TAKING COV(ID)ER
Eastside braces for coronavirus
By Page W

With COVID-19 aka coronavirus causing major shutdowns in cities across the globe, it was only a matter of time before the Eastern Sierra saw large-scale shutdowns of its own. Life has slowly ground to a halt for the imminent future.

Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent Jennifer Wildman made the decision to cancel school for at least two weeks on Friday, March 13. From there, other events in the area were cancelled or postponed including all shows at The Edison Theatre in Mammoth as well as Playhouse 395’s production of Little Shop of Horrors.

As of Thursday, March 19, there are no positive cases in Mono County. Thursday evening, Public Health Officer Tom Boo issued a proclamation closing all hotels, motels, and short-term rentals in Mammoth Lakes. Minutes later, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered the entire state to shelter in place. Don’t leave your house unless you’re picking up a Sheet!

The promise of a near-week-long snow storm meant tourists came to the area in droves, desperate to escape lockdown in their own towns. By Friday, parking lots were full and grocery store checkouts were packed; snow fell near constantly. The combination of snow and coronavirus fears meant that many like-minded individuals were in town for a good time, social distancing be damned.

By the time afternoon on Saturday, March 14th, rolled around, Mammoth Mountain had closed early due to dangerously high wind speed. Not a huge problem, just wait until tomorrow. Then the hammer dropped so to speak: Mammoth and June Mountain would be closed indefinitely due to the coronavirus. Just as soon as they’d come to town, they packed up and left.

Mammoth’s closing leaves quite a few residents out in the cold. Employees reporting to work on Sunday received notice that they should take their uniforms and gear home for the foreseeable future. The mountain set Friday, March 20, as a de facto layoff date for all of their seasonal employees (the exact number isn’t known at this time): they were given a final paycheck and asked to move out of employee housing.

Mono County pushed out notice on Sunday that they would be declaring a public health emergency in anticipation of COVID-19 cases, the see COVID-19, page 8.

GENTLEMAN JACK
Remembering Jack Copeland, 1951-2020

He was the type of guy who still wrote thank you letters. A guy who made it a point to remember people’s names. And if he were in line at Vons, address the checker by name and ask him/her about their day.

“A true gentleman.” That’s how former Mammoth Hospital CEO Gary Myers aptly described him. But don’t mistake gentleman for stick in the mud. He wasn’t a stick in the mud. No stick in the mud could have landed Kathy Copeland for a wife.

Jack Copeland was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1951 and grew up in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. His father was a Sales Manager at Hercules Chemical. His mother was a homemaker. There were four children. Jack was the eldest. He was the type of older brother who cared for rather than crucified his siblings. His brother Peter, six years his junior, referred to Jack as his “hero and protector.” In 9th grade, Jack left home to attend the Holderness School, a preparatory school located in Plymouth, New Hampshire, where he played football and lacrosse.

He then went onto see COPELAND, page 9.

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BYRNE BABY BYRNE
We all respond to pandemic hysteria a little bit differently.
My response has been low-grade pyromania.
I live next to LADWP property in Bishop. And there are tumbleweeds everywhere - clogging the streams, nesting in trees, decorating fence lines. It’s a massive fire hazard, and my experience tells me that while it’s not technically my responsibility, if I want anything done about it, I’m gonna have to do it myself.
So I’ve been methodically clearing and burning when conditions are suitable. Outside of practicing good hygiene and keeping my distance from people, I don’t feel like I can do much about the spread of coronavirus. But maybe, by clearing the surrounding property of debris, I can prevent a potential future fire from burning down the house.

Human beings can’t help but try to control their own destinies.
Local officials have seized upon one way to control destiny, and that is by discouraging anyone who’d like to visit. As we approached deadline, news came from Mono County that Public Health Officer Tom Boo had ordered the closure of hotels, motels and short-term rentals in Mammoth as of 3 p.m. Monday, March 23. The status of the order will be reviewed every 14 days.
And then, as Page notes:
With Mammoth Mountain closing down, it seems like a lot of people are trying to figure out what to do with themselves. Being the outdoorsy types, it would be safe to assume some are navigating the backcountry, others are out cross-country skiing (rumor has it that Tamarack is surreptitiously opening) and still more would be heading down US 95 to climb.
A very well-written article on ThunderCling.com titled “The Pandemic Comes to Bishop: A Small Climbing Community Struggles Beneath the Weight of COVID-19” was published on March 17 (http://www.thundercling.com/2020/03/the-pandemic-comes-to-bishop), with writer Dave McAllister chronicling the outsize influx of climbers to the Buttermilks. It sounds like a proverbial cluster-you-know-what, with reports of over 300 climbers out. Violators are subject to up to 6 months in jail and fines up $1,950.

Per Maddux:
On Monday, March 16, NIHD sent out a press release announcing the opening of NIHD’s Rural Health Clinic’s drive-in clinic for the Coronavirus. The drive-in clinic works like the same day service clinic, but Dr. Stacy Brown advises those being tested, “please do not show up at the clinic without calling ahead of time.” Those who are tested will have their tests sent out to Burlington, North Carolina. The lag time to receive results: 5-7 days. The hours for the drive-in clinic are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Eligibility for those needed to be tested starts with a telephone interview for pre-screening with a clinical staff member and based upon the patient’s risk status will determine, if an appointment is set up for the patient. When a pre-screened patient arrives at the drive-in clinic they are greeted outside of the clinic by a provider and care team in personal protective equipment (PPE), then they are briefly interviewed, and then a nose or mouth swab is obtained, said Dr. Brown about the procedure. “If you think you might have a coronavirus infection, call your primary care provider first. If your provider thinks you need to be tested and cannot test you there, have them contact the RHC at (760) 873-2849, and we may be able to help.”

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Infection preventionist Robin Christensen said Thursday’s total of 19 was reached on. Other people’s thoughts and feelings have to be communicated to you somehow, but your own are so immediate, urgent, real.

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Infection preventionist Robin Christensen said that as of Monday, March 16, 70 kits are available, and more will be coming from the California Department of Public Health and the Governor.

And circling back to Lunch. Been reading “The Road to Character” by David Brooks this week and will probably review it next. Lot of great insights. Probably the best insight is to simply try to get outside of your own head and your own way.

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The Sheet
Saturday, March 21, 2020
Channeling Lady Macbeth
Dear Ted:

Since you are in the US, I thought I’d just pass on that life in Hong Kong has largely returned to normal ... there is light at the end of the tunnel. Conrad (son) has been out of school since the end of January and doing distance learning from the apartment. Not ideal ... but it’s not that bad. Hong Kong hotels and the airport are still largely empty but the day to day life is getting back to normal (about 70% of people are still wearing masks on the street and in the office).

It was panic about six weeks ago with runs on toilet paper, etc. but Asia is showing that some simple behavioral changes can break the virus. I haven’t shaken a hand in seven weeks and I wash my hands like Lady Macbeth. Romney 2020? You heard it here first.

Jake Lynch
Hong Kong

Dear Editor:

As schools across the nation – no, worldwide – have shut their doors for a few weeks, allow me the opportunity to share with you my perspective as a California public high school teacher, now in my 21st year of teaching which includes being in classrooms as distant as Eastern Europe.

First and foremost, I am heartbroken to write this. I don’t like the idea of facing the inevitable temporary closure of schools. I agree with the closures, but that doesn’t mean I have to like it. See, I’ve been in this position before.

When I was younger and fresh out of college, I was assigned to teach at a public high school in Romania. It was my decision to enlist with the US Peace Corps, and I served in a region that was going through major economic struggles at the time. The teachers in Romania went on a national strike in 1999. One week became two. Two became three. It went on for awhile.

Being younger and adventurous, I took the opportunity to go AWOL from Romania and travel around Eastern Europe. There was no pandemic at the time. It was during the height of the Kosovo campaign. Closest I got to that was wandering into a refugee camp in Albania one afternoon and chatting to displaced refugees. Different circumstances. Also interesting times.

When I checked into my small town in Central Transylvania a few days here and there, between jumping trains in all directions, to see when I could report back to school. I ran into my students on the streets. They shared with me in conversation on the sidewalks how bored they were. “Leonard, I’m bored. When will school start up again?” Every. Single. Time. I. Saw. Them. Most kids like school. They like socializing. They like structure. This was removed from them. It sucked.

This very same structure and face-to-face learning are temporarily being removed from millions of students around the world. It’s an unknown for most of us. But, here’s the good news ... I watched those students and families in Romania survive this. They had the same legitimate and pressing concerns everyone else does now. “Can’t OUR government figure this out?” “How do I take care of my kids AND go to work?” “WHAT will my kid do all day with this time off?!”

This is different. This isn’t a teacher strike. I am not glad this is happening. As a teacher, this is not a “vacation” for me. I have every intention of doing my best to teach your kids via the tools of the information age. I’ll come into an empty school, after a good cleansing, and teach them via the Internet. It’s not my preferred choice. Do you think I am excited at sitting at a desk in an empty classroom? No. But the expectation I put on myself is that I do this. This breaks my heart. Likewise, the quality of education this last week in the classroom has not been great with this on our minds. A few people who know me jokingly say, “You’re gonna go fishing!” You don’t know me well enough if you make this claim. The last sixteen years of my life and counting, I have suffered a major, incurable fishing addiction. This time of year, I fish four hours every day after school anyways. The only difference to me now is an empty classroom. That sucks. And, I’ll fish less until this passes. It’s my social obligation to lay low, too.

Your students will probably adjust to a different school work routine at home. Now they can do their school work on their time, not ours. They will wake up late, and go to sleep late, but I kindly demanded of them in conversation today to do the assignments they are emailed. I told them it’s not time to throw a party, but, “now is the time to be a good human.” They get what I’m saying. They understand. They’re not dumb. But if you think this hasn’t disrupted classroom learning this entire week, you don’t know teaching.

This decision to close schools doesn’t come lightly, but I have faith in the health experts who all state that is the right thing to do to slow the spread of COVID-19. I also remember my days in Romania. They got through the closure of schools for several weeks. So will we.

Chris Leonard
Mammoth Lakes

Support local business
Jack,

I am a long time Mammoth skier and have raised my family on the Mountain. I would like to suggest that we support Mammoth Lakes restaurants and local businesses by purchasing Gift Cards to our favorite businesses.

Yesterday, I purchased two $100 gift cards at Burger’s, two $100 gift cards at the Mogul and two more from Footloose Sports.

This approach would be an opportunity for all of us to show support for the businesses that represent Mammoth.

Larry Burns
Laguna Beach

Former Mammoth Councilman Michael Raimondo sent the following note to mammoth Mayor Bill Sаusoer:

Rent relief
Mr. Mayor,

I think it would be prudent for an emergency meeting to be held to discuss temporary rent relief for our local residential and business community which will prevent landlords from evictions and late fees for all in need in light of the Covid-19 pandemic collapsing our community.

The city council of Los Angeles and other cities just passed this emergency bill in effect until April 30th with more time to be added if needed.

Please do some research as time is of the essence.

Thank you for your consideration in bringing this forward for discussion.

Michael Raimondo
Mammoth Lakes

Letters
MLT DISCUSSES POTENTIAL COVID-19 IMPACT

Mammoth Lakes Tourism held a special meeting on Monday, March 16 to address the impacts that COVID-19 would have on the financial health of the town and what that may mean for the non-governmental marketing organization. Long story short: it doesn’t look good.

Executive Director John Urdi shared a four month TBID outlook for lodging, retail, restaurants and MMSA Lift/Ski School that showed massive estimated drops in revenue. Overall, Urdi predicted that March revenue could come in at 66% under budget, April could be down 93%, and May down 80%, with June serving as the beginning of a rebound. Urdi stressed that the numbers he’d come up with could drop even lower if the town’s lodging community made the decision to fully close to guests.

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Urdi also stated that MLT had ceased marketing efforts until April 6, noting that with the mountain’s closing, marketing efforts will have to get back out there and light it up quickly” in terms of marketing and advertising. “Everybody recognizes the severity of the situation … and the need for recovery.”

He made repeated reference to a v-shaped curve, aka a quick rebound, that would get businesses up and running once travel is less restricted.

In terms of projecting further down the line to when the pandemic was under control and/or no longer a threat, Urdi advocated for retaining some functions and dedicating some resources to being ready when things start up again. That being said, MLT is making efforts to recover and consolidate funds to offset the nearly $1 million dollar anticipated budget deficit.

Portions of those consolidated funds come from international marketing efforts, air subsidy from the summer, public relations and special events. Urdi explained that MLT’s marketing deal with the Los Angeles Kings was set to begin Friday; the Kings have expressed optimism that the season will return and, as such, are holding onto the money. “If that were not to happen, Urdi said, MLT would look to recover those funds as well. When all this blows over, MLT will have to get back out there and light it up quickly” in terms of marketing and advertising. “Everybody recognizes the severity of the situation … and the need for recovery.”

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Urdi also mentioned that MLT was potentially in a position to provide some degree of relief for local businesses, although funding would be needed to re-stimulate travel to the region.

Speaking of travel: JetSuiteX stopped flying on Monday, according to Urdi, with four weeks left on the contract. Urdi noted that United had also been asked to suspend flights to Mammoth Yosemite Airport through May 7, adding a recommendation that flights be delayed potentially through July 1.

Board Chair John Morris explained that he’d gotten some flack about keeping Snowcreek open, with the decision to close down resting on direction from higher-ups. Morris ultimately made the decision to close Snowcreek for the time being.

Michael Ledesma, who had been the most vocal board member on coronavirus at the board’s last meeting, expressed frustration with the situation, stating, “If we lock down for two weeks and on the fifteenth day, someone from out of town comes up and gives someone coronavirus, we’re right back in it.”

“It almost seems until a vaccine is available, this is going to be a challenge,” Ledesma said.

Board member Scott McGuire advocated for keeping people of town, noting that discouraging people from coming here is “prudent for the locals who live here.”

By Wednesday evening, social media posts from Mono County Tourism and Visit Mammoth were asking people not to come to the region in order to ensure the safety of the local community. Ledesma also wondered aloud about the extent to which restaurants can help in this scenario, noting that he and other owners can get food and supplies through wholesalers like Cisco and US Foods. Those supplies could then be donated to a food bank to ensure proper distribution for those in need.

On the economic side of thing, Ledesma had this to say: “We shouldn’t lose a single business because of this virus. In the spirit of it takes a village, this is the biggest thing in my lifetime that i’ve had to deal with on this scale, as an individual and a business owner … i will be devastated if we lost one business in this town because of this virus.”

As part of his conclusion, Ledesma challenged the board to come up with other roles that they as an entity, and as individuals, could take on to help the community. He urged others to consoli-date supplies and help one another out by patronizing local businesses.

The messaging asking tourist not to come to town appears to have already had some effect. On Thursday morning, the Village at Mammoth was entirely empty.

For the most recent Mono County updates and information on the pandemic, check out https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/
Gouging Is A No Go

Inyo County District Attorney Tom Hardy released a reminder about anti-gouging laws:

The health and safety of our community is everyone’s primary concern right now, and it is gratifying to see the citizens and businesses of Inyo County working together.

California law generally prohibits businesses and individuals from raising prices for 30 days after an emergency declaration. Declarations of emergency have been made by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, the Governor, and the President regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis. The local emergency does not signify an increased risk to the residents of Bishop. A proclamation of a local emergency for the City of Bishop, and we are announcing a major shift in our city’s operations as we continue to address the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis. The local emergency is now in effect.

Paiute Palace closes

Effective March 17, 2020 at 12 noon, the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council is responding to the emergency situation of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and has made the decision to close the Paiute Palace Casino. The Tribe has also called a State of Emergency in order to more quickly respond to the needs of the community and our Team Members.

The temporary closure is effective through the end of March 2020. We are taking this time to thank all of our customers for their loyalty during the past 25 years and we look forward to re-opening in the very near future. We are uncertain of what the future holds; however, we will reopen when this crisis is over.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office, Tribal Administration, Gloria M. Bailey, Tribal Administrator, at 760-873-5384 Ext. 1300 or Gary Murrey, General Manager, Paiute Palace Casino at 760-873-4150.

Mono Superior Court remains open

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Our primary focus at this time is to limit the number of people coming to the courthouse.

All bars, breweries and wine-tasting venues in Mono County shall close, excluding production facilities that do not include any customer or other public contact.

All restaurants shall be closed for indoor or outdoor seating and may be open only to drive-through or other pick-up or delivery options.

Bars, breweries and pubs that include full-service provided by a full kitchen should follow restaurant guidance and may provide delivery or pick-up options.

Coffee shops that fall under restaurants may continue to offer pick-up service but provide no indoor or outdoor seating for customers.

All pick up areas shall limit customer waiting areas to no more than 6 people, providing adequate space for six (6) feet of separation between waiting customers while providing proper hand sanitization.

Health clubs and gyms are to be closed.

Theaters, bowling alleys and other indoor recreations venues should close.

Due to the imminent threat to public health, Mono County has declared a Local Health Emergency for the County and on March 18, Town of Mammoth Lakes declared a local emergency, which gives the County Health Officer, Dr. Tom Boo, broad authority under state law to take actions as needed to protect the health of the public.

For the most up-to-date information from agencies including public health and Mammoth Hospital please use the following link, which will be the best source of local updates on the Coronavirus for our community: www.mono-county.ca.gov/coronavirus

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- If you are seeking a restraining order, please contact the Mono County District Attorney Office, Victim Services Department, 760 924-1710, or come to the Court
- If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney
- If you are not represented by an attorney, email the court at traffic@mono.counts.ca.gov
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to provide or receive mutual aid from other jurisdictions.
Many city facilities are closed effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until further notice.
Essential city services will continue as usual, including police, fire, water, wastewater, planning, inspection, and permitting services (planning and permitting by telephone, online and/or appointment only).

Starting Tuesday, March 17, many city programs and public meetings will be canceled until further notice. City Hall will be temporarily closed and the public is strongly encouraged to take care of any necessary city business by telephone, email, or through the city’s website at www.cityofbishop.com. The city telephone number is 760-873-5863. The city email address is cityclerk@cityofbishop.com.

The City also will be returning or crediting City program fees or other City fees for canceled activities and events at City facilities or at the schools. All late fees will be suspended and due dates extended. For additional questions, please call the City at 760-873-5863.

The operational changes are as follows:
- City Hall will be closed to the public except by appointment. Business done over the internet or phone is encouraged.
- Parks, buildings, and all recreation programs, classes, permits and reservations are canceled/closed until further notice. City Park and trails, including public restrooms, will remain accessible to the public with a ramped up sanitation effort.
- All services ordinarily requiring in-person visits or public service counter assistance (including licensing and building permits) will be limited and made available via phone, online or through email. The City encourages everyone to call 760-873-5866 ext. 2 for non-emergency police assistance and for general information and questions regarding filing police reports.

The Bishop Fire Department Headquarters, fire stations and training facility are closed to the public. Routine inquiries should be made by phone at 760-873-5485. Public Works emphasizes that, based upon the information made available to the City at this point, drinking water is not a known source of coronavirus, and residents can continue to drink water from their taps. Routine inquiries to the Public Works and Building Department should be made by phone at 760-873-8458.

Next week’s Bishop City Council meeting on March 23 will take place and will be streamed live as always. Public Comment can be made by emailing PublicComment@CityofBishop.com during the duration of the meeting. Commission meetings will be suspended until further notice.

The City is actively coordinating with all public and medical agencies regarding best practices in dealing with this issue. Learn more and stay informed at www.inyocounty.us.

Death Valley Cools Off

Death Valley National Park is announcing modifications to operations to implement the latest guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and local and state authorities to promote social distancing.

As of March 18, 2020, all visitor centers are closed, ranger-led programs canceled, and the following campgrounds are closed: Emigrant, Mesquite Springs, Texas Springs, Furnace Creek, Sunset and Stovepipe Wells.

We will notify the public when we resume full operations and provide updates on our website and social media channels.

Updates about nationwide NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus. Death Valley specific conditions can be found at https://www.nps.gov/deva/planyourvisit/conditions.htm

MBC and Devils Creek Brew Up Something New

Mammoth Brewing Company is collaborating with Devils Creek Distillery specifically to make hand and surface sanitizer. The biggest expense and time requirement in the process is the initial fermentation, which then must be distilled into alcohol. Mammoth Brewing Company has agreed to donate whatever beer and fermentation we can to support this program, you will be acknowledged in a future community enhancement effort.

Restaurant & Bars: We are asking you to please donate your partial kegs and cases to this effort. Mammoth Brewing will arrange for shipping of Mammoth Brewing and Mammoth Distributing products from your location to Devils Creek and issue keg return for the shells.

We understand that restaurants and bars may be closed for on-premise consumption for some time, and when this is over, we don’t want old beer in the marketplace. As part of this program, you will be acknowledged on social media and elsewhere for your contribution. We want to highlight all the bars and restaurants (and other businesses and individual families) that are stepping up to provide product that supplies our local hospital and municipalities with this critical product.

Families & businesses: While our top priority is providing sanitizer products for our medical professionals, first responders, and businesses, we will try to provide additional individual product through various public venues for local residents as production allows. Please save your empty hand sanitizer bottles for reuse! Stocks of empty bottles have been depleted and none are available in the market. Please drop off your empty sanitizer bottles in the bin located outside Devils Creek Distillery (123 Commerce Dr., Suite B-8) for cleaning, reuse, and redistribution.

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purpose of the declaration being to "en- hance the County's abilities to prepare and respond to cases when they are identified." Although Mono County has yet to confirm a case, the declaration came as the virus had infected more than 3,700 people in the United States.

That came in tandem with Gov. Gavin Newsom's own declaration of actions aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. Some of Newsom's measures included home isolation for those 65 and older, closing bars, nightclubs, and gyms, sheltering the homeless, and limiting visits to nursing and care facilities.

Mammoth Lakes Mayor Bill Basler and District 5 Supervisor Stacy Corless released a joint statement that began, "Coronavirus is impacting our community" and continued, noting, "As of March 15th, there are no confirmed cases in the county and town. (As of Thursday, Mono residents had produced five negative tests and no positives with 27 tests in the queue). We are prepared for this to change, as one of the few certainties with COVID-19 is rapid change." Corless and Basler reminded readers that Mono County, as a branch of state government, would be following the state's lead, as would the local public health department.

"This is scary. The response that is happening probably doesn’t feel like enough. We are a frontier county," Corless and Basler wrote. "That means that we are a frontier county, "Corhappening probably doesn’t feel like happening probably doesn’t feel like enough. We are a frontier county,” Corhappening probably doesn’t feel like happening probably doesn’t feel like enough. We are a frontier county.

The pair concluded by asking resi- dents to continue to social distancing and proper hygiene to mitigate the virus's spread while reminding residents that "we are in this together. What we do here extends beyond the Eastern Sierra to those who love and care about this special place." The County has launched a web-site https://coronavirus.monocounty. ca.gov/ that features daily updates and a day-to-day tracker of COVID-19 testing in the county.

On Monday, the majority of local restaurants opted to close their doors to dine-in patrons, instead offering take- out or delivery options; bars that had previously advertised St. Patrick’s Day celebrations notified patrons through social media of their plans to cancel events. A few, such as the Warming Hut and Liberty Bar remained open, with limited seating. Liberty announced Tuesday afternoon that it would be closing for the next few days while Warming Hut announced on Wednesday that it would be switching to take-out only.

Mammoth Lakes Tourism held an impromptu meeting Monday to discuss strategy moving forward with Director John Urđi presenting predictions that TRB losses for non-profit could amount to nearly $1 million. Urđi predicted that business in some sectors could be down nearly 80% for over a month.

The Mono County Board of Supervi- sors held its weekly meeting on Tuesday morning. The keynote component of the meeting consisted of a comprehensive update on coronavirus happenings from all county departments.

Public Health officer Dr. Tom Boo told the Supervisors that Public Health is currently in the process of investigating a suspicious case and/or an potential outbreak in Mammoth Lakes in addition to another case elsewhere that may have contracted in the town at some point recently.

Boo reiterated the expected impacts to the economy as well as the local economy, noting that efforts are being made on all levels to mitigate those impacts.

"We’ll do whatever it takes and we’ll ask the public to cooperate," Boo told the Supervisors. "Risk of infection is real and imminent." He explained that the county’s pres- ent testing capacities were limited and that by the time tests were to come back, patients very well could have recovered. He urged those with mild symptoms to self-quarantine to allow for focused testing and care for those with severe cases of the virus.

Under the declaration of a public emergency, Boo’s powers are greatly expanded and he has the ability to initi- ate common operating procedures and laws more stringent than normal to ensure public safety.

"It’s clear to me: the earlier any mea- sures are put in place, the greater the effect will be in the long run," Boo said.

When supervisors asked for the re- lease of information such as the number of tests that had been conducted, Public Health project manager Bryan Wheeler stopped in to state, "That’s a very bad idea." He cited stoking public fear and potential HIPA violations as reasons against releasing the information.

The supervisors did not agree. The county later added those statistics to their coronavirus portal.

Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief Frank Frievalt discussed the Unified Com- mand’s role in coordinating the management of the virus. The Unified Command includes Frievalt, Boo, Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Dan Holler and County Admin- istrative Officer Steve Barwick.

Frievalt explained the Command’s five goals:
- Enables a coordinated response among various jurisdictions and agen- cies.
- Establishes common processes for planning and managing resources.
- Allows for the integration of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure.
- Centralizes all public information functions and provides the mechanism to organize, integrate, and coordinate information to ensure timely, accurate, accessible, and consistent messaging across multiple jurisdictions.
- Speed up response to support and accelerate recovery.

Frievalt told the supervisors that "it’s a marathon, not a sprint. [This is] one of the longest events we’ve had to deal with."

Supervisor John Peters advocated for increased information for north county communities, noting the limited re- sources available in the area and a lack of information in the Spanish-speaking population.

CAO Barwick provided a rundown of county services, explaining that a num- ber of departments had largely transitioned online in an attempt to minimize contact with potentially sick individuals.

Barwick also mentioned potentially delaying taxes submissions, something that Finance Director Dutcher stated that while she didn’t have the power to affect, a group of treasurer/tax control- lers was in conversation with the state controller about shifting deadlines.

The danger there, Dutcher said, would be displaced workers in short-term rental accommodations and street-level workers in short-term rental accommodations.

Behavioral Health is instituting a "warm line" available from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. for those looking to talk to some- one about issues they may be experi- encing. They will also be conducting daily interactive sessions on Facebook addressing pandemic and quarantine-related issues.

On Wednesday night in Mammoth, the Town Council met entirely remotely to discuss coronavirus preparations. Town Attorney Andy Morris explained that in light of the declaration of emergency, Town Manager Dan Holler would see an increase in his authorities, something Morris deemed a "longer leash." In other words, Holler no longer has to seek council approval before tak- ing action.

Holler explained that he was consid- ering limiting or shutting down lodging accommodations and short-term rent- als and threw out the idea of housing displaced workers in short-term rental accommodations.

On Thursday morning, China re- ported zero new domestic cases and declining fatality rates.
WORLD WAR Z
Taking a timely dive into apocalyptic literature

By Hite

This week, I listened to ‘World War Z: an oral history of the zombie war’ on audio.

A book review of an audio book sounds lazy but, in this case, it was the correct decision. World War Z is a fictional (surprisingly, right?) story inspired by ‘80s zombie gore flics as well as ‘The Oral History of World War II’ by Studs Terkel. Terkel won the 1985 Pulitzer in general non-fiction for his book consisting of a series of interviews with various humans that experienced, first-hand, the events of WWII.

Brooks does the exact same thing. The introduction is Brooks, as his alternate-reality self, explaining his newly written oral history 12 years after the world had won the war against zombies. “This is their book, not mine, and I have tried to maintain as invisible a presence as possible. Those questions included in the text are only there to illustrate those that might have been posed by the readers. I have attempted to reserve judgement, or commentary of any kind, and if there is a human factor that should be removed, let it be my own.”

From that point on the narrative is carried by interviews conducted in this post-zombie-war world. The book, although excellent in its own right, feels like it was always meant to be an audio book with full cast providing vocalization, including Mark Hamill, Common, Alan Alda, and John Turturro.

World War Z is excellent because, coronavirus tangents aside, it forces the reader to live the fictional events through the detailed stories its characters tell. Every new character presented demands attention because they will paint a new version. The book never dwells on one moment, or a simple narrative, but rather a multitude of stories that combine into a book that makes a ten year war against zombies feel genuine.

Science-fiction as a genre balances realism with a completely fictional world. Brooks created his fictional world and creates characters that are and were conflicted with the things they have done or seen. Whether that be a man in the American Army who fought in one of the biggest zombie battles, the battle of Yonkers, and lived to tell the tale. Or the story of a Japanese man who lived his life in solitude in front of the internet and only realized the zombies were a real problem when his parents stopped giving him food every morning for breakfast. Or even a woman whose plane crashed and is forced to go on an epic mission to get out of zombie territory and back into what is left of civilization.

Every story is told by a new voice actor and the common threads display interesting commentary by Brooks. For one, Brooks is clearly pessimistic when it comes to governments properly responding to an outbreak of this magnitude. Patient Zero is located in China and when the Chinese Government finds out it tells its people that the disease is nothing to be worried about. Eerie. A Palestinian refugee describes coming to the realization the dead were coming alive and chalks it up as a trick being played on Palestine by Israel. Then a United States government official explains why he and other elected officials chose to withhold the severity of the situation to the people of the United States of America. He told Brooks, “We didn’t want to create a wide-spread panic.”

Another theme is unification that is thrust upon humanity. As governments have a tough time properly responding, individuals are forced to fend for themselves. Nations at war have a tough time dealing with border disputes. But for the most part the zombie war forces humanity into a cumulative us vs them mindset. Every human is an ally because the enemy has no rules, consciousness, or any way of mediating problems. The zombies create a universal experience of terror, dread and survivability that every human in the book describes in one way or another.

As the book slowly moves from stories of war to reminiscent discoveries by the characters, a descript universality begins to seep into the narrative. A man from Pakistan named Joe Muhammad sat down with Brooks and tells him, “I’m not going to say the war was a good thing I’m not that much of a sick f***, but you’ve got to admit that it did bring people together. My parents never stopped talking about it. They realize they missed the sense of community back in Pakistan … Can’t say that’s the kind of world we live in now. And it’s not just the neighborhood, or even the country. Anywhere around the world, anyone you talk to, all of us have this powerful shared experience.”

This could be the outlook we, as humans, have after the coronavirus fear dies down, but our fight isn’t a fight. We are self-quarantining while the characters in World War Z actually fought in a war. War always brings nations together in ways that seemed impossible before. Still, one can learn from the common human elements described in World War Z.
OBITUARY

AMY CUTTER 1961-2020

There’s a reason why Amy Cutter was never content to simply be a “weekend” warrior.

Because the adjective was too limiting. She was a warrior for seven days a week, not two.

And given a choice between a career at The Walt Disney Company and a life in Mammoth with the man she loved, she chose not to choose. And ended up having a great run on both fronts, spending 27 years at Disney, and 20 years with Martin Kleinbard, a local electrician.

Tragically, she was unable to make the same long-term accommodation with cancer, which took her life on Tuesday, March 10. She was 59.

In her final days, no less than four of her Disney bosses over the past two decades visited her in her hospital room.

She was that good. That respected.

Cutter grew up in Morro Bay, the daughter of Dorothy and Fred Cutter. Dorothy has lived in the same family home, an artsy beach cottage located just off of Main Street with harbor views, for the past 62 years.

Dorothy is an artist, a photographer. Amy’s father worked as a psychologist for the Veterans Administration.

The family (which included brother David) took ski trips to Mammoth from the time Amy could walk. As Dorothy recalls, there were only three lifts when she first visited MMSA, though Chair 4 was soon to be completed.

Amy broke her leg skiing at the age of three. It did not deter her. She was a gorgeous skier. And perhaps because of her Disney affiliation, Fast Ski Sports shop owner Matt Finningan, who knew Cutter for thirty years, dubbed her “Tinker Bell.”

“She was very graceful,” said Finningan. “Agile feet. She had the heart and soul of a skier.” And as Dorothy recalled, her daughter won more than her share of Far West Series racing events - one triumph winning her a week’s vacation in Jackson Hole.

And she was tough. As illustrated by a cross-country ski trip she took in Yosemite with her brother. They got caught in a heavy snowstorm, but not before rescuing a few others who were not quite as prepared. The result: Four people stuck inside a two-man tent for three days.

Bloody Couloir? She’s skied it.

She met Martin through skiing. Both of them lived down south at the time. Martin was president of a ski club that lured Amy to join.

A few years later, they reconnected on a chairlift. By that time, Martin lived in Mammoth. And they began a courtship, made complicated by Amy’s career.

There was a point they temporally broke up. Both had to come to the realization that part-time was better than no time.

When they initially split, Martin gave Amy a compass - so that she could always find her way back. That compass remained on her keychain for the rest of her life.

And when they got back together, they were never really apart. Martin explained that he would wear a head set while he worked, and he’d be on that headset, connected to Amy, for six hours at a time. Sure, there were various interruptions for work, and it’s not like they’d be chatting away the whole time - sometimes there would simply be an open line. It wasn’t about the chatter. It was just about that feeling of being together.

As sister-in-law Jani Kleinbard says, “Amy was probably the strongest woman I’ve ever known.” When she was first diagnosed with lymphoma last spring, she attacked the problem as she attacked most problems - with keen focus, taking notes, researching every detail.

There were the same qualities which made her so admired in her professional life.

As her final boss at Disney, Jonathan Scholtz, said, “She had a knack for pulling the best out of people. She was very positive. But she had her edge, too. She called balls and strikes incredibly well, and if you were wrong, she’d let you know it - but always with a positive spin.

When pressed for an example, Scholtz talked about a circumstance where he had thrown a whole bunch of resources toward a particular project at the expense of other priorities.

During a meeting he had with Amy as this was going on, he pressed her about the status of these other priorities as this was going on.

She gave him a sideways glance - the type of glance that telegraphs something is coming - and then reminded him of his decision-making and why certain things hadn’t been done.

And one thing he’ll always remember: her giggle. “She had this incredible giggle. There were actually two versions. The “I’m not sure how to respond to that” giggle and the “That’s hilarious” giggle. And oftentimes, those giggles would merge.

Paul Coogan is another former co-worker who mentioned Amy’s memorable giggle. “She found humor in everything,” he said.

Coogan said he and Amy were co-conspirators in the best sense.

We’d leave our speaker phones on (between the two offices) so when someone came in, thinking they were having a private conversation, they weren’t, recalled Coogan. So if someone went to Amy about something and she said no, Coogan had the heads-up if that person went to him looking for an end-around.

During the past year, Amy refused to let her illness dictate her life. A week after she finished a round of chemo, she was hiking down at Devil’s Postpile.

She took a 2.5 week fall colors trip to New England with her mother in the fall. As Mom recalls, they ate lobster every day and visited the Maine coast as well because Amy loved lighthouses.

She worked the Wednesday (six days) before she died. According to her mother Dorothy, she baked zucchini bread for her Disney colleagues over the last December holiday.

Weeks before she passed, upon seeing the “Team Amy” caps at an Amy Klobuchar for President rally on television, she created “Team Amy” labels which she put on tubes of chapstick that she’d hand to friends who visited her in the hospital.

She was that person. So thoughtful. A celebration of life will take place when feasible.
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- **Stellar Brew:** 5 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Warming Hut:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **John’s Pizza Works:** 4-9 p.m.
- **Giovanni’s:** 4-9 p.m.
- **Mammoth Brewing Company:** 1/2 off crowlers, deals on bottles + free fries with sandwiches and burgers.
  - Pick up available 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- **June Lake Brewing:** Open for to-go items noon-7 p.m. Crowlers, bottles, merch, giftcards.
- **June Pie:** Take out and delivery throughout entire June Lake Loop and Lee Vining (one trip per evening)
- **Ascent Dispensary:** Delivery and in-store pickup. Order at www.ascendmammoth.com

**School lunches provided by Mammoth High School.**

Mammoth High School will be offering free lunches for all children under 18. Children must be present. Time: 12-1 p.m. at the MHS multi-purpose room.

**Free Lunch** provided by the Mammoth Christian Fellowship. Lunch and produce available for those in need. Time: 12-1 p.m. at the Mammoth Christian Fellowship Church. To support this endeavor, consider donating supplies or volunteering your time. More info: facebook.com/mammothchristianfellowship/

**Spellbinder Books** is offering free delivery within a ten-mile radius. For more info: call 760.873.4511 or email spellbinderbooks@verizon.net

**From Inyo Council for the Arts**

- The 2020 Millpond Music Festival has been postponed from April 1st to Friday, May 1st. Online ticket sales will begin June 1st. Please be assured that no campsites will be sold before May 1st. All Community Reads events scheduled for April and May are still on at this time. Community Art Days are still scheduled for May 16th in Bishop and May 17th in Independence at this time. The Memorial Weekend Arts and Crafts show scheduled for May 22nd-May 25th is still on at this time.

**From the Town of Mammoth Lakes RECREATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

**CANCELLED**
- Instructional Basketball
- Recreation Commission Meeting – April 7
- Easter Egg Hunt and Play Day – April 10

**NEW VIRTUAL SUMMER RECREATION EXPO**
- The 2020 Summer Recreation Expo, scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 at the Mammoth High School Gym, will now be conducted as a virtual event with information available online at www.mammothparksandrec.com.

**Mono County Behavioral Health** is launching interactive sessions such as “How to Cope When Facing a Pandemic.” Monday-Friday @ 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish), 3:30 p.m. All will be broadcast on Facebook Live.

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The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to waive any information or requirements for purposes of maintaining an adequate labor force. The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to modify the 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 must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes in the amount of 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her. A labor and materials bond and faithful performance bond in the sum of 10% of the bid are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 8104.6 and 8105.4.

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WASHINGTON COLLEGE in Chestertown, Maryland, where he majored in English and continued to excel in lacrosse for a team that routinely ranked in the top ten nationally. He was a tri-captain his senior season.

Post-college, classroom and lacrosse teammate Jay Elliott joined Jack on a cross-country automobile trip to Mammoth, where Jack was supposed to meet another Washington College student who had dropped out after two years — Scott Newman, son of actor Paul Newman.

Elliott said Newman and Copeland got a job installing chimneys on a condo project. The chimneys came in prefabricated. The pair didn’t know what the heck they were doing. The first chimney took them an entire day. They soon condensed construction time to about two hours, leaving the remainder of the workday to drinking beer. It took awhile for the contractor to catch on that the pair’s increased efficiency hadn’t led to increased productivity.

But chimneys were just a diversion. According to his 2009 company bio, at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Jack initially worked as a lift operator and a sporting goods salesman. His desire to ski led him to the ski school. For 24 years Jack worked as a ski instructor, then a supervisor of the school and finally as the director of the school.

It was in ski school that he met his wife, a fellow instructor. As Kathy recalls, “One night, he wanted me to go to the Austria Hof with him. He said he had a toothache and wanted me to go to the Austria Hof with him. I felt like my stuffing has come out of me.”

“Captain Jack, #41.”

“He literally has been my rudder, my anchor,” began Kathy. “To go on without him is freaky. He was my biggest supporter … I feel like my stuffing has come out of me.”

And as she spoke, little details began to bubble to the surface. Jack had a favorite flower: fireweed. “How many guys have a favorite flower?” she said with a mixture of pride and wonder.

And there was Jack’s love of books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books. As brother Peter said, whenever he saw Jack, he’d always ask his brother if he was reading books.

Jack was the ballot that people sought in whatever organization they were involved in. He sat on countless boards and there was speculation that he’d sit on countless more. If he’d ever won for Town Council, he would’ve won — no question. He did serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Mono Healthcare District. Former CEO Gary Myers was effusive in his praise and regard for Jack Copeland.

“The Board is the policy setting body that guides and oversees the management of the facility and all aspects of operations. It is an unpaid, volunteer position either elected by the public or appointed by the Board depending on the circumstances of the vacancy. Jack’s amiable and collaborative style, business and leadership experience, and spirited generosity and optimism made him well suited for the job. He was a wise and stabilizing influence during difficult times and brought humor and his blegen good nature to us all on a continuous basis. His influence on District policies in the areas of employee relations, workforce housing, and employee benefits are part of his legacy to ensure quality healthcare services for the residents and visitors of the Eastern Sierra. He was a true gentleman and a good friend.”

Almost to the bottom of the page and we haven’t even mentioned that Jack served as Human Resources Director at Mammoth Mountain for more than a decade, or that he served as chairman of the National Education Committee of the PSA (Professional Ski Instructors of America).

Kathy and Jack celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last spring at the Mt. Whitney Golf Course outside Lone Pine. A celebration of a life very well-lived will occur at this little golf course that Jack loved when circumstances permit.
Aries: You may find this hard to believe right now, but the Stars are saying this next year of your life will be a lucky one with lots of great moments. Basically, if your life was a pizza, it would have lots of slices you like and a couple slices of stuff you don’t really like, but you know that stuff is good for you. So please remember to enjoy every slice life serves you, even the ones that you’ll need to wash down with beer.

Taurus: As others have noted, it sort of seems like life is being directed by a bunch of fifth graders—there’s this big virus that everyone is getting. Toilet paper is the most valuable resource. There’s no school for like a month and Tom Brady doesn’t play for the Patriots anymore. That’s why it’s important for you to remember that, if nothing else, life is supposed to be entertaining.

Gemini: During these trying times it’s easy for us to grow irritable or stressed or sick of the couch—well, maybe not that last part. Nonetheless, it’s best to view this time as a gift to start that project you’ve always wanted to work on, or to organize something, or to take multiple naps a day. Because before you know it, we’ll be back to normal and you’ll wish you made the most of this break.

Cancer: The reality is we still need to laugh and to connect with others regularly to be happy. And while that may be harder to do while we’re all stuck inside most of the time, we should still try, for this too shall pass. It will pass easier if we can laugh at lines like this: Person with Coronavirus seeks someone with Lyme disease for some post-healing frivolity.

Leo: Leos are at your finest during challenging times. Since this latest stay-at-home challenge involves plenty of chances to nap you should really excel. One of your big roles is to keep people relaxed and amused. Perhaps you could lead a window sing-along like they’re doing in Copenhagen. Or maybe lead others on workouts while you’re standing on a rooftop like a trainer in Spain. Or maybe you can just be the big spoon.

Virgo: While some signs were bummed about the need for folks to hunker down at home for a few weeks, Virgos were stoked. Stay home, do what you want, not have to deal with other people’s drama or dumb ideas—it’s a dream come true. Since this is right up your alley, please share some of your good vibes with those less fortunate folks.

Libra: In case you missed out on the jolly green joys of St. Patty’s Day, please be sure to take some time to think about the old Irish hero. St. Patrick spent six years enslaved before he became the Ireland’s patron Saint. So don’t think a few weeks of quarantine is going to stop you?! That’s why you need to make this your new mantra: “I eat when I’m hungry. I drink when I’m dry. If the Coronavirus don’t kill me I’ll live ‘til I die.”

Scorpio: Here are your daily rules for the self-quarantine. 1) Find something to be grateful for. 2) Check in with someone you care about. 3) Get outside. 4) Continue to shag yourself or a loved-one regularly to keep your dopamine levels up.

Sagittarius: Avoiding people can be tough for some social signs like yours. To help, try keeping theses things in mind. A) This won’t last forever. B) You don’t actually like a couple of the people in your social group anyway. C) One of the big keys to happiness is avoiding interactions with a-holes.

Capricorn: Making your way in the world today takes everything you got. Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot. But right now you can’t go where everybody knows your name, outside of the living room. That’s why your assignment is to reach out to others and to quote Coach from “Cheers,” “You know, Sam, loneliness is a good thing to share with someone.”

Aquarius: Most people outside of Utah don’t actually think this is the apocalypse. But they did have a rare earthquake in Salt Lake City the other day and they don’t drink beer, so we need to cut them some slack. Try to cut yourself some slack, too. Maybe listening to some John Lennon will help. “Everything will be okay in the end. If it’s not okay it’s not the end.”

Pisces: There is a lot of confusion going on right now and we certainly don’t have all the answers. That’s why it’s good to remember that we first need to love the questions, especially ones like: Are quarantine rules like weekend rules and we can start drinking during breakfast? Why aren’t you as happy about this as your dog is? Can we now consider sweatpants work clothes?
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