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Mammoth Club Volleyball U17 Team celebrate after winning their division at the SCVA (Southern California Volleyball Assn.) championship. For more coverage, see p. 13

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COUNCIL VISITS THE WAFFLE HOUSE

Mammoth Council refuses to kill pricy housing program
By Fisher

Nearly a year after launching its "Lease to Locals" pilot program, the Mammoth Town Council faces a critical decision: extend a flailing effort to house local workers or remove the one town-sponsored program serving the town's "missing middle" - defined as workers who make close to the median wage and above.

The "Lease to Locals" program aims to incentivize homeowners who are currently not renting their properties long-term to lease them to residents.

The Council approved the one-year pilot program on July 3, 2024, hoping to target residents in the 80-120% Area Median Income range. Under that contract, owners were eligible to receive \$4,500 per qualified tenant for long-term leases and \$2,000 for seasonal leases.

The Town originally aimed to enroll 40 properties in the Lease to Locals program by the end of the year. But by January, only five had signed on, and as of Wednesday, there are just 11.

With most of the \$425,000 project budget unspent, Placemate, the program's administrator, is requesting a six-month extension on a reduced monthly fee.

Placemate staff acknowledged the disappointing start to the program at the mid-year mark and ramped up their marketing efforts to increase uptake. On Wednesday, Operations Manager Isaac Landman gave an updated presentation to Council, again acknowledging the program's shortfalls.

Placemate manages several similar programs in other tourist destinations. However, to Landman's knowledge, Mam-

moth is the only town working with Placemate where the money the Town set aside for this program will not be spent by the contract's end.

And, as Councilmember Amanda Rice noted, Placemate charged the Town \$106,000 for its annual administrative fees, nearly as much as the \$122,500 the program awarded in rental incentives. While Placemate did suggest a fee reduction for the upcoming six months, the Town would still incur \$36,000 (or \$6,000 per month) in administrative fees if it were to renew the contract.

"I want to help our workforce," she explained. "I also don't want to keep wasting money or have it cost 50% to give away money because, to me, that is kind of the epitome of government inefficiency."

Landman blamed the program's failure on Mammoth's seasonality and said the program still has room to grow with increased marketing campaigns.

"It's a true ski town, and property owners had planned winter use for their properties," he said. "We think that there's strong potential for Lease to locals to have an increased impact on Mammoth Lakes in the Summer and Fall of 2025, which is when these property owners have indicated they'd like to move forward with the program."

Councilmember Rice didn't buy the seasonal explanation.

"We've been through two shoulder seasons, and I think a lot of people like to come up and use their short-term rentals for a weekend each month, and so I don't know if people

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BOOKED FOR A BOOGIE



The Mono County Library in Mammoth celebrated its 2024-25 "Raising a Reader Red Bag Celebration" on Wednesday. Woolly, as we all know, has become an excellent reader and doesn't even mouth the words.

RESOLVED TO WAIT ... A MONTH OR SO

By Lunch

Well, initially I thought there'd be two controversial meetings on tap for next Tuesday, but alas, a proposed resolution from School Board member Josh Nicholson asking CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) to ban trans women from competing in women's sports was not agendized.

Given the already busy agenda for Tuesday (2025-2026 budget, bond issuance, et. al.), it's unsurprising the Board didn't want to add to the fun with hours and hours of polarizing public comment.

The Board will instead take up the issue at its July or August meeting.

As a small recap, two years ago, President Joe Biden declared that Title IX policy (which provides equal opportunity for women's athletics) would not discriminate versus trans athletes.

This February, President Donald Trump reversed that policy, announcing that trans athletes could not compete in women's sports.

However, a handful of blue states, including California, have defied this recent federal mandate.

Nicholson's proposed resolution would request CIF follow the current federal mandate.

President Trump is threatening to withhold what federal funding he can to those states which do not comply.

Any district resolution would be strictly advisory - BUSD can't unilaterally enact any change.

School Board President Claudia Moya Tanner said the District currently has trans students enrolled but thus far, no trans athletes.

Over the past weekend, a transgender athlete won two golds at the CIF finals in Clovis

amid protests that occurred both inside and outside the stadium.

A couple of interesting little tidbits from last Friday's Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting.

While TOT revenue was up 2% year-over-year for the first quarter (buoyed by the taxpayer-blessed 15% rate increase from last November's ballot measure), TBID revenue is 4% behind budget for the year, and TBID from retailers in May was down 16% year-over-year.

What I found pretty fascinating was MLT CEO John Urdi's statement that marketing expenses have soared 10-15% while budgets have only risen 2-3%.

So I texted Urdi the following: "My theory is that Google and Meta destroyed legacy media and are now raising rates in a

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Meanwhile in San Diego

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vacuum. Is this on point?

Urdi: I would agree to a certain extent - I think it's supply and demand and the demand is for the immediacy of digital (no offense to newspapers) and thus they have ratcheted up rates. They have us by the balls because they know it's our main focus. Zuckerberg sucks.

Mammoth Mountain's Craig Albright was on hand at the Mammoth Lakes Lions Club luncheon on Wednesday to talk give a 35,000-foot update on what the company's doing in this company town.

He first acknowledged that Alterra has made big and ongoing investments in Deer Valley and Steamboat, so there was a sense of, 'Hey, we're not first in line here, so don't get too worked up. Our time will come.'

He also pointed to the Limelight and other development projects within the Village at Mammoth and said the resort is keenly aware that this will put increasing pressure on the Canyon Lodge infrastructure - how to accommodate this and what additional investment needs to occur is vaulting up the priority list.

What is not vaulting up the priority list is Eagle Lodge. Which is always my go-to topic, btw, when I feel like giving the needle to see how the MMSA rep will react. And I thought Albright handled it better than most. He said the Eagle Lodge dilemma is an ROI (return on investment) dilemma. When you factor in the length of season at lower-elevation Eagle and the overall number of people who access the mountain via that portal, it's difficult to justify spending \$100 million there.

I had a nice conversation with Jack Reynolds a few weeks ago. Reynolds owns Back Alley Bowl in Bishop, as well as 3/4 of an acre behind the bowling alley which he has been thinking of developing.

He and a partner explored the idea of building 2- and 3-bedroom market rate apartments with the idea of renting them out in the \$3,000-\$3,500/month range but went back to the drawing board when it became clear the community couldn't afford those rates.

But he's not giving up. Rather, you could say he's refiguring.

"I want to build stuff for worker bees, but not income limited. We want market rate units with no subsidies."

Reynolds hails from Pasadena. He describes himself as "not a big-time developer." He has found working with the city to be very easy - "The city has been unbelievably cooperative." So cooperative that he touts Bishop to his friends as an investment opportunity. The issue, says Reynolds, is simply cost. It's expensive to build. And when you're trying to pitch it to lenders, Bishop isn't even a primary, second or tertiary market. Bishop is simply F.R.

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"The main thing you got to remember is that everything in the world is a hustle."

-Malcolm X

JACK LUNCH
PUBLISHER

Sheet: F.R.?

Reynolds (laughing): Fucking rural.

So I was bored of my same old dog-walking route the other day and ventured out Dixon for a change of pace. And saw the following sign.

It's not like I've been around long enough to even know there was a Brockman landfill, so I called the number on the sign to ask what this remediation project is all about.

A woman named Karen answers and tells me the area is home to an old landfill the county used to operate and that LADWP had done some clean-up work and was now in the process of restoration and revegetation of the area.

Lunch: Hmm. May I ask what the nature of the clean-up work was, what it entailed?

Karen: I can't get into the nature of what we were cleaning up, you'll have to call my boss (Elsa Jimenez 760.873.0201).

Ms. Jimenez has not called me back. But we're certainly not going to leave it here. Stay tuned.

And from Fisher's desk ...

This may be shadowed by my biases as the daughter of two classically trained scientists, but I found Taimur Ahmad's SNARL presentation ... disappointing (see coverage page 9).

In my report, I did my best to accentuate the strengths of Ahmad's research: his enthusiasm for the subject, his ability to provide colorful descriptions of his interviewees. After all, he did choose the most daunting subject of all to research, particularly for this region. Partisanship in outdoor policy? Yes please!

However, his research, while touted as a "sociology" study, lacked any form of scientific process at all. And when pressed on his methodology, he said his methods are known as "cowboythography" in his field of study, which he jested was apt for his subject.

Then, he continued, "I really dislike that there is so much pearl clutching over methods. Like, how do I make sure that my qualitative research is legit?" And said he'd received criticism from his advisors for this callousness and had patched together a lengthy written methods section, wherein he addressed his own biases etc.

As aforementioned, I was the scientific runt in my family and consequently sought out more literate pursuits. I suppose I could have pursued sociology, but my parents were so abhorrently against social sciences it simply wasn't an option unless I could prove my methods were legit. That's why I'm a journalist, and not studying with Ahmad.

*Actually, I think Ahmad could be really successful as a journalist, and most of his presentations read to me more like a feature length article.

His introduction about people failing to find climate solutions because of partisanship could be a meaningful topic. Too bad he didn't talk about at all in the hour following. And his conclusion, while meaningful as a starting-point, didn't strike me as novel or address even an elementary level response to his initial question. How does an analysis of people who all moved to the mountains because they "love the land" tell us anything about the national political climate?

It's one thing to criticize pearl-clutching. But it's quite another to insist that something that isn't science is science. So you like talking to people. Ok.

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LETTERS

Can it happen here?

Dear Lunch,

RE: Our Friends and Neighbors, here and in South Park San Diego, and ICE

On Friday, May 30, just as guests began arriving for an early dinner, ICE and HSI agents, acting under orders from their superiors, converged at a small, local, Italian eatery in the South Park neighborhood of San Diego.

"Converged" is the nicest way this could be said, as there were about Thirty agents who rolled up, then presented themselves in full military regalia, wielding weapons fit for a raid on Fal-lujah. I can imagine that extremely few, if any, of those agents thought they should be there. I find it hard to believe that any of them felt like they were doing the right thing in the right way. Just following orders.

According to reports, including plenty of video footage, the agents, backed by a warrant and three or four names of employees, proceeded to handcuff all the staff at the restaurant. Four who could not provide satisfactory identification were arrested and taken away. Their fates are, so far, unknown. Their crime? Working their butts off to provide a living for themselves and their families, at jobs the area might have a hard time filling, but doing so while, apparently, being undocumented. No evidence of any other crimes has been provided. I guess they were seen as the most despicable - busboys and kitchen

staff.

The neighborhood also "converged" on the spot. Peacefully showing their support for the beloved restaurant and their utter disdain for the raid and for the extreme tactics used. They were greeted with, among other things, flash-bang grenades, loud noises and billowing smoke. The outrage and the protests from the entire San Diego community continue, including neighbors, City Council, State and Federal Representatives.

It has been estimated that nearly one in five workers at the thousands of restaurants and other hospitality establishments in San Diego County might be undocumented. San Diego consistently rates as a safe city, with low crime rates compared to other U.S. Cities. So no, those that were taken away were not of any of those criminal elements our administration would have you believe. They are an essential part of the community. They are family, friends, and neighbors. Not at all unlike our community.

Our Chief of Police has previously issued a statement that includes "Our Agency does not enforce Federal Law, and we do not inquire about the legal status of anyone that we encounter." Thank you for that. This is the same in San Diego, but the police did become involved. They showed up mostly after the incident and assisted in calming the neighborhood, answering what few questions they could.

Juan Vargas, Congressman for Cali-

fornia's 52nd District has been a strong voice this week. He did not blame the ICE or HSI agents. He blamed the warrant process and the willingness of the Court to issue it. He complimented the local Federal Courts, noting that they have been some of the fairest and knowledgeable in the State, let alone the Country. But he did begin to ask serious questions. Questions about how our Federal Government can show up in Court with a handful of names, and no other evidence of any crimes other than being, likely, undocumented, and then walk out with a warrant. A warrant that resulted in thirty agents in heavy gear raiding a quiet neighborhood eatery, with tactics unfit for such an occasion.

Can it happen here? That is, indeed, the wrong question. Likely not. It's just too far a drive for the agents, and there are no doubt thousands of other 'targets' they can choose to make their point of intimidation. But it IS happening here. This act spreads fear through intimidation everywhere, not just in the local neighborhood where things like this occur. Go ahead, ask. You'll find many who are fearful right here, in many of your local establishments and neighborhoods.

Buona Forchetta in South Park is my favorite restaurant. Period. I have visited it since 2012, since before it was Buona Forchetta. Just blocks from where I lived for 30-plus years. When the building was a neighborhood coffee shop. I watched the owner build much of the remodel with his own hands. I watched

him embrace the community in which he lived. I have watched him employ a multitude of hard-working people over many years. I watched him open a restaurant just down the street - as a non-profit - to support the community. I know how much he cares about the restaurants he owns, the staff at each of them, his patrons, and their communities. And there are more than a few of you here in Mammoth that I have sent his way, either to South Park or to one of his other locations. The owner and family are regular visitors to Mammoth Lakes, enjoying a family trip almost every year. I have shared many a meal with him and his family while they are here, and heard many stories of his family, his restaurant family, and the communities.

I do not profess to be one who is heavily politically involved these days. I try to pick spots where I think someone might actually be listening. But what those of you who do know me clearly understand is this: I do not put up with people saying stupid shit. I consistently, with as much tolerance and respect that the situation warrants, engage, cajole, chide, chastise, clarify, debate, try to convince, and, when necessary, tell off, anyone I meet that asks for it. And, perhaps, some who don't ask for it, if I overhear them. I am always available for a good discussion, but I implore you to come prepared.

So what am I asking you to do? Speak out every time you get an opportunity. Don't let that seemingly innocuous comment pass (racist, misogynistic, prejudicial, or other). Should you write your congressmen? Kevin Kiley? Not at all sure he's listening or has the capacity to understand or care, but sure. Write, call.

But, in support of all your friends and neighbors that are right now being affected, please let people know what you think. You don't need to make a speech. You don't need to show up to Town Council or the Board of Supervisors. But when some knucklehead sitting at the bar next to you mouths off about "those people", or supports the tactics being used by our government - speak up.

Grady Dutton
Mammoth Lakes

Another way to gain equity

Dear Sheet,

Let's look at what our congressman voted for when the House passed the current budget. He voted to cut SNAP (food stamps) by several hundred million dollars. He voted to keep tax breaks for the wealthy. He voted to raise the deficit by over \$2 trillion. What happened to the party that was putatively against deficit spending? This craven bow to the president makes me sick. It takes courage and conviction to represent those with no voice. My representative needs to speak for the hungry child and the needy senior. The election is next year. 'Nuff said.

Bob Kittle
Sunny Slopes



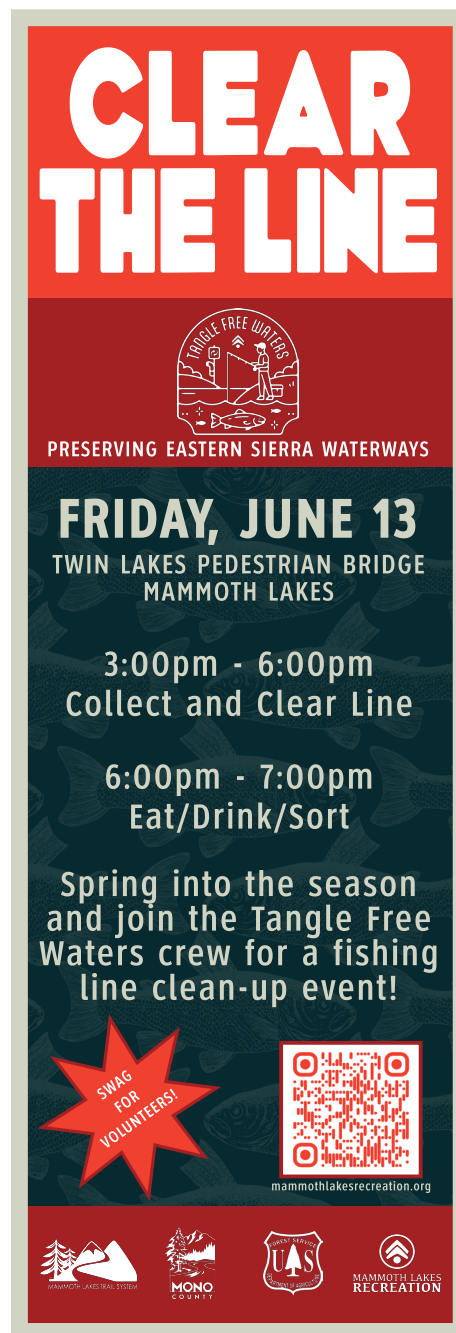
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We mind. Enough.

Dear Editor,

For the third time during my tenure as ED of Friends of the Inyo, (which follows another dozen attempts that started in the 80's) a foreign industrial mining company would like to tear up Conglomerate Mesa to look for gold. I am writing to provide information to refute the proposition that we need to mine more gold to continue manufacturing cell phones, medical instruments, support renewable energy initiatives, or for national defense purposes. This assertion is unfounded. Gold is not classified as a "critical mineral" by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), which maintains a list of minerals essential to the nation's economy and security; gold is notably absent from this list. In fact, we already possess a substantial above-ground stockpile of gold. The World Gold Council estimates that approximately 209,000 tonnes of gold have been mined throughout history, and due to gold's durability, nearly all of it remains in circulation today. This existing supply is sufficient to meet current and foreseeable demand, rendering additional gold mining unnecessary.

It is true that trace amounts of gold are utilized in electronics and the medical field. However, existing above-ground stocks are sufficient to meet these needs. According to the World Gold Council, as of the end of 2023, approximately

212,582 tonnes of gold have been mined throughout history, and nearly all of it remains in circulation today due to gold's durability and resistance to corrosion. This vast quantity is readily available and accessible for current and future use. Moreover, gold's nearly indestructible nature allows it to be recycled and reused indefinitely without degradation. This means that the gold already extracted from the earth is sufficient to meet our needs, removing any need for new gold mining operations.

So the truth is, we don't need to mine Conglomerate Mesa to support our cell phone addiction or the transition to renewable energy, or for any other reason. All the gold we are ever going to need is just sitting in bank vaults. So

why even consider ruining Conglomerate Mesa? The price for local communities and Tribal nations, in ruined lands, irremediable toxicity, and forever changed communities is too high. There is plenty of available gold above-ground. Destroying pristine lands of high ecological value, lands that are precious to our native communities, lands that are the only home for the Mesa's wildlife, so that a foreign company can engage in additional gold hoarding for pure profit simply doesn't make sense. Let's leave the Mesa alone to carry on its important work of being a beautiful, delicate desert ecosystem.

Wendy Schneider
Friends of the Inyo

Hardly Spartan

Dear Editor:

Here's the headline: Spartan Race to Receive \$150,000 While 27 Other Mammoth Events Split \$350,000

In 2025, 27 special events will share a total of \$350,000 in funding, while the Spartan Race (formerly OCR) will receive \$150,000*. This funding disparity raises concerns about fairness and transparency in the allocation process.

I have been actively involved in supporting special events in Mammoth Lakes for nearly 20 years, participating in various event coalitions. As the co-founder and co-director of Mammoth

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Rocks since 2009, I understand the vital role well-managed events play in fostering community engagement, increasing visitation, and driving economic growth. I appreciate the Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Special Event Funding Committee's hard work in reviewing applications and allocating funds. This year's event lineup is exciting, and the modest increase in special event funding is a positive step forward. The continued efforts of the MLT Board and staff in promoting these events also deserve recognition.

However, at the May 30, 2025, MLT board meeting, I once again raised concerns during public comments about the disproportionate funding of the OCR/Spartan Race. While MLT has reduced its support—from a high of \$450,000 in 2023 (all other events split \$298,000), to approximately \$250,000 in 2024 (all other events split \$267,000), and now \$150,000—the event's funding remains significantly and disproportionately higher than any other.

I do not understand why OCR/Spartan is excluded from MLT's published list of "MLT Funding Awards" over the years. Since it derives funding from Measure A, like all other events, including it on the list would enhance transparency. I suspect that if this allocation were more visible, the community would have more questions about the disparity. A revised chart clearly illustrates this imbalance.

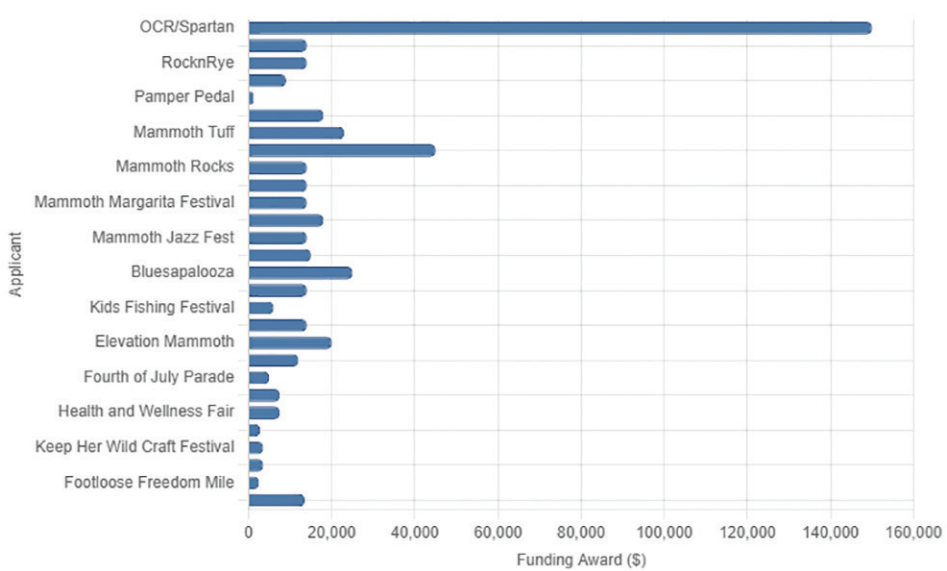
For perspective, the 27 other events

receive an average of \$12,960, with the highest non-Spartan allocation going to Mammoth Trailfest at \$45,000. Yet Spartan is set to receive \$137,040 more than the average event and \$105,000 more than Trailfest—representing increases of 1057% and 233%, respectively.

This disparity would be more justifiable if attendance figures demonstrated strong tourism benefits. However, OCR has drastically underperformed for two consecutive years, drawing fewer than 500 participants per event despite receiving 20 x funding of the average event. In 2023, its \$450,000+ allocation resulted in an estimated cost-per-athlete of \$900—effectively paying for attendance rather than generating a positive economic impact. Meanwhile, most other events attract as many or more visitors at only 10% of the funding OCR receives, yielding a far better return on investment for the town.

The hope is that shifting from OCR to Spartan will finally generate the attendance numbers needed to justify this investment. However, after two missed opportunities, this event must achieve a breakthrough success to validate continued funding. If Spartan fails to meet a reasonable attendance benchmark—such as the 3,000 participants commonly expected for events of this type—MLT must seriously reconsider whether this allocation remains a responsible use of Measure A funds.

Measure A is a crucial financial resource that must be managed equitably



to maximize tourism and community benefits. If Spartan fails to deliver on its attendance promises for the third year, its funding should be discontinued and reallocated to successful events, special event infrastructure, and securing venue options.

This is not an attack on Spartan or MLT, but rather an effort to highlight the valuable contributions of other special events and call attention to an unbalanced funding process.

I urge the MLT board to reassess its funding strategy for Spartan/OCR and establish clear expectations for its future viability. Additionally, MLT should schedule a November board meeting to evaluate Spartan's October event using transparent attendance metrics

as the determining factor for continued financial support. Mammoth Lakes deserves fair, responsible investment in events that genuinely contribute to the local economy, ensuring funding decisions are based on actual impact rather than hopeful projections. Mammoth deserves better.

*MLT has arranged a base fee of \$150,000, with additional payments tied to attendance milestones.

Mark Deeds
Mammoth Lake

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LOCAL NEWS

BUGGED BY GOLD BUGS

By Klusmire

The gold bugs are back and that's bugging quite a few people. Despite storming out of Inyo County in a huff in 2020 and closing its Lone Pine office, K2 Gold/Mojave Precious Metals didn't really leave. The Canadian company kept working with the Ridgecrest office of the Bureau of Land Management on an Environmental Impact Statement detailing the firm's plans continue its search for gold by drilling up to 120 exploratory bore holes on 30 different sites on Conglomerate Mesa. K2 completed a smaller-scale core drilling project in 2020 on Conglomerate Mesa, a sprawling tract of high desert south of the silver mining ghost town of Cerro Gordo and east of Keeler into the mountains bordering Death Valley National Park.

The announcement of a larger, more complicated exploratory drilling plan brought out scores of protesters and unified opposition to the plan by numerous local and regional environmental organizations. The BLM decided the proposed new drilling would require an EIS, not a much less thorough Environmental Assessment, which was completed for the first drilling operation. That closed K2's offices in Lone Pine but didn't shut the door on the company's efforts to find gold on its thousands of acres of patented mining claims on Conglomerate Mesa.

Predictably, the same coalition that protested the plans in 2020 is preparing a similar campaign to derail the drilling plan. While the current action only involves drilling bore holes, opponents point out the company could eventually mine gold in a huge open pit mine and process the massive amounts of low-grade dirt/ore using a cyanide leech field system which can produce tiny and even microscopic amounts of gold. And the potential for massive environmental devastation, opponents predict.

About 30 people attended an informational meeting about the EIS in Bishop on May 19 hosted by Inyo 350. The EIS is "grossly inadequate," said Jora Fogg, a June Lake resident working for the Conservation Land Foundation. She worked for the Friends of the Inyo during the first Conglomerate Mesa confrontation.

The BLM's "preferred alternative," and the one endorsed by K2, would impact 13 acres in a project area of 2,400-acres on the Mesa. Vegetation would be cleared for about 30 drill pads, where drilling rigs would punch 120 holes about 1,000 feet deep into the Mesa to

collect core samples. Those samples will reveal where any recoverable gold is located and provide a rough idea of the amount of gold to be found. The drilling work would take between 10-15 months and with the rigs running day and night, seven days a week.

The project would involve improving and widening about 2.6 miles of roads scratched out by another gold mining company in the 1990s to make them usable for heavy truck traffic. That work would "disturb" another 12 acres, according to the EIS. The old roads are currently blocked off. Reworking those roads would change the character of Conglomerate Mesa, which Fogg called "Wilderness with a small 'w.'" The BLM states the 22,000 acre mesa is "the largest intact roadless area" overseen by the Ridgecrest BLM office.

The work would require about 2.9 million gallons of water and about 65,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Trucking the drill rigs, water and fuel to the site is a major concern, Fogg said, since access to Conglomerate Mesa uses several narrow dirt roads coming off Saline Valley Road.

Water has always been an issue since the Mesa is a dry, high desert plateau. Fogg said it appears K2 will obtain water from the Darwin Mine, which has a commercial groundwater permit. However, the EIS does not mandate K2 proves it has a secure source of water, she noted.

Comments should point to a different alternative outlined but rejected by BLM and K2 which would have K2 use helicopters to transport drilling rigs, crews and supplies. That would stop any road work and cap drill pad disturbance at about 4 acres. But it would also take longer, up to 8.5 years, and use far more water, 22.5 million gallons.

"It would obviously be far more expensive," Fogg said. But making the drilling work "as expensive to the company as possible" is also a strategy and could delay or alter the planned work.

Fogg and Maria Jesus, a botanist with the California Botanic Gardens, outlined a number of other issues for opponents to point out.

There are 13 "rare" plants on the mesa, including the Inyo Rock Daisy, which is proposed for state protection as a "threatened" species. The same state action is pending for the scores of Western Joshua Trees on the mesa. And of course, Lynn Boulton of the Range of Light group of the Sierra Club and volunteers have counted the Joshua trees that could be impacted with the road

and drilling work. They counted 650 trees that could be damaged or killed, while K2 claims only 60 are in danger. Conglomerate Mesa also holds ancient indigenous cultural sites and artifacts, but the EIS does not explicitly outline how Native American monitors or archeologists will be available to survey any such discoveries.

The mesa also has a unique geology, Jesus said, holding a "complete Permian Period record," that would be destroyed if open pit mining is ever allowed.

Opponents could also call for a state-level Environmental Impact Report in addition to the federal EIS. The mesa is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and designated by California as Desert Natural Conservation Lands. It is unclear what impact the Trump Administration's effort to prioritize mining on federal lands and streamlining environmental reviews will have the company's plans, Fogg said.

Fogg predicted the company will continue to seek approvals for additional test drilling sites and work piecemeal to achieve its goal of developing an open pit, cyanide leech field mine. Boulton pointed out K2 has filed for about a half dozen "mill sites" on Conglomerate

Mesa, which is a different class of claim then mineral claims.

"It's going to be a long haul," concluded Fogg.

The BLM and K2 will hold an open house to take public comments on the EIS on June 10, at Statham Hall in Lone Pine from 5-7 p.m. The deadline for public comments to the Ridgecrest BLM office is June 16.



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WAFFLE

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are hesitant to do this program because they like to use their place or if [they feel] a little nervous extending it,” she said.

Placemate’s program promotion included email blasts via the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Town’s transient occupancy tax listserv, social media campaigns, and video promotions by a local realtor. It also advertised in what Landman called the local “print” newspaper, Eastern Sierra Now! which is a digital-only publication and hardly merits an exclamation point.

**Ed. Note: We paid these guys \$106,000 and they did ZERO marketing*

While this marketing campaign didn’t merit tangible results, Landman said it improved the project’s prospects. He said the program saw increased renter engagement through new rental profiles on the website, which allows property owners to connect with tenants. Since January, 21 property owners have expressed interest in the program, and three are currently and actively seeking tenants.

Of the 21 properties, 13 are preparing to launch leases this summer, representing a potential use of \$184,000 in budgeted incentives (\$18,000 a pop) if all move forward with the program. The remaining eight owners are considering participation in the fall or winter, which could utilize an additional \$98,000 in allocated funds if they choose to enroll.

However, most of these properties are not yet in the application stage or even close to it.

“We are kind of constantly following up with these owners, saying, ‘Hey, what are you thinking?’” Landman said.

If the Council doesn’t decide to renew the contract, the Town remains obligated to make the incentive payments to property owners who have already signed leases. However, without a contract

renewal, Placemate would no longer administer the program, meaning no new participants would be onboarded or supported moving forward.

But, as Mayor Chris Bubser pointed out, “Lease to Locals” is the only housing tool the Town has that specifically serves residents earning 80–150% AMI.

Without it, there is no existing solution for that income bracket, and it would cost more to hire someone in-house for services similar to Placemate’s. With this in mind, she remained hopeful that the program would grow eventually.

“It takes time for people to understand this is possible,” she said. “But we have folks who have a place here and never, ever come. I walk down Alexander Lane with my dog quite often, and there are homes where I have never seen someone, and I’m sure it’s the same for condos.”

Councilmember Brent Truax suggested the money spent on Placemate would be better allocated towards something like the Parcel or the Bridge Program, where the Town purchases properties and then rents them out, a suggestion Councilmember Bill Sauser seemed to concur with.

“These are very temporary housing solutions. Most people do want to use their condo. Some prefer winters, some prefer summer, so you don’t get the year-round lease out of it, I believe, and I don’t think we ever really will,” he started. “If we use this type of approach, there is no end because we never build the permanent supply necessary in any of the income categories to achieve full success.”

In an attempt to demonstrate the program’s prospective longevity, Landman cited broader data from “Lease to Locals” programs, indicating that 50–70% of property owners continue renting long-term after their incentive lease ends.

If this trend holds in Mammoth, it suggests that the program does have longer-term housing stability. However, there is already one Mammoth property owner who switched back to short-term rentals after a six-month lease under “Lease to Locals.”

In the name of diversifying the Town’s housing plan, Councilmember John Wentworth said, “I don’t know if housing

in Mammoth is ever going to get solved. So I don’t know if it’s not a bad idea for us to have a program like this in the toolbox to give us some options.”

The Council, with varying levels of support for the contract renewal, urged the staff to negotiate the contract terms before bringing it back for an official vote in July.

LOCAL BRIEFS

BUHS Track and Field Awards

BUHS Track & Field hosted its 2025 End-of-Season Awards 6/3/25, and we’re excited to share the results!

- Most Dedicated
- Boys: Junior Michael Spratt
 - Girls: Sophomore Sofia Ablanado

- Most Improved
- Boys: Junior Caleb Fitt
 - Girls: Freshman Embry Aguilera

- Throwers of the Year (Co-Winners)
- Senior Layton Rossi
 - Freshman Wyatt Miears

- Jumpers of the Year
- Boys: Freshman Hunter Dailey
 - Girls: Sophomore Dacia Clark

- Runners of the Year
- Boys: Senior Steven Veenker
 - Girls: Senior Gabby Veenker



Embry Aguilera

Mono County Behavioral Health’s Salvador Montanez Wins Award

Mono County is proud to announce that Salvador (Sal) Montanez, Behavioral Health Services Coordinator at Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH), has been honored with the first-ever Richard Van Horn Award by the Steinberg Institute. This award recognizes Montanez’s exceptional leadership, innovative approaches, and unwavering dedication to providing recovery-focused behavioral health services in rural California.

The Richard Van Horn Award was established to honor the legacy of Richard Van Horn, a visionary leader committed to improving the lives of individuals with severe and chronic mental illness.

With over 12 years of service at MCBH, Montanez currently supports children and families through individualized, wraparound care. His work is characterized by a collaborative model that emphasizes real-world outcomes, including housing stability, recovery from substance use, and youth engagement.

For more information about Salvador (Sal) Montanez, the Richard Van Horn Award, and the 2025 Steinberg Institute Champions, please visit: <https://steinberginstitute.org/champions/>.

Mono County Director of Finance, Janet Dutcher Honored

Janet Dutcher, DPA, MPA, CPA, CGFM, Director of Finance for Mono County, has recently received significant recognition for her contributions to the financial services sector.

Ms. Dutcher has been named “Top Finance Director of the Year” by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) and has also been included in the esteemed Marquis Who’s Who biographical volumes.

Since 2016, Ms. Dutcher has served as the Director of Finance for Mono County, where she has been instrumental in developing criteria for evaluating budget proposals and implementing solid accounting practices that emphasize transparency and accountability.

She is also actively involved in integrating technology to solve problems, including the early stages of implementing a new enterprise resource planning system and advocating for increased automation through artificial intelligence tools.

Supervisor John Peters Elected to Lead Western Interstate Region of NACo

The Mono County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce that Supervisor John Peters, representing District 4, has been elected President of the Western Interstate Region (WIR) of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Supervisor Peters’ election took place at the recent WIR annual conference.

WIR is a vital voice for county governments across the western United States, advocating for federal policies that impact rural and urban communities alike. As President, Supervisor Peters will play a pivotal role in shaping WIR’s priorities, representing the interests of western counties before Congress and federal agencies, and fostering collaboration among member counties.

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NAVIGATING THE RANCHERS, POETS AND WACKADOODLES

By Fisher

The Eastern Sierra is a rare example of a microculture where people from vastly different backgrounds coexist, drawn together by a shared reverence for the land. Despite deep perceived divides, they find common ground in their connection to place. That dynamic is precisely why Taimur Ahmad, a PhD student in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, chose the Eastern Sierra to test a theory: can sharing relationships to land provide a framework for making environmental issues bipartisan on a national scale? Ahmad presented his findings on Tuesday night at the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory (SNARL) Page Center as part of the center’s ongoing Seminar Series.

“Most of you probably care about ecological issues in general,” Ahmad began. “And what I think is so interesting about ecological questions is that, at this point, most of our ecological challenges aren’t technical.”

He argued that, despite technological advances and existing environmental policy frameworks, the failure to address climate and ecological crises stems from ideology and cultural division rather than from science or engineering. His approach as a sociologist and ethnographer is straightforward: to build understand-

ing, he spends time with people. “I’m just hanging out with people,” he said before walking the audience through his three study groups – ranchers, outdoor recreationists, and Native tribes.

Ahmad explained that mainstream environmental thinking often falls into two camps: dominion, the belief that nature exists to serve human needs, and conservation, the belief that humans must preserve nature from disruption. Despite their apparent similarities, both frameworks separate people from the natural world.

He instead offers a third framework, which he calls integralism. He defines integralism as a model in which humans are participants in nature, simultaneously dependent on and responsible for its health. Put simply, it’s how people devise their identity from the land.

From his fieldwork, he found that many people exhibit integralist behavior despite having different livelihoods. “There’s so much research that shows that people who are different from each other don’t get along,” Ahmad told the audience. “So, why do people get along when they don’t have a lot of stuff in common? Well, very broadly, when they share experiences, values, and interests.”

Through interviews with ranchers, including Zach Smith in Big Pine and

Tani Tatum in Bishop, Ahmad uncovered a profound sense of cultural identity deeply embedded in ranching life, which extends beyond economics.

Branding days, for example, are essential to a rancher’s career and profit, but also have a great deal of personhood wrapped up in them. It’s bloody, hot, hard, but it’s who they are.

“People want to rope. People want to wear their boots. That’s the Western mystique,” Smith told him.

Tatum echoed this with a heartfelt reflection on land stewardship: “If someone said you won’t make a dime, but you can take care of the land anyway, you would.” For her, caring for the land isn’t optional. It’s intrinsic.

For a rancher, there’s no benefit to overgrazing the land or stripping it of life. Not only would it hurt their herds, but it would also deter them from who they are and what they practice.

Ahmad noted that ranchers often reject the term “environmentalist” yet speak of soil health, water quality, and livestock well-being in ways that reveal an ecological ethic.

Even when perspectives diverged, as with 90-year-old rancher-poet Duane Rossi, who lamented wildlife protections and believed in shooting mountain lions, Ahmad encouraged the audience to look deeper. Rossi’s opposition to predators stemmed not from disregard but from a

sense of imbalance and loss in the landscape he once knew.

The second group Ahmad explored was the climbers and outdoor enthusiasts, whom he jokingly referred to as the “crunchy granola wackadoodles.” Through time spent in Pine Creek Canyon with a local developer and climber, Ahmad discovered that this group has a spiritual reverence for the place, expressed through outdoor recreation.

Despite being extractive of the land in some ways (building trails where bighorn sheep once were the only travelers, for example), the trail developer knew places exceptionally well and had a relationship with them. He knew when even a stone had been kicked out of place in the Canyon.

Similarly, Allison Webber of Friends of the Inyo described Ahmad’s outdoor recreation as a spiritual act: “Maybe it looks like I’m just using it as a playground, but I deeply care about the land,” she said.

Despite occasional friction with older residents, Ahmad argues that this group, too, operates from a deep ethic of place-based identity. They may alter the land by installing bolts and treading on it, but they also invest in it and consider themselves part of it.

The third and most foundational group in Ahmad’s research was Indigenous communities.

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Saturday, June 7/
Music in the Park in Walker with live music by River Rouge, food, games, thrifting and more. Time: 12-4 p.m.

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

Tuesday, June 10/
Karaoke @ Liberty. Starts 10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11/
Distant Brewing hosts its weekly pool tourney. Starts 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 12/
Music @ the Tioga Mobil Mart returns with **The Two Tracks** and Dave Huebner. Free - but support the venue! No outside alcohol. Buy a delicious mango margarita instead.

Friday, June 13/
Derik Olson plays BCC's weekly patio party. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 15/
The Two Tracks (out of Sheridan, Wy) play Mill Creek Station. Time: 7:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

June 6-7/
National Trails Day fun. Friday night enjoy a Trails **Trivia Night + Beer Release** @ Mammoth Brewing Co. Time: 6 p.m. And on Saturday morning from 9-12, meet @ **Sherwin Meadows Trailhead** to celebrate its grand opening with

TOWN STUFF

June 6-7 (cont.)/
a ribbon-cutting and free bagel breakfast, then **roll up your sleeves for trail maintenance, beautification, sign installation, and more.**

Saturday, June 7/
Kidapalooza Family Festival taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Mammoth Creek Park. *More info see ad p. 3*
Annual Owens Valley Radio Observatory open house. Your chance to see the "Big Ears" up close. Time: 9 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. *Directions: Take Leighton Lane, which is about 2 and 1/4 miles out of Big Pine on Hwy. 168.*
Crowley Lake Community Yard Sale. Time: 8 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. **New location: Crowley Lake ballfield.*
Mono Arts Council Artist Reception for Elysia Fischbach. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Location: MAC Gallery inside the Minaret Mall. Drinks and light refreshments served. All are welcome.

June 7-8/
Eastern Sierra Pride Festival hosted by MMSA @ Canyon Lodge. *More info: easternsierrapride.org*

Sunday, June 8/
Restorative Sound Bath w/Dawn Lazar at Apres Zen Time: 5:45-7:15 pm. \$\$\$ *Apreszen.com*

June 8-14/
California High School State Rodeo Finals @ Tri-County Fairgrounds.

Tuesday, June 10/
The BLM and K2 Gold will hold an open house to take public comments on the EIS for Conglomerate Mesa at Statham Hall in Lone Pine from 5-7 p.m. The deadline for public comments to the Ridgecrest BLM office is June 16.
Inyo County Supervisors meet in Board Chambers at 224 N. Edwards in Independence or online via *inyocounty.us*. Time: 10 a.m. **On the agenda: Budget adoption and micro kitchens.*

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, June 10 (cont.)/
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgeport Courthouse or online via *monocounty.ca.gov*.

June 10-11/
Kids already driving you crazy? **Sign 'em up for Bishop Country Club Junior Golf Clinics.** Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day. *Info: steve@bishopcountryclub.com*

Wednesday, June 11/
Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.
Eastern Sierra Land Trust and C5 Studios present **Understanding Bird Songs with David Lukas.** Time: 6-7:30 p.m. Location: C5 @ 210 S. Warren in Bishop.

Thursday, June 12/
Mono Arts Council Art & Wine class: Playful Paint with Jenny Kane. Time: 5:30 p.m. Whether you're new to watercolor or a seasoned practitioner, this class will teach you some playful ways of approaching painting with water, color, paint, and ink. Register *monoarts.org*. \$\$\$

UPCOMING

June 14: Annual Concert in the Rocks held in Lone Ranger Canyon (Alabama Hills) with Bee Gees Gold: A Tribute to the Bee Gees. *For tix/info visit museumofwesternfilmhistory.org*
June 14: "No King, No Circus" Rally & March in Bishop. Time: 9:30-11 a.m. Location: Bishop City Park

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1. Proposals must be received by the Lundy Mutual Water Company prior to 2:00:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2025. Following deadline, all proposals will be evaluated by Lundy Mutual Water Company. Proposals may be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 323, Lee Vining, California 93541, or emailed to lundymutual@gmail.com.
2. Proposers must submit all questions no later than 2:00 P.M. (PST) June 6, 2025.
3. The Request for Proposals may be obtained in electronic format by visiting the Lundy Mutual Water Company website, or by specific request to lundymutual@gmail.com.

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Restaurant bartender for Eagle's Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa. Experience in restaurant bartending, computers and working as a team member are essential. FT and PT work available. Health benefits, fitness membership, PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

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



Tioga Green Dispensary is hiring an asst. manager and budtenders. Please email tiogagreen@gmail.com with resume/references.



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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:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/85069930207?pwd=RzNQleLtzSkaXBkUpe2V285eYJ6Fpu.1>
Meeting ID: 850 6993 0207
Passcode: 591641

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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 #2025-0062 (5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7)

Notice of Public Hearing

EASTERN SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

As required by Education Codes 42103, 42127, and 52062, the governing board of Eastern Sierra Unified School District will hold a public hearing to solicit public comment on the 2025-2026 proposed Budget of the District, and the 2025-2026 Local Control and Accountability Plan prior to final adoption.

The meeting will be held at a Special Board Meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office, 231 Kingsley St., Bridgeport, Ca 93517

The Budget and Local Control and Accountability Plan can be inspected by the public beginning Thursday, June 12th, 2025, during the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, at: Location: District Office Address: 231 Kingsley St, Bridgeport, CA 93517 and will be available on CSBA Gamut (Simbli) Online once the agenda has posted.

Posted: June 3, 2025
TS #2025-0072

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

All persons having an interest in the proposed public hearing 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 Town Clerk 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, please contact Town Manager Rob Patterson by telephone at (760) 965-3601 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
Dated: May 30, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
TS #2025-0073

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of Mary Jane Furman
Mono County Superior Court Case Number 25PRM5

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY JANE FURMAN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by ALLEN FURMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo. The Petition for Probate requests that ALLEN FURMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of decedent.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 3, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Mammoth Courthouse, 100 Thompson Way, P.O. Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: Gian Carlo Simonetti, Esq. (SBN: 279468), Wood Simonetti, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 218, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 934-5821

TS #2025-0068

Notice of Tax Exemptions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Measure M, which was passed by voters on November 5, 2024, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District will be levying a special property tax to fund fire protection services in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Low income and senior exemptions are available to eligible property owners.

To qualify for a Senior Exemption, property owners must be sixty-five (65) years and over as of July 1, 2025. To qualify for a Low-Income Exemption, property owners must earn a total annual household income, calculated based on the number of people in the household, of equal to or less than the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits used to determine eligibility for assisted housing programs. Applications must be submitted in-person at Station 1, 3150 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes, from June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. For further information about the application process, contact Caroline Sanderson at csanderson@mifd.ca.gov or (760) 934-2300.

TS #2025-0074

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Update the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Town Services, including fees for building, public works, and planning permits and services, public safety processing and services, recreation programs and services, and administrative products and services.

All persons having an interest in the proposed schedule 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 Town Clerk 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, please contact Town Manager Rob Patterson by telephone at (760) 965-3601 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
Dated: May 30, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
TS #2025-0075

Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing for the Mono County Office of Education’s 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget will be held at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the MCOE-South office, 451 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA.

The proposed LCAP and Budget can be viewed starting on Friday, June 13th during open hours at the MCOE-South office, 451 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes and online under the “Current Agenda” tab at www.monocoe.org/.

Members of the public may attend the meeting to make a comment, or may submit written comments to MCOE, 451 Sierra Park Rd, Mammoth Lakes or via email to board@monocoe.org or to PO Box 130, Mammoth Lakes CA 93546 for delivery prior to June 18, 2025.

The governing board is scheduled to take action on the proposed LCAP and Budget at the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM at MCOE-N, 37 Emigrant St, Bridgeport, CA 93517.

TS #2025-0076

Notice of Delinquency/Default

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY AND IMPENDING DEFAULT (Rev. &Tax. Code, Section 3351 & 3352)

I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector, State of California, certify as follows: That at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2025, by operation of law, any real property (unless previously tax-defaulted and not redeemed) that has any delinquent taxes, assessments, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and/or any delinquent supplemental taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2024-2025, shall be declared tax-defaulted. That unless the tax-defaulted property is completely redeemed through payment of all unpaid amounts, together with penalties and fees prescribed by law or an installment plan is initiated and maintained; the property will become tax-defaulted and may be sold subsequently at a tax sale to satisfy the tax lien. That a detailed list of all properties remaining tax-defaulted as of July 1, 2025, and not redeemed prior to being submitted for publication, shall be published on or before September 8, 2028. That information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan for redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished, upon request, by Matthew Lund, Mono County Chief Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 932-5480, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov.

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on May 14, 2025

TS #2025-0077

CLUB VOLLEYBALL SOARS

Mammoth Club Volleyball (MCV) wrapped up an exciting season with all three of its travel teams finishing at the top of their divisions in the Southern California Volleyball Association (SCVA) Championships—marking a proud moment for the growing program and the local athletes who represented Mammoth with heart and determination.

The most recent highlight came two weekends ago, as MCV’s 17U Team clinched 1st place in their SCVA division. Coached by Head Coach John Morris and Assistant Coach Sheilah Brode, the team went a perfect 6-0 in the championship tournament—winning every match in straight sets. Their dominant performance capped off an undefeated regular tournament season, finishing with an impressive 21-0 match record and a 42-2 set record. Players on the 17U team included: Sophia Ayala, Ele Brode, Mia Dublino, Sophia Geffre, Greta Koehler, Addison Koenig, Lyra Manning, Andrea Morales Contreras, Mila Valdez, and Aspen Wight.

Last month, the 18U Team also brought home a division championship title, sweeping all 5 of their matches in straight sets to earn 1st place in their SCVA Championships. Coached by Ashley Campos, the 18s had a strong season finishing with a 15-3 match record and a 32-8 set record. Players on the 18U team included: Jocelyn Campos, Scout Flynn, Simon Harper, Ava

Hawkins, Delaney Kalk, Ashlynn Parsons, Kaylynn Spieler and Meg Westervelt. Earlier this month, the 15U Team added to the club’s strong showing by earning 2nd place in their division championship. Coached by Head Coach Kevin Gilfoy and Assistant Coach Heather Schaubmayer, the team won every match on their way to the final and came up just short in a competitive gold medal match—bringing home silver and closing out their season on a high note. They ended their season with a 15-11 match record and a 33-22 set record. Players on the 15U team included: Julianne Bassler, Evynn Borowski, Lizzy Colletta, Ember Eilts, Brook Gilfoy, Emma Markham, Jade Peterson, Gwenyth Price, Sylvie Schaubmayer and Kenzie Schaubmayer.

Beyond tournament play, MCV’s Development Program continued to thrive, welcoming 34 athletes this season. The program is led by Coach Tori Markham. The season reflected the growth and momentum the club has built in recent years. From the competitive success of the travel teams to the increasing participation in the Development Program, MCV’s progress has been a rewarding journey for its athletes, coaches, and supportive community. As the club turns its attention to next season, there’s plenty of excitement about what the future holds for youth volleyball in the Eastern Sierra.



Te victorious U18s.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until finished, at the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road the Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission will hear an application request for the following:

Variance (VAR) #24-002 is requested. to permit a 7-foot height increase of the applicable 18-foot maximum building height requirement for construction of a 4,323-square foot single-family residence located within Area 1 of the Juniper Ridge Master Plan at 65 Juniper Court (Lot 23).

CEQA Determination: The application is categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15303(a), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Location: 65 Juniper Court (APNs: 032-150-023-000)
Zoning: Resort (Resort) / Area 1 of the Juniper Ridge Master Plan
Proponent: Elliot Brainard (Applicant) / Stan and Elsa Megerdichian (Property Owners)
All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than June 6, 2025, contact Gina Montecallos, Assistant Planner, at (760) 965-3641 or email: gmontecallos@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
PO Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2025-0070

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Impending Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code sections 3691 and 3692.4, the following conditions will, by operation of law, subject real property to the tax collector’s power to sell.

- All property for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for five or more years.
- All nonresidential Commercial property for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.
- Any property the tax collector has received a request to bring the property to the next scheduled tax sale from a person or entity that has a nuisance abatement lien recorded against the property and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.
- Any property that has been identified and requested for purchase by a city, county, city and county, or non-profit organization to serve the public benefit by providing housing or services directly related to low-income persons and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.

Note: The power to sell schedule for nonresidential commercial property is three or more years of tax default status, unless the county adopts, by ordinance or resolution, the five-year tax default schedule.

The parcels listed herein meet one or more of the conditions listed above and thus, will become subject to the tax collector’s power to sell on July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m., by operation of law. The tax collector’s power to sell will

arise unless the property is either redeemed or made subject to an installment plan of redemption initiated as provided by law prior to close of business on the last business day in June. The right to an installment plan terminates on the last business day in June, and after that date the entire balance due must be paid in full to prevent sale of the property at a tax sale.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the power to sell, but it terminates at close of business on the last business day prior to the date of the tax sale by the tax collector. All information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will be furnished, upon request, by Matthew Lund, Mono County Chief Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 932-5480, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov.

The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of June 2025, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee.

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

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2018 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
1	039-060-010-000	49 HOLIDAY WAY	GLENN 3 TRUST 01-25-13	\$ 39,016.20

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2019 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
2	001-230-011-000	114985 HWY 395	HERNANDEZ MAGDALENO & MARIA	\$ 6,564.19
3	011-304-005-000	0 RICKEY PEAK ROAD	MCKNIGHT RORY E. & ANITA L.	\$ 5,558.89
4	032-103-212-000	865 MAJESTIC PINES DRIVE #8	SMITH KEVIN W.	\$ 28,611.61

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2020 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
5	002-401-010-000	0 Walker, CA	LOCKETT FAMILY TR 10/02/2003	\$ 2,305.56
6	002-430-046-000	751 Camp Antelope Road	BLACKETER CLUSTER M. & DEBRA L	\$ 1,443.63
7	002-470-014-000	108952 Highway 395 #10	COLLINS EDDIE R	\$ 7,061.04
8	002-470-035-000	108952 Highway 395 #25	GARCIA EUCARIO T & CASTANEDA ALICIA C	\$ 2,844.93
9	006-210-016-000	1177 Willow Flat Trail	PETERSEN, DONNA	\$ 26,184.19
10	008-161-012-000	0 Highway 395	LAND TITLE, LLC	\$ 1,229.04
11	008-161-013-000	0 Aspen Lane	LAND TITLE, LLC	\$ 1,234.06
12	009-200-001-000	0 Bridgeport, CA	DOLAN, ALBERT F.	\$ 634.46
13	011-294-007-000	0 The Craggs Drive	MCGINNIS GRANT M	\$ 973.78
14	015-084-004-000	0 June Lake, CA	MARZANO, BETTY J. REV. TRUST	\$ 1,042.83
15	031-072-001-000	196 Davison Road #Unit A	Kaspar Alexander	\$ 6,244.83
16	031-072-002-000	196 Davison Road #Unit B	Kaspar Alexander	\$ 6,244.73
17	031-072-003-000	196 Davison Road #Unit C	Kaspar Alexander	\$ 6,244.73
18	035-140-001-000	58 Sierra Park Road	ECKERT GREG R. & TERRI L.	\$ 47,332.99
19	035-202-010-000	436 Old Mammoth Road #C2	QUINTERO JOSE G	\$ 7,486.09
20	040-100-027-000	202 Ridge Way	RIDGE WAY PROPERTIES, LLC	\$ 111,998.40
21	060-292-013-000	117 Lake Manor Place #13	HILDEBRAND DEBORAH L.	\$ 31,855.60
22	062-070-049-000	187 Piñon Hill Road	PINION HILLS, LLC	\$ 44,925.84

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on May 16, 2024

TS #2025-0071

LETTERS

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We the People ... need to mobilize

Dear Editor:

On July 1, 2024, the Supreme Court decided that an American president could not be prosecuted for crimes committed as part of his official duties. On July 2, 2024, Kevin Roberts, organizer of Project 2025, said “We are in the process of a second American Revolution which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be.”

In January, 2025, Trump said “We were at our richest from 1870 to 1913”. From 1870 - 1913, rich white men, robber barons and railroad tycoons controlled the government. Trump seems to believe that his tax cuts will return America to our “richest” time. Economist Robert Reich points out who benefits or losses from Trump’s “tax cuts”: Americans with incomes between \$17,000 and \$51,000 will lose about \$700 a year; folks with an income of less than \$17,000 will lose about \$1,000 a year. The top 0.1% of earners with incomes of \$2,817,436 a year will gain \$390,000 a year. Between 1981 and 2021, \$50 trillion moved from the bottom 90% of

Americans to the top 1% of Americans.

May 28, 2025, Trump posted a meme of himself on his social media account with these words: “He’s on a mission from God and nothing can stop what is coming”. Trump’s words sounded like QAnon conspiracy’s idea that members of the “Deep State” will soon be arrested.

Authoritarian governments follow a plan to gain complete power. The government takes over universities, sues media outlets, says journalists and activists are “foreign agents”, arrests people and detains them without cause, attacks judges when the courts rule against the ‘state’ and gives Musk access to government data including our social security numbers, employment records and bank accounts.

Political Scientist Adam Bonica writes “Every authoritarian who successfully destroyed judicial independence did so because civil society failed to unite in time. The key difference? Whether people mobilized.”

We, the people, need to mobilize. If we submit to Trump’s dictates, we do so at our peril.

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ARE YOUR LOINS GIRDED?

After decades of offering “advice” to each year’s new crop of high school and college graduates, I have realized those thousands and thousands of words of alleged wisdom from me and every other semi-lame commencement speaker can be summarized in a three-word sentence.

Here you go, the 2025 keynote commencement address:

“Gird your loins.”

Granted, that is not full of soaring rhetoric about “following your dreams wherever they lead you,” and does not ring with the confidence of “you can make your life what you want it to be,” and isn’t as grandiloquent as “risking it all by shooting for the stars,” or as passionate as, “be true to yourself.” All of those soothing bromides are not really addressed to the graduates. They are, instead, designed to comfort parents by subtly telling them they did their best, the kid graduated and now mom and dad are off the hook. Whatever comes next is all on the kid, so go ahead and sell the house, book the cruise, spend the inheritance, move to Portugal. Whatever.

The small contingent of graduates searching for inspiration can look up incredibly wise and funny commencement addresses on YouTube.

Then we have the following gems. Which are not on YouTube.

Walk through your house completely naked in bare feet once a month to become aware of less than obvious hazards and obstacles. Pay particular attention to anything about waist high or chest high.

Eating good bread – pumpernickel and rye – will make you tall and famous.

When you get the itch, scratch it. But not in public.

Socks are more important than shoes. Act accordingly.

Muttonchop sideburns should only appear on Civil War reenactors.

Move some place where it rains and snows often enough you never have to wash your car.

Unless you’ve sold \$5,000 worth of photos of your feet online, do not wear sandals in public. Ever.

Love poems you write will never

measure up to the timeless lyrics in thousands of country western love songs that have covered every conceivable twist and turn about love. Bow down to those songwriters’ greatness and move on.

Forget taking a “gap year” before starting college and go ahead and take five gap years. No one will notice. No one will miss you.

Pickles all start out as cucumbers, but not all cucumbers become pickles.

Self-deporting from your parents’ house is easier then you think. No paperwork needed.

Raising dogs and cats is not “training” for raising children.

Rose-colored glasses can look rather fetching.

Accept that in every TV cop show the suspect will always take off running. It’s the only universal truth.

Nose hairs escaping from your nostrils will be noticed. Take note; take action.

You will never become an influencer unless, as noted, pretty feet.

Never shower with a friend. Things could get touchy.

Karma can be altered by embracing the transformative power of grocery store rotisserie chicken.

Wearing Uggs in the summer is a punishable offense.

Half of the 128 pens in your house are out of ink or will not write and will never write. You must keep them all.

Spices can be reduced to two: Italian Seasoning and Herbs de Provence. They make you appear cosmopolitan and worldly.

Running out of toilet paper is the only legitimate reason for an emergency trip to the store.

Watering the lawn leads to mowing the lawn. Ponder that.

Clouds are not accurate predictors of rain.

When life gives you lemons, make coffee. Lemonade sucks.

Mom can post photos of your feet online but you cannot post photos of hers.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is not surprised he has never been invited to give a commencement speech.

Addendum

Reply to letter writer Tom Woods who asked about impacts of federal budget cuts - Klusmire reported in the March 29 issue:

Inyo County’s cash counters are keeping an eye out for any budget cuts that could shortchange any of the federal programs that delivered \$15.5 million to the county in the 2024-25 fiscal year. That \$15.5 million represents about 8% of the county’s total current fiscal year spending, according to Inyo County Assistant CAO Denelle Carington.

The simplified take reflecting the mood in Washington: Roads and airports are okay, programs for families, kids and low-income residents

are threatened. The largest potential budget cuts from the federal government would hit the county’s Health and Human Services department, which received about \$6.6 million in federal funds in 2024-25. Those programs include: Supplemental National Assistance Program (SNAP – formerly Food Stamps), Women, Infants & Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medi-Cal Administration, Federal Financial Participation (FFP), Social Services Block Grant, and numerous public health programs.

(Note: a clear picture of federal funding coming to local schools and governments might appear in time to create a 2025-26 budget. Or not.)

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