YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN’T HIDE
Mammoth resident recounts her coronavirus ordeal
By Allison M. Page

T he following is Allison Page’s COVID diary. Day one was March 19.
When reached by phone on April 2, Page was still experiencing shortness of breath and planned to head down to Mammoth Hospital to get her oxygen levels checked. “Hoping I come home.”

She texted later to indicate she was fine. “I am good. Back home. Just a fun, new symptom.”

Day 1, 4 a.m.: I wake up with a fever. I can feel the ache in my body in space doesn’t make any sense. The world isn’t spinning precisely but seems to be pressing down on me. I read accounts from a series of COVID-19 patients describing their symptoms and find the words I’m searching for: “I felt spongy”; “I felt like this is what it must feel like to be 80 years old.”

I tell my husband, David, to sleep in the other room. He does. He will sleep there for the next 12 days, perhaps longer.

I take my temperature almost every hour. It goes up and down. It goes up and down.

I stay in bed and read everything I can about this new disease that is changing the world. I am looking for symptoms, for stories, for tell-tale signs. “The flu is still going around,” my doctor friend tells me via text. There are still no confirmed positives in the county. Fever, cough, shortness of breath. I’m good. I think: only one symptom out of three.

I text everyone I know that I’ve had contact with that I have a fever. I worry that others are sick and may get sicker. I’ve already been quarantining for a week now, washing hands obsessively, remaining 6 feet away at all times. I don’t know how I could have gotten this thing, whom I could have gotten it from, or whom I could have given it to.

Day 2: My temperature is 96.5. This is low but better than high. I am drinking fluids, taking Tylenol (I read that Advil can be harmful), I realize I must eat. I’m vaguely hungry but nothing sounds good. I read that some people lose their sense of smell and taste, so I spray perfume up my nose. I smell it, sort of. I sense that the orange juice is sweet and the broccoli is salty but would not know it was broccoli or orange juice if I was blindfolded.

Day 3: My fever has not returned. What is left is a headache and a dizzy, woozy, vertigo feeling that I cannot shake. When I stand up, I feel like I’m two feet tall and my body in space doesn’t make any sense. The world isn’t spinning precisely but seems to be pressing down on me.

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Day 4: I’m wondering if I’m going crazy. If this dizzy feeling is just my anxiety and my loss of energy is depression. I take a walk out my front door and walk slowly, deliberately, not wanting to feel DIARY, page 8

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EASTSIDE SUFFERS 1ST CORONA FATALITY

By Sheet Staff

O n March 31, Mono County officials reported the first death in the county related to COVID-19.

“We extend our deepest sym- pathies to the patient’s family and loved ones during this time of loss,” Mammoth Hospital CEO Tom Parker said. “This loss is deeply felt by our entire commu- nity. Now more than ever, each of us must do our part to prevent the spread of this virus.”

At present, 84 COVID-19 tests have been administered, yielding 18 positives and 62 negatives with 6 still pending. Inyo County reports 9 con- firmed cases with zero deaths. 69 tests have come back negative while 31 are still pending results.

In other news, data from cellphones suggests that people in Mono County have reduced their movements more than any other county in the state, save Napa County. Concern about cellphone tracking aside, that information is significant in that it means people are adhering to directives to iso- late and avoid going out.

On Thursday, April 2, Corona- virus cases worldwide surpassed 1 million and deaths related to the virus reached 50,000. The United States accounts for slightly more than a fifth of that total, with Italy and Spain reporting over 100,000 cases each as well. Italy has also reported the most deaths as a result of the virus, over 13,000, while Spain reports around 10,000. The US is sitting at over 5,600 although that number is expected to increase.

A press release from Stuart Brown, Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Information Officer, and Public Health Officer Tom Boro asked Mono County residents to stop flushing disinfectant wipes down the drain.

“The Hilton Creek Community Services District is experiencing a substantial impact from the increased disposal of disinfec- tant wipes into the sewer system. This practice, which has heavily increased in the past two weeks, is causing sewer lateral and main line blockages and huge buildup at the treatment plant when the disposed waste is eventually sent to the sewer plant. This is a statewide (and probably nation- wide) problem so please throw those wipes in the trash, not in the toilet.”

County and Town Social media accounts are promoting the hashtag #StayHomeMono to pro- mote social distancing while also asking visitors to please refrain from coming to the area.

There are some signs of hope in all of this. Reports from Italy indi- cate that their efforts to lockdown cities and keep people home may be paying off, as officials have seen a “flattening of the curve” in terms of new cases. That doesn’t mean that this will be over soon but it does mean that the methods in place are working.

Earlier this week, Governor Gavin Newsom handed down an executive order banning evictions for those who are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 out- break. Renters have to submit a letter to landlords notifying them of wage loss, illness, the need to take care of someone who is sick as well as children who can no longer go to school.

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SIMPLE MATH

In regard to last week’s editorial regarding MLT’s Food Bank and the feedback it’s spawned...

No one’s against food, or feeding people, or feeling good about doing things for others. Do all those things. Spend what you need on it. And it’s not terribly important if there are those who abuse that generosity. You never know a person’s circumstances. Maybe the guy driving through the Food Bank in the Hummer is mortgaged to the nines.

But this is a simple math equation. Simpler than the town or county equations because those entities are responsible for social services, law enforcement, et. al. Not to say there shouldn’t be layoffs/furloughs there - I can’t see why we need a Community Development Department at the moment. And certainly, government workers as a rule should recognize what’s going on and take 25% (minimum) pay cuts as a matter of course. A nod that we’re all rowing in the same boat. 75% of something is a helluva lot better than 0% of nothing with bills sprouting in all directions.

But back to Mammoth Lakes Tourism (whose staff took pay cuts of between 20-50% starting this pay cycle. That is a start. That is leadership. Other public entities take note). It’s unique in that MLT is responsible for one thing: marketing. And town is closed (except the Shilo Inn. More on that later) until June 1 at the earliest. There is no work right now which remotely relates to MLT’s mission. So lay everyone off until June 1 (the new fuzzy date for when visitation can resume). You can still have your Food Bank. Your unemployed staff (while collecting unemployment) can still volunteer. You can still solicit donations. And what’s best, you won’t be disassociated from the people you’re helping. You’ll be one of them. Truly in the trenches.

Paul Rudder’s letter (which came in late and I couldn’t fit it) relates so I’ll excerpt a bit right here: In regard to the Food Bank and John Urdi, whom he described as heroic, Rudder wrote, “MLT did not have to do that, they could have put it off on the Town Council or some other organization with greater responsibility or experience, but they didn’t. They just went out and got the job done. Why is it important to recognize them? Because being a hero is not a permanent condition. People do what they will do, depending on the circumstances. Recognition is one of those circumstances.

A presser from Alterra Resorts CEO Rusty Gregory which was released Thursday: “While I’m hopeful we will be able to reopen this summer and optimistic that we will open on time for winter, the fact is we don’t know when this will abate. We must react aggressively to the prospect of zero revenue for the foreseeable future, continuing to focus on protecting the health and safety of our guests, employees, and communities while maintaining our liquidity and financial viability in order to do more of the same for as long as possible.

To this end, approximately 17,000 seasonal employees were laid off shortly after operations were suspended, operating expenses have been cut across the board and well over 50% of previously approved capital expenditures have been postponed in order to preserve cash. Additionally, beginning April 4th, our year-round employees in the U.S. who are unable to perform their work at either home, resort or office due to work restrictions aimed at mitigating the spread of the virus will not receive pay. They will remain an employee of their resort or business but will be listed on payroll for “zero hours” and will not be working until these restrictions are lifted. These employees will continue to receive health benefits, may access any of their accrued paid time off, and will remain entitled to unused vacation if their current job no longer exists.

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A good man remembered

Dear Editor:

A good man died today. A man you may not have known but you would be a better person if you had. His name was Pedro Escobar. Unfortunately he was not allowed to visit him during his final days and hours. They may not be able to gather for his funeral.

He wasn’t famous. He was never among the top forty regulars at Chamber of Commerce mixers.

Pedro Escobar was one of the good ones. He was a family man, a beloved husband and dedicated father. He was one of your neighbors. A man one would call if he needed an advocate or wise counsel.

He also delivered pizza. That’s probably what exposed him. Probably what killed him. Doing his job. Serving others.

I’ve known Pedro for nearly thirty years. I knew him before I knew him. We raised our respective families in Mammoth. Our daughters are best friends. We moved through time never really knowing what goes on around us. Every town has its many subsets, all important, never quite intertwined but still making up the safety net we all need.

Whenver Pedro and my paths crossed, he always had a smile across his face. It always made me feel better. I will miss him. I cannot imagine the loss and sadness his family is experiencing.

It sucks. It’s wrong.

Not too long ago, I composed a different letter in my head. When I heard the news that the Mountain was closing on the eve of the first decent snow of 2020, I was dumbfounded. WTF?!

“Won’t everyone be wearing masks already? It’s a blizzard for chriatives.

I wasn’t just one of those guys saying what I think. I was the head cheerleader for team “Buck Up Buttercup.” Now I know better. I was wrong. A good man died today. Tragically, he will not be the last.

Like many of you, I have been reading up a lot lately on coronavirus. One of the studies that hit home illustrated the difference between the number of expected deaths if no precautions are taken versus how many lives can be saved if everyone cares for their loved ones and fellow community members and just stays home. How tough is that?

This is in response to your piece about the Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s Food Bank in last week’s Sheet. Just a few comments.

At our March 16 emergency meeting, the MLT Board agreed to immediately pivot from being an organization that focused on inviting guests to Mammoth Lakes to one that needed to help the community in other ways. Namely, by opening a food bank. Knowing that at least half of the town’s workforce was out of work for an extended time and that any government assistance might be weeks away, it was obvious that this was the right thing to do.

Why MLT? No offense to any other local organization, but MLT’s structure and personnel had the expertise and connections within the community that positioned us to be able to get a large food bank up and running in one week. The food bank is now feeding close to 5,000 residents each week and the list of those wishing to help continues to grow.

Why do this? It’s not about “feeling good.” It’s about a need. No one really knows how long this “stay at home” situation is going to last. We do know that once things turn around, we are going to need staff to make Mammoth go again. Laid off locals DO have a choice to remain in Mammoth or go elsewhere, perhaps to live with family to save costs or any other number of reasons. If we as a community do not help those who are out of work, we will not be prepared when our town opens for business.

Finally, why ask for donations? Our local residents, and those who love to visit Mammoth, are very diverse financially. The outpouring of support and donation in the form of food, goods, cash and volunteerism has been amazing.ing. It is abundantly clear that there are many good hearted folks out there who truly recognize the people who make a town like Mammoth Lakes run and want to help them get through this very difficult time.

If a byproduct of the Food Bank is “feel good”, well that’s not a bad thing. We all can use a bit of that right now.

John Morris, Chairman
MLT Board of Directors

Where’s your humanity?

Dear Editor:

I appreciate your enthusiastic attempt at poetry. However it’s time to get down to reality and humanity. Something that this paper seems to struggle with routinely. Needless to say, after reading your last Jack Lunch blue light special, I decided I needed to counter with a different and perhaps more humane perspective.

First, having a foe or someone who hates anything to do with anything MLT as a source for your rant is not unbiased journalism. Nor is it useful for good reading or truthful information. It’s boring and redundant.

Let’s get down to business. The fact is, we are a tourism town. The majority of the population is hurt in some way or another. No nightly rentals means no housekeeping, and no TOT’s. The mountain closing means loss of housing and jobs for a majority of our community. No tourism means a significant decrease in in revenue for our small business and restaurant owners. In other words, people are struggling. And to make it worse, people are getting sick. You correlate this economy to the airport debacle. A poor analogy at best. We have not seen anything like this in our life time. It’s ignorant and insulting to compare a worldwide pandemic to an airport lawsuit.

I’ve never been overly excited about the budget that MLT has been given. However, that choice is not up to me. They are utilizing what the town council has given them. But that being said, they have stepped up in a time when this town needs it. Our tourism is at a steady halt. They can’t and shouldn’t encourage people to visit Mammoth. Instead of being part of the problem, MLT has quickly changed direction and become part of the solution. They have become a beacon of strength in a time of need. They have provided food to hundreds if not thousands of people who are wondering where their next meal is going to come from. As someone who has donated money and volunteered to help, I have seen the results. And I was surprised at how many from Mammoth, Crowley, Benton, Bishop and June Lake who have been touched. A community who is thankful for someone to take the bull by the horns and ease the pain just a little.

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You argue that MLT should lay off their staff and donate the money to IMACA or some other organization who can better take care of the residents. The fact is, IMACA doesn’t have the resources. MLT sprung into action at a moment’s notice. $25,000 wouldn’t have changed that. And let’s point out another fact. Every business in town is trying to hang on, pay for their staff, and take care of the community. MLT isn’t any different. Let’s try to keep people employed. That’s less who are taking unemployment, having to utilize the food bank or other community resources. It’s less people who have to decide between rent and where their next meal is going to come from. It’s about being human and taking care of one another.

If MLT didn’t step up and do the right thing, who would’ve? I haven’t heard a peep from the town council. Mammoth Lakes Recreation? You’ve been suggesting they tighten their belt for a while. But all we are hearing from the town is crickets chirping. So thank you again to MLT for providing the much needed leadership in this time of need.

You’re vendetta against MLT has been clear for years. Perhaps it’s jaded you. Perhaps, it prevents you from seeing the good they do. John Urdi isn’t an enemy to the town. MLT isn’t our enemy. Right now, they are our friends. They are the warriors that are fighting the good fight. For one I am willing to back anyone who is about taking care of the people of this community during its darkest hour. Distance. Wash. Cover. #MammothStrong

Jennifer Burrows
Mammoth Lakes

Harder times coming

To: Town Council
Re: Agenda Item #12, Transfer of Measure R and Measure U reserves, and $13M total.

In regard to last week’s editorial ... A little different as Mono County’s main revenue stream is property taxes and that stream doesn’t appear to be in any short term economic impacts. According to The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can reimburse 75% of properly appropriated funds while the State or Federal government, both of which are in dire need. Perhaps we, as local and national citizens, need to rethink our priorities as part of the greater good. The second advertisement is for almost $8M of the “Community Recreation Center,” planned to be a $13M structure in Mammoth Creek Park. In light of current circumstances, it is perhaps time to pull any emergency funds, such as those described in agenda item 12, from the TOT set-aside for this structure, as I recall that it has sever- al million dollars of TOT. In addition to $6M of bonded Measure R funds, Measure R and Measure U reserves, and whatever else has been set aside for a $13M structure. It is always hard to give up any dream, but in the times that we find ourselves, let’s use our common sense, and not take funds from our housing reserves when other funding is readily available. If anything, our housing reserves may need to be augmented even more, so that we don’t lose what we already have and has taken so many years to achieve. While we may not be able to move ahead as quickly as we had wished with new housing, if we lose more of our deed-restricted housing because we didn’t learn the lesson during the last recession, we will face more issues in our housing inventory. Our economy will rebound once again, and we will need to be ready to provide housing for our workforce. We can address both a short-term need and provide for a long- term need, without raiding our housing reserves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and also for the efforts you have made to allow the public even better access to the Town Council meetings as you follow good, if difficult, protocols for spatial distancing.

Sandy Hogan
Mammoth Lakes

COUNTY, TOWN CLAIM COFFERS ARE FULL BY NATURE

With quarantine in full effect, and people forced to stay in their houses, the economy has pretty much come to a standstill. Student loan forgiveness programs, evictions put on pause, and FEMA aid is on the way. In the form of stimulus to all types of businesses big and small. Businesses operate in the short term and are struggling across the board but the government, state, county, and local, add fallback options to their budget for emergency situations ... like a worldwide pandemic.

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The Sheet reached out to Janet Dutcher, the Finance Director for Mono County, to see how the “new normal” will affect the financials of County Government.

“Counties have access to a special gov- ernment code which allows for expendi- tures in the event of an emergency,” said Dutcher.

Dutcher told The Sheet that every year the County has the option to put money into a general reserve which can be accessed if there is a locally declared emergency. There are categories the expen- ditures are legally allowed to be used for but a Pandemic is covered under the special code.

“We had about $6 million in that ac- count in 2009 and by 2012 it was down to $1.5 million. Since then, the Board (of Supervisors) has been building up this reserve and it is now at $3.2 million,” said Dutcher.

According to Dutcher this situation is a little different as Mono County’s main revenue stream is property taxes and that doesn’t appear to be in any short term economic impacts. “We had a Pandemic is covered under the special code. “We feel pretty good that our main revenue stream is stable at this point,” Dutcher told the Sheet.

Once the emergency is enacted the County Government can put this reserve money towards servicing its constitu- ents. Additionally, because both the Federal and State Governments have declared public emergencies, the County can get a kickback on every dollar it spends. The Federal Emergency Manage- ment Agency (FEMA) can reimburse 75% of properly appropriated funds while the State can offer a 12-15% reimbursement through programs such as the Califor- nia Disaster Assistance Act. That means that for every dollar the County spends they can get back 87-90 cents. “It does take extra admin work to make sure our spreading is eligible for reimbursement,” said Dutcher.

The County can tap this reserve fund and eventually get a huge reimburse- ment for all of their emergency services. The Sheet asked Dutcher what kinds of services would apply for reimbursements. “To respond to a health emergency we have had to hire a lot of temporary medi- cal workers which will be reimbursed by FEMA,” said Dutcher.

In terms of other projects, not related to COVID-19, the County is continuing to do what it can. “There are some things that will have to be put on hold. But something like the Civic Center is still on track. The Civic Center, which already has the Bond proceeds necessary to build, recently got on order of furniture and construction will be taking place soon. The Sheet that other non-essential things such as her office upgrading to online timesheets will be put on hold. That’s been asked for what she has learned in the midst of this crisis. “I used to think we didn’t need to put a lot of money in the reserves but it has been nice that we have a backup. It’s great to be focused on responding to a crisis and not be worried about whether you will have the cash available.”

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The Town of Mammoth Lakes is eligible for reimbursements as well but its situation is a little different. According to Rob Patterson, the Town’s Finance Director, Mammoth is also prepared for economic downturns. “We have money reserved for economic uncertainties. It’s designed to sustain the Town if the sources of funding go to 0,” said Patterson.

There are three components to the Town’s emergency funding, the Reserve for Economic Uncertainty (REU), the Operating Reserve (OR), and the Contin- gency fund. The OR is the go-to for any serious event, “it can be used to weather short term economic impacts” according to the Town’s reserve policy.

The OR has $1.86 million in it and is relatively flexible in terms of what it can be used for. The Contingency fund is the contingency fund, which has $600,000 in it (after Wednesday April 1 Town Council Meeting allocated an additional $500,000 to this fund), which “allows for flexibility for rapid response to small projects or unanticipated needs that arise.”

Patterson told The Sheet, “With this particular situation, the REU will likely not be used in the next year.” The REU has $3.8 million set aside for long-term revenue shortfalls.

“We have almost $7 million in reserves and I know we will be tapping into the contingency fund but the REU is a last ditch effort,” said Patterson.

With revenue near zero the Town will not come to a standstill rather it will be restricting operations to core services ac- cording to Patterson. Things like police, street cleaning, snow maintenance and others were put on hold.

Aspirational projects will be tightened up and completed if possible but for the most part the Town is focusing on the community and those who are suffering. “We can’t do everything at once. Never in my lifetime have I dealt with something of this magnitude. Our good practices of fiscal responsibility have put us in a good position,” said Patterson.

Housing reserve saved

To: Town Council
Re: Agenda Item #12, Transfer of Housing Reserves

I am writing this to express my dismay about the transfer of $1M from our housing reserves, to “emergency operations, response and recovery efforts.” While it is clear that $500,000 of this money will go to temporary housing in motels as necessary, the other $500,000 is unclear as to what it will cover. Staffing appears to be a part of this, but as I understand it, Town staff is budgeted through June 30, and there- fore should not need additional fund-
**OBITUARY**

**BIL ASKIN 1945-2020**

Bil [with one “l”] lived his life to the fullest. He was a born leader and consummate teacher who never took "no" for an answer and always had a project going. Bil lost his battle with cancer on March 19th at his home in Bishop.

Born William Francis Askin to Jerome and Margaret on January 4, 1945 in Brooklyn, he was the fourth of five children. He grew up in New York and upon completion of high school, joined the Marines in 1966 as a reconnaissance scout - serving in Vietnam, Cuba and the Arctic.

After leaving the Marines, he moved to Manhattan Beach and worked for Los Angeles County in several capacities. He was a Lifeguard on the sun-soaked beaches of Southern California and a Probation Officer in the County camp system and later a producer of educational videos. Whilst still working for LA County, he moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1978, where he was known as “Buckle Bil” for the buckle business he developed which created several Mule Days buckles for the buckle business he developed which later a producer of educational videos. Off duty, he enjoyed camping, golf, sailing and cigars.

Bil was a generous, big-hearted guy with limitless talents and a regal sense of humor. He faced his nume-

ous health challenges with positivity, creativity and an indefatigable spirit, never letting them hold him back, supported by talented doctors, caregivers and friends.

He is survived by his wife Jane, son Tycho and dog Boomer, and his siblings, Sister Peggy, Jerry, John and Bob. He was so loved, and will be sorely missed. A celebration of life will be organized at a later date.
The following emails, sent in turn by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and John Morris, Chairman of the Lodging Assn., show there is little consensus as to when the Town may/should reopen.

**By Sheet Staff**

As you are aware, the Town of Mammoth Lakes is taking all necessary precautions to protect both the residents of our community as well as our visitors. 

In an unprecedented measure, Mono County has issued an order limiting short-term rentals of less than 30 days to emergency and essential service workers: https://webapps.mono.ca.gov/COVID-Docs/Directives/ 

Transient rentals for the purpose of leisure or business travel in Mono County have been suspended at least through April 30, 2020. We are asking all business tax certificate holders in the Town of Mammoth Lakes to be aware and heed this restriction. A copy of that notice is attached.

As you are aware, the Town of Mammoth Lakes is a small community with limited medical resources. The intent of this order is to limit visitation that can quickly overwhelm our limited infrastructure and supplies. Based upon the County’s order, transient rental operators should cancel all short-term rentals until at least June 22, 2020, and current occupants removed within 48 hours.

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**Dear Lodging Partners,**

By this time you might have received the attached letter from Rob Patterson, TOML Finance Director. If you are like me, you wonder what the "cancel all reservations since June 22" section you said "WHAT?????" or something less repeatable!

I contacted Rob via email. His response was that the CURRENT ORDER is to cancel reservations through April 30, the RECOMMENDATION from Mono County Health was for 90 days from March 22. He also mentioned that the current April 30 date would be pushed to a later date by mid-April.

Well, OK. That was most unclear to me in the letter. Furthermore, I just read your "order" that lists April 30 as a mandated "no rentals" date or anything that talked about "90 days". Both the Governor's order and the Mono County Health order are "until further notice".

To be fair, none of us know how long this nightmare will continue and I 100% support the current "no rentals" and "stay at home" orders. We just had our first local fatality from COVID-19 so this is no joke!

I do not support telling the world that we are closed for business until June 22 or giving the message to all of our out-of-work neighbors that they will likely not see any work for 80 days. How many of our out of town renters will hang around if that’s the message they are receiving?

If June 22 or some other date becomes a State or County Mandate, well so be it. For now, Snowcrest Resort plans to stick with the April 30 date. We are taking all guest arrivals through April 30 and have closed our calendars for April.

Strength is in numbers. If you are not ok with the letter from Rob, let him know! I suggest sending Rob and Dan Holler emails to voice your concern.

dholler@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov 
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**One last point. For many years, the Lodging Association had a TOT Committee that would meet monthly with TOML and MLT staff and even Town Council members to discuss issues pertaining to TOT collection, illegal rentals and other matters. This group was recently disbanded by TOML brass and the basic reason given was “we got this.”

I don’t think so! There is definitely a disconnect between the Town and the Lodging community. Not all the time but enough to warrant the re-establishment of this committee. If you agree, please let Rob and Dan know.

John Morris, Chairman 
Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association

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**Stimulus 101**

**What the $2 Trillion stimulus package means for you**

The Federal Government recently passed the largest financial stimulus bill ever on March 27 titled the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.”

The act will provide over $2 trillion worth of stimulus. The Cliff notes: $560 billion going towards individuals, $505 billion towards big corporations, $377 billion towards small business, $340 billion for State and Local Governments, $154 billion for Public Health, an estimated $44 billion towards education, and finally a roughly $30 billion safety net.

Drilling down, what does this mean for an average resident in the Eastern Sierra?

**For Individuals**

The easiest thing to understand is the one-time checks ($300 billion of the CARES act) that will be sent out to individuals and households under a certain income threshold.

Any adult making under $75,000, and not being claimed as a dependant, will immediately get a $1,200 check. Couples filing jointly will get a $2,400 check if their combined income is under $150,000. If an individual or household has a child under 18, their check will be for $500 more.

The checks begin to fizzle down for those with incomes over $75,000. Anyone making over $99,000, or couples together make over $198,000, will get no check at all.

The next part, worth roughly $260 billion, is the upgraded unemployment payments. This will add an extra $600 above base to most unemployment claims. This boosted payment will last four months and unemployment insurance will last an additional 13 weeks.

Freelancers, and all self-employed circuits, will get a few extra payments under the ‘Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program.’

The final benefits for individuals are the biggest. Tax returns have a new deadline of July 15 and all insurance payments related to COVID-19 will be waived.

**For small business**

The small business section of the CARES act provides $377 billion in assistance and offers a variety of options designed to keep businesses afloat during the pandemic.

$10 billion will be used for emergency grants. Up to $10,000 per business to cover immediate costs. $17 billion is available to make existing payments up on to six months worth of loans. The biggest portion, $350 billion, is allocated to the Small Business Administration to provide up to $10 million in loans per business in a program called ‘Paycheck Protection Program.’ According to sba.gov, “The loan will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities (due to likely high subscription, at least 75% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll).” If the loan is not forgiven then it has a maturity of 2 years with an interest rate of 0.5%.

**How to get these benefits**

On the individual side, most stimulus boosts are automatic. The one-time checks will be distributed based on the most recent federal tax filings an individual has. The unemployment boost will be automatic so long as an unemployment claim has been made.

Small business owners are required to be pro-active. For the low-interest loans that can be forgiven, under the aforementioned circumstances, owners must file an application through their local bank. Most banks that offer business loans will be participating in the Paycheck Protection Program. Big banks, such as Chase or Wells Fargo, will offer these applications. Local bank Eastern Sierra Credit Union is offering the program to whoever needs it. Union Bank is waiting for more information before it starts offering the service, and El Dorado does not offer business loans so they will not be offering the Paycheck Protection Program.

For the emergency loans, which are administered through the Small Business Administration, a business owner can apply online at sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance.

*This is a wrap-up of the Federal programs in the CARES act. California has some relief programs already in place that were not listed.*

**Drink Beer and Donate**

Mammoth Brewing Company, working with the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, is proud to release a commemorative bottle of the Real McCoy Amber Ale on Friday, April 3rd.

The limited edition bottle of the Real McCoy Amber Ale, was brewed specifically to acknowledge and celebrate the impact that Dave McCoy had on the community of Mammoth Lakes and the Eastern Sierra.

The “McCoy Amber Ale” was one of the original beer recipes of Mammoth Brewing Company, which was founded in 1995, and took on the name Real McCoy in 2007. In 2012, the beer received a Bronze medal at the World Beer Championship, highly prestigious award with international recognition.

MBC and MLF started this project in February, before the widespread coronavirus challenge that is now facing our community. All profits from the sale of this commemorative beer and bottle will be donated to the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, contributing to their mission for higher education and the arts.

The bottle will be available at retail locations throughout the Eastern Sierra.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
¡NECESITAMOS TU AYUDA!

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN MONO COUNTY
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EN EL CONDADO DE MONO

Information

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is in our community. The virus threatens to overwhelm our community - we have to change our actions, routines and behaviors now! Only STRICT COOPERATION can help slow the spread and provide the county-wide health care team the time and resources needed to prepare for and address this pandemic in Mono County.

State and County Orders

- The Governor has directed ALL Californians to STAY AT HOME
- All bars, in-room dining, and non-essential businesses have been CLOSED
- All non-essential public gatherings are PROHIBITED
- Mono County has issued a restriction on All short-term rentals (includes campgrounds)
- All Town and County playgrounds and Community Centers are CLOSED

What Can’t We Do?

- Call 211 (English and Spanish)
- Website: www.monohealth.com/coronavirus
- Have play dates for your kids
- Socialize on Lake Mary Road, the gorge, or in the back country
- Have play dates for your kids

What Can We Do?

- Avoid touching your face
- Wear a mask when going out
- Wash your hands
- Cover your mouth and nose
- Distance self from others
- Constantly clean surfaces

Slow the Spread!

- If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider or call 211
- If your children are sick, keep them at home
- If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people
- If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition, stay home and away from other people
- Social Distance! The single most important thing you can do right now is to practice social distancing. This means you HAVE to maintain a distance of 6 feet from friends, families and others at all times!

What Can’t We Do?

- Call or Facetime people to talk, engage and communicate with friends and family
- Recreate responsibly outdoors – maintain 6 feet and observe all local ordinances
- Follow #QUARANTIVITYOFTHEDAY from @Mammothparksnrec
- Email or use social media to connect with friends and family to let them know how you are and find out how they are. Use the #STAYHOMEMONO

What Can’t We Do?

- Go out to get coffee, and then stop and socialize
- Socialize at the grocery store
- Hug or shake hands when you see a friend or family
- Socialize on Lake Mary Road, the gorge, or in the back country
- Have play dates for your kids

Mono County COVID-19 Resources

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- Facebook: @monohealthdepartment
- Twitter: @countymono

Information

La enfermedad por coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) está en nuestra comunidad. El virus amenaza con abrumar nuestra comunidad. Tenemos que cambiar nuestras acciones, rutinas y comportamientos ahora! Solo una COOPERACIÓN ESTRÍCTA puede ayudar a frenar la propagación y proporcionar al equipo de atención médica de todo el Condado tiempo y recursos necesarios para prepararse y abordar esta pandemia en el Condado de Mono.

Órdenes Estatales y del Condado

- El Gobernador ha ordenado a TODOS los Californianos que se QUEDEN EN CASA
- TODOS los bares y negocios no esenciales han sido CERRADOS
- TODAS las reuniones publicas no esenciales están PROHIBIDAS
- El Condado de Mono ha emitido una restricción en TODOS los alquileres a corto plazo (incluye campamentos)
- Todos los parques y centros comunitarios de la ciudad y el Condado están CERRADOS

¿Qué Significa “Quedarse En Casa”??

La orden requiere que todos los Californianos se queden en casa, excepto para tareas esenciales como obtener alimentos, recetas y atención médica y para mantener la continuidad de la operación de infraestructura y operaciones. La orden tiene en cuenta el ejercicio al aire libre, como caminar y correr, siempre que las personas mantengan una distancia mínima de 6 pies de uno al otro mientras se recrea al aire libre.

¡Disminuye La Propagación!

- Si se siente enfermo, ¡quédese en casa! No vaya a trabajar. Póngase en contacto con su proveedor médico o llame al 211
- Si sus hijos están enfermos, manténgalos en la casa
- Si eres una persona mayor, ¡quédate en casa y lejos de otras personas!
- Si Usted es una persona con una condición de salud subyacente grave, ¡quédese en casa y lejos de otras personas!
- ¡Distancia Social! Lo más importante que puede hacer ahora es practicar distanciamiento social. Esto significa que TÉNEN que mantener una distancia de 6 pies de tus amigos, familiares y otras personas en todo momento!

¿Qué Podemos Hacer?

- Llamar o hablar con la gente para hablar, participar y comunicarse con amigos y familiares
- Recrear de manera responsable al aire libre; mantenga 6 pies y observe todas las ordenanzas locales, incluyendo estacionamiento, control de animales y campamento nocturno
- Llame al Departamento de Salud Mental a (760) 924-1740 si necesita ayuda para sobrellevar o con ansiedad
- Siga #QUARANTIVITYOFTHEDAY desde @Mammothparksnrec
- Envíe un correo electrónico o use las redes sociales para conectarse con amigos y familiares para informarles cómo se encuentra y descubre cómo están. Use el #STAYHOMEMONO

¿Qué No Podemos Hacer?

- Salga a tomar un café y luego pare y socialicé
- Socializar en la tienda de mercado
- Abrazar o saludar de mano a amigos y familia
- Socialicé en Lake Mary Road o en el campo
- Tenga fechas de juego para sus hijos

Recursos del Condado de Mono COVID-19

- Sitio web: www.monohealth.com/coronavirus
- Llamar al 211 (español e inglés)
- Instagram: @monocontyhealthdepartment
- Facebook: @monohealthdepartment
- Twitter: @countymono
Day 5: It’s 10 a.m. and my husband is on a work call and has not had time to bring me breakfast. I should not contami-
nate the upstairs space with my existence, so I wait. It is only Day 5 and I am already a mess, the lady downstairs the family dog is not allowed on the laminate stairs—the one we basically have reserved for incoming robocalls for cheap vacations—and tell him to come downstairs. I imagine Beckett, my 12 year old, is mad at me. I think he feels like gravity has won.

Suddenly I can hardly sit up, stand, talk, or even call David. He reminds me he’s out running an errand, getting his ancient truck fixed once again. I call Jasper, my teenager, who is of course in his room next door. I ask him to come in and tell me if my lips look blue. This is a wave of vertigo/dizziness I have not experienced before. He says I look fine and tells me to go to sleep. I seem to be able to breathe, but it feels like the world is caving in on me. I assume this lightheadedness must be due to lack of oxygen. I call my doctor friend who owns an oxygenator at his house. He doesn’t. When I speak I sound wasted, breathy. He tells me to go to the ER. I call David again. He’s on the way home, on foot. It’s snowing. He runs the 4 miles from across town, in snow boots, then up our steep hill. “I’m coming,” he says. We meet me in the driveway. I ask him to call the ER and tell them we’re on our way. I grab the old plastic mask we have in the garage that is designed for power tools or something, and put it on. I look like I’m in a Mad Max movie. I walk up the stairs taking one step at a time and—just as possible to tell my 12 year old that mommy is going to the doctor to get her oxygen checked. I try to sound chip-
ner. I try not to pass out.

2 p.m. “It’s like when we went to the hospital for Beckett,” my husband says. “They send me outside the door. I was having a panic attack. The last time I was in the ER sitting in the back seat. We were outside the ER and I call in from the car. Someone asks me questions and tells me to walk in with my mask on and show myself to the nurse behind the glass. He is dressed in some otherworldly Hazmat suit contraption. He asks me more ques-
ton the phone. He says he is going to suit up and come out and check my oxygen and vitals and probably give me a test for COVID-19.

3 p.m. My oxygen is 96%. “Better than mine,” the doctor says. I am relieved and summon a smile. He says that my wooz-
iness is sometimes a symptom. Some people say it feels like they are going to pass out. I do not want to pass out. I get a call from the ER doctor this time. They tell us to drive around to the ambulance entrance and park as close as we can to the door. He is going to suit up and check and come out and check my oxygen and vitals and probably give me a test for COVID-19.

I am. My husband in the doctor’s seat cringes as he watches through the rearview mirror and is impressed, too.

-Allison Page

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Day 1: It’s 3 a.m. and my husband is

I wake up feeling hungy
every morning and I may as well
drink.

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19 case in the County. I feel guilty that I got tested when my friend from work who was also sick was not. I feel guilty that another friend who was much sicker than I have been somehow tested negative. In her case, the doctors think it was a false negative, but still. The county has now posted that it will no longer test anyone who does not need to be admitted to the hospital. They need to keep the tests for health care professionals and for those in critical condition. “I didn’t ask for a test,” I reiterate to my husband. He agrees.

I feel lucky, somehow special, to have received a test and passed. Today I no longer need to second-guess my symptoms. I no longer need to wonder. But then I get a response from another doctor to a Facebook post: “You tested positive but you don’t know you have it.” What?! “Between the doctor checking you out and the accuracy of the test it’s still only 90% certain,” he writes.

So all the numbers, all the graphs, all the information I’ve been reading could be worthless? I was assuming I had it but you don’t know you have it. “I was assuming I had it...” I have heard that Mt. Sinai in NYC is already using the plasma from people who’ve recovered to help the seriously ill. I may not be immune yet, but I will be. And when I am I’ll donate my plasma and save lives. I’ll be one of the first people in my county to be immune to this disease. And with that will come a responsibility to help where help is needed. I’ll do errands, shop, pick up packages. I’ll be the one in the room with the birthing mothers when their husbands are not allowed in. I’ll wear a COVID-19 Survivor hat in front of Vons and give free hugs. I’ll multitask and be the economy for those who are sheltering in place trying not to get it or spread it. I will hold the hands of your loved ones when they are dying so they won’t have to die alone. Until we have a vaccine, it will be up to us, the survivors, to take the world on and help do what others can’t.

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Day 21: My family “makes a healing howl out the window” to celebrate the health care workers putting themselves in harm’s way to save us. My friend texts me that she heard us and it made her cry. Beckett sits on the rocking chair across from me in my bedroom. He is smiling but he tells me he has a headache and woke up this morning feeling achy and woke up this morning feeling achy. I go for a walk with a friend. We arrive in separate cars and keep far apart from each other. It’s finally sunny with a blue sky and I look at the view and feel so happy to be alive. My husband texts me a thumbs up for being able enough to go on a walk. The Boston Marathon I ran three years ago seems like another lifetime.

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Allison and son Beckett in healthier, more innocent times

ably know as much as he does or more. I’ve spent hours, days, reading about it. I have COVID-19. As my friend described it on her voice message, “You’ve been crowned.” Now I just need to figure out what that means, and what to do next.

Day 11: I’ve passed Day 10 so I should be out of the woods in terms of the deadly symptoms, another doctor tells me. Despite the lingering headache I’m relieved. “Imagine feeling well,” a friend advises.

But I’m starting to forget what that feels like. I hear vertigo can last for years and a cough can go on for months; that my lungs could be damaged for life. I always thought doctors would heal me – my breaks, my infections – so that even when things got really painful, I knew I would be okay. I would mend. I would come back to myself again.

This time the doctors don’t know the answers to my questions. The CDC guidelines indicate I’m good to go back upstairs now. But I also read that sometimes infection can stay in your system for 30 days. Another study says 40. Should I stay in my room for 40 days? The ER doctor tells me 72 hours after symptoms end. But what if I feel very dizzy and lethargic for months? If I feel very dizzy and lethargic for months?

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I don’t know if my kids, my psyche, or my marriage can take any more isolation than that. I know I’m one of the lucky ones. I’m not on a ventilator. I have a beautiful window to look out of from my bed. I can see trees and snow and sky. My family is healthy. My parents are healthy. We have a little money in the bank to get by, and plenty of supplies in the pantry. We have good friends that bring us fresh vegetables, homemade soup and fresh-squeezed orange juice. And due to my early onset, if I should now take a turn for the worse there is still a bed for me at the hospital, and I know most of the doctors that will risk their lives to save me. I am mused, dullled, weary, but I’m still very much alive.

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Day 12, 8 p.m: My family “makes a healing howl out the window” to celebrate the health care workers putting themselves in harm’s way to save us. My friend texts me that she heard us and it made her cry. Beckett sits on the rocking chair across from me in my bedroom. He is smiling but he tells me he has a headache and woke up this morning feeling short of breath. I know that kids under 14 rarely get this thing, or don’t get it seriously, but please, please, let him be fine. Please let my friends, my family, and everyone’s friends and families get through this thing.

I’ll be more patient in my room for the whole 40 days.
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acquired earned leave (PTO), will retain their current seniority and employment status, and will be assisted by our HR teams in applying for recently enhanced federal and state unemployment assistance programs.

While I will continue my work as your CEO, I will go without a paycheck until each of our year-round staff returns to work. All other employees able to continue working will receive their full pay rate, with the understanding that this situation is fluid and we need flexibility to react as things change. While it is my fervent intent to avoid anyone’s full pay rate for work going forward, we do not know how long this crisis will continue and it is imperative that we ensure that our finite resources last long enough to get us to the other side of this pandemic and fully open for operation when the time comes.”

As for Vail Resorts and other ski towns, Owen Page submitted the following:

The town of Breckenridge, Colorado has dedicated over $1 million to help residents tackle rent costs incurred as a result of the pandemic. Business owners and people who work in town are eligible to apply for these funds. $1 million will go to the Small Business Relief Program while $500,000 is headed to the Family Intercultural Resource Center for people out of work and struggling with rent payments. Vail CEO Rob Katz announced that he would be forgoing his full salary for next six months while the company’s board of directors does the same. Those announcements were coupled with news that the majority of Vail’s year-round hourly employees had been furloughed for at least a month while salaried employees would see salary reductions anywhere between 5-25% across the company.

Katz also has stated that he will donate $2.5 million personally in immediate relief grants for organizations providing critical services in places where Vail has resorts.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Stacy Corless, Mammoth Mayor Bill Sauser, Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun and County Health officer Tom Boo all signed a letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Charlton Bonham on Wednesday requesting a postponement of the April 25 fishing opener.

Hite listened in on Thursday’s Mono County community meeting. The highlights: Mammoth Hospital’s Chief Medical Officer Craig Burrows said the hospital’s current capacity is 17 beds and four ventilators. They could cram 40 beds in. The problem is ventilators and availability. If we socially distance poorly, Burrows projects 100 corona cases and 20 needing ventilators at peak.

In a best-case scenario, you’d have 25 cases at peak and 7 needing a ventilator. 5 of 18 positives have required hospitalization thus far.

While Mono County is telling 2nd homeowners to stay away, there are no legal avenues to enforce that.

Burrows says he’d like to see everyone wearing a mask.

Tom Boo said he wouldn’t allow Mule Days if he were Inyo County’s Health Officer.

A friend called five Mammoth hotel establishments Thursday trying to make a reservation checking in Friday night for two nights. All stated they were closed except the Shilo Inn, which was quite willing to make the reservation.

And from Hite’s desk ...

Zoom Zoom Zoom-a-Zoom

While watching Mammoth Lakes Town Council Wednesday’s April 1 meeting over zoom, here were my five observations.

Cleland Hoff and her birds. I don’t know how many, or what kind, but she has birds. One of the first times the Zoom Camera cut to her it took about five seconds for her to calm the birds down. I’m pretty sure she told them to “shut up” and then she looked back at the camera and started discussing the Town’s COVID-19 response strategy. Gold.

Kirk Stapp was late. Like 50 minutes late. The Sheet does not know why he was late, but the odds-on favorite: technical difficulties. The funny part was he hopped on the zoom call after about 50 minutes and immediately commented on the discussion at hand. Mayor Bill Sauser did not expect Stapp to come in so hot. No way. Speaking of Sauser, the camera was on him a lot. Zoom has three viewing settings. One is normal mode which jumps around to whomever is talking. I think Hoff’s parakeets ruined this option. The second is tile mode which shows everyone around to whomever is talking you will see that one person. For more sense (you know, like an actual Town Council meeting). The third option is to pin someone so no matter who is talking you will see that one person. For most of the meeting it was Sauser. Also on Sauser. He had a glass with ice and a brown liquid. It wasn’t necessarily whiskey. It could’ve been apple juice ...

Mayor Churchill.

Finally, the best nugget from the Council meeting was John Wentworth changing his background on Zoom. Everyone is in their house and Wentworth is in front of fake mountains. It was spectacular. His hat was the color of the background so occasionally it would blend in to the mountain range behind him.

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General Manager/Plant Operator Needed To Work 10-15 Hours Per Week. Needed For Small Operation. Salaried Position. Seeking a self-motivated Wastewater Operator to form a Grade III Certificate to oversee the day to day operation of functions and staff related to operating, repairing, and maintaining the District’s wastewater treatment facilities. Salaries $30-$50K Salary range depending on qualifications. Contact info@balancedrocksaloon.com for information and more information

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MONO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
hosts Storytime on Facebook Live at
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Thursday, April 9/
Mono County Virtual Community
meeting every Thursday. 5:30 p.m.
Find out more about the COVID-19
response effort and ask questions.
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From Inyo Council for the Arts

The first day of ticket sales for the
2020 Millpond Music Festival has
been postponed until Friday, May
1st. Online ticket sales will begin
Jane 1st. Please be assured that no
campsites will be sold before May
1st.

Inyo Community Reads has been
cancelled for 2020.

The Memorial Weekend Arts and
Crafts show in Bishop scheduled for
May 22nd-May 25th is still on at this
time.

Mule Days, scheduled for May
19-24, is still on at this time.

From the Town of Mammoth Lakes
NEW VIRTUAL SUMMER
RECREATION EXPO
The 2020 Summer Recreation Expo,
initially 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.

Join Parks and Rec for a
“Socially Distant” Easter Egg Hunt
April 10-12.

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. Broadcast on Facebook Live.

Closed Until Further Notice:
Mono County Superior Court.
Mono County Superior Court
will be closed except for essential
functions. The full list of exceptions,
along with additional resources for
specific questions and directons
for handling cases can be found on
their website, https://www.mono.
courts.ca.gov.

Note: all jury trials
are suspended until further notice.
Those in need of service are urged
to email or call the necessary court
department.

Chabadmammoth is packaging and
delivering Seder-to-go kits so that
everyone can have Seder at home,
while keeping to the rules of social
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be ordered at chabadmammoth.
com/pesach. On our website, there
is also a video of how to conduct
your own Seder at home.
WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a
public health orders are expected to result in a severe loss
of income to a widespread portion of the local population

WHEREAS, many Mono County renters are rent-burdened,
paying large percentages of their income on rent,
and who are struggling to pay rent due to the economic
impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the County of
Mono to consider enacting powers and to protect the
public health, peace and safety of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Mono, California, Declaring its Intention to
Annex Territory into a Community Facilities District
(MFD) instead of 35 feet); and 3. One exterior guest parking space
in parking areas.

ANNEXATION NO. 3

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1
TRANSIT SERVICES

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Howard Stern Comes Again
Howard Stern, Simon and Schuster
2019/549 p.

While some are responding to the coronavirus crisis by reading about great war-time leaders like Churchill, I indulged in the latest book by the great leader of the "Wack Pack," Howard Stern. In short, great book. It has different voices and a lot of insight. Howard’s evolution as a person and entertainer is proof that there's hope for Jack Lach.

Howard has become one of the great interviewers of our time. NPR's Terry Gross called Stern the most interesting and compelling interviewers of our time. NPR's Terry Gross.

"Falling Cary Simon - this ultimately put up were beginning to crumble, and the audience through." Stern.

"The ratings service measured every fifteen minutes," he says. "It wasn't merely the size of a broadcaster's audience that got them high ratings, it was how many fifteen-minute blocks they could drag their audience through.

Some highlights. Madonna telling the story about getting dropped off in Times Square with $5500 in her pocket. She's wearing her winter jacket, even though it's summer. More efficient than, where you're carrying everything you own. She's up a conversation over the jacket with the first guy she meets, who offers her a couch to crash on for five days while she sorts out her life. Incredibly, she ended up in a hotel safe.

She uditions for some dance companies. Takes odd jobs. Works at Dunkin' Donuts.

Madonna: I got fired from the Russian Tea Room for wearing fishing lines. I was the check-girl. I'm like, 'You can't even see my legs. I'm behind a door.' Stern: But it's your nature to say, 'F*ck you, I'm going to wear fishing lines.'

Madonna: It was just my nature to do the opposite of what people told me to do.

Stern: Did you explain to them you were Madonna? I wasn't Madonna then.

Stern: They didn't recognize you. Madonna: They didn't see the future.

Then there's the Seinfeld interview, where Seinfeld talks about turning down well north of $100 million to do another season of his television show.

Stern: Is that the ultimate integrity? You said no because you felt you were done? Seinfeld: Integrity is a nice word, and it's something I used to appreciate. But to be honest, the love affair between the people that were making the show and the audience was so intense. It was so white-hot, they had to respect that. And I couldn't go to that point where it starts to age and wither. And it doesn't take long. For example, you go see a comedian, and for an hour and ten minutes you love it. You go home, you're happy because you thought I wasn't going to finish. And you walk out with a whole different feeling. It's a small amount of too much - too much that I have to take, much too much. I wanted it to end with a fireworks burst.

Other random nuggets. Stephen Colbert's dad was head of allergy and infectious diseases. He was what Anthony Fauci was going to do business with two of Colbert's brothers when he was 10 years old. Sia on religion. "I believe in a higher person called Whatever Dude and he's a queer, surfing Santa that's a bit like my grandpa."

Chappelle on marriage: "You got to think of these women like frequent flyer miles - wanting too much can destroy everything good. If you only put one piece of advice from this book, let it be that. It's the best guidance I know for leading a happy life."

There is a reason that Howard Stern has endured. He's not only a unique person, he is someone who is doing the right things at the right moment. He is the voice of our times - the voice of the people - the voice of the masses. He's the voice of the future. He's the voice of the present. He's the voice of the past. He's the voice of our times - the voice of our times.

Notice of Public Hearing

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
Mountain Business Service
John L. Johnston
325 Reflection Ct., P.O. Box 1097
Gardnerville, NV, 89410

This business is conducted by a individual. The registrant will commence to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 16, 2020.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 19, 2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on December 19, 2019. File Number 19–225-2020-00045 (3/28, 4/4, 11/1, 4/18)

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person Is Doing Business As:
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Branko Kral Digital LLC
452 Old Mammoth Rd., P.O. Box 668
Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546

This business is conducted by a limited li-
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 17, 2020.

File Number 20–062-2020-00044 (3/28, 4/4, 11/1, 4/18)

Statement Of Abandonment

Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Statement:
Mammoth Lakes Laundromat
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
Clothesline Enterprises, Inc.
24 Laurel Mt. Road, P.O. Box 2695
Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546

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Notice of Public Hearing
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 11, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. regarding transit needs.

As authorized by Gov. Newsom's Executive Order, N-25-20 and N-26-20, the meeting will be accessible remotely by teleconference at: https://zoom.us/join and by telephone at: 669-990-8883 (Meeting ID #760-924-1804) where members of the public shall have the right to observe and other public comment, to the following:

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CORONA TRAVEL

By Owen Page

The Sheet’s Owen Page traveled back to the Boston-area last week to hunker down for the coronavirus crisis. His asthma makes him a high-risk corona candidate, and quarantining with his folks in Boston is a safer bet because of greater access to care. He’ll be back soon. Here is his travel story:

Having previously flown out of Reno-Tahoe International Airport, I can tell you that even close to midnight, the place is not nearly as empty as it was this past Saturday night. There was absolutely no wait at all to check a bag, enough that I had was able to have a small chat with the woman at the JetBlue counter about what changes she had noticed, if any, in recent weeks.

She referenced a noted drop in travelers, adding that airlines were also now allowing up to 12 oz. of hand sanitizer on planes as opposed to the usual 2.

Similar to check-in, the line at TSA security consisted of two people. In spite of that, it still took longer than it should have to go through. The TSA agents working the only open station seemed excited in some respects that they would now have something to do.

While that didn’t amount to a cavity search, given the recent lack of action, I wasn’t nearly as empty as it was this past Saturday night. There was absolutely no wait at all to check a bag, enough that I had was able to have a small chat with the woman at the JetBlue counter about what changes she had noticed, if any, in recent weeks.

Walking to the gate, every business in the building was shuttered with the same apologies, temporarily closed, sign taped to a gate or pillar. The majority of the bathrooms had barriers reading “Closed for cleaning.” The slot machines that line the gates lay dormant, a multitude of frequently touched surfaces that represented far too much trouble than they were worth.

Especially, what we were witnessing was a facility stripped to its most basic function: no frills, get in and get to the gate with no other distractions.

One of the things I most frequently associate with travel is excitement. I don’t know if flying ever quite loses all of its luster but the sensation of knowing that in a amount of hours, you can be somewhere entirely different is still exciting in some respects.

Among the five passengers flying to John F. Kennedy Airport that night, not one seemed excited to do so. Perhaps the couple remained close together throughout the whole thing were but I can’t say anyone was glad a be on the plane or b) see anyone else was going to be on the plane.

I do think that a part of that can be chalked up to flying into JFK as New York has become a hotspot for the virus in recent weeks. It was a potentially dangerous journey into the unknown, not at all helped by the fact that my layover had been extended to five hours.

Everyone on the plane had about three rows to themselves including the opposite side of the aisle. It was by far the most comfortable airplane experience I’ve had; I was able to stretch out with my back against the window and sleep for nearly the entire trip to New York. COVID-19 fears have forced many airlines to roll back their own non-essential services so those hoping for a Bloody Mary or mini bottle to aid their sleep would be sorely disappointed.

The in-flight offerings consisted of water and a pumpkin seed bar. Once again, it was a stripping down of a service to its basics to facilitate safe distances and minimize interaction/contact.

JFK matched the general mood with incredibly dense fog and rain. A lovely Sunday in Queens, perfect setting for spending another lonely five hours.

Being a much larger airport than Reno, JFK was understandably more populated. Which meant finding the right seat was of the essence upon landing if I was going to be keeping my distance for the duration of the layover.

I settled in a corner next to an outlet, found one of three open stores in the terminal offering coffee and settled back in for five hours.

The majority of the people present at JFK on Sunday were employees, many of whom seemed to really have nothing at all to do. A message board displaying departures revealed that nearly all flights for the day had been cancelled, with many routes consolidating to a single flight for that day.

The anxiety of the place was sticky; if you coughed or cleared your throat, everyone nearby would turn to look disapprovingly in that direction. Travelers would keep their eyes on anyone looking for a seat, a small wave of relief passing upon realizing that someone wouldn’t be sitting near you.

At around noon, someone came on the intercom to inform passengers to F. Lauderdale that they would be filling out forms to be turned over a government official on arrival. Those traveling that direction were to be quarantined for two weeks, the form presumably a way of gathering information on whereabouts and destination within Florida.

It was a relief to get on the plane to Boston although take-off was delayed a solid half hour as flight crew had to resubmit paperwork regarding weight for the plane.

My fellow passengers on the final leg of the trip were mostly JetBlue employees, either heading home or reconvening at one of the airline’s hubs for further travel work. As a result, the plane was decidedly more full, and JetBlue had spaced out passengers after the fact to provide for adequate social distance.

On the ground in Boston, I was handed a flyer strongly advising me to quarantine and self-isolate as soon as I got to where I needed to be. The normal chaos that comprises Logan Airport on an average day was gone. The terminals were empty and a only single line existed in baggage check. Aer Lingus was booming that afternoon.

Perhaps the most jarring aspect of the entire flight was that my parents were able to get a parking spot in the garage right next to the exit from the airport. Check that off the list of things I never thought I’d see.

Truth be told, the experience of traveling during this global pandemic was one of the most anxious acts I’ve been a part of. Even if you’re not an anxious person, the large number of people in protective equipment is enough to get the warning bells going. Add to that being stuck in a small metal tube and then a concourse where everyone you see is dressed like this and nothing you do or say even remotely feels right.

You know the fear is real when the guy wearing stained lacrosse shorts is wearing a mask and gloves.
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