got hacked, impressive skills on those guys, sort of jealous.

DOGE Dude: Yeah, it was a bit embarrassing to fire then hire back all those nuke bomb folks. Weird job titles in government. But they only had to hire back people in what, ten departments when someone found out their jobs were "critical" or something. Bird flu, air traffic controllers, ag department, 9/11 survivor program, scientists, heath folks. Opps. Same with listing all the offices in DC for sale, then deleting them all, then posting some.

DOGE Boy: And the deal with the Park Service was a mess. Fire 1,000 permanents and hire 7,000 temps? I'm not an accountant, but that doesn't seem to add up. Oh well, all those parks are in the West, so they can just get some cowboys to like, put a sign on the Grand Canyon: "Don't Fall In." Ha, ha.

DOGE Dude: Good one. Remember to delete that for sure. Not our problem now. About a 100 lawsuits will sort all that out. Maybe we should be called FLEA – Full Lawyer Employment Act.

DOGE Boy: But we won't get credit for anything by then. Did you see the new budget resolution doesn't have a nickel in "savings" from us? Just \$1.6 trillion of same old same old from the Biden Administration.

DOGE Dude: Didn't touch the big stuff either. The whole budget is like \$6.8 trillion, with more than half going to Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Interest and Defense.

DOGE Boy: Makes even our high-end estimate of \$50 billion in cuts look like a rounding error, if we can actually get there. Then members of Congress start bitching and Elon rolls over and reinstates staff or programs we cut.

DOGE Dude: Wait until they turn us loose on those big-ticket items.

DOGE Boy: You know, I'm going to bail on tackling Social Security and Medicare. No way I'm touching that \$2.3 trillion treasure chest. Those old folks are getting nasty about cutting their monthly payments and government healthcare, especially since their 401(k) retirement accounts are sinking. And it's not just the liberals. Even the fire-eating-right-wing Trump lovers love Socialized Medicine when they hit 65. Including my parents. Said if I had anything to do with any changes to either program they will make me pay the premiums to put them on my health insurance and make me pay the co-pays. Then they will spend my inheritance or give it only to my sister and drop me out of the will – that's two houses and a boat, so no thanks. Hands off over here.

DOGE Dude: That's nothing compared to what my family said about Medicaid. Grandma, sweetest woman on the planet, is in a real nice assisted living/care thing that's paid for by Medicaid. I did not know that until I got an email from the whole family saying if that gets cut, Grandma is moving in with me, not them. That would drain my bank account and crimp my style, if you know what I mean.

DOGE Boy: At least they didn't threaten to beat you up.

DOGE Dude: Whoa, violence? Is someone trashing a Tesla dealership?

DOGE Boy: No. My uncle. Big guy. Veteran. When I got this job his whole American Legion post sent congrats. Now, after cutting the VA and especially medical and hospitals, they're all pissed. My uncle has some ongoing medical issues and his clinic could get hit. Already his favorite nurse, a vet herself, got fired. If it gets worse, he said, and I quote: "I will hunt down your little punk ass and serve you knuckle sandwiches until they knock some sense into you or knock out all your teeth."

DOGE Dude: But getting beat to a pulp is a one-day deal. How about my partner the special education teacher? Death stares, total silence, plans to spend the summer with "a close friend

from grad school" because of killing the Dept. of Education section that pays for special ed.

DOGE Boy: Hey, that Ed. Dept. handles my student loans, which I'm making big payments on thanks to this six-figure government salary. I was thinking of putting in for loan forgiveness for working in the public sector.

DOGE Dude: Good luck. Those VA nurses making less than you and getting laid off will probably barely still qualify and will still have to pay for loans even if they get fired.

DOGE Boy: Another no go for me is the Pentagon. Big money there, more than a trillion a year that they know about. An old guy told me the last Pentagon audit took 1,600 real accountants years and they didn't find everything and just gave up.

DOGE Dude: That's a scary place. Real soldiers. Imagine getting put in a room with a bunch of generals who are old and mean and when we say, "bummer, gramps, that program is toast," they bring in a crew of Navy Seals and Recon Marines "for a little private chat with you boys, and we do mean boys," then go out and lock the door. I'll pass.

DOGE Boy: They don't even have to do that. That building is huge. Just give

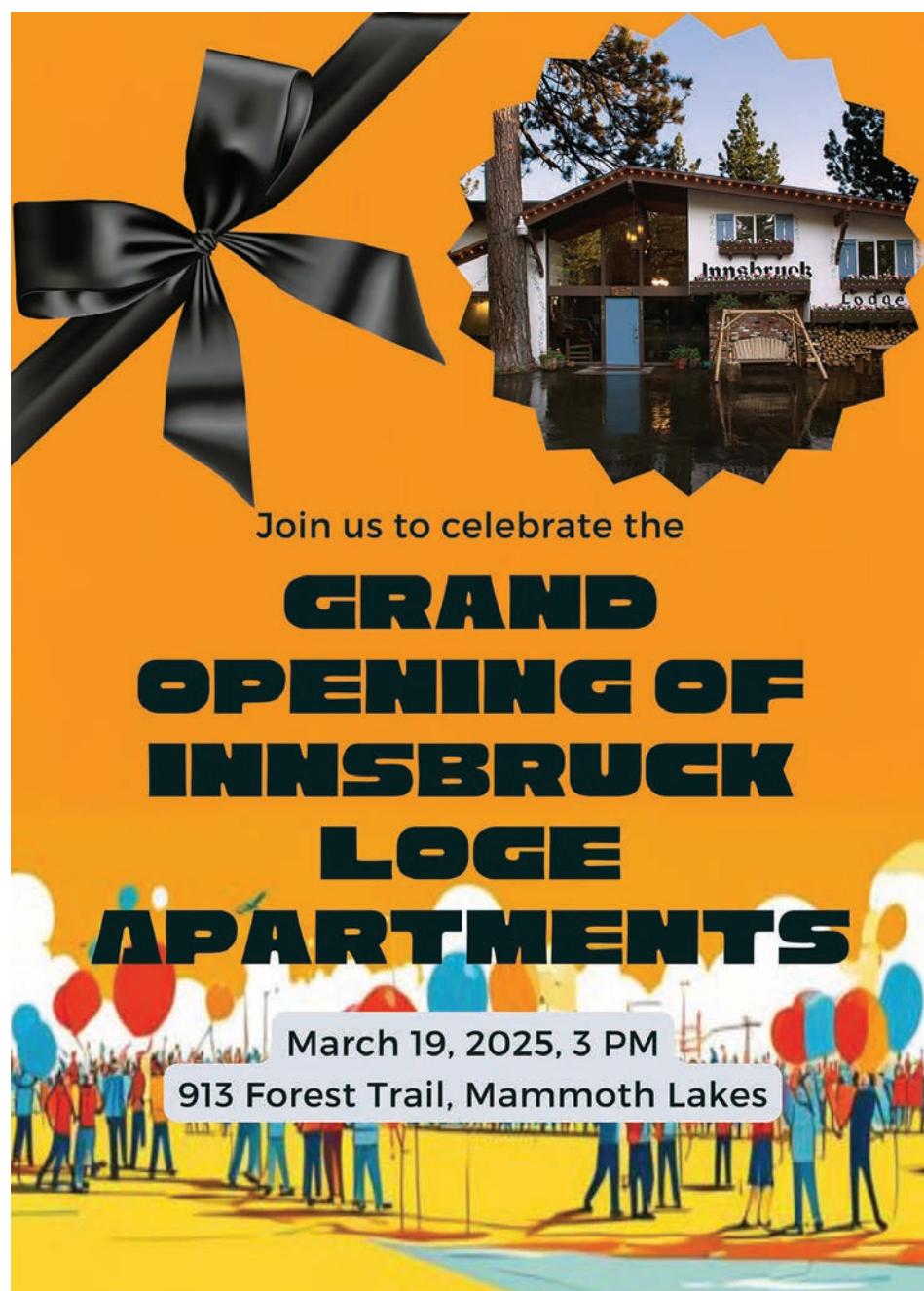
us the wrong directions and we will be literally going in circles. We would need an air tag, GIS, navigation apps and a search and rescue team just to get out of the building.

DOGE Dude: Not going in to start with. Hey, you know the worst part of this gig? Since I'm now a "government employee" everyone I know asks me what's going on with inflation, price of eggs, tariffs, stock market, recession, depression, paper straws, immigration, education, healthcare, Canada and Mexico, foreign aid, Panama and Greenland, renewable energy, DEI, free speech, Putin, Ukraine, NATO, Gaza, spending freezes, fascism, the list goes on and on. What do you say to those questions?

DOGE Boy: I just tell them it's too much to keep track of and I can't keep up, but he has the attention span of a squirrel on meth and the ...

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Jon Klusmire of Bishop is wishing his computer had an auto delete function.



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