SEISMIC ACTIVITY AT FOUNDATION

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation Board recently determined it needed to slash its permanent staff from four members to two in the wake of the Covid crisis. “In order to preserve cash and refocus the organization on its core mission, we have made strategic changes to both staff and programming,” said Board President Gary McCoy in a press release issued last week.

As part of that strategy, Executive Director Rich Boccia has elected to retire, effective June 1. Current Development Director Betsy Truax will assume the Executive Director role on June 1. Her previous position will not be filled.

But Boccia’s departure does not come as a terrific surprise. He’s already made the rounds in Mammoth, with previous stops as Mammoth Unified Schools Superintendent and as Mammoth Lakes Recreation’s Executive Director.

The surprise is the Foundation cutting official ties with Shira Dubrovner, who has operated the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater under the Foundation’s banner for the past decade.

As the press release states, “COVID-19 has impacted arts programming across the globe and will prevent performances in the Edison Theatre for the foreseeable future. Consequently, MLF intends to support, rather than produce live theater and other events going forward. MLF will no longer own or operate Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre or the Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, resulting in the elimination of the Artistic Director position previously held by Shira Dubrovner.

“She’s contributions under the auspices of MLF over the last decade are very impressive, and it is unfortunate that it had to come to this,” McCoy said. “Her future work is sure to be equally impressive.”

Board members Luan Mendel and Shields Richardson confirmed that the Foundation intends to abandon the dba’s

Bishop City Council voiced unanimous support for a sales tax increase at its regular meeting Monday night, citing the need to shore up the city’s finances after a budget presentation revealed that the city will operate at a significant deficit for the second consecutive fiscal year in 2020-2021.

Council discussed the possibility of putting a TUT (Transactions and Use Tax) measure on the November ballot.

All Councilmembers were in favor of a tax hike in some form.

Stephen Muchovej and Karen Schwartz advocated for a full point. Chris Costello and Mayor Laura Smith preferred a half-point. Jim Ellis was Goldilocks at 3/4 of a percent.

The TUT is often referred to as a “local sales tax.”

The state sales tax rate is 7.25%. Inyo County has a half-point TUT which means the effective sales tax rate in Bishop is currently 7.75%.

That number appears destined to go higher - pending voter approval.

During discussion, Councilmembers were generally pleased with their own stewardship of city finances.

And some were quite creative in their application of lipstick to this proposal.

Mayor Smith said, “I know Bishop residents greatly appreciate the city services.”

Karen Schwartz: People don’t flinch over a little bit of sales tax.

Stephen Muchovej even proferred this gem in arguing for a 1% hike. he said he’d done research which shows that tax hikes presented as fractions are less likely to pass.

Further, he said residents will be comforted to know that this would be the last TUT hike they’d ever experience (because the state caps the sales tax rate at 8.75%).

Jim Ellis was unable to see TAXES, page 2

Laura Wilson with daughters Autumn and Lillian at a Memorial Day celebration at the Nicholson home on Glenwood in Bishop. For more photos, see page 8.
receive a pat on the back from his fellow Councilmembers (since the meeting was virtual), but said Bishop does a great job with budgets and that we do far more with far less around here.

Only Chris Costello offered genial pushback. He joked to Schwartz, “You’re not against 1% because you’re not up for reelection this year.”

What was not conveniently discussed by the Bishop Council was the following. No contemplation of staff reductions - although the city claims it is already operating at a bare-bones level. And no contemplation of fundamental changes (and this is true of all local public boards right now) in its benefits structure.

Because Bishop’s got a staff of 38 employees that it’s paying, sure. But it’s also got 57 retirees in the system that it’s paying for to some degree according to City Manager Ron Phillips. And its budget solution is an $800,000 loss compounded by a decision to pay the minimum balance on its retirement system credit card (which assumes a return of more than 7%).

That’s a huge interest rate to pay in what is currently a zero interest world.

And apparently the city was too meek to ask its unions and its leaders to share some pain. Which again, I stress, doesn’t make them different from anywhere else.

But I’m disappointed. I feel like Bishop is small enough and its leaders are rational enough to make better, more comprehensive decisions.

So I disagree with Mr. Ellis. A great job was not done here.

But here’s where I applaud Bishop. A Bishop City Council meeting in 2020 is like what a Mammoth Council meeting used to be in 2005. Where the Council actually directs its own discussion (which doesn’t seem or feel scripted) and board members are unafraid to disagree.

And at least Bishop has the balls to host 4th of July fireworks, though Fire Chief Joe Dell did acknowledge that it’s gonna be a lot different this year.

Chief Joe Dell did acknowledge that it’s gonna be in, fireworks, It’ll be at the airport, but the gates are not going to open too early (to dis-
Stop the Bully

Dear Editor:

We have a bully in our midst and we have to do something about it. As a Trustee Member of the Mono County Office of Education it is deeply concerning to see first hand aggressive bullying harassment happening at the highest level on a daily basis, and I can’t stand it any longer. The constant barrage of tormenting, provoking and belittling is causing great damage to our emotional well-being.

The bully is delivering slanderous statements spoken in public and uses derogatory terms deriding the names of the victims. The bully is also a cyberbully, spreading vicious rumors online, and while there is no proven evidence that the bully uses physical or sexual abuse it isn’t hard to imagine that it happens behind closed doors. Regardless, the psychological effects caused by this bully are alarming and the lack of action to stop it even more disturbing.

The Mono County Office of Education has strict policies to prevent and deal with bullying as mandated by government, and the Board of Trustees reviews those policies regularly to make sure they can be implemented with prudence. All the school districts in our County tailor their policies to their individual districts so they can implement programs that identify and discipline bullies.

Unfortunately the most prevalent form of bullying today happens via social media. Cyberbullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and reach anyone when they are alone. Even more unfortunate, according to the website StopCyberbullying.org, when schools try to get involved in “off-campus” bullying they are often sued for exceeding their authority (another form of bullying?).

How are we as educators supposed to maintain safe schools when the cyber-bully is out there right now wreaking havoc, and Facebook and Twitter offer no routine monitoring while dismissing their role as purveyors of the problem? The Bully uses these and other platforms continuously to demean and abuse one victim after another, and is not held accountable in any way. In fact, the bully has many followers.

It’s well known that a “popular aggressive” bully, one sub-type of bully classification, is very social and does not encounter a great deal of social stigma from the aggression. Studies have shown that these types of bullies have more friends than their victims, but these bullies are morally disengaged and their reasoning is egocentric.

The bully won’t stop. Verbal, psychological, cyber and possibly physical abuse continue via open public attacks as well as indirect more subtle forms of relational aggression, but include spreading rumors to defame character or reputations, making faces or obscene gestures and manipulating friendships.

We see it every day in the news and online.

What I don’t understand is how we can put up with it, especially when the bully is an elected official tasked with leading our country. No party affiliation, no left or right viewpoint, no level of political education excuses the bullying behavior the leader of our country displays – the very behavior our policies and programs are in place to prevent.

At present no federal law directly addresses bullying, but all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories have established their own laws, policies or regulations to deal with bullying. In 2010, The U.S. Department of Education (ED) developed a framework of those common components focused on bullying and the framework was used to describe how schools were taking action, but what about the adults who are supposed to set an example for the children?

Federally, in some cases, bullying overlaps with discriminatory harassment covered under federal civil rights laws enforced by the ED and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Schools are obligated by these laws to address bullying conduct that, as stated on the federal government website StopBullying.gov, “…creates a hostile environment at school … that seriously interferes with or limits a student’s ability to participate in or benefit from services, activities or opportunities offered by a school.”

So I ask you, when our most visible and important leader is a bully defying all the recommendations the government itself supplies its schools and citizens, how can we reconcile the mixed messages? A true leader leads by example, and as leader of our country the President is failing miserably, bullying to the bitter end. It’s up to us to teach our children to see how that’s a problem, not something to emulate.

As an added note, I am not speaking for the Board as whole on this issue; it is my personal opinion, but the Board as a whole has approved the MCOE Bullying Policies.

The Mono County Office of Education Bullying Policy can be found at the following link: https://www.monocoe.org/educational-services

Dave Titus
Mono County Office of Ed.
Board Member, Trustee Area #3

Delighted by the kvetching

Dear Editor:

Jack, I was delighted that the Veitches took time to respond to my recent letter (see The Sheet, May 23 issue. Page 14). While I do not know what their technical field of expertise is, as a former physicist and nuclear engineer, I am always honored to be mentioned by colleagues. Normally scientists don’t get too worked up over scare quotes but see LETTERS, page 15

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Mono Supes split on reopen timing/strategy

By Allison McDonell Page

T he uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic has made any sort of planning and forward thinking difficult. While the state has been walking its walk, with new regulations on its reopening plans, the changes and directives can be confusing or contradictory. But for those who are hoping to see some more regularity in the direction the area is going in, this week’s Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday prominently featured some good news.

Acting Mono County Administrative Officer (CAO) Bob Lawton informed the Supervisors of a recent decision made by Inyo County to interpret the Governor’s ban on lodging and short-term rentals in a new light.

Lawton revealed that officials in Inyo County “specifically and directly noted that [their] interpretation of the governor’s orders did not include their applicability to RV parks or campgrounds.” He noted that Mono County had reached out to the state Department of Public Health inquiring about the state’s agreement with such an interpretation.

Lawton recommended that Mono pursue the same interpretation on the enforcement strategy to Inyo’s policy; the county can only allow/ask that private RV parks and campgrounds open as federal and public campgrounds are not under the county’s jurisdiction.

The logic behind and argument for Inyo County’s interpretation of the order, Lawton said, is the fact that a customer is not renting a physical structure or space with a roof. In addition, campites are seen to be acceptable for socially distancing groups from one another in ways that a physical structure could not.

The interpretation aims to address a number of issues that county officials and Mono have taken up issues that were on full display over the Memorial Day weekend.

Dispersed and RV camping in unregulated or unsanctioned areas is an issue since the weather turned warmer. Local authorities have received multiple reports of campfires in high risk areas and illegal dumping of septic systems. Opening private campgrounds would allow for more structured camping with fire safety measures and proper disposal of waste.

In order to combat illegal or unsanctioned camping activities, Lawton announced a portal on the county’s COVID-19 website that would allow for anonymous reporting of violations and follow-up “educational visits” if necessary.

A story has been repeated frequently at Supervisors meetings, the county has no jurisdiction over federal or state campgrounds in areas like the Inyo National Forest or Bureau of Land Management lands.

Following a question from Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz, Lawton added that, staffing and prep needs notwithstanding, the county campground at Lundy Lake could be opened in conjunction with private campgrounds.

Supervisor Fred Stump, approving of the new interpretation, said, “This is a proactive move to monitor those coming here, give them an environment and baseline information.”

“If some businesses make some money and manage to stay in business,” he added, “that’s not such a bad thing.”

Stump also remarked that the Mendozino National Forest had opened all of its campsites on May 15 and had not seen any sort of spike in COVID-19 cases in the region.

Asked by Supervisor Bob Gardner to further explain the distinction between hotels and private campgrounds, Lawton explained the rationale as, “You’re bringing your room with you and you’re taking it away when you’re done.”

One caller, Amanda Mascia from San Diego, told the Supervisors during a public comment section that, “People (in Southern California) aren’t following the rules, people are kind of crappy at it ... if you open it up to all of us to come up there, please make sure you’re going to have enough reinforcement.”

Mascia said that there had been a 400% increase in RV rentals in the San Diego area, many of which had been made by inexperienced campers.

“There are between 1,300-1,400 campsites in Mono County, 75% of which are under federal jurisdiction. That means about 325-350 campsites would open under the new interpretation.”

Matt McClain, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Recreation, expressed concern that the region would not be able handle the inevitable overflow resulting from opening such a small number of campsites.

“Southern Californians have very selective hearing; they won’t distinguish between public and private campgrounds,” McClain said.

Other local lodging operators and business owners advocated for fully opening lodging within the county. In the state’s reopening plan, these businesses would have to wait until the state as a whole moved into Stage 3.

Supervisor Peters expressed a belief that plans for full lodging reopening could be completed and implemented by June 1, noting “It either gets consensus from the board or it doesn’t.”

 “[Mono County] is crawling, it is going to get up and walk again. We need it to run again,” Peters said.

Circular arguments with no discernible progress has been a consistent issue for the Supervisors in navigating reopening business in the county. Supervisor Kreitz again expressed her frustration with how things have proceeded at a county and state level, with Stump responding to queries about pushing decisions to the following week by saying, “I don’t want to do this again because all we’re doing is frustrating the public.”

Board Chair Stacy Corless reiterated her stance that she would not endorse actions that defy state law.

County Counsel Stacey Simon told the Supervisors that, “I do not read the state’s orders as allowing camping in this phase.”

“I don’t make decisions, I simply advise as to the law”, Simon said.

The county planned on opening private campgrounds and RV parks on May 29, barring state intervention.

ANOTHER LETTER

Choices and timing

Dear Editor:

Thinking ahead ... Amusing reading about the Columbia study in the Washington Post which found that 36,000 lives could have been saved if we would have shut down the country one week earlier, I found myself thinking about a bullet (an invisible bullet inside me) that this town dodged. Thinking about a bullet (an invisible bullet inside me) that this town dodged, knowing that I was a purveyor of an experience that killed my friends, or my friends’ self if I was a purveyor of an experience that killed my friends, or my friends’ families that killed my friends, or my friends’ friends, or anybody.

Thought the decision made some people very angry, once it was made, I did not look back. On Thursday, March 19th I woke up with a fever – my first symptom that a week later would be diagnosed as Covid 19. Had we not canceled, I could have infected my two-person cast, one who is a nurse who could have gone on to infect doctors and patients at the hospital and another who could have had severe illness. At the show, I would have been asymptomatic but at my most contagious. The volunteer concessionaires and our older audience members would have been exposed. A group of us would have gone out for drinks, both nights likely, where I would have spread it to people minding their own business at the bar. The virus would have spread exponentially over the next five days or until symptoms appeared throughout the town and perhaps farther. It could have been Mammoth’s first hot zone leading to a lot of illness and likely death.

Instead, I decided to isolate Thursday, March 12th before the thought that I was infected my two-person cast. Not because we had to. No county or town or state or Federal official forced us to. The “stay at home” order was yet to come. School was still in session. We canceled because of what I was reading, and the answers I received from the questions I asked (which were vague and not reassuring).

It was decided that day that the play could make for an unsafe environment and I would not be able to live with myself if I was a purveyor of an experience that killed my friends, or my friends’ friends, or anybody.

Allison McDonell Page

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Mammoth Lakes Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) was established in 2013. At the time, MMSA (now Alterra) CEO Rusty Gregory had a grandiose plan to generate more air travel to our area. Gregory came up with his solution as the Town was dusting off its wounds from a lawsuit with Terry Ballas, a developer who had an airport development agreement with the Town. A Sheet editorial recounting the events reads, "When the Town (at the urging of Gregory) tried to dump Ballas in order to land millions in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport improvement dollars ... Ballas cried foul."

The Town lost in court, and had to pay $29 million (or $47 million over 23 years, with interest).

Then came Gregory, TBID, and a new way to subsidize the infamous Mammoth-Yosemite Airport.

Gregory supported the TBID proposal, in part, because at the time Mammoth Mountain was the only entity subsidizing air travel to the area, and in the drought year of 2011, MMSA got burned when it tried to greatly expand routes (to San Jose, Reno, Seattle) and spent $4 million alone in subsidy that fateful winter.

So a proposed TBID where the Mountain would pay the winter subsidy and the Town the summer subsidy was the agreed-upon plan, which caps MMSA’s airline subsidy at $1.5 million/year. John Urdi, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, told the Sheet that as a sign of good faith, Mammoth Mountain offered to contribute 2% for lift tickets and ski school.

That stands as the highest tax rate of TBID. For reference: TBID taxes lodging at 1%, retail and restaurants at 1.5%, and then the 2% for lift tickets.

A Sheet article from 2013 reads, "Speaking in support of the TBID was MMSA CEO Rusty Gregory, who promised that in addition to MMSA’s participation in the TBID, that the company will significantly increase its own marketing efforts over the next three years.”

Mammoth Mountain’s motives were clear. It wanted help with the airport subsidy and claimed it would help market the Town with MLT - which was more than happy to accommodate a larger budget.

And while numbers rose all the way around overall between 2013-2019, the MLT marketing budget as a percentage of room revenue has gone from 20% in 1998-99 to 22% to 2010-2011 (pre-TBID) and had reached 44% by 2017-18.

The Alterra drain

Little has been said about Mammoth Mountain’s acquisition by Alterra and how that has affected TBID.

As Alterra is based in Denver, Ikon pass sales are considered to be sold out-of-state and not subject to paying TBID. The effect on TBID revenue was calculated by Hite.

The first fiscal year (2013-14) of TBID generated a total revenue of $3.15 million. $1.15 million (or 36.5% of TBID) was paid for by skiing. TBID numbers are not broken down by individual payer but rather by industry. Mammoth Mountain is likely the only business that paid into this portion of TBID so it is safe to say it represents the "ski" category.

The year before the sale to Alterra, in FY 2016-17, TBID generated $5.7 million. Mammoth Mountain paid $1.97 million (or 34.5% of TBID).

The next year, FY 2017-18, TBID dropped to $5.13 million and Mammoth Mountain contributed $1.44 million (or 28% of TBID). During FY 2018-19 TBID generated $5.63 million and the ski industry paid $1.49 million (or 26% of TBID).

So from Mammoth Mountain’s perspective, its TBID bill dropped approximately 25% after the sale to Alterra ($1.97 million to $1.44 million.)

What’s the upshot?

The interesting part of the TBID creation is that it’s a taxation district in which the business community taxes itself, and each entity’s vote is weighted based upon the percentage of its overall contribution.

When the TBID was first contemplated, Mammoth Mountain had 40% of the vote - which allowed TBID renewal seem like a virtual fait accompli - if that’s what Mammoth Mountain desired.

With Mammoth Mountain’s share at just 25%, and the future of air service as we know it in doubt generally (never mind that many local business owners were irate to learn of plans to transfer air service - with their dollars - down to Bishop), it seems the purpose of TBID itself is ripe for revision. Particularly since Mammoth Mountain has been the driving force behind moving air service southward.

Urdi told the Sheet this week, "Air service will come back for winter (December) but it is still up in the air what will be at MMH and what will be in Bishop." However, Bishop Fire Chief Joe Dell said at Bishop's Council meeting on Tuesday that there would be no commercial air service coming to Bishop this year. But will they even come to Mammoth?

The U.S. Transportation Dept. recently announced it would allow airlines to cancel routes to secondary markets.

The Yahoo! Finance story which appeared Monday stated that American Airlines will be permitted to stop flying to Aspen and Vail. CARES Act bailout funding had committed airlines to retaining flights to locations it had served prior to Covid.

The next meeting of Eastern Sierra regional partners with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is scheduled for June 24.
SEISMIC
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(fictitious business names) for Mammoth Lakes Repertory and the film festival, allowing Dubrovner to assume both.

“I’m committed to continuing in Mammoth Lakes with the performing arts, and will do what it takes to survive,” said Dubrovner, before breaking into Gloria Gaynor lyrics over the phone.

Dubrovner said her main focus right now is the rescheduled Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, which will take place September 16-20. She said the festival will observe whatever Covid protocols are in place at that time.

Dubrovner said post-festival she’ll contemplate the future of Mammoth Lakes Repertory at that time. “By then, we will have a clearer view of what’s possible,” she said.

The Board’s thought process was fairly well laid out in the press release.

“The cancellation of fundraising galas and events further exacerbates the situation, straining finances, capacity, and resources. Estimates suggest that more than half of all nonprofits could disappear over the next two years due to financial challenges and reduced funding. Like many other organizations, MLF has recently been forced to take decisive and difficult actions in order to survive the COVID-19 crisis.

The restructuring will allow MLF to focus its limited resources and efforts to assist local college students during this crisis and an uncertain future. Many people are unemployed, including the families of Dave’s Scholars and the students themselves, and they need mentoring and support from the organization more than ever.”

Board member Luan Mendel elaborated upon a few items in a phone conversation this week.

The MAC (the proposed $20 million Arts Center) has not been abandoned. Rather, the project is on “pause.”

Mendel said donors who earmarked gifts to the Foundation for MAC construction have the option of having their donations refunded or letting their donations ride.

“Tough times call for tough actions. Like many other organizations, MLF is being forced to take decisive and difficult actions in order to survive the COVID-19 crisis. As for "support" of the arts, that can mean a whole bunch of things. "But we don’t have the luxury of wandering over from our core mission any longer," said Mendel. "Higher education is priority number one."

Incoming Executive Director Betsy Truax said the Foundation contributed $23,000 in direct financial support for Cerro Coso students in FY 2018-2019, not including housing scholarships. In addition, the Foundation provided indirect support in the form of mentoring and career counseling.

“Tough times call for tough actions. We believe the unfortunate but necessary actions the board took this week will help us make it through this crisis,” said Gary Mc Coy.

The previous rates that have been enforced since 2006 were $2.63 per square foot for residential and $0.42 per square foot for commercial/industrial. These changes represent a 55% increase to the residential construction tax and a 57% increase to the commercial/industrial construction tax.

The State of California updates the fees every two years and school districts are entitled to keep up with the updates as they please. Brook Bien, Chief Business and Financial Officer for MUSD, mentioned that they don’t update the fees because the district is small and can’t afford to run a study every couple of years.

Education Code Section 17620 authorizes school districts to levy a fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement against any development project for the construction of or modernization of school facilities provided the District can show justification for levying of fees.

The justification goes like this. Based on the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) and Mono County development projections over the next twenty years, one can surmise the approximate amount of new students generated by new development. Every new student has an associated dollar cost related to his/her impact on the life span of school facilities.

Based on the program, districts can apply for modernization funding once classrooms are more than 20 years old. Here are the essential calculations. Over the next 20 years Mono County is projected to build 26 units while TOML is expected to produce 375 units. So 401 units total.

Because just 41% of the homes in Mammoth are estimated to be occupied by full-time residents, the study multiplied 41 by .7 (the statewide average student yield per household), to get a rate of .287. This is essentially saying that every new unit will add .287 students to the school district.

401 total units multiplied by the .287 student yield and there are approximately 115 new students generated over the next 20 years.

The California Department of Education gives a weighted average of construction costs per K-12 pupil at $47,647. MUSD will be renovating the school and not developing so the cost to modernize facilities is about 41.1% of new construction costs. $47,647 multiplied by .411 gives an approximate per pupil modernization cost of $19,583.

Multiplying the per pupil modernization cost of $19,583 by the approximately 115 new students generated and MUSD estimates a modernization need of $2.25 million.

MUSD funded the studies for the fees last fall and it is simply unfortunate timing that they are being enacted during a Pandemic.

“The District has facility needs for which developer fees will assist in funding,” said Bien before explaining that, “this funding is very restricted and can not be used for day to day operations.”

The new rates become effective in sixty days.

PLAY IT AGAIN, HAM

Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) increased developer fees within district boundaries at its regular board meeting Thursday.

The fees total $4.08 per square foot for residential construction and $0.66 per square foot for commercial/industrial construction with the exception of mini storage. Mini storage construction will be taxed at a rate of $0.07 per square foot.

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By Hite

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"Clear as mud: I’m staying home until the mountains turn on their flashing neon ‘we are open’ sign."

Two comments found online, the former was a response to a Mammoth Lakes Tourism twitter post regarding FAQs of recreating and the latter was a response in an Eastern Sierra Backpacking forum.

With Mono/Inyo County lagging behind parts of California, second homeowners and Eastern Sierra regulars feel the current orders are purposefully keeping them out. Probably because they are ...

Regardless of how draconian you think the orders should be, it is clear that there is a new norm.

Yosemite National Park has produced a cumulative plan of how it is going to open. It involves rules and regulations that will literally reduce park capacity by about 50%. Day use permits need to be acquired at least 48 hours in advance.

Yosemite officials told the public that waking up and making a trip to Yosemite on a whim will not be an option this year.

The park will not open until stage three of Governor Gavin Newsom’s reopening plan is realized.

Inyo County

Over the last couple weeks, Inyo County has requested the California Department of Fish and Wildlife lift the delay of the trout opener, in Inyo County, creating a new ‘fishmas’ date of May 28. Inyo has also allowed some short term rentals, under 30 days, to open under Governor Gavin Newsom’s restrictions. This means private campgrounds and RV parks can open.

Part of the county’s reasoning, according to the release, was “With both campgrounds and RV parks closed, Inyo County has seen a significant uptick in dispersed camping. The increase in dispersed camping, particularly by those who normally use campgrounds, poses serious public and health safety concerns.”

For now, United States Forest Service (USFS) campgrounds in Inyo County are still closed until June 30. The Sheet asked Debra Schweizer, the Public Affairs Officer for the Inyo National Forest, how quickly this can change and she responded, “We should be able to adjust relatively quickly. Remember that most campgrounds are run by concessionaires and many of their hosts are on site.”

On the June 30 opening date, Schweizer mentioned the Inyo National Forest “[is] hopeful this order can be rescinded sooner.”

These local orders are simply attempts at following County/State mandates.

Mono County

In Mono County things are a little different. The closure of developed recreation sites and Forest Service-run campgrounds remains in effect through June 30. Day hikes are permitted. And dispersed camping is the only option for locals/tourists enjoying the Eastern Sierra outdoors.

As California moves through the stages of reopening, tourists venturing to the mountains is inevitable. Footloose opened its doors wider in the past week and had a regular stream of customers by Wednesday. People are coming here and staying in RVs or are dispersed camping. If you are driving around Mammoth Lakes and you think there’s been an uptick in population, you are correct.

Virtual Permits

A change that hikers should know about is the new permitting system.

“Starting on June 1, the Inyo National Forest will be providing wilderness permits through a virtual process,” reads the INF website.

All permits through May 31 were cancelled and the new permitting system negates the threat of crowds waiting in line at visitor centers. Schweizer acknowledged this could be the new norm, “I imagine that some services, such as visitor centers and wilderness permits, may remain virtual all year.”

How to book

Per the Inyo National Forest:

“People who have reserved permits can call up to 14 days in advance to have their permit emailed or printed and left in a drop box at the selected visitor center.

The remaining “walk up” permits will be reserved through www.recreation.gov starting up to 14 days in advance of the date of a wilderness trip.

The Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association staff will sell maps, rent bear canisters, and other products under a modified operation. Visitors are highly encouraged to purchase products online in advance of their visit at https://sierraforever.org/“

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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION IN BISHOP

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Clockwise from right: Amy and Josh Nicholson; Aaron Sager (left) and Harold Aronson (right); James Allman on the trumpet.
In my previous post I made a case for reopening America’s restaurants in most locales.

Most of those restaurants are small businesses which do not have the resources to survive a long shutdown even with temporary takeout and delivery services.

Of course, such reopening needs to be carefully managed by restaurateurs and their staffs to ensure the health and safety of their customers (and themselves).

But what of the countless other small retail and service businesses which make up such an important part of American commerce?

The answer is urgently the same. But beyond the immediate reasons to make sure small businesses of all kinds make it through this pandemic crisis is a consideration that existed before the health emergency.

There has been an increasing awareness that artificial intelligence (A.I.) and robotics technology will replace a huge part of the global workforce, especially in the U.S., and that most of the jobs lost will be irreplaceable.

This will not happen overnight, but is likely to happen gradually over the next 15-25 years.

That means tens of millions of Americans will be permanently unemployed.

What to do with this dire situation is one of the greatest challenges facing political leaders today (not surprisingly, however, few of them are even talking about it).

There are solutions to this dilemma, and one promising path is the fact that the U.S. is the quintessential entrepreneurial nation and society. With education and encouragement, most of the younger workers who now work for someone else, particularly employers who will adopt A.I. and robotics, can become self-employed entrepreneurs especially providing services not provided by the new technologies.

This transformation can happen and work, but it is not likely to take place if younger workers see a wipe out of small entrepreneurial businesses from the current crisis.

If massive endemic unemployment is to be avoided in the future, entrepreneurship needs to be seen as a viable and attractive work path.

That is the “big picture” long-term reason to preserve U.S. small businesses.

There are also numerous more immediate reasons, including the welfare of small business owners and their families, their employees and the “supply chains” of vital goods and services they provide.

Most big corporations and big businesses can and will survive the current emergency. (It is important to note that almost all of them started out as small businesses!)

The small business community is the heart and soul of our free enterprise system. Each part of it, of course, has its own conditions and circumstances, as does the restaurant industry —- so while its reopening and survival is urgent, it must be done in the context of the health and safety of the community as a whole.

Barry Casselman is a syndicated columnist who has been covering national politics since 1972. You can find more of his work at www.barrycasselman.com.
Sheets survey

With high schoolers graduating across the Eastern Sierra...

The Sheet asked people on the street: What advice would you give local high school graduates?

“If there is something you’re passionate about then do it no matter what. Stand in your power.”
- Kat Kelleher, Mammoth Lakes

“My advice would be to travel. Especially if you grew up in a small town.”
- Alexis Rousek, Mammoth Lakes

“Try to be as social as you can and make friends. You never know where those friendships will lead or what doors will open up for you.”
- Seleni Duran, Mammoth Lakes

“Try to do something you love. Don’t go to college just to go to college. Pursue your passion.”
- Rob Marshall, Mammoth Lakes

“If you can stay at home and go to college do it. You’re not missing out on anything in the dorms. Save your money.”
- Corrinne Bollendorf

“Don’t listen to your parents or the cops.”
- Mike F, Mammoth Lakes

“Don’t stay in one place or make the same mistakes I made.”
- Kyla Bollendorf, Mammoth Lakes

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LUNCH
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Because this could easily be a really great summer, or a really trying one, and so much of it depends upon us, our attitudes, and gritting our teeth into perma-smiles.

Because our guests are likely going to be edgy - and we've got to deflect that energy with mountain island charm.

Here's the slogan for the summer. I'm offering it to Mammoth Lakes Tourism sans commission.

Cadillac Summer. With a picture of a frosted glass and a little umbrella and a cute, smiling gal/guy sliding a Cadillac Margarita across the table. And from Page's desk ...

While lodging operations in Mammoth Lakes remain shuttered under current health guidelines, emergency workers, displaced individuals and essential travelers have still needed places to stay.

The Town of Mammoth reached a deal with Sierra Nevada Resort in March to provide this emergency lodging.

This met with a raised eyebrow and some curiosity, because there was no bid process for the contract, according to Town Manager Dan Holler, who explained that the emergency powers granted under the health emergency, combined with the limited timeline, necessitated a quick turnaround.

An agreement between the two parties was signed on March 23 with initial terms of the deal stretching through April 30 (now extended) including an upfront $127,400 payment to Sierra Nevada Resort to ensure continued operation and provision of 130 rooms for Town use.

Usage is broken down into 6 categories:

- Individual Rooms
- Medically required room related to COVID-19—Isolation/Quarantine/Comfort Care
- Displaced persons (homeless or imminently homeless)
- Emergency worker/respite rooms
- Private essential workers
- Other users as allowed under the Governor's executive order and Health Officer Order

Categories 1-4 carried a rate from $50 to $60/night depending on the number of individuals housed while Category 5 and 6 usage clocks in at $99/night plus tax and $5/per additional person past two.

Initial funding ($127,400) was used to offset the cost of category 1-4 rooms up to $20; The Town covered the full minimum rate for persons in categories 1-3 rooms if occupants were Site 1, 2, 3 and 4 are to support governmental purposes in responding to the COVID-19 declared emergency, provide a direct public benefit in protecting the health, welfare, and safety of individuals and the community, as the contract reads.

Brent Truax, General Manager of Sierra Nevada Resort, said the resort was approached by the town in late March about the possibility of housing essential workers as well as accommodations reserved for local nonprofits and those in need of housing.

A big part of the Town’s decision to partner with Sierra Nevada Resort, according to Truax, is the hotel’s ability to accommodate varied housing needs, such as offering rooms with an attached kitchen or an exterior entrance/exit for those who may need to isolate.

In addition, the hotel’s proximity to the hospital and nearby construction sites may have played a factor in the Town’s selection. Truax noted that the hotel had played host to a hiker recovering from a foot injury after being moved out of the hospital.

Holler also confirmed the reasoning behind the choice, noting easy outdoor access for larger groups and the ability to designate specific areas for quarantine and isolation purposes.

The large number of available rooms made it more compatible with Town plans than smaller hotels, many of which lack exterior access to rooms.

Other hotels did participate, Holler noted, pointing to essential workers who were housed at Motel 6 and the Sierra Lodge, but for the most part, many lodging operations were furrowing workers or shutting down as much as possible so didn’t maintain the staff which would have been required.

“It was a thoughtful process,” Holler said.

John Morris, G.M. of Snowcreek Resort, said he vaguely recalled a conversation with Holler on the topic, adding that he (Morris) may have told him Holler that Snowcreek would have to pass on the contract due to staffing concerns, and that it might be a better fit for traditional hotels.

Robert Schaubmayer of the Alpenhof Lodge told the Sheet that he hadn’t heard anything about it.

The opportunity has provided Sierra Nevada Resort management some insight into how to optimize internal procedures for use when lodging reopens to the public.

Truax explained that staff now leaves rooms empty for 2 days after an individual moves out of the room and that the lobby is closed to all guests.

Those staying in the hotel pick up a key from a safe and proceed to their room; no interaction with hotel staff whatsoever. Management is also not providing the full services available within the hotel, with Truax adding, “In reality, that’s the way you’ve got to function.”

He said that the hotel had received around 50 inquiries from the general public about accommodations for Memorial Day Weekend, consistent with the experience of other lodging operators.
**TOWN STUFF**

**Saturday, May 30**

*The Felici Trio presents Porch Concert* #4: Time: 5 p.m. Live stream at https://www.twitch.tv/themammothchannel or on Mammoth Channel 12.

**Monday, June 1**

Mammoth Lakes Housing meets @ 2 p.m. Visit the Town website at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov to attend via grancicus.

**FREE COVID-19 testing** at the Public Health pop-up clinic at Memorial hall in Bridgeport. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free testing, masks, hand sanitizer and flyers.

**Tuesday, June 2**

Mammoth Lakes Recreation Commission meets @ 1:30 p.m. Visit the Town website at www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov to attend via grancicus.

Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets starting 8:30 a.m. over teleconference. For Zoom link: visit https://zoom.us/j/868254781. Agendas available at inyocounty.us.

**Displaced Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) basis Story Time** with Cara and Jack. 4 p.m. This week: Cara and Jack will share a selection of books by Julia Donaldson, author of The Gruffalo and The Fish Who Cried Wolf.

**Zoom Link:** https://zoom.us/j/2417846813

**Wednesday, June 3**

**FREE COVID-19 testing** at the Public Health pop-up clinic in front of the Mammoth Food Bank from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free testing, masks, hand sanitizer and flyers.

**Thursday, June 4**

Mono County’s Covid-19 weekly community conversation. 5:30 p.m. Log-in information at coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov.

**Mono County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting** @ 9 a.m. over teleconference. For agenda and meeting: https://monocounty.ca.gov/meetings

**Ongoing:**

Mammoth Taxi Delivery brings you free local restaurant deliveries. Call for availability. 760.937.8294.

Vons offers two hours of shopping Monday-Friday from 7-9 a.m. for those shoppers who may be virus-vulnerable.

As of May 26, most Mono County Library locations will offer pre-arranged pick ups for library materials. You only need a library card and an internet connection. Visit monocolibraries.org for a link to a video tutorial using the online catalog to search and place a hold on a title.

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Help Wanted

Mammoth Spa Creations is looking for an additional member for its team. We currently have an immediate opening for a spa Maintenance Technician position. We are also hiring an Office Assistant. These are Full Time Positions (Monday through Friday). These positions offer vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application. Resumes can be submitted for FULL TIME Retail Sales Assistant positions. Please email your resume to info@ascentmammoth.com or drop your resume off at our store. Thank you. TEAM ASCENT

Vacasa is hiring full and part time housekeepers in Mammoth Lakes/June Lake with pay starting at $18/hour. Apply at vacasa.com/careers.

Mammoth Taxi is accepting resumes for experienced drivers with great customer service and clean driving records. We are also looking for office staff for the right person with great organizational skills and customer service background. Please inquiries with Scottie at 760-914-7433. www.mammoth-taxi.com

White Mountain Fire Protection District is in need of a Grant Writer. It seeks an individual with desire and experience to pursue several upcoming grant opportunities. USDA Rural Fire Protection Grant, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and Support for Volunteer Firefighters (ISBER) Grant to name a few. If interested, contact us, Facebook page “White Mountain Fire Department” or call 760-924-3652.

Big Pine Unified School District. Join the Big Pine Crew! Lead Food Service $20.78-$25.46 per hr. 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 2 week notice required. BBQ cook $16.48-$20.78 per hr. 2 week notice required.


Temporary Park Service Worker $16.20 - $18.75/hr.

Temporary Trail Crew Leader $21.71 - $25.13/hr.

2020-0074 (5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30)

For Sale

2006 Subaru Forester. 150,000 mi., for sale. Bids/Bids. Recent timing belt. AC good. Paint green/white. Good tires. $3,900 OBO. 626.893.3025

For Sale by Owner: rarely available Bigwood Condo. 180B, 1/8A, sunny unit with 1-car garage, deck, ski locker, recent upgrades, close to pool/spa. $2650. Call Mike: 714.914.1877

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person or Business Name is listed above:
Blizzard Fire Protection, LLC
Blizzard Fire Protection, LLC 1442 Tavern Rd., P.O. Box 1450
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company and is in compliance with the process of transacting business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 7, 2020. File Number 20-084

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2020/21 BUDGET

The Board of Education of the Mammoth United School District will conduct a public hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2020/21 at the regular board meeting on June 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Due to the Governor’s Shelter-In-Place executive order, the public will be able to attend the meeting via Zoom. Details for the Zoom meeting will be released from the Board office. All persons who wish to testify in person must contact the District at 760-924-3652.

Any interested party may inspect the Proposed Budget stated above on June 11, 2020 at the District office, located at 1401 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Proposed Budget is available for inspection during regular business hours.

The Board of Education is scheduled to take action on the adoption of the proposed budget at their regular board meeting on June 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

I saw... there’s a plan to resume the NHL season. To celebrate, how about I give you the high stick and we make some for a few hours inside your penalty box.

I heard... the NBA season may start soon. Any chance I can give you the opening tip?

I see... must be a fabulous Monopoly player. Because you seem to have a knack for landing on Free Parking while everybody else lands on Food Bank.

I search... someone to call it a pandemic. How about you stop stacking everything in the sink and clean up after yourself.

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ODE TO A DEGENERATE’S DEGENERATE

Pulp
Charles Bukowski

“Hell was what you made it,” Nicky Belane muses early on in Pulp, a sentiment that seems to be more apt with each passing day during this pandemic. In the contemporary sense, that hell is more of the tantalizing nature these days.

The plot never strays too far from a dive bar. Right off the bat, it’s weird. And the weirdness doesn’t stop with an author whose supposed to have been for more than thirty years. The reality of Nicky Belane’s Los Angeles is chaotic and confused. That backdrop, and skewed sense of reality, allow Bukowski full control over the whole. Aliens show up. His old friend Death stalks the streets looking for people whose time is up.

That control often creates problems for Bukowski. The book is dedicated to bad writing and there’s a hurried seventh volume to the whole thing. Plot points happen at breakneck speed, peter off, and then happen to resolve themselves one after the other. It can be incredibly frustrating at times, this feeling that he could’ve written more or planned out his plots better. The whole book wraps up about five plot lines in the span of 202 pages. Some come and go in what feels like 30 pages.

But that feels like the point. Bukowski was well aware of his mortality while writing the novel; illness kept him from finishing it for an extended period. Aspects of it feel as though they were written at the last minute because they actually were.

None of that is to say it isn’t readable. I read the first 150 pages in about an hour and a half. In spite of the general melancholy, it’s immensely fun to read. I found myself laughing out loud at Belane’s antics. His fervor.

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Notice of Summons

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jesse Yzaguirre, an individual, and/or any others claiming by, through, or under such persons or defendants, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable interest, lien, or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein are hereby notified to file an appearance with this court at the earliest possible date and serve a copy of any response you may have upon the plaintiff at 117 Hill Street, Bishop, CA 93514. Any summons returned unanswered must state the reason for the complaint or any legal or equitable interest in the property to be served. Your court date is July 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. to answer as defendant.

Notice of Property Tax Delinquency and Impending Default

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY AND IMPENDING DEFAULT (Rev. & Tax. Code, Section 3351.4 & 3352)

J. Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector, State of California

You are hereby notified that you have a tax lien against real property located in Mono County, California, as described as follows, as shown in the County Assessor’s records:

That at 12:01 a.m., on July 1, 2020, by operation of law, any real property (unless previously sold by the County and not redeemed) that has any delinquent taxes, assessments, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and/or any delinquent supplemental taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2019-2020, shall be declared tax-delinquent.

That unless the tax delinquent property is completely redeemed through payment of all unpaid amounts together with penalties and fees prescribed by law or an installment plan is initiated and maintained, the property will become tax-delinquent and may be sold subsequently at a tax sale to satisfy the tax lien.

That a detailed list of all properties remaining tax defaulted as of July 1, 2020, and not redeemed prior to being admitted for publication, shall be published on or before September 8, 2023.

That information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan for redemption of tax-delinquent property will be furnished, upon request, by Gerald A. Blancarte, Mono County Assessor, Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517.

Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 932-5480, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov or visit the County website to be furnished, upon request, by Gerald A. Blancarte, Mono County Assessor, Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517.

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCC) will open bids in the office at 157 Short Street, Bishop, CA 93514. Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 11, 2020. All proposals shall be marked with the date, time, and location of the meeting where the contract will be awarded. All proposals received after this date shall be considered not in proper form. All proposals shall remain firm for not less than sixty (60) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals by the County. For more information, please contact the Mono County Local Agency Formation Commission at 760-932-5635 or 1-800-743-7067.

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The Town of Mammoth Lakes is seeking input from the community and organizations assisting persons with disabilities. Your feedback will assist in addressing and prioritizing current and future accessibility needs.

Your comments and opinions are important to us and will provide valuable information regarding how the Town can better serve persons with disabilities.

You can also send an email or call the ADA Coordinator with your comments and suggestions without completing a survey.

Sierra Shultz, Assistant Engineer
ADA/504 Coordinator
Town of Mammoth Lakes
P.O. Box 1609
437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite 230
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Phone: 760.965.3654
TTY through California Relay at: 7-1-1
sshultz@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Please contact Sierra Shultz, ADA/504 Coordinator, if you have questions or comments or would like to request a survey in an alternate format.

Information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained from the ADA/504 Coordinator.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

Softwareend from page 13 commitment, and vocabulary when it comes to catching someone’s wife sleeping around is completely out-
grown. He plunges headlong into conflict and confrontation without a care and consistently beats a hasty retreat.

And he has a truly remarkable ability to escalate a conflict to the point of violence.

The closest comparison that comes to mind is Jack Nicholson’s Jake Gittes from Chinatown. As I remember, Jake had no idea how to keep his mouth shut and stop from making wisecracks. So too with Bela; it feels like the world around him is either too stupid or too crazy for him to comprehend.

So he fights back and gets into trouble constantly. Is that Bukowski looking out? Or is it the wisecracking PI just another
popular trope that Bukowski wants to stretch to the limit?

Should Pulp be counted among the greats in terms of novels? Probably not. But it’s one hell of a fun book to read. As an introduction to Bukowski, it’s pretty shocking but in my limited senselessness almost gives it sense. You mean, say that you figure that everything is senseless.

A lot of people can feel lost at a time like this, isolated and indoors. So here’s some Bukowski as Belane to consider while you’re looking out the window:

“Often the best parts of life were when you weren’t doing anything at all, just mulling it over, chewing on it. I mean, say that you figure that everything is senseless, then it can’t be quite senseless because you are aware that it’s senseless and your awareness of senselessness almost gives it sense. You know what I mean? And optimistic pes-

If that strikes a chord, give ‘The Myth of Sisyphus’ a read and see what existen-
tial rabbit holes you can embark down while in quarantine.
perhaps when the subject is science itself there’s an exception. So let me explain a little more.

It is not “science” to declare that Covid is not a problem, and then abruptly declare it is a problem of such magnitude that the economy should be spent into a cratering spiral with skyrocketing suicide rates, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and undiagnosed cancers and heart disease. Yes, science learns from its mistakes - but such a dramatic and rapid about-face indicates a lack of any concrete scientific understanding of more than a few months’ duration based on evidence that continues to shift.

Such unsettled and rapidly evolving science, and one that is single-minded to the exclusion of other complexities, should be a legitimate subject for questioning. The fact that some are channeling Ring Lardner (“’shut up’, he explained”) indicates that something other than science may be at play.

The unsettled nature of the Covid “science” is further underscored by the experts declaring that masks are not needed, and then within a week or two declaring they should be compulsory.

Likewise, when the CDC publishes an official position (as of this week) that something is “low,” but then health officials explained (”shut up”, he explained”) indicates that something other than science may be at play.

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