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CJ marched as Woody in the Lone Pine Film Festival Parade Sunday with the California Breakfast Burritos, a non-profit burro advocacy group.

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KAUK DENIED RETRIAL

By Fisher

Lonnie Kauk, a famed Yosemite climber convicted of felony domestic violence, appeared before Mono County Superior Court on Monday seeking a retrial.

Judge Gerald Mohun denied the motion after more than three hours of argument and set Kauk's sentencing for December 1. If granted, the motion would have vacated his conviction and reopened the case.

A Mono County jury found Kauk guilty in April of three felonies and one misdemeanor stemming from a June 22, 2023 incident in which prosecutors said he strangled his girlfriend to the point of unconsciousness. According to testimony, Kauk also threatened to kill her dog, her ailing father, and the victim herself.

The Sheet covered Kauk's trial in its April 19, 2025 issue, and his conviction in the April 26, 2025 issue.

Kauk appeared at Monday's hearing with new counsel – Dan Wagner and Scott Simmons, Irvine-based attorneys – who argued that his former lawyer, Bakersfield-based Elliot Magnus, had performed inadequately violating Kauk's Sixth Amendment right to a fair trial.

"If counsel had been competent [...] there is a reasonable probability of a different result that at least one juror would have had a reasonable doubt. That's all it takes," Wagner argued. "And the cumulative errors here certainly make it [clear] that this was not a fair trial."

This motion put Deputy District Attorney Lauren Ryerson in the unusual position of defending the same lawyer she was up against in the trial just months prior.

"The court sat through the

trial, observed the witnesses, and observed Mr. Magnus' performance," she said. "The jury returned guilty verdicts because the evidence was strong, not because counsel was constitutionally deficient."

Wagner and Simmons focused on two main claims: that Magnus failed to pursue a mental health diversion and that he mishandled key parts of the trial. A mental health diversion allows defendants with mental health disorders to enter treatment instead of jail.

The new defense argued that Kauk struggled with alcoholism, citing testimony from the prosecution's own witnesses who said he drank heavily and often. They contended that if Magnus had investigated this before trial, the verdict might have been different.

"We're in post-conviction status right now; we couldn't actually move for diversion at this moment," Wagner said. "It's our position, though, that counsel should have made that motion and are giving an example of what that motion might have looked like."

Magnus, subpoenaed and under oath, said at the hearing he did not pursue that option because Kauk consistently denied having a drinking problem. Kauk also had no prior arrests or hospitalizations related to alcohol use.

Wagner countered that it's common for people with substance abuse issues to deny they have a problem, but the court was unmoved.

"Your only basis for [this claim of alcoholism] is what these two witnesses, the victim and her friend, told law enforcement in the investigation?" Judge Mohun asked.

While it is common for

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PICK OF THE PATCH



June Lake kids pose beside their award-winning pumpkin carvings at the Leaves in the Loop Festival Saturday.

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THE TURNERING OF THE SCREWS

By Lunch

On the eve of another round of No Kings protests nationwide, Queen Jean [Turner], Chair of the Northern Inyo Hospital board, has shown that autocratic political power plays are not merely the domain of Washington, D.C.

Turner, who continues to reign over a fiefdom of disgruntled serfs and sparse coffers, borrowed a few pages from the Trump playbook this week, as the full range of NIHD dysfunction was on display during the Board's five-hour regular meeting on Wednesday.

The regular meeting began at 5:20 p.m. after a 4 p.m. special (closed session) meeting devoted to the discussion of "trade secrets" -- defined as potential development of new hospital services.

The board then heard 30 minutes of disgruntled public comment over stalled labor negotiations.

Union rep Sami Bumgarner said the CPI (consumer price index) is rising 3.5% annually in the Bishop area and "we need to get at least that."

Nurse Timothy McMullen said the district's pay proposals are not competitive. Staff feels they're being asked to be cut, he said, to save them from making cuts elsewhere. "We're being taken for granted."

The board then headed into closed session for about an hour.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Board approved a three-year contract with new CEO Christian Wallis.

Wallis has most recently served as CEO of the Gross-

mont Healthcare District, located in East County (which includes La Mesa) near San Diego.

After a four-year stint, his contract was not renewed in March.

He had been making \$247,424 annually.

NIHD enticed him north with a nice raise. He'll be making \$460,000/year at NIHD.

Turner shared that she had learned of Wallis at an ACHD (Association of California Healthcare Districts) conference, and as she described it, Wallis may as well be E.F. Hutton. When he spoke, everyone around him got quiet.

She also said ever since Wallis was hired as the interim CEO this spring, employees would spontaneously walk up

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Push C-3 for Condom

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to her and tell her what a great leader Wallis is and would thank her for bringing him in.

“I’d like you to join me in thanking him for saying ‘yes,’” she announced to the public.

The vote to hire him was 3-1. Board member Laura Smith voted no because she felt the hiring process was flawed. She also disagreed with the salary.

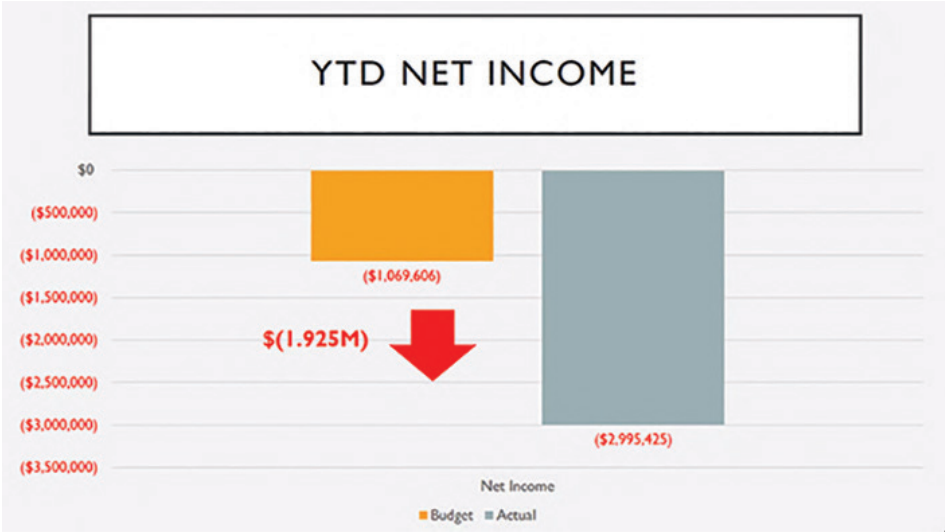
David Barrett (Zone 1) didn’t vote because he resigned on September 29. Which led to the next agenda item -- determining how he would be replaced.

Turner said there were two options: Holding a special election or appointing an ad hoc committee to select a replacement.

Barrett was elected in November, 2024. According to hospital bylaws, “the person appointed to the vacancy shall fill the balance of the unexpired term.”

Turner deemed a special election too expensive, so the Board opted to appoint a committee. Then, Turner suggested the hospital’s governance committee be appointed as the ad hoc committee.

The three-person governance committee consists of ... Turner, fellow Board Member David Lent and new CEO Wallis.



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“It’s a dog-eat-dog world, Sammy, and I’m wearing Milk Bone underwear.”

-Norm (Cheers)

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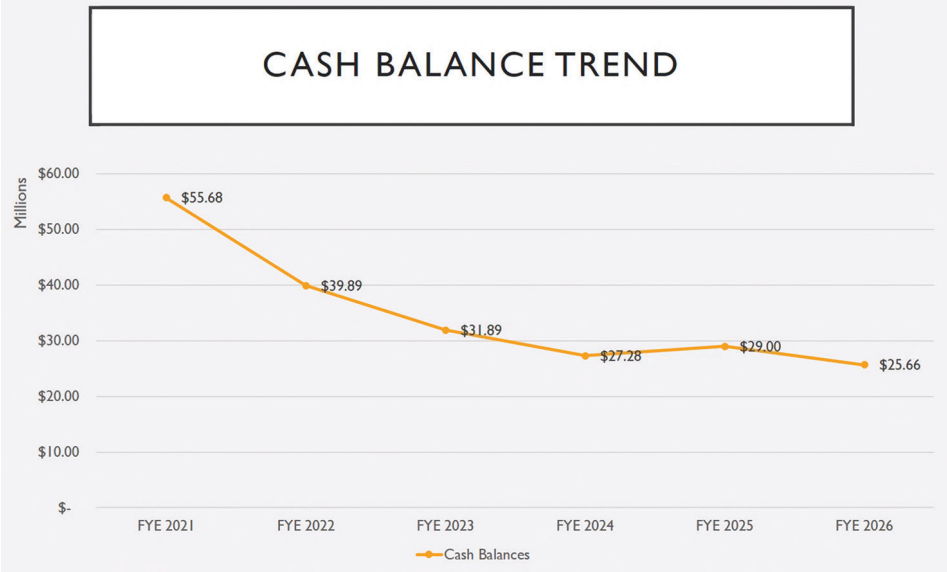
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Laura Smith objected, saying she wanted to be on the committee, but was summarily ignored.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you can fly to or from Mammoth Lakes this winter?

- Scheduled charter service with Advanced Airlines returns to Mammoth Yosemite Airport from November 26, 2025, through April 27, 2026.
- Flights will operate to and from Hawthorne (HHR) and Carlsbad (CLD) on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.
- Passengers connecting through LAX can take a free 10-minute shuttle to LAX from Hawthorne airport. Reservations need to be made in advance for this service.
- Advanced Airlines offers the “Altitude Winter Pass” for the 2025-26 winter season, which includes 10 one-way tickets purchased in a bundle at a reduced price. Visit advancedairlines.com/ticket-packages-memberships for additional details.
- Eastern Sierra locals receive discounted fares up to 20% off on Advanced Airlines flights by booking with the [LOCALONLY](#) code.
- Commercial flights also return to Bishop (BIH) for the winter season from December 11, 2025, through April 27, 2026. United Airlines will fly to San Francisco (SFO) beginning December 11, 2025, and to Denver (DEN) beginning December 18, 2025.
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4:30 **Concurso de disfraces (5 años y menores)**
• **Mejor Vestido (fuera del hielo)**

5:15-6:15 **Actividades espeluznantes**

6:15 **Concurso de disfraces de patinaje**
(todas las edades, debe patinar sobre hielo)
• **Más Terrorífico** • **Más Tierno** • **Más Divertido**
• **Más Creativo** • **Mejor Grupo (2+ personas)**

6:30 **Entrega de premios y sorteo**

7:00 **Fin del evento**

This Halloween party is appropriate for elementary-aged students. All ages welcome.
Esta fiesta de Halloween es adecuada para estudiantes de primaria. Todas las edades son bienvenidas.

LOCAL NEWS

PUSH BUTTON FOR HEALTH

By Fisher

The next time you hit a vending machine at 2 a.m. in Mammoth, it might be for a condom, not a Snickers bar.

Or so imagines Kathryn Peterson, Mono County Health and Human Services Director, who unveiled plans Tuesday for a public health vending machine pilot program outside the Mammoth Lakes Library.

The machine, aimed at preventing drug crises and teen pregnancy, would be stocked with free harm-reduction and wellness supplies, including Narcan (the overdose-reversing nasal spray), drug test strips, pregnancy tests, toothbrushes — and yes, condoms.

“The machines can provide 24/7 access to critical supplies, extending availability beyond traditional office hours,” Peterson said. “They remove barriers and offer anonymity for people who might feel judged or fearful to ask for these items.”

Mono County plans to lease its first machine from Mullan Pharmaceuticals for a three-month pilot program at roughly \$800 per month, following a \$2,500 startup fee. If it survives Mammoth’s harsh winter and proves useful, the county could purchase additional

units and expand the program to other communities.

Peterson said the county has been pre-approved by the state to use federal grant funding from its Disease Intervention Specialist program, with other county funds available as a backup.

While the county can cover the machine itself, it doesn’t have the resources to keep it stocked.

That’s where Anthem Blue Cross comes in. The company has offered to supply the machine with items. Or at least help get it started.

“What we’ve done in the past is provide hygiene kits, dental kits, and some startup materials,” said Janet Paine, a program manager at Anthem. “But the public health and behavioral health departments determine what’s needed most.”

When people use the machine, they will be prompted to take a voluntary survey. That data will help the county track usage, understand demographics, and know when items need resupplying.

Supervisor John Peters raised a question about vandalism, asking whether the library’s front entrance had security

cameras.

The machine will be placed just to the left of the library doors, visible and accessible after hours. It will have a small shelter or overhang to keep snow off, but it won’t be locked behind gates or glass.

Peterson said vandalism has not been a problem in other counties.

“That was one of our biggest concerns,” she said. “What if someone came up and tried to empty out all the Narcan or toothbrushes?”

Officials in other counties where similar machines had been imple-

mented had reassured her that just doesn’t happen, she said.

The supervisors agreed the risk was worth taking.

“There’s no reason not to do this,” said Supervisor Rhonda Duggan. “Every reason to go ahead with it.”



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stemmed from increasing architecture and engineering rates, which were initially slated to be \$800,000 and are now \$1,287,399, a 61% raise. “I know this feels like a big ask, but it’s really what it takes,” Rodriguez said. “It will always be cheaper to develop yesterday than it will be tomorrow.”

To put this request in perspective, Rodriguez compared the average financial support the town gives to other projects, such as the Joaquin and Innsbruck Apartments.

The average TOML allocated funds per unit is \$93,010, much higher than the \$76,719 per unit the town would give the Parcel phases if the council accepts the PWC request.

Rodriguez doesn’t want to be in a position in which the town is turning away the state funding for the Kingfisher project. Although the state won’t give the project the \$42 million until Nov. 19, she has good reason to expect Mammoth to be given the

funding. Last week, PWC received a preliminary scoring letter, which indicated a positive response on the project from the state. A scoring letter from the state results in a 95% chance or greater receiving the award, according to Caleb Roope, CEO of PWC. Moreover, Mammoth Lakes is designated as a rural area, which may make it a high priority for the state, Rodriguez said.

Although all signs seem to point to Kingfisher 2 receiving state funding, “we’re not in position to accept that award without additional [town] funding,” Rodriguez said.

PWC would be unable to build the project without the loan from the town, Roope stated.

“We’ve never turned an award back, ever,” he said. “We always execute on our plans.”

While turning away this award would not affect the town’s relationship with the state, Rodriguez assured, there is only so much state funding for these types of projects.

There’s no guarantee PWC will receive an award like this for the Kingfisher 2 project in the future, she said.

ACCESS SUCCESS

By Fisher

Eastern Sierra Community Housing (ESCH) celebrated the completion of its newest affordable housing project Tuesday afternoon with a ribbon-cutting and open house.

The Access Apartments development adds 13 long-term rental units for residents earning up to 80% and 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI), a group often overlooked by traditional affordable housing programs, according to Mammoth Mayor Chris Bubser.

“The biggest heartburn for our council [...] is trying to help the folks for whom there are not many state and federal grants,” she said. “This means much more than 13 units.”

According to a September 8 ESCH board presentation, rents will range from \$1,250 for an 80% AMI studio (17% below market rate) to \$2,000 for a 120% AMI one-bedroom (5% below market rate). Prices vary depending on size, number of closets, and windows.

At the time of that presentation, 55 people were already on the waitlist, including 43 in the 80% AMI category and 12 in the 120% AMI group. Tenants were selected through a lottery later that week.

The project has been years in the making. When ESCH purchased the property in October 2017, Executive Director Patricia Robertson was still on maternity leave. On Tuesday, her 6-year-old son wandered through the

building. ESCH acquired the land after receiving a partial donation from the Alper family, founders and owners of Mammoth Country Glass.

At the ceremony, the building was dedicated to the late Gordon Alper, who passed away in 2015 after 37 years of public service in Mammoth, including on the Town Council, the Mammoth Community Water District Board, and as a Lions Club member.

“Gordon saw Mammoth as a place of possibilities: a town where anyone could find footing, chase a dream, or start something new,” said his widow, Sharon Alper, at the event with tears in her eyes. “When a friend asked him where he might want to live, he didn’t hesitate. Nowhere is better than Mammoth.”

Turning that vision into reality wasn’t easy.

ESCH first applied for state grant funding in 2019, but the award didn’t come through until 2021. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, driving up construction costs and delaying progress. The project cycled through revised plans and funding challenges, at one point relying on ten separate funding sources, each with its own requirements.

To keep the effort alive, ESCH launched a \$190,000 community fundraising campaign, supplementing federal Community Development

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Block Grant (CDBG) and Section 4 funds that covered roughly 65% of the project’s \$11 million cost. Additional support came from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County.

Then, “Out of the blue, the state called us and said, ‘We want to give you \$4 million more for the project. We have extra money, but you have to commit it by the end of the fiscal year,’” said Nolan Bobroff, the town’s economic development director.

That call came in June 2024, giving the planners just a week to allocate funds. The unexpected funding allowed ESCH to eliminate a loan and include units at the 120% AMI level.

A month later, Access Apartments finally broke ground.



Top, a view of Access Apartments on the day of the event. Above, ESCH officials and stakeholders cut the ribbon on the project in Warming Hut.



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OBITUARY
BARBARA ANN MOSS 1942-2025

Barbara Ann Moss of Hammil Valley, Calif., passed away while she slept October 8, 2025, her birthday, at the age of 83.

Barbara was born October 8, 1942, to Robert and Dorothy (Underwood) Clements in Riverside, Calif.

Robert was enlisted in the Army working as an aircraft mechanic overseas during WWII, so Barbara and her mother spent the war years living with her Underwood grandparents and six uncles who doted on her. Barbara grew up in the Riverside area and was joined by a brother, Robert, a few years later.

The family eventually moved to Lancaster, Calif., where Barbara graduated from Antelope Valley High School. She attended a year of college following her high school graduation, and met her future husband Richard, during that time. Richard was working for her father in Lancaster.

They struck up a relationship and married in 1961. They established a household in North Edwards, Calif., where Richard had taken a job operating the 1200 acre Mojave Ranch growing alfalfa. Richard and Barbara’s children Donald, Diane, and Kenneth were born during this time.

In 1970, the family bought the Cinnamon Ranch located in Hammil Valley and have resided and farmed there since. In addition to being a full-time homemaker, Barbara managed the books for the ranch, volunteered as a 4H community and project leader, drove many kids to every kind of school or community event, and served coffee and meals to hundreds of family, friends, salespeople, hay buyers, researchers, and strangers at their kitchen table.

Later, she spent nearly 23 years as the administrator for the Laws Railroad Mu-



seum near Bishop, a job that she cherished. She brought her strong love of local history and sense of hospitality to this work and cared deeply for the Museum staff and volunteers.

Barbara is survived by her husband Richard of 64 years, her brother Robert and wife Gayle, her son Donald and wife Daphne, daughter Diane and husband David Doonan, son Kenneth and wife Leslie, stepson Bob Mooney and wife Nan, beloved grandchildren Elisabeth (David) Ellsworth, Lindsey (James) Janney, Lauren (Kevin) Cimino, Joseph Moss, Keegan Moss, Jacob (Mini) Doonan, Matthew (Megan) Doonan, Katie Doonan (Colton Riesen), Allen Hanley Moss, Alyson Moss, Ashley Moss and 12 great grandchildren. All of these children were her greatest joy in her final years.

Funeral Services are scheduled for noon, October 25, at the Brune Mortuary, at 325 W. Elm Street, Bishop, CA 93514 with graveside services to follow at the East Line Cemetery, 2000 East Line Street, Bishop, CA.



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LOCAL BRIEFS

Mono's \$64,000 question

Mono County, through its Economic Development, Tourism, and Film Commission, recently announced that applications are now open for three Community Support Grant Programs to assist established nonprofit organizations across the county.

The county will award a total of \$64,000 through the following three grant programs.

The Community Event Marketing Fund is designed to help nonprofit groups advertise and promote tourism-based community events to markets outside the Eastern Sierra, with the goal of increasing year-round visitation and overnight stays; Funding Available: Up to \$5,000 per event; Total Program Funding: \$25,000.

The Historical Societies Grant Program supports established nonprofit historical societies and museums in Mono County with eligible projects and programs; Funding Available: Up to \$4,000 per organization; Total Program Funding: \$14,000.

The Performing & Visual Arts Grant Program supports established nonprofit Performing and Visual Arts organizations in Mono County; Funding Available: Up to \$4,500 per organization; Total Program Funding: \$25,000;

This year, there will be an extended timeline for the historical and arts grants, which will allow funds to roll into the next fiscal year. This means grantees can plan and execute projects, programs or events anytime within the full calendar year (through December 31, 2026), rather than being limited to completion by June 30th.

The deadline for all applications is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2025.

Program details and links to the online applications can be found at www.monocounty.ca.gov/tourismcommission/page/community-support-grant-programs.

Inyo Forks Over \$40,000

Inyo County is accepting applications for the latest round of Community Project Sponsorship Program (CPSP) competitive grants. Total funding of \$40,000 will be available for events and projects taking place in Inyo County during 2026 that are sponsored by local nonprofit groups and other entities.

The maximum amount that can be requested is \$7,500. An online application is available at <https://inyocountyvisitor.com/cpsp/>. In general, the CPSP program is focused on helping local organizations promote activities and programs that bring visitors to the area and enhance the cultural and recreational quality of life of county residents.

Nonprofit applicants must be in good standing with both the Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board. Insurance documentation may also be required depending on the type of activity planned.

To be considered, the completed and signed Grant Application (submitted on paper or digitally), must be received by the Office of the County Administrator

by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10. No postmarks will be accepted.

Grant applications will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility and then forwarded to an independent Review Panel for evaluation, ranking and suggested funding levels.

Organizations or groups with questions about the grant guidelines, the application process, or the program in general can call (760) 878-0292 for more information.

Eat Like You've Earned It

A gas leak in Minaret Village Shopping Center cut the Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT) Board meeting short Wednesday afternoon. Everyone in Suite Z was evacuated. Good thing it cleared up before the town council meeting two hours later.

Before the leak, it was reported that Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) collections for lodging in August were up \$3,018 from last year. But the TBID collections on retail and restaurants were down \$8,018 and \$2,678 from last year. Occupancy during the shoulder season of September and October hit a record high.

Business may feel slow, however, because "people are not buying the extra things," John Urdis, MLT President and CEO, said. "They're not buying the sweatshirts, they're not buying the beer with their food."

In an effort to bolster local restaurants, MLT is spearheading a new ad campaign, "Eat Like You Earned It," pairing eateries with recreational activities. A map will be distributed in MLT's digital channels. Some of the pairings are logical, such as eating at The Mill after skiing at Mammoth Mountain, or grabbing a bite at Dos Alas post hiking Sherwin Lakes. Others make less sense, like getting a beer at Bar Sierra after paddleboarding on Convict Lake.

"I feel like we need to take a closer look at the actual pairings. Crowley Lake, go to Lakanuki? I wouldn't think of Lakanuki if I were in Crowley Lake," said Cristi Quesada-Costa, owner of Dos Alas. "Some of them are a little disjointed."

In light of the Oct. 1 federal government shut down, MLT is aligning itself with Visit California, the state's tourism marketing agency, said Michael Vanderhurst, vice president of global tourism.

On a global scale, Mammoth is performing well, he claimed. Vanderhurst had just returned from a work trip in India.

"How big is the demand over there?" one MLT board member asked.

"Big," Vanderhurst assured. But the demand lies more in visiting national parks than in skiing, he said.

"Not to get into the deep end of the pool, but they seem to be less insulted by the national leadership situation over there," Vanderhurst said. "In their culture, they're more used to a strong man leadership kinda thing."

The revenue generated from the Spartan World Championship wasn't discussed. Sarah Winters did include that \$3,000 would be added to promoting the event via Meta.



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NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Board of Supervisors is retracting the notice for the public hearing on October 21, 2025, for General Plan Amendment (GPA) 25-01 and modifications to Mono County Code (MCC) Chapter 5.65 (collectively, "the Project") on amendments to short-term rental (STR) regulations previously scheduled for no earlier than 9:00 AM in the Mono Lake Room (1st floor) at the Mono County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, and via Zoom remote access.

The meeting on October 21 will be a workshop on STR regulations with the Board of Supervisors, and the Board shall have the option to adopt a resolution making existing nonconforming findings to permit short-term rentals at the Interlaken Condominium Complex (APN 015-301-000-000) while a General Plan Amendment is initiated to consider changing its land use designation.

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HARTLEY

NEPO FIRING

O hhhhhhhhhhhh the heat is on now. The first shoe has fallen. For Brian Callahan. What was going on in Tennessee was coaching malpractice. It is franchise malpractice to be honest. I always hear ... he is a coach's son and his dad was a great coach so if you are going to use the associative property, he'll be great, right? Except his dad wasn't great. He inherited a Gruden team (think Switzer inheriting Cowboys from Jimmy Johnson) and took it to the Super Bowl.

Young Callahan should have never

been given the opportunity. Nepo baby. Trash organization.

Speaking of firing. Why did the Jets let Aaron Glenn get back on the plane after that coaching fiasco in London? It is too exhausting to try to recap but basically Glenn and QB Justin Fields monkeyf'd clock management at the end of the first half and refused to try to get a FG in a 10-6 game? Has he been instructed to lose games for a good draft pick to replace Fields or does he just trust Fields that little? Either is feasible and probably just but as a head coach I would not embarrass myself that way.

When Aaron Glenn arrived to the airport to fly back to the US, the local authorities should have arrested him for bringing that crappy football to London and wasting their time.

Select Picks

Steelers laying 5.5 to the Bengals. O/U 44.5. The geriatric QB bowl. There should be ads for dementia, Depends and ED medications during this game with 60-plus year old QBS Joe Flacco and Aaron Rodgers. Ugh. The Steelers smoke and mirror show continues. As a reminder to the people saying the Steelers are good, they were 8-3 last year - until they played good teams. A DC with half a brain will disrupt the Steelers short passing game. This is smoke and mirrors. Bengals 20-16.

Rams laying 3 to the Jags. O/U 44.5. Rams are beat up. There are a lot of injuries in the NFL this year. Probably are every year but we are captives of the moment I am sure. Rams 25-20.

Patriots laying 7 to the Titans. O/U 42.5. I would say take the under because there is an INTERIM HC bump for Tennessee but there are reasons not to believe that in this case.

1. Mike McCoy is the interim HC for the Titans and if you remember him as head coach for the Chargers, that guy shouldn't be the interim ball boy.

2. Patriot HC Mike Vrabel got fired by the Titans and was not happy about it so he is going to try to TRASH the Titans like they threw trash at his house and his kids while they walked to school. He may try to annihilate them.

3. The Titans just suck. Name a Titans player other than Jeffrey Simmons and Cam Ward. I thought so.

Pats 43-2.

Eagles laying 1.5 to the Vikings. O/U 43.5. The Eagles are a mess. But so are the Vikings. There is something odd going on with the Vikings and QB JJ McCarthy. I don't care enough to dig into it, but there is something wrong. Eagles 23-20.

Raiders 11.5 point 'dog to the Chiefs. O/U 45.5. Over is the Geno Smith era. He must think pick 6s are touchdowns cuz he throws a ton of 'em. Chiefs are back. Their offense is clicking again. The rest of the AFC is coming back to them. Chiefs 34-20. Maxx Crosby kicks Geno's ass while he tries to leave the field after throwing his 3rd interception of the game.

Browns laying 2.5 to the Dolphins. O/U 40.5. Over is the Mike McDaniel era and the Tua era in Miami. Browns for once aren't the most dysfunctional team in the stadium. Browns 17-13.

Broncos 7 point favorite over Giants. O/U 39.5. Jaxson Dart looks pretty good for New York but he needs to settle down when he runs or he will be on IR. And the Cam Skattebo fans ... cute story but he is headed for the infirmary, too. Broncos 23-17.

Colts 1.5 point 'dog to the Chargers. O/U 48.5. Why are the Chargers favored? They are hurt and the Colts have played better. But Jim Harbaugh loves him some Justin Herbert. They might get married. Chargers at home 25-23.

Commanders laying 2.5 to the Cowboys. O/U 54.5. The Cowboys are wasting everyone's time. Their best defender is the back line of the end zone because every play the other team runs ends up in a touchdown. They made Bryce Young look like Steve Young last week. I thought trading Parsons was gonna make their defense better against the run? Rico Dowdle, who they let walk away, ran for almost 200 yards. The best thing about it was he told them last Sunday after their game that week they better "buckle up" because he was coming. They knew he was coming and he still trashed them. Commanders 43-40.

Falcons 2.5 point 'dog to the Niners. O/U 47.5. The Niners are a MASH unit. Is Mac Jones coming back to earth? Can't trust the Falcons on the road. I will say however it is funny how HIGH FIRST ROUND PICKS Drake London, Kyle Pitts and Bijan Robinson couldn't do anything in Atlanta with Arthur Smith at head coach but all of a sudden they are stars. Why is Arthur Smith employed? Falcons 25-20.

How did Brian Daboll get away with interfering with a concussion evaluation of Dart during the game? This guy is a hothead and a meathead. He has already had run-ins with assistant coaches and his antics have been discussed before. Now he can interfere with an independent consultant? The NFL should fine him. And he should be suspended for a game.

Penn State fired James Franklin. That was a big fall in 3 weeks from #2 ranked to losing to UCLA and Northwestern. Guess he had it coming. But they fired him for that and held Sandusky and Paterno in position while Sandusky molested youth? Happy Valley? They deserve to lose forever.

Why MLB owners will never learn. Alex Bregman had a down year in 2024. So the Red Sox signed him to a 3 year \$120 million deal. Huh. That's a down year contract? So he had a good 2025 year. Not great, but good. And he opted out of the remaining 2 years of his deal. How does he get the option of opting out after being average one year and good the next? The MLB owners can't get out of their own way. Now some other dumbass owner's gonna give him \$100 million and be pissed when he falls off a cliff again.

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TAKE THE PLUNGE

The Bishop City Council is standing knee-deep in poop as it faces a wave of water torture. Public Works Director Nora Gamino has shattered the illusion the city enjoyed for years as it sleepwalked through the dream that water and sewer systems will operate forever without the need to raise rates.

Ah, but the wake-up call, and the bill has arrived. The council is wrestling with how much to raise those rates and how fast to do it. Since no one ever wants to pay for anything, rate hikes will go over like a turd in the punchbowl. And that's the optimistic take.

There could be a sneaky way out of the rate dilemma. The city could simply contract out its water and sewer operations and avoid the angst and anger when things go sideways. Or break. Or explode. Or smell really, really bad.

There is even a solid list of candidates that could take over Bishop's water and sewer systems. Here are the operational strategies of the most promising candidates.

Southern California Edison: Don't do any noticeable maintenance, and when water use peaks because Leroy left his lawn sprinkler on all night, shut the system off for a few days for "safety's sake." Repeat once a week as necessary until customers demand action to "fix things," which arrives after rates go up 15% a year for the next 15 years.

Inyo County: (Taking a cue from how it runs its water systems in Lone Pine, Independence and Laws.) Limp along and keep fingers crossed nothing bad happens. When it inevitably does, fix the water/sewer mess and then only increase rates for those directly impacted. This approach applied to Bishop: if a water main breaks in West Bishop, fix it and raise rates

in an eight-block radius. Sewer line spills into the Bishop Canal? Fix it and charge folks in a 10-block grid along the canal. Avoid raising rates for all users to keep from getting everyone mad all at once.

Trump Administration: Fire half the staff, declare it's a "perfect system, greatest ever, best in the world" and then rehire them when stuff breaks. Sell bitcoin to fund repairs. Blame Biden and China.

Green Party: Who needs sewer? Not you. Composting toilets for all and pee pits (helping replenish the aquifer, right?) in what used to be the back yard. Yes, used to be, since there will be no lawns, just native plants and dirt, so no outdoor watering, either. Feel free to enjoy a natural bath in the Bishop Park Pond, Bishop Creek, the Bishop Canal and at the Bishop Park Swimming Pool during Wash a Friend Friday or Sponge a Spouse Sunday. Carpool with your family, friends and neighbors, of course.

Meadowcreek and Glenwood Mobile Home Park: This is a sideways approach involving some legal chicanery that would allow the City of Bishop to Annex those two big clusters of homes and taxpayers, plus all the commercial property along North 395. Increased property tax and adding their existing water and sewer payments to the money pool, so to speak, should cover added expenses and improvements.

Los Angeles Department of Water

and Power: The largest municipal utility in the country should be able to take on another 1,200 customers. By the looks of the equipment yard, they have more backhoes, dump trucks, forklifts and pickups than God. Get discounts on low-flow toilets and showerheads and get paid to tear up the grass and plant plants. Push for a discounted rate structure based on being a "water colony" of LA: "you got our water for 112 years, so we get cheap rates for 112 years." Since it's LADWP, everyone would know, complain, bitch and comment on every move. Pay your bill on time and get a bumper sticker: "Flush Twice, LA Needs the Water."

Or maybe the city council could just get a big spinal injection, tell the com-

plainers that Water, Sewer, Police, Fire and Streets are the primary reasons to have a city government, and raise rates enough to pay for one of the city's vital functions.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is planning to sell bottled water in city hall when the rate debate washes over the city council at its Oct. 27 meeting.

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SPORTS

HUSKIES IMPROVE TO 6-1



The Mammoth High School football team won its game last Friday against the Chadwick Dolphins in an exciting 38-33 contest. DJ Gray and Eli Ericson have been major standouts this season. The team is now 6-1, and have three league games left and are looking forward to the playoffs. The Huskies are up against Trona on Friday for the team's Senior Recognition night, and are hosting a Bingo night on Sunday at Burgers at 5:30 p.m. to fundraise for the teams' expenses.

BRONCOS KICK BOBCATS

The Bishop Union High School football team improved to 2-0 in the High Desert League and 5-2 overall with a dominate 44-7 win over Boron Friday night.

The Broncos led 21-7 at the half and controlled the second half.

Hunter Dailey ran for a 1st half touch-down and quarterback Emory Dondero connected with brother Dom Dondero for a 25-yard touchdown helping Bishop open an early lead. Freshman Dom Barlow returned an interception 29 yards for a touchdown rounding out the first half scoring.

In the second half, Emory connected with Carlos Sualez on a 40 yard touch-down pass and Hunter Dailey ran for 2 more scores. Kicker Aiden Esparza drilled a 45-yard field goal giving the Broncos their final score.

Defensively, Bishop picked off 5 passes with Senior Richie Talavera pulling in a pair of picks. Barlow had the pick six, Hunter Dailey had a pick six called back on a penalty, and Dom Dondero had a first half interception setting up a score.

Next up for the Broncos is a home-coming matchup with California City this Friday night.

MAJOR MATHLETES



The BUHS mathlete team

The Bishop Union High School Varsity Mathletes started the year strong with a massive 28 points in their meet on Sept. 17. This put them in second place, just four points behind Te-hachapi. Right behind Bishop was Boron in third place with 25 points and Rosamond in fourth with 22 points.

Individual Mathletes scored incredibly this meet especially Bryce Cokeley and Amaya Hays who placed third overall with a total of seven points. Caleb Fitt and Granite Puhvel both placed fourth overall with six points each. Josef Borow, Teagan Orr, and

Ben Rowan placed fifth overall.

Congratulations to the seventeen other Mathletes who traveled to the meet who had excellent starts to the season including Seniors Sydney Wilson, Taylor Currie, Kano Graves, Donovan Mondragon, Siena Pope, Ari Rager and Juniors Sydney Garcia, Adan Perez, Bram Crall, Reagan Dermody, Ulysses Gonzalez, Clare Haverstock, Blake Jahn, Tyler Norcross, Alexis Solorio, Tatum Swanson and Oscar Woods!

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NIHD
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So Turner, her handpicked CEO and Lent will choose the next Zone 1 board member, voters and democratic process be damned.

Then came even more fun stuff: the new CEO spreading his wings a bit, and talking about master planning and bringing on a consulting firm (for \$230,000) to help strategize.

The consultant said he'd be sure to conduct some financial analysis before the district went forward with anything. "We don't want to see you get in over your heads," he said.

'Course, he could've just looked at the finance report in the agenda packet and saved everyone a bunch of time, but ... we'll get to that.

This was followed by more strategy and discussion of performing a community health needs assessment.

Sometime just before 10 p.m., Chief Financial Officer Andrea Mossman gave her report.

Oh shoot, NIHD suffered a \$2 million net loss. That's just August.

Year-to-date net income is down \$3 million from last year.

Net revenue is 12% under budget.

Orthopedic activity (thanks to the Bo Loy fiasco and the defections of Mark Robinson and Jeb Reid) is down more than 50%.

The disconnect between the first 4 hours and 50 minutes of the meeting and the last ten minutes was staggering.

The board had no comment on the financial report.

No Nukes

What a difference a week makes.

Last week, we reported Southern Inyo Hospital District on the brink of insolvency.

But board members were far more optimistic after their regular meeting on Tuesday.

To the point where Rosanne Lampariello Cameron said the Board considered nullifying its previous resolution giving CEO Kevin Flanigan the authority to declare bankruptcy if necessary.

"We've gone from worrying about making payroll to figuring out how to pay creditors," she said. "Based upon our meeting ... we're not going to have to use the nuclear option," added Board member Carma Roper.

Flanigan told The Sheet vendors have been helpful and cooperative, working out 10-month interest free payment schedules versus issuing demand letters.

Between voluntary furloughs and nine layoffs (about 7% of the staff), Flanigan said the hospital had reduced its payroll \$200,000 in this cycle.

He also said SIHD received an unexpected supplemental payment from the State for its skilled nursing facility.

"In my career, I've never seen the degree of sacrifice this team has made," Flanigan said.

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