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MACC GOES OUT TO BID

By Lunch

Mammoth Lakes Economic and Development Commissioners unanimously approved a major design review of the proposed Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center at its meeting Wednesday, paving the way for the ~7,500-square foot performing arts theater to go out to bid.

**That invitation to bid is*

published this week on page 12. The Engineer's cost estimate for the project is \$13 million.

The final project is approximately two-thirds smaller than initially conceived in 2019.

At that time, local Architect Bruce Woodward drew plans for a 26,000-square foot project with an estimated \$23 million-price tag.

That iteration of the project contemplated a 298-seat theater as well as a 500-seat outdoor amphitheater. Woodward said he also consulted with an industry-leading sound engineer to inform his design.

This iteration of the project, which contemplates a 259-seat theater, is more bare bones.

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YOSEMITE CHANGES ITS MIND ... AGAIN

Park reinstates reservation system

By Fisher

Yosemite National Park abruptly announced the reinstatement of its summer reservation system on April 29, triggering confusion and frustration among local businesses and residents, who say the rollout was poorly communicated and inconsistently executed.

The reservation system requires visitors to secure entry permits for the park between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day and daily from June 15 through August 15. Just weeks earlier, park officials had told local leaders they lacked the staffing and funding to implement such a program.

Then, without formal notice, the park sent an email suggesting the system might return before fully confirming it to the public that same day.

In response to the confusion, Mono County Supervisor Paul McFarland hosted a public meeting on May 14 with park administrators at the Lee Vining Community Center. The agenda included clarifying details on the reservation system, the opening of Tioga Pass Road, and other summer infrastructure plans.

"I'm going to ask we focus on the reality of today," McFarland said at the outset. "Let's avoid talking or speculating about how we got here or where we're going."

NPS started working on a "Visitor Access Management Plan" in 2022 to effectively manage an increased number of park visitors. Compared to the park's proposed reservation system, which required

reservations daily from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m., the new system scales back the reservation-mandatory hours.

Yosemite's Communications Director, Scott Carr, said the shorter window will improve "accessibility" to the park. But Rhonda Salisbury, CEO of Visit Yosemite, questioned the reduced availability of permits at the May 6 Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Salisbury said her organization saw recreation.gov release just 1,000–1,500 reservations on May 6, far fewer than the 4,500–5,000 released in 2023.

"We are getting phone calls at our visitor center," she said. "Angry, angry, angry visitors."

Carr said the park will make additional reservations available seven days before desired dates.

Adding to the turmoil, the park also announced that Yosemite's High Sierra Camps—high-end backcountry lodging facilities expected to reopen this summer for the first time since 2018—had been abruptly canceled due to sanitation issues, including a lack of potable water and restroom facilities.

Guests received cancellation emails the morning of the community meeting, even for late August reservations.

When asked directly whether the camps would operate this summer, Nicole Tucker, the park's Chief of Commercial Services, initially avoided giving a clear answer and said she'd provide a comprehensive update in the coming days.

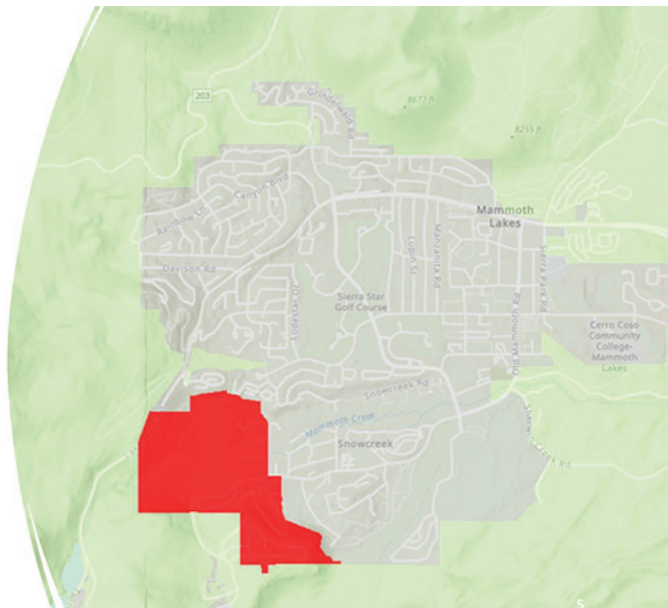
"I've received some questions about High Sierra

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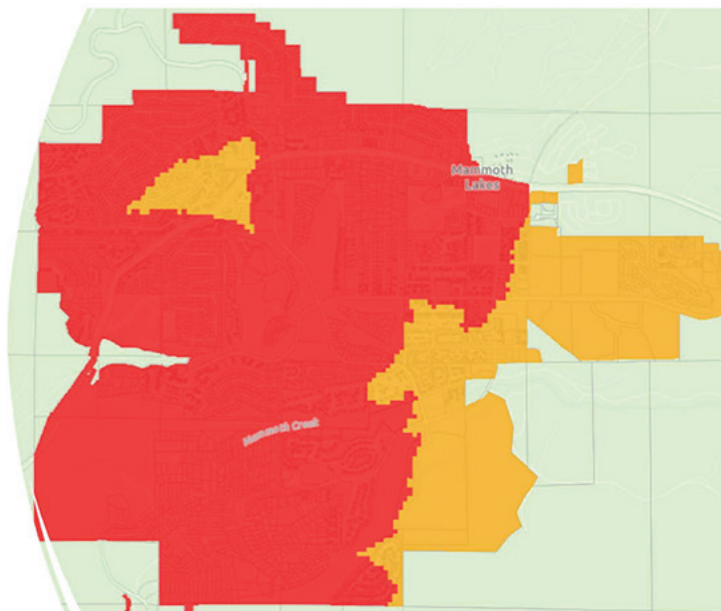
Original 2007 Map

- "Very High" zone only in Old Mammoth area



Updated Map

- "Very High" zone (red) now covers vast majority of town
- "High" zone (orange) covers remainder



Mike McCarthy of the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department briefed planning commissioners on the updates to the State Fire Hazard Severity maps on Wednesday. The upshot: It's all a hazard now. For more, see p. 2.

Why settle for 2?

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Portal to Hell

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Covered in plastic

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A few acorns is no meal

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Double your budget

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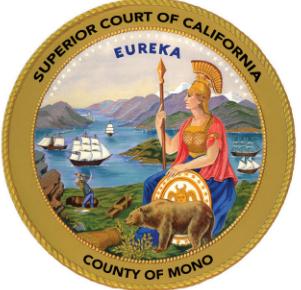
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While being approximately double the cost on a per-square foot basis.
What a difference six years makes.
The Town finalized the purchase of the 7.9 acre parcel from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation for \$4.5 million at its May 7 meeting.
The Foundation then agreed to turn around and give \$3.5 million to Town to offset construction costs.
The Kern Community College District also tossed in \$7.5 million to the project via bond funds collected over the past 25 years.
The rest will be financed via private donations (hopefully).
The Town will operate the facility upon its completion.
Town Engineering Manager Amy Callanan said the vast majority of the project, including sound engineering, will be covered by the bid that just went out.
The height of the structure will be 46’
There will be 24 parking spots on-site. The facility will also have a shared parking agreement with the college and will also utilize the 40 spaces at the nearby dog park.

In other planning news ... the Fire Hazard severity maps (see front page) got tweaked because the old calculations were based upon factoring in 20 mph winds and as we all know, fire weather creates much higher wind speeds and carries embers much further.
McCarthy added that changes of property ownership will now require defensible space inspections.

The PEDC also approved a variance for 307 John Muir Rd. reducing its exterior parking requirement by one space as well as allowing for a reduction in setbacks.
The lot has a fifty-degree slope. So it will require a ton of grading. Architect Craig Tapley acknowledges that it will be a difficult build.
In fact, the plan is to burrow into the hillside to build the garage, and then set the house back from there, so some of the snow storage will literally be atop the reinforced, subterranean garage.
In his public comment, Architect Bruce Woodward said the buyers likely weren’t informed properly by the realtors that they were buying a substandard lot on a substandard street.
Further public comment was made by Chad Phillips, a self-described local construction manager. He warned the prospective builders that they should double their construction budget and time allotted for the project.



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JACK LUNCH
PUBLISHER

The lot owners are a couple from Seattle who moved to Mammoth after finishing college some two decades ago. It’s always been their dream to return and live here.
PEDC Commissioner Dawn Vereuck said she was inclined to vote for the variance because the owners will be local and can be responsive to neighbors’ concerns regarding snow storage and parking.
Of course, this is shortsighted because there is no guarantee owners of such a property will always be local.
But it’ll all be forgotten and we’ll all be dead before it becomes someone else’s problem, right?

Mono County hired a new H.R. Director at its meeting Tuesday. His name is James Peavey. Mr. Peavey currently serves as the Human Resources Manager for the City of Concord, a position he has held since 2021. According to the county presser, he “brings over two decades of progressively responsible human resources experience.”
He’ll also make \$186,000 a year plus benefits. Another progressively responsible hire by a local government body.

Speaking of HR challenges, imagine my shock when I received a presser on Monday announcing Bishop City Manager Deston Dishion’s intention to retire.
Dishion told the Sheet that after 30 years with the city, he’s ready to be on his own schedule and he’s confident in the management team he’s got in place.
Lunch’s cynical reply: “Regardless of what shape you’ve left the place in, that has a half-life of 18-24 months.”

Finally, and this also occurred at the last Mammoth Council meeting, Council decided to change its Olympic-sized rink (100’ wide) to an NHL-sized rink (85’ wide) in order to install a dedicated curling pad - which can run side-by-side with the rink (obviously with boards and glass as separation).
This will allow more usage as both “sports” (should curling really be considered a sport?) can go on simultaneously.
The downside is that competitive figure skating requires an Olympic-size rink, so ... Mammoth is more likely to produce an Olympic curler than figure skater.
And an NHL rink has 15% smaller surface area than an Olympic one, so if you thought those public skates over the holidays were crowded before ...

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LETTERS

Five is not a magic number

To: June Lake CAC Members, Mono County Planning Department, and Mono County Board of Supervisors

On behalf of the Realtors and Property Managers who live and work in June Lake, we respectfully submit this letter to express our concerns regarding the proposed changes to the June Lake Planning Area Short-Term Rental (STR) policies and the related amendments to the Mono County General Plan and Land Use Elements.

These proposals represent significant changes to STR regulations and property owners' rights.

Our first concern is the lack of adequate outreach and notification to both full-time residents and second homeowners. As indicated in your own documentation, titled Feedback Gathered on Short-Term Rental Policy (March 2024), only five responses were recorded. This limited feedback does not reflect the broader June Lake community and issues. A more comprehensive and inclusive outreach effort is needed to ensure that all stakeholders are informed and have the opportunity to participate. Flyers, local post box notices, and brief mentions in local newspapers—many of which do not reach second homeowners—are insufficient to meet this standard.

As real estate professionals, we are particularly concerned about the direc-

tion of these changes—specifically, the erosion of property rights, including the right to offer short-term rentals. These rights were recently established through a collaborative and community-driven process, culminating in the 2016 STR policy, which had strong local support.

The proposed zoning and STR regulation changes now appear overly broad, vague, and discretionary, making it difficult for both property owners and professionals to interpret and comply with them.

The current approach to STR regulation in June Lake has become inconsistent and increasingly difficult to navigate. With the Board of Supervisors' vote anticipated this October, we urge the County to reconsider and return to the clear, effective framework established in 2016. That policy provided the structure necessary to responsibly guide new homeowners and prospective buyers. Introducing an entirely new restrictive regulatory system and changing permitted uses within the Land Elements at this time feels unnecessary and destabilizing.

We understand that the emergency 2022 moratorium was intended to give the County time to address housing challenges. Yet, more than a year after its expiration—and three years since it was enacted—we have not seen meaningful solutions suggested or implemented. Instead, we have seen increased restrictions on property owners. There has been no new workforce-



A few Acorns is hardly a meal.

housing developments in June Lake aside from the privately funded Acorns project in the last decade.

June Lake has been a cherished tourist destination for over a century. As stated in both the June Lake Area Plan and the Mono County General Plan, a balance between tourism and local housing is vital. We believe it is time to return to that foundational principle.

We respectfully urge the County to actively engage all community members—full-time and part-time residents alike—in developing solutions that honor June Lake's history, support economic sustainability, and reflect the diverse needs of our community.

On Behalf of the June Lake Real Estate Community

Heidi Vetter, Lynn Morton, Don Morton, Lydia March, Robin Shelton, Connie Lear, Jeremy Lear, Jeff Ronci, Pam Mowat

Get a Rack!

Dear Editor:

The proposed new roundabout at Minaret and Meridian has generated a great deal of controversy for many reasons. But one point that is not always addressed in the discussions is simply how car-centric the town planning is.

Case in point, our new, multi-million dollar Community Recreation Center, which has a very attractive playground attached and is easily accessible from many neighborhoods, has no bicycle rack. In a small town where adults and children often use bicycles to get around town, the lack of any planning to accommodate bicycles at the CRC and adjacent playground really indicates just how blind town planning has become.

Joseph Merriman
Mammoth Lakes

Talk sense into these people

Dear Editor,

PLEASE try to talk sense into these people that are wasting our money & time. I'm at that Minaret/Meridian intersection daily & there is NEVER a problem. And for everything written & published in last week's Sheet by Joyce Kaufman, I say "Ditto"

Joanie Siegel Dones
Mammoth Lakes



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LOCAL NEWS

A QUIET \$43 MILLION

By Klusmire

It's usually tough to quietly make plans to build a huge, \$43.5 million industrial park on the edge of Bishop featuring roughly 100,000 square feet of offices, another 100,000 square feet of warehouses and mechanical shops, sprawling outdoor equipment yards holding everything from electric cars to dump trucks and excavators to power poles. Plus a "water feature" and nearly 44,000 square feet of landscaped open space.

But the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has been quietly putting together just such a plan for its Bishop Training Facility and Construction Yard since October of 2023. The first phase of the project will include offices and training facilities for the Power side of LADWP, with phase two consisting of a new construction yard, shops and construction offices for the Water folks.

The big plan had its public unveiling on Monday, May 12 at the Bishop City Council meeting. (City staff presented a quick overview since no one from LADWP was at the meeting.) The council accepted an initial \$88,000 payment from LADWP the city will use to hire consultants to double check LADWP's state Environmental Impact Report and other aspects of the ongoing environmental reviews.

The sprawling project is located north of Wye Road, directly east of Brown's Supply and north of Von's and the Caltrans maintenance facility. The project is on vacant LADWP land and will occupy land on both sides of the Bishop Canal (the aforementioned "water feature").

"The facilities will offer workforce development resources (and) provide indoor and outdoor spaces for the maintenance of typical LADWP infrastructure," according to LADWP.

Don't expect to see dirt flying on site in the near future. Construction of the \$18 million Training Facility is slated to start in July of 2026 and be completed in a year. It will take four more years to wrap up CEQA, planning and design before construction begins in October of 2029 on the Construction Yard and should be completed in October of 2032. The current estimate for that work is estimated at \$25.5 million today.

The big question at the council meeting, and in many residents' minds, is what will happen to LADWP's extensive operations and administrative complex in Bishop. Currently, LADWP's equipment yards, warehouses, parking areas, maintenance and construction shops, and offices consume roughly six square blocks of land on the southwest corner of Bishop. That could become prime

land for development of some sort if it is completely vacated.

The council strongly suggested LADWP should vacate at least the large, outdoor equipment, vehicle and storage yards and do whatever is necessary to open them up to some sort of housing projects or development. That would fill a need for additional housing in town while eliminating a large portion of the current industrial/warehouse/storage yard feel in that part of town.

However, the official word from LADWP on the future of that real estate and some of the buildings currently in place is, "This has not yet been determined," according to Jessica Johnson, LADWP spokesperson, in an email responding to The Sheet's questions about the project.

Besides the outdoor yards, the LADWP complex contains a jumbled assortment of shops and buildings from various eras, with some definitely showing their age. When asked if those older (and somewhat creaky) buildings would be demolished once empty, Johnson responded with "This has not been determined." The same response came when asked if there were any specific plans for several square blocks of equipment yards once they are vacated sometime in the 2030s.

Not everything at the current LADWP site will be abandoned, however, even

after completion of the new Training Facility and the Construction Yard. Johnson said, "We are not relocating the construction yard in Bishop to the new facility," so it will "remain in use for the construction groups." Plus, the administrative offices and other assorted buildings housing the LADWP water system and aqueduct operations "will remain in the current location on Mandich Street," she said.

Johnson cited numerous benefits the new facilities will deliver to the utility and the community.

The Power side of Water and Power is generally overlooked, thanks to the drama from the Water folks. The new training facility will put a charge into the Power group (I'm sorry, couldn't resist, lucky this didn't appear sooner). The Power system does not have a training facility in the Owens Valley, Johnson noted, so training for current or newly hired power employees means they have to travel to the LADWP Truesdale Training Center in LA County. Some of that training can last months if not longer, she said. The new Bishop facility will make it easier to train new employees and "will also create a local pool of candidates" and employees on the power side.

The Training Facility will include a training building and a separate administrative building, for a total of 59,000 square foot of office space. That will include a large "assembly room" and classrooms that the public can use. A 19,000 square foot parking garage and outdoor parking and charging stations are planned. A large portion of the center (150,000 square feet) will be devoted to "outdoor training."

As for the Water and Aqueduct group, "LADWP Water System construction (facilities) are outdated and undersized for the staffing and equipment needed for operations and maintenance," Johnson said. The new facility will allow for materials and equipment storage and "Organize construction shops and staffing for more efficient operations."

And there are quite a few construction shops. The layout of the new Construction Yard shows buildings holding eight separate shops: welding, painting, carpenters, water pumps, hydro, chemical, survey and Aqueduct and Reservoir Keepers (which is still the best job title ever created). There will also be a large mechanics' shop (30,000 square feet), fueling and other vehicle fleet and maintenance operations. About 45,000 square feet of warehouse space in several buildings is planned, along with 50,000 square feet of office and training space in the main administration building.

Johnson said the new Bishop facilities will not prompt any changes to the LADWP shops and offices in Independence and Lone Pine.

The City of Bishop gets the honor of approving all the paperwork involved and will be rezoning the parcels for the new LADWP facilities, issuing building permits, and conducting inspections for compliance with state and local codes, Johnson said.

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Camps," she said, "and I'm evaluating those concerns."

A hotelier in the audience interjected: "You didn't answer the question. She asked if the information was true or false. Are they opening this year or not?"

Pressed for clarity, Tucker eventually responded: "At this point in time, no."

"Thank you," the hotelier replied, throwing her hands up. "We just need straight answers."

The Sheet approached the hotelier after the meeting, though she declined to give her name or business on the record. She said the reservation system has severely impacted the local tourism economy.

Before COVID-19 and the reservation requirement, towns like Lee Vining and June Lake were fully booked all summer. Now, business is slower, and the hotelier said she has to constantly explain the reservation system.

She said many foreign visitors, who have saved for years to visit Yosemite, don't know that they need reservations because the reservation website is a "disaster to understand," especially for those who don't speak English as their first language.

Guests have screamed at her about the system, she said.

Park officials offered no clear update on when Tioga Pass Road would open — or whether the park would host the popular "bike day" event, which allows cyclists early access to the road before it opens to vehicles.

Sara Robinson, Subdistrict Ranger of Tuolumne Meadows, confirmed that avalanche danger along the road is mostly mitigated, except for one active slide area near Olmsted Point that still needs

to melt out. Yosemite's Utilities Chief Mike Trumm said the plowing process had gone smoothly.

Josh Lundquist, a representative from Caltrans, said the primary obstacle now is removing three massive boulders from the road — one measuring approximately 20 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 8 feet tall. Additionally, falling rocks crushed a section of the road over the winter, and Caltrans will need to repair it before the route can reopen.

Mono County Supervisor John Peters pressed for more specificity, asking, "When will it not be too early to announce the opening date?"

Carr responded, "You'll know as soon as I know."

Supervisor McFarland again emphasized the importance of timely and transparent communication for the park's gateway communities.

"Sometimes the surprise is great. Sometimes, it's great to be able to plan. I think this one is great when it's a surprise, but it's even better for all of us when we can plan," McFarland said.

In an attempt to form a liaison between the park and gateway communities, Mono Supervisors discussed forming a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)-chartered advisory group specific to Yosemite on May 6.

This group would give local communities a formal, consistent voice in park decisions such as visitor management, funding issues, Tioga Pass access, and future leadership appointments.

The proposed FACA group would follow the model used in parks like Acadia and Zion. Congressman Tom McClintock and federal agencies have expressed openness to the idea.

A HARDLY STEALTHY REBUKE

By Fisher

On Thursday, May 8, Mono County Superior Court Judge Gerald Mohun ruled in favor of the Snowcreek VII homeowners in stalling the construction of a contested 80-foot tall cell phone tower disguised as a "stealth monopine" in the Old Mammoth neighborhood.

The lawsuit, filed by the homeowners, argued that the Town's approval violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as well as the Municipal Code and General Plan. They contended that the cell tower posed environmental and aesthetic concerns that had not been properly addressed. The Sheet reported on the trial in the March 22 issue (page 6).

The project stems from a proposal the Town submitted in 2022 by AT&T and Eukon Group. The group identified the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District's Station 2 on Old Mammoth Road as the preferred location for the tower. The Station borders Snowcreek VII homes.

In January 2022, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFD) granted authorization for the applicants to seek permits. In July 2023, MLFD issued a site license. In February 2024, the Town's Planning and Economic Development Commission approved the project and deemed it exempt from CEQA as a "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures."

The Snowcreek VII homeowners appealed, but Mammoth's Town Council reaffirmed the approval. The Town filed a subsequent Notice of Exemption in April 2024.

In the trial this March, the homeowners argued the structure would negatively impact the scenic character of the Old Mammoth neighborhood and that the CEQA exemption was misapplied because the proposed tower would be too tall to be considered "Small."

The "Small Structures" exemption

requires that construction does not exceed 2500 square feet in floor area, and provides examples such as "a store, motel, office or similar structure." Judge Mohun ruled that a cell phone tower is not similar to any of those examples, and that a 80 to 100-foot cell phone tower is not exempt pursuant to the section.

"To accept Town and Real Parties' contention would lead to the nonsensical conclusion that the height and character of the structure does not matter and may not be considered in determining if a project is small," he wrote in the Judgement. "The tower does not fit within the qualifications. It is not 'similar' due to its height and nature."

Judge Mohun also agreed with the homeowners that the Town had violated its own General Plan and Municipal code in the Cell Tower permit.

The homeowners argued the plans for the Tower include manufactured branches which would violate the Town's Municipal code setback requirements and is inconsistent with the Town's general plan. The Municipal code imposes a 20-foot setback for the Fire Station property.

The Town argued the Cell Tower was compliant with the setback since the faux limbs and branches could be construed as "plant materials," but Judge Mohun ruled against this interpretation, asserting that faux greenery does not match the Penal Code's definition of plant materials.

The court ordered the Town to cancel the Permit for the cell tower, withdraw the Notice of Exemption, and not give any more approvals or permits for the Tower until it complies with CEQA, the Town Code, and the General Plan.

The Town is not allowed to start building the Tower at the Fire District site until it has followed all the proper procedures and given the correct approvals and permits.

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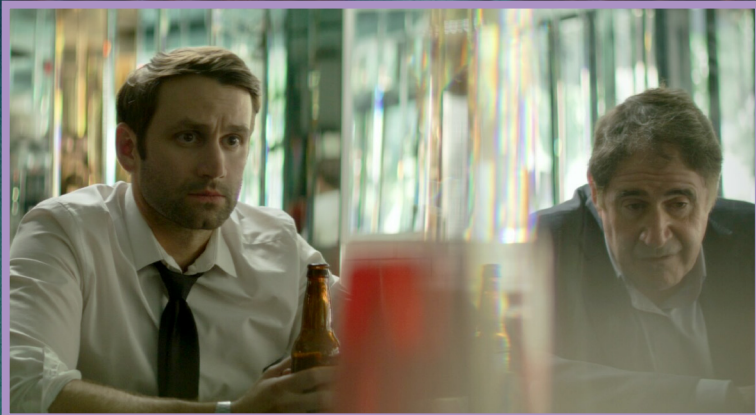
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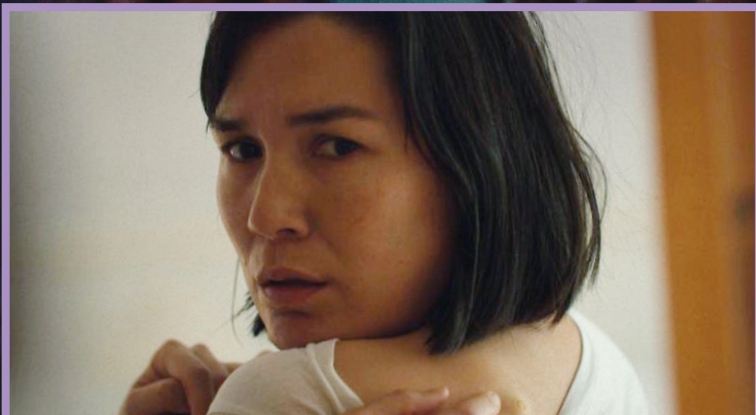
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In a remote corner of Southwestern New Mexico, the last remaining cowboys eke out a fragile survival between industrial and protected lands. Their herds diminished, these aging stewards of the land live in a shrinking world of isolation, vulnerability, and rugged beauty.

Narrative Feature • Friday May 23, 4:00pm



The True Beauty of Being Bitten by a Tick

A woman visits her friend's countryside home, joining a small group for what promises to be a cozy weekend of food and games. A tick bite leads to unsettling developments that transform their idyllic retreat into something sinister.

Narrative Feature • Thursday May 22, 8:00pm



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SORRY, BARBIE: LIFE IN PLASTIC NOT FANTASTIC

By Fisher

In any American's home, there's bound to be plastic. But what about outside the home – on trails, lakes and streams? Well, a recent local study says there's more than you'd think.

At Tuesday's Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab (SNARL) Seminar Series event in the Page Center, UCSB Ph.D. candidate Becca Reynolds and Lecturer Chris Jerde said scientists may be underestimating the amount of plastic littered in natural environments by 41%.

Jerde and Reynolds worked with FUERTE, a two-week field course for UCSB undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds, to conduct their research. The team surveyed sites at Convict Lake, Twin Lakes and Mammoth Creek to investigate plastic pollution and test a new scientific method.

Plastics are defined as synthetic materials that are malleable in their formation, but hard in their final form. Microplastics occur when larger pieces of plastic degrade, often from sun exposure or mechanical processes, like being stepped on.

Microplastics, first identified in 2004, have been found in various environments, including the ocean, food, air, and even the human body.

Since the discovery, or more accurately, recognition of microplastics, policy-makers have grappled with defining and regulating microplastics and depend on reliable data to do so. Yet the monitoring studies used to guide this regulation often rely on "single-pass" surveys, meaning researchers only note the amount

of litter they see in one walk through an area.

Reynolds thought this study protocol might offer only a snapshot of total pollution in a given environment. "I don't believe we're capturing everything when we survey plastics," she told Jerde one day.

With a background in fisheries science, Jerde suggested using a technique from stream ecology called depletion sampling, where scientists run multiple passes with nets and electrofishing gear in this method to estimate fish populations.

"We go to one end of the stream, put up a blocknet, and then we throw a bunch of electricity in the water," Jerde said. "We scoop up fish, count them in a kiddie pool, rest the stream, go back through, and repeat until we're recovering fewer and fewer fish."

By adapting that method to study plastic, the team developed a new "three-pass" litter survey to capture a more accurate picture of plastic pollution.

Using this methodology, one student walked through each site collecting visible litter, which is then weighed and counted. A second student repeated the process, then Reynolds performed a third walk-through. The differences between the passes estimate how much litter the students missed the first time.

Across the board, the results were stark: single-pass surveys underestimated plastic litter by an average of 41%. Jerde and Reynolds published a scientific protocol based on their findings from the study, co-authored with the students.

In addition to collecting visible litter, the team gathered water and sediment samples to analyze the type of microplastics in the water under a microscope. They also tested for chemical additives like PFAS, phthalates, and BPA, which has potential health risks.

While the students did not detect PFAS in the water samples, they found plenty of plastic.

Water samples revealed more microplastics in downstream creeks, suggesting that flowing water easily carries smaller particles. Larger particles, like those from packaging or fishing gear, were more common in calmer lakes.

Valentine Reserve, a more remote and protected area, had the lowest levels of microplastics, which Reynolds said demonstrated a link between human activity and pollution levels.

Still, even in places where people might be more conscious of litter and therefore less likely to litter, such as areas by the SNARL center, plastic can enter the natural environment when waste disposal companies transport the materials inside the dumpsters to the garbage truck.

Wind can also strew littered materials far from places with human activity, Jerde said.

The water sample results showed evidence of nylon (fishing line), polystyrene (styrofoam), and cellulose acetate (cigarette filters). Unexpectedly, they also identified plastics from a type of parking lot paint.

Materials used in power bait, such as

PVC (which makes up the structure of power bait) and PET (which makes up the glitter in power bait), were highly present in the environment, especially in Convict Lake.

"One of the things that's unique about plastics is that you can tell dozens of stories," Jerde said as he described the implications of the study for chemistry, engineering and public information. On the last point, he held up a jar of power bait.

"Do we need to be actively throwing plastic into the water to try and catch fish?" he asked, jar in hand.

Beyond the data, the study provided an educational experience for the FUERTE students, many of which had never been on a hike before and were seeing Sierra Nevada landscapes for the first time.

The students explored data and field science, where they were encouraged to ask questions and shape the research. One student suggested tracking the color of plastics, which became a part of the study.

The FUERTE program, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is not expected to continue next year due to budget cuts. But Reynolds and Jerde remain hopeful that the science will continue.

Reynolds said the study is inexpensive and easily replicable, so the public can use it as a citizen science project. All it takes is gloves, bags, and people willing to donate their time.

As an added benefit, people would be removing litter from the landscape.



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H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Empowerment Center of Inyo/Mono Counties is hiring Family Resource Specialists (FRS).

Under minimal direction, the FRS completes Family Empowerment Center implementation activities including but not limited to parent-to-parent support, outreach, training, and IEP assistance. The FRS is responsible for parent support group meetings, parent trainings, distribution of information, IEP assistance (including attending IEP meetings), and public awareness activities. Travel within Inyo/Mono Counties is required. This position is a hybrid work opportunity. Work locations include home, support group locations, and attending IEP meetings at a variety of schools. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, some college background is strongly preferred but not required. Familiarity with community resources and Microsoft Computer Software. Bilingual a plus, but not required. Must have possession of a valid California driver's license, insurance, and access to reliable transportation.

Contact: Ann Bason 661.531.3498

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Bilingual preferred

Contact: Cathy Molina-cmolina@mammothusd.org/EOE

<http://www.edjoin.org/mammothusd>

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Restaurant Server for Eagles Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computers and working as team member are essential. Full and part time available, health ben-

Help Wanted

efits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 4:00PM, Friday, June 20, 2025 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 MAMMOTH ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER** CAP 22-002 (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.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project includes the construction of a new 7,482 square-foot single-story (plus mezzanine) performing arts theater with supportive spaces and utilities as an addition to the existing Edison Hall building, demolition and reconstruction of existing hardscape and parking lot, and associated site work. The Engineer’s Estimate for the project is \$13,000,000.

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 10:00AM on Thursday, May 22, 2025, 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. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400(c), the Town intends to recommend Town Council adopt a resolution on May 21, 2025 making findings designating certain materials, products, things, or services by specific brand or trade name. The materials, products, things, or services and their specific brand or trade names are set forth in the Special Conditions, and the resolution of such findings will be issued as an attachment to the Special Conditions by addendum.

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 Contractor. 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 Amy Callanan, PE, Engineering Manager at acallanan@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or 760-965-3657.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: May 14, 2025

TS #2025-0059

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:

TheClayCorner

SmithCeramics, LLC.

437 Old Mammoth Rd., Unit 288

P.O. Box 9255

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The registrant has 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 April 30, 2025

File Number 2025-0066

TS #2025-0060 (5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7)

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 04-17-25-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF SECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

WHEREAS, staff of the Mammoth Community Water District (“District”) has prepared the Report on Secured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges as of March 31, 2025, containing a description of each parcel of real property within the District for which water and sewer service charges are delinquent, along with the amount of such delinquent charges, together with interest and penalties thereon; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District that a public hearing on the Report of Secured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges is set for May 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, California. The hearing will take place both in-person and virtually. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all objections and protests to said written report. If the Board of Directors adopts said report, or revises, changes, reduces, or modifies any charge thereon, the delinquent charges, together with penalties and interest thereon, as stated in the adopted

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District at its regular meeting held on April 17, 2025, by the following vote:

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

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

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT EXHIBIT A		
SECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025 FOR PLACEMENT ON MONO COUNTY TAX ROLL		
ASSESSMENT NUMBER	NAME	DELINQUENT AMOUNT
031-170-059-000	R. MATOBA	716.06
022-370-012-000	WEST / HINDMAN TRUST	454.76
035-251-109-000	C. & D. PECK	379.82
035-252-128-000	P. ALLEN & D. JULIAN	983.62
031-032-010-000	W. MADSEN	529.46
033-081-001-000	R. & J. NELSON	1845.36
035-261-069-000	P. & S. SCHULTZ	195.38
035-041-019-000	A. & D. GAABO	273.54
031-180-091-000	P. MARIN	205.06
031-180-043-000	R. CONTRERAS	293.02
		TS #2025-0057

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 04-17-25-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REPORT OF UNSECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

WHEREAS, staff of the Mammoth Community Water District (“District”) has prepared the Report on Unsecured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges as of March 31, 2025, containing a description of each parcel of real property within the District for which water and sewer service charges are delinquent, along with the amount of such delinquent charges, together with interest and penalties thereon; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District that a public hearing on the Report of Unsecured Delinquent Water and Sewer Service Charges is set for May 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, California. The hearing will take place both in-person and virtually. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all objections and protests to said written report. If the Board of Directors adopts said report, or revises, changes, reduces, or modifies any charge thereon, the delinquent charges, together with penalties and interest thereon, as stated in the adopted

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ATTEST: Mark Busby, Secretary Board of Directors

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT EXHIBIT A		
UNSECURED DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025 FOR PLACEMENT ON MONO COUNTY TAX ROLL		
ASSESSMENT NUMBER	NAME	DELINQUENT AMOUNT
860-000-492-000	C. & J. ALMEIDA	3950.30
		TS #2025-0058



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FLSA Classification: Non Exempt

Bargaining Unit: Non-Management

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District seeks qualified candidates for the Senior Research and Systems Analyst role. The position leads and oversees air quality analyses and data processing tasks. Work duties include supervision of staff and projects; performing air quality analyses; leading air quality modeling efforts; working as part of a team to ensure accurate air monitoring data collection and reporting; assisting with the preparation of technical studies and reports; performing compliance evaluation of dust control areas; and developing clear and accessible data summaries and reports for internal and public use. The position also oversees professional services consulting contracts and performs other work as necessary. The work duties include office work as well as occasional fieldwork.

Successful performance requires the ability to work independently and as part of a team, present to the Governing Board and other audiences, represent the District in public meetings, coordinate activities and establish positive working relationships, summarize scientific reports and review research proposals, and the ability to prepare and review detailed technical reports.

For a complete job description, including required qualifications, and instructions on how to apply, please visit www.gbuapcd.org/employment or <https://gbuapcd.bamboohr.com/careers>.

Applications must be received by Monday May 26, 2025.



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Fiscal Services Technician

Salary Range: Range 38 (\$6,433-8,623 per month) plus benefits

FLSA Classification: Full-Time, Non Exempt

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The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District seeks qualified candidates for a Fiscal Services Technician. Under general supervision of the Administrative Services Officer, the position performs a wide range of financial, accounting, and administrative duties. This role is crucial to ensuring timely and accurate calculation and processing of payroll, accounts payable, budget tracking, and financial reporting.

Successful performance of the work requires knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, and knowledge and ability to use financial software. The Financial Services Technician must have the ability to be detail-oriented, dependable, organized, and work collaboratively with staff, auditors, and public agencies.

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Application, resume, and cover letter must be received by Sunday, June 2, 2025.

Hantavirus is a Deadly Threat in the Eastern Sierra

Protect Yourself and Your Family

**Another Mono County resident
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Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is an uncommon but serious illness caused by a virus carried by deer mice, which are common throughout the Eastern Sierra.

The **virus spreads through droppings, urine, and saliva**—and becomes airborne when disturbed, often during cleaning.

Mono County is a hotspot for Hantavirus, and unfortunately, infections can be fatal.

If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, it's bad enough to go to the doctor, and you've had a mouse exposure you're worried about, be sure to tell the provider about it.



Deer Mouse – Main Carrier of Hantavirus

Prevent Hantavirus



It's almost always an **indoors issue**, the risk is very low outdoors.



Keep your eyes open in and around your home and workplace for **signs of mice droppings and nests**.



If there are signs of mice, **open doors and windows for at least 30 minutes before cleaning**.



Do not sweep or vacuum rodent droppings. Instead, spray with bleach or other disinfectant that kills viruses, and wipe clean.



Wear gloves and an N95 or better mask when cleaning rodent-infested areas. Mono Public Health offers free N95 masks.



Seal cracks and holes in homes and outbuildings to keep rodents out.



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HARTLEY

I CAN'T PLAY FIRST. THAT'LL TAKE ME TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE BUFFET

A baseball nugget that had me rolling. Rafael Devers, the Boston Red Sox Third Baseman ... I mean DH ... uhhhh First Baseman? ... went off on the team. This is hilarious:

"I know I'm a ballplayer but at the same time they can't expect me to play every single position out there," Devers said, through an interpreter, according to Christopher Smith of MassLive.com. "In spring training, they talked to me and basically told me to put away my glove — that I wasn't going to play any other position but DH. So right now I just feel like it's not an appropriate decision by them to ask me to play another position."

"They told me that they didn't want to allow me to play any other position," Devers added. "And now I think they should do their job essentially and hit the market and look for another player (to play first base). I'm not sure why they want me to be in-between, the way they have me now."

To be clear, that is the player talking to the team. He basically told them TO DO THEIR JOB AND FIND ANOTHER PLAYER. Because \$30 million a year isn't enough to grab a glove and play first because another guy went down with a season-ending injury. I wish I

could have seen the look on the GM and Owner's faces when he said that.

The Steelers gave me a spring Christmas present. They traded away WR George Pickens. Thanks Dallas and owner Jerry Jones, desperate for attention, for taking on that idiot. Jerry Jones, desperate for attention, making another idiot move. And he will get plenty of attention because that dumbass Pickens will be in the news. And not for scoring TDs, but for all the wrong reasons. For all the hype, Pickens has 12 TDs in 3 years and only had 3 last year. And it ain't all QB play. He is a one-trick pony - a limited route-runner with suspect concentration and lack of effort.

Ron Rivera. How is he employed in any capacity involving football? He is the new GM of the Cal football program. And I guess some of the boosters that pay millions to that lousy and irrelevant program care that he doesn't have enough power for their liking.

"People are wondering if I have the power to make decisions," Rivera told Mike Silver of TheAthletic.com. "Yes, I do. I'm driving the car. Chancellor [Rich] Lyons, [athletic director] Jim Knowlton and [coach] Justin Wilcox are in the car with me. We're all charting a course. But

I'm driving."

Well, the world can rest easy now. Rivera, he of the 102-103 NFL record, has complete authority over the legendary Cal football program - I guess all those rich boosters can rest easy knowing 6-6 will get you a spot in the Dogecoin Bowl next year.

Another NY Giants nugget. WR Malik Nabers had 170 targets last year. Soak that in. That's 10 a game for the math-challenged. 10 times a game the QB dropped back and said I HAVE TO THROW THE BALL TO NABERS or that baby will be crying. Whether we win or not. And he still bitched about not getting the ball enough. Only Jamaar Chase had more targets in the NFL. And the average is slightly off because Nabers missed two games with concussion symptoms. The concussion was probably caused by the strain of his giant ego causing his brain to swell and crush itself against his skull.

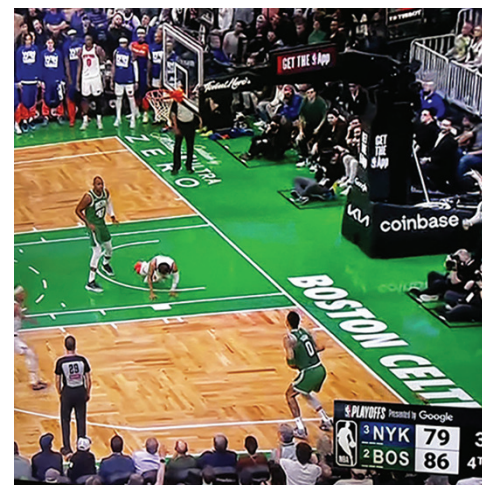
In a recent interview, he said, "You told me I was going to get the ball ... I'm getting open and I'm not getting that pill ... I ain't playing about that ball."

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The had Saquon Barkely on their team. One of the nicest guys, it seems, in the league. And they let him walk to keep Daniel Jones. Then interviewed this guy several times and brought him onto their team. Jerry Jones, we've got another trade candidate for you.

The Celtics are folding. I am not surprised. And this was before Tatum got hurt. I said last year I was shocked they won a championship with their style of play. Just chuck up 3s and pray. They missed so many 3 pointers (75!) in the first 2 games versus the Knicks they should have been banned from shooting any in subsequent games. I saw one play where Horford is standing under the basket and the defender is on the floor. It's late in the 3rd quarter and the Celtics have a lead. Just throw the ball to Horford and that's 2 more points. Free points. Nope. Tatum jacks up a 3 instead. It's so ingrained in their DNA, they can't understand how stupid it is.

Nick Saban is being considered to be the chairman for some presidential committee to control college football. First of all the President can find more pressing things to fuck with. Secondly, Saban should NOT be able to have input on what the players can get paid or how. He bitched all the time about losing control in college football because he is a fucking dictator. Putting him in charge of what goes on with player PAY is absurd. That would be like putting Trump in charge of the country. He would just want to MAKE COLLEGE FOOTBALL GREAT AGAIN when the coaches had complete control, kids couldn't transfer so the coaches could abuse them and keep them poor. Fuck Saban. If rich old white men can't control their urge to dump millions of dollars into 18 year olds so their alma mater can win games, then that is their problem.



McDonalds is taking away fun from kids. This is some wild stuff. There is a McDonalds in Fairfax Virginia that will only allow people 21 and over to dine in their restaurant. And those folks have to ring a doorbell to get in. Apparently some miscreants in that area have been terrorizing the other customers and staff in the restaurant. What can you be so hostile about at a McDonalds that you have to terrorize other patrons and the employees. This is my bad parenting segment. If your kids are so bad that the restaurant bans people under age 21, you are a terrible parent. One lady said she took her grandkids there to eat and there were teens drinking, smoking and cursing in the restaurant. Well, those teens have bad parents and haven't had their asses whipped enough. That is insane. But also ... aren't kids the only ones who WANT to eat at McDonalds. Adults should ban themselves from eating that crap. I eat maybe 6 burgers a year. And prefer to make my own at home. But if I am going out to eat a burger, at no point do I say ... I gotta have a McDonalds burger. Especially if it is a warzone from the Last of Us infested by a bunch of Lord of The Flies demon teenagers. Bad parenting all around. Bad parents that raised those mongoloids that go to terrorize a McDonalds. Bad parents that would take their kids or grandkids into that quagmire.

But of course they let those under 21s order takeout or use the drive through. Only a matter of time before one of them climbs through the drive through window and chokes out an employee.

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HELL IN A LAUNDROMAT

By Owen Page

Humanity has long imagined Hell as a place apart from our existence, with fire and brimstone and sulphur in abundance, stretching on for eternity and full of anguished sinners in the throes of eternal punishment.

For Woody Bess, the line between here and there starts to blur in Los Angeles.

Bess's Portal To Hell tells the story of Dunn, a burned out LA debt collector who becomes entangled in an ironic Faustian bargain to save his neighbor from eternal damnation by tossing three unfortunate souls, or one member of 2011 one-hit wonder Hot Chelle Rae, into the titular portal housed within a laundromat's washing machine.

Dunn, played by Trey Anderson, makes his deal with a demon named Chip, voiced by a delightful Richard Kind and introduced to the audience by the fiery light of his bodily functions.

Dunn gets to work saving his neighbor, doing his best to assure himself that the people he condemns to hell deserve it and Chip serving as his nagging conscience.

Portal balances horror and comedy in its 93-minute run time, opting for the former more often than the latter. "I don't know where I'm going to find two more bad people to throw in the portal," Dunn remarks after his first offering on Bobshank's behalf, "Everyone in Los Angeles has been so nice and genuine."

While Bess emphasizes humor throughout the film, it ultimately is a tale of grief and guilt. Dunn, egged on by a needling Chip, frets that he himself is doomed to damnation for his well-

intended actions. He ponders, perhaps a bit too late, what Bobshank could've done to justify three souls taking his place in Hell. And all of this activates upon his own frustrations and grief, a past hinted at through voicemail and brief visions.

The whole film has an ambivalent undercurrent for much of its runtime; the yawning hellmouth is at worst a minor inconvenience to LA locals and certainly no cause for alarm. The laundromat's manager is more worried about getting shut down for health code violations than the potential hazard of losing customers to a fiery doom

The irony and tone at the heart of Portal here feels distinctly millennial in a way I can't quite put to words. Perhaps its the references to Hot Chelle Rae, a one-hit wonder from the early 2010's that serves as a plot point and fun needle drop during the film's title sequence. Maybe its that aforementioned irony and ambivalence, playing it straight in the face of hellish absurdity in a way that mimics millennials' own experiences growing up during tumultuous and uncertain times.

Bess leaves it to his A-Listers, Keith David (Bobshank) and Richard Kind to serve as the film's moral voices. Bobshank tells Dunn somewhat crudely to



But will Tide cleanse the soul?

worry about his own problems, that you can't butt into people's business and try to save them. Chip, on the other hand, tells Dunn that "You pick where you go... not with your actions but how you weigh your actions," adding "there are a lot of pricks up in heaven, but it's a lot of guys in Hell that made mistakes and they owned up to them."

One reason if any to see Portal is its sound and cinematography; there's a richness to the camerawork akin to that of a cinema showcase. Shots are well-constructed and Bess plays with angles, reflections, and lighting to create the film's world. Neon hums in the film's interiors, evoking a sense of the past in every shot, while flames crackle and glitter in the Los Angeles night.

While Portal To Hell offers brief glimpses of fiery eternal damnation through the ocular window of a laun-

dromat washing machine, the Hell that Bess envisions is also rooted in our own doing, in the guilt and shame of decisions you wish that you could take back. It is up to us then to not get mired in it, to use it to inform better decisions rather than withdraw into ourselves.

The Mammoth Lakes Film Festival takes place May 21-25. Portal to Hell is showing Thursday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the US Forest Service Auditorium



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 June 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mono County Civic Center, Mono Lake Room, 1290 Tavern Road in Mammoth Lakes and remotely by live cast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/82614563401?pwd=MZICHlrJOy4HXgyq9b4SSuQEHpy78E>.

1 A budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year will be considered.

For more information, contact Heidi Willson at 760-924-1804 or hwillson@mono.ca.gov or visit the LAFCO website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/lafoo>.

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1 to consider an update to a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Report for the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District.

Municipal service reviews must be completed prior to the establishment or update of Sphere of Influence. A notice of exemption has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. For more information, contact Heidi Willson at 760-924-1804 or hwillson@mono.ca.gov or the LAFCO website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/lafoo>.

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