A GOOD PUSH ALWAYS HELPS

By Page

The Eastern Sierra had its first (and hopefully not last) big storm of the year this week, beginning Tuesday night and projected to last through Friday morning. As of press time Thursday, Mammoth Mountain reported 6 inches of snow on Tuesday, 40 inches on Wednesday, and 34 inches on Thursday by 3:30 p.m. for a total of 80 inches so far with more expected through the night. At the Inyo County Supervisors meeting Tuesday, Dr. Aaron Steinwand of the Inyo County Water Department said “as of Monday, we were on track (in regard to snowpack) with 2014-2015,” the driest year on record, at 22% of average for the season to date. If the storms materialized (they have), “we might get to 60%” he added.

The cold temperatures brought the snow to the valley floor, with Bishop and the Owens Valley blanketed by Wednesday morning. Overall, Lunch guesses not quite a foot. Weather forecasters warned of high winds through Friday morning, especially along the crest, creating difficult, whiteout driving conditions.

Local authorities were quick to close Highway 395 from the Nevada Border down to State Route 203 (Mammoth Lakes) on Tuesday night. The highway was expected to remain closed in both directions into the next four weeks. The state’s rescinding of the stay-at-home order on Monday, January 25, the California government opted to cancel regionalized stay at home orders throughout the state, returning all counties to the tier system according to Covid-19 statistics.

The stay-at-home order, in place since early December, had been largely ineffective in restricting the movement of people throughout the state and a number of jurisdictions chose to lightly (or not at all) enforce restrictions on hotels and dining.

Governor Gavin Newsom said that he made his decision based on hospital ICU capacity projections over the course of the next four weeks. The state chose to factor surge capacity into the ICU availability metrics, which pushed the numbers above the necessary 15% needed for a given region to reopen in the purple tier.

Two regions were not subject to the stay-at-home order at the time of its lifting: Greater Sacramento had the order lifted on January 12 while Northern California was never subject to it.

Both Mono and Inyo counties were placed in the purple tier, the most restrictive, upon the state’s rescinding of the order. Mono’s 7-day positivity rate has decreased over the past two weeks to the 10-12% range, down from a peak of 26% but still above the state’s 8% threshold to be reclassified into the red tier (which would permit in-person dining). The county’s per capita positivity rate sits at 487 per 100,000 residents, down from a peak of 1,300 per 100,000 little more than a week ago.

Inyo County listed 59 active cases as of Thursday, January 28, a case rate of 88.3 per 100,000 residents and a 15% positivity rate. A refresher on what the purple tier means: lodging can open with restrictions on gym and pool facilities, restaurants can open for outdoor seating, most retail is open at 25% capacity, and some personal services (i.e. haircuts, tattoo shops) can reopen.

In addition to rescinding the stay-at-home order, Newsom also altered the prioritization list for Covid-19 vaccinations, basing it on age as opposed to occupation or risk factors.

Locally, Mono County issued a press release highlighting the changes from the stay-at-home order to the purple tier. The county opted to restrict local lodging to 60% capacity for operators with more than 10 properties and 18 nights/month for operators with less than 10 properties, with a mandatory 24 hour gap between stays for cleaning.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes issued a press release Wednesday veering from Mono County’s edict, stating it would allow 70% capacity.

Emergency Operations Command Public Information Officer Stu Brown talked through the new information from the state, citing the change in metrics as the reason for the state’s actions. Forecasting out, the expanded ICU capacity in Southern California is projected to be at 33.3% in four weeks.

The state also issued new school guidance: grades K-6 may be in-person with 25 cases per 100k residents for five consecutive days while grades 7-12 would have to wait until a county reaches the red tier.

Town Finance Director Rob Patterson, who also leads the Hokey Pokey Clinic, said the bar is typically packed on a Thursday night. Seeing red (tier) would beat seeing red by a mile.

FROM 20 TO 60 IN A FLASH

By Page

On Wednesday, The Sheet’s Owen Page encountered six stranded vehicles on his walk down Old Mammoth Road to the Grocery Outlet. This driver of this Subaru was lucky enough to get a helpful push from a Cat driver. According to Page, “He filled the bucket with snow and nudged the guy very gently. It was quite skillful.”

MADAM (Public House) said the bar is typically packed on a Thursday night. Seeing red (tier) would beat seeing red by a mile.

 Courtesy of California’s Department of Water Resources

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DON’T CELEBRATE TOO EARLY

It was one of those weeks. I really don’t remember what I did. I think that when a bunch of letters come in (content!), one has a tendency to take the foot off the pedal. Especially when they’re good letters. So thank you to the Sheet community for picking up the slack.

As a counterpoint to much in this paper regarding getting towns and business open, here are a few notes of dissent.

Inyo County Public Health Officer James Richardson told Inyo Supervisors Tuesday that if one of these new, more infectious Covid strains takes hold, there is exponential impact.

If a strain is 50% more infectious, he said, you’ll have twice the number of cases in two weeks and a four- to five-fold increase in cases within a month. This courtesy of Harvard epidemiologist Marc Lipsitch, one of the experts Richardson says he relies upon.

The problem is the viral load in a new, more infectious strain. Places that may have been generally safe previously (like the grocery store, if everyone’s masked), may not be as safe now, said Richardson.

As it stands, “Transmission risk is 20 times higher in an indoor setting,” he said.

And so the issue you have, as Supervisor Jeff Griffiths said, is that the rescinding of the stay-at-home order sends a confused message. People will thinking the lifting of the order means its time to party - and the Super Bowl is just around the corner.

“Gatherings are a huge issue,” said Richardson. “People are doing what they want and ignoring basic guidelines.”

From Lipsitch courtesy of a January 8 story which appeared on vox.com: A 50 percent more transmissible virus, Lipsitch says, means “we need to cut our contacts down by another third compared to the already strong restrictions [already in place] in order to get back to the same place where we were.”

Richardson isn’t the only one. Another public health official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, “You can learn a lot by looking around the globe... by getting your head up and looking down range once in awhile. Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Israel, the U.K. ... their numbers are down but they’re all extending [strict]public health orders. It looks like the water’s receding, but don’t be fooled. There’s a big wave coming.”

A critical issue for the United States, said this official, is that we have not charted the site of care shift. Meaning, more at-home and virtual care.

As a counterpoint to much in this paper regarding getting towns and businesses open, said this official, is that the United Kingdom, 12% for Denmark, and almost 60% for Australia ... This is a problem because the more a virus circulates, the more opportunities it has to change.

It would be one thing if the pace of vaccination was proceeding like gangbusters. It’s not. Inyo County has 8,000 people classified in its Tier 1B which is getting vaccinated now. Inyo County Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann said the county is receiving 100-300 vaccine doses per week. That’s a lousy equation.

Infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, said Tuesday in an interview with Anderson Cooper that he fears the United States is about to enter its “darkest weeks” of the coronavirus pandemic yet. Specifically, the next six to fourteen weeks.

Richardson’s best advice: Staying away from people is 100% effective. A few odds and ends. Bishop Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tawni Thomson presented room occupancy numbers to Bishop City Council in her report on Monday. Bishop’s room occupancy rate was 45% in December, as compared to 59% the previous year. In January, the number was trending at 47%, down from 53% in 2020.

Mammoth Hospital held its annual strategic workshop on Friday, January 22. Which is worth a more in-depth future story, but a couple points which I found powerful and unnerving.

“That in-patient growth will be driven by chronic disease admission, principally via advanced liver disease (drinking) and diabetes (obesity).”

Jeff Moser of SG2 Consultants, which facilitated the workshop, also referenced increasing behavioral health impacts, which he said, “You’ll be dealing with tangentially with co-morbidities.”

Moser said the data indicate “this is not a good story.” Further, he said we’ve been, as a country, dismantling mental health infrastructure and care since the ’90s.

To which Dr. Yuri Parisky piped up, “The dismantling of mental health services began in the ’80s.”

Moser also said the Covid pandemic has led to medical coverage erosion, accelerated utilization decline (people are skipping the doctor) and accelerated “site of care” shift. Meaning, more at-home and virtual care.

Between 2018 and 2020, Medicare and MediCal payers rose from 42% to 45% while commercial payers declined from 56% to 53%.

Challenging times in the medical profession. More soon.

"Why would we lie to ourselves?"............ Bill S. Preston, Esq.
STEP 1
Pre-register yourself to be vaccinated by completing the online confidential Vaccine Questionnaire. Hold your camera to the QR code and open the Vaccine Questionnaire, or visit webapps.mono.ca.gov/covid19/vaccinate-mono-form.

Call (760) 924-1830 and follow the vaccination prompts for help completing the vaccine questionnaire or for vaccine questions. Be prepared to leave a short message with your name and phone number.

Email COVID19help@mono.ca.gov for help completing the vaccine questionnaire or for vaccine questions.

The completion of the vaccine questionnaire does not automatically register you for your vaccination. Once clinics are scheduled for your established criteria you will receive an invitation at the appointed time to register for your first and second vaccination. Clinics are by appointment ONLY.

STEP 2
Once clinics are scheduled for each tier/phase, you will receive an invitation at the appointed time to register for your first and second vaccination. Please do not arrive at any clinic unless you have an appointment. On-site registration is not available at this time and slows down the vaccination process for others.

STEP 3
Arrive at your clinic at your appointed time. Wear a t-shirt under your layers. You will receive your vaccination card on-site, which you will need for your second vaccination.

STEP 4
Continue to keep wearing a mask, wash your hands, stay 6 feet apart, and do not gather indoors with those outside of your immediate household unit until the vaccine has been widely distributed.

#VaccinateMono

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE VACCINE

PASO 1
Completa el cuestionario confidencial en línea a preinscribirte para la vacuna. Sostenga la cámara sobre el código QR y abra el cuestionario o visite webapps.mono.ca.gov/covid19/vaccinate-mono-form.

Llame al (760) 924-1830 y siga las indicaciones para la vacuna para recibir asistencia en completar el cuestionario o si tiene preguntas sobre la vacuna. Esté preparado para dejar un mensaje corto con su nombre y número de teléfono.

Envíe un correo electrónico a COVID19help@mono.ca.gov para asistencia a completar el cuestionario o si tiene preguntas sobre la vacuna.

Al completar el cuestionario de la vacuna no lo inscribe automáticamente para su vacunación. Una vez que las clínicas estén programadas por los criterios establecidos a que perteneces, recibirá una invitación a la hora designada para registrarse por su primera y segunda vacunación. Las clínicas son por sita solamente.

PASO 2
Una vez que las clínicas estén programadas para cada nivel y fase, recibirá una invitación a la hora designada de su inscripción por su primera y segunda vacunación. Favor no llegue a ninguna clínica a menos que tenga una cita. Inscripción en el sitio no está disponible en este momento y retrasará el proceso de vacunación para los demás.

PASO 3
Llegue a su clínica a la hora indicada. Use una camiseta debajo de sus capas de ropa. Recibirá su tarjeta de vacunación que necesitará para su segunda vacunación.

PASO 4
Continúe poniéndose la mascarilla, lavándose las manos, manteniéndose 6 pies de distancia, y no reunirse adentro con personas que no sean parte de su hogar inmediato hasta que la vacuna se haya distribuido ampliamente.

#VacunarMono

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For updated Mono County COVID-19 vaccination information, community resources, a vaccine dashboard, immunization schedule, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), informative videos and more, please visit coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations, or hold your camera to the QR code.

Para información actualizada sobre la vacunación contra el COVID-19 en el condado de Mono, recursos comunitarios, el panel de datos de la vacuna, el calendario de vacunación, preguntas frecuentes, videos informativos y más, visite coronavirus.espanol.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/Vacunas, or apunte su cámara sobre el código QR.
Fine people hoax

Dear Editor:

Ted, your comments in the Jan. 9, 2021 edition of The Sheet need scrutiny.

"Looking back at Charlottesville in August 2017, where there were ‘good people on both sides’ as the President asserted … It appears Ted was regurgitating the corporative media debunked narrative that Trump said neo-Nazis and White nationalists were fine people. On 8-15-17 following the Charlottesville riot, Trump did say in an exchange with the media that there were ‘fine people on both sides’ clearly referring to the issue of taking down confederate statues. When asked to clarify his ‘fine people on both sides’ language, Trump moments later said ‘and I’m not talking about the neo-Nazis and the White nationalists, because they should be condemned totally.”

Trump quoted: ‘You had some very bad people in that group, but you also had people that were very fine people, on both sides … I saw the same pictures as you did. You had people in that group that were there to protect the taking down of, to them, a very, very important statue and the renaming of a park from Robert E. Lee to another name … So you know what, it’s fine. You’re changing history. You’re changing culture. And you had people — and I’m not talking about the neo-Nazis and the White nationalists, because they should be condemned totally — but you had many people in that group other than neo-Nazis and White nationalists. Okay? And the press has treated them absolutely unfairly. Now, in the other group also, you had some fine people. But you also had troublemakers, and you see them come with the black outfits and with the baseball bats. You had a lot of bad people in the other group.”


Ted, do you agree with the factual evidence that I presented that Trump said “and I’m not talking about the neo-Nazis and the White nationalists, because they should be condemned totally” when asked about his ‘fine people’ language?

As a journalist, you have a responsibility to research complicated issues of fact/science and to distill them down for the layman to understand. You have a right to your own opinions but not to your own facts. If the factual information I suggest you review gives you mental discomfort that could be because your “facts” do not line up with reality - cognitive dissonance. I believe the 38% of residents in Mono County and the 50% of residents in Inyo County that voted for Trump are eager for your response to my questions.

The Left/media has perpetuated the false narrative that Trump and by extension his supporters are anti-Semitic, racist, neo-Nazis and White nationalists. If Trump was anti-semitic, one would think Israel would have pointed that out. Trump is likely the most popular American president in the eyes of Israel. Trump's daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren are Orthodox Jews. There is no basis in fact that Trump is racist though half the country believes it to be true.

The media has replaced news with narrative, where the media interprets the news for you, then assigns you your views. Most people hearing this would disagree believing that they came to their own conclusions without outside influence. They are low information voters. The media profits by exploiting our divisions, not informing. Their business model is to throw gas on a fire. After four years of the media telling us Trump is a racist, their propaganda failed to convince people of color. In 2020, Trump increased his share of the black vote by 50% from 8% to 12% from 2016. Trump also increased his vote from Latino voters from 28% to 32%. The Republican Party is becoming a multicultural party while the Democratic Party now represents Wall Street, Silicon Valley and the professional-managerial class.

The critical importance of debunking the Charlottesville "fine people” statement is that it is the foundation of the narrative that Trump and his supporters are racist. Falsely branding half the country as racist is divisive and dangerous. Many on the Left have elevated social justice above legal justice feeling righteous in attacking groups of people because of their beliefs. The media has essentially put a target on the backs of half the country.

On 4-25-19 when Biden announced his run for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, he used the Charlottesville hoax as the foundation of his campaign stating the following: “That’s when we heard the words from the president of the United States that stunned the world and shocked the conscience of this nation,” ... that there were “some very fine people on both sides.”

If the election situation was reversed and Trump had won by thin margins with questionable results in a system designed to prevent audits do you think there would have been more, less or no violence in a 2nd Trump inauguration? The claim that Trump wanted and encouraged the riots is nonsensical as it would only harm him politically with no upside. While Trump failed to ‘prove’ the election was stolen, that is not proof that it was not stolen, the current media narrative. Logic indicates absence of proof is not proof of absence.

If the standard being used for the Trump impeachment is a speech he gave that incited a riot one mile away then what about the impeachment trial? Media and elected officials are reporting that Trump’s upcoming impeachment trial poses a security threat requiring 5,000 National Guard troops to remain in Washington through mid-March. If the Senate did not pursue the trial to remove from office a person who is no longer in office then the security threat would disappear. The risk to the country the Left is willing to take in an attempt to gain political points in the theater is on display.

I left the Democratic Party because of its support for endless wars in ‘who gives a st’an’. Their support of censorship blocking diverse viewpoints they disagree with and welcoming big money further corrupting Washington. The media and Democratic party’s focus on group identity politics is divisive leading to tribalism. What nation is less racist than the USA?

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 8-28-1963. Ask yourself why are we moving away from Dr. King’s vision?

Gary Guenther
Mammoth Lakes

Ed. note: “Proud Boys, stand back and stand by … Somebody has to do something about Antifa and the left because this is not a right-wing problem, this is a left-wing. This is a left-wing problem.”

-Pres. Donald Trump, Sept. 30, 2020, Presidential Debate #1

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Dear Editor:

It is criminal that our Town Council leaders are continuing to limit lodging to 70% when the State is allowing 100% occupancy. The power given to Town government and public health officials during the pandemic seems to have corrupted their senses — they feel that now every business can be opened and shut on their whims. What does the Town know that the State and the rest of the U.S. doesn’t? How can the Town presume to know better? And how can the Town claim to be more vulnerable than every municipality in the state, when our hospital has not had any surge or high occupancy of ICU beds?

There has been NO hospital surge in our county. Ever. Furthermore, Tom Parker, CEO of Mammoth Hospital, stated this week (and did so back in December) that he and the team at the hospital support opening lodging without restriction except for 24 hours between stays.

The rest of the State is allowing 100% occupancy, including Lake Tahoe and Inyo County. When Bishop took advantage of our shutdown and hosted all our travelers over the holidays, Mammoth Town Council acknowledged that Mammoth businesses were being unfairly discriminated against. Now, they are literally drafting an order to continue that discrimination.

Our county has a high positivity rate, but overall, most are asymptomatic. CEO Parker remarked that our extremely low hospitalization rate could be based on unique community health factors, and expects attitude studies to be conducted in the future. Bottom line is, most of our COVID-positive community have not been that sick, let alone hospitalized. Why aren’t these numbers published? Remember, the goal is to flatten the curve and relieve pressure on the hospital, not eradicate the disease.

The past seven weeks of lodging restrictions have not shown any numerical effect of decreasing the positivity rate or hospitalization rate in our county. Lodging restrictions HAVE NOT changed our COVID numbers.

How can Town Council stand for this after claiming to empathize with the economic disaster we experienced over the holidays? At the December 23 joint meeting with Mono County, the Town of Mammoth blamed the State for these restrictions and said its hands were tied. But the Town promised to advocate to the State to get businesses back open. But now their hands are untied, the State has given its blessing to us to open up, and the Town is shutting us down again by 30%. They are literally robbing us of 30% of our business for no reason.

Mammoth Town Manager Dan Holler said this week that one reason to limit lodging is to keep workers from getting COVID and calling in sick, which would decrease “productivity.” Is he serious? Close us down to increase productivity?

May I mention that the solution the Town offered on January 8 to encourage lodging operators to get their guests to lie on an essential traveler form was extremely cowardly? All the Town had to do was stop enforcement, as every other town and county was doing. Yet instead, they implicated the lodging operators and their guests by requiring them to lie in order to barely operate at 10 days a month - another arbitrary number invented by the Town.

Finally, how can the Town expect business to survive when it creates additional uncertainty? All we have is the law — we studied the tiers and the state data very carefully. We knew that we were close to getting out of the RSAHO, knowing full well that meant we would be back in business. But now the Town has literally changed the rules again. We were told that when we get out of RSAHO we would be moved to purple. But now the Town tells us purple means 70% for Mammoth Lakes. They cannot change the rules. They had all the information up front. It is unfair and just not right.

It’s been 10 months now that businesses in Mammoth have been crippled ARBITRARILY by leaders, ordinances, and letters from the Town’s Finance Department. I think they have forgotten the role of government. You can make the public health argument all you want, but it’s no longer holding up. Please change this.

Sue McManus
Mammoth Lakes

More from the land of Dorothy

Dear Jack,

I read with interest your observations about Kansas counties “demonstrating” the effectiveness of masking based on masked counties correlating to lower disease rates. The relevant text from the January 16 issue of The Sheet, page two: The current issue of the New Yorker features a forty-page story entitled “The Plague Year” talking about Covid and the timeline of what happened and profiles some of the players and what they did right or wrong. The following was one of the takeaways from the New Yorker story:

Why basic protocols like masks and distancing matter: The starkest example occurred in Kansas, when the governor issued an executive order to wear masks in public but allowed counties to opt out. It was as if Kansas were performing a clinical trial on itself. Within two months, infections in mask-wearing counties had fallen by 6%; elsewhere, infections rose 100%.

But as scientists understand, correlation does not equal causation, because for every Kansas story there’s a counter-vailing correlation story. Like in Florida, in which counties choose whether to mandate masks. Where mask mandates were in effect, new cases averaged 23 per 100,000 people per day. Where mandates were not in effect, the number ticked lower to 22 per day per 100,000 people.

Even more of a difference is seen at the state level. Taking data across the U.S., when states had mandates in effect the average new case load was 27 per day per 100,000. With no mandates, average new case load was only 17.

But my correlation—therefore-causation anecdotes are no more reliable than the Kansas “experiment”, and health officials have been aware of this fallacy for decades. This is why the FDA requires randomized controlled trials to prove safety and efficacy of any therapy. Except masks, oddly enough.


One gets the feeling that it’s really not about the science.

John Rogitz
Redington Shores, Fl.

K2: Not just a mountain in Asia

Dear Editor:

Like many of us in the Eastern Sierra, I feel a call to steward this land that we call home, much as the indigenous people of Payahuanudu, the Eastern Sierra, stewarded this land well before us (and still do).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gave approval to K2 Gold, an international mining company headquartered in Canada, to explore for gold in Conglomerate Mesa. Conglomerate Mesa is a beautiful, roadless wild land home to our precious desert species and just two miles from Death Valley National Park. K2 Gold has already begun to degrade this land, scarring Conglomerate Mesa with trenches and littering the ground with flagging and spray paint. If not stopped, K2 Gold will soon plow a road into Conglomerate Mesa and drill 30 additional exploration holes, permanently scaring the land and destroying irreplaceable cultural and historical resources on the mesa.

If the exploration yields promising results, K2 plans to mine using an industrial-scale open-pit cyanide leach process. Yes, this is just as bad as it sounds! Cyanide, of course, is poisonous, and this process creates 20 tons of waste just to recover the amount of gold found in a typical gold ring! This type of mining is notorious for damag- ing, desecrating and destroying plants.

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A First 5 Commissioner Needed to Help Shape the Lives of Local Children and Their Families

The First 5 Mono County Commission is seeking to fill a membership vacancy. Priority areas of the Commission include improving the health, development and school readiness of children ages 0 to 5. Candidates who fall within any of the following categories are encouraged to apply:

- Persons responsible for management of the following county functions: children’s services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.
- Recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan.
- Representatives of local child care resource or referral agencies or a local child care coordinating group.
- Representatives of local organizations for prevention or early intervention for families at risk.
- Representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting or nurturing early childhood development.
- Representatives of local school districts and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

If you are interested in being a part of the First 5 Mono County Commission, please send a letter of interest by 5pm on February 12, 2021, to First 5 Mono County, PO Box 150, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or to Molly Delluva/Bakos, the First 5 Executive Director at mdeluva@mono5.org.

For more information, call the First 5 Office at 760-924-7626, or visit www.first5mono.org.

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The safety of our patients and staff continue to be top priority as we navigate this pandemic into 2021.

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Changes for rural area criteria to move thing you’ve got to focus and lobby on you all to work aggressively with every-

last week’s numbers to start our clock in town and it is crucial we get credit for point for numerous businesses’ survival meeting:

during email to Holler after Monday’s owner Michael Raimondo sent the fol-

ditions of disease we see in other parts of the state, “ said Parker, who maintained that the hospital is solidly in the green and fully operational.

Double Eagle Resort Vice President Ralph Lockhart felt that if the hospital was on board, there was no need to change the lodging guidelines. “[The hospital] is concerned that if we limit the number of hotel rooms, they’re gonna be crammed with a number of people,” Lockhart said, Why shouldn’t we allow them to be spread out and change the lodging guidelines.

“All we’re doing is having the boot on the necks of businesses.”

We’ve not been seeing the acute manifestations of disease we see in other parts of the state.

-Hospital CEO Tom Parker

Town’s Covid-19 enforcement efforts, said that officials would continue to ease local restrictions as the county moves upward through the tier system. Patterson did note that the area’s Covid-19 case numbers are much worse than they were when the county first entered the purple tier.

“I wanted to get this open as quickly as possible,” he said, “However, if this kind of blows things up, it’s gonna go the wrong direction. … We’re hoping that it’s enough to get us going and that we don’t go the wrong direction.”

Lodging Association President John Morris asked about the likelihood of moving out of the purple tier by Presi-

dent’s Weekend. The answer from Town Manager Dan Holler: it could be tough. Holler said that the two metrics be-

ing used are positivity and case/100k residents. If positivity gets down to under 8% and cases per 100k residents amounts to about 7-8 per week, the county would be eligible to move into the red tier after two weeks of decreased disease spread.

Old New York Deli and Bagel Co. owner Michael Raimondo sent the fol-

lowing email to Holler after Monday’s meeting:

“I believe we are at a critical breaking point for numerous businesses’ survival in town and it is crucial we get credit for last week’s numbers to start our clock sooner then later. I would encourage you all to work aggressively with every-

thing you’ve got to focus and lobby on changes for rural area criteria to move the community forward into the red tier as soon as possible.”

Mammoth Hospital CEO Tom Parker spoke about the lodging restrictions, expressing the hospital’s support for the 24-hour gap in stays but pushing back on lodging capacity restrictions.

“We’re concerned that on initiation on occupancy will not necessarily reduce the number of people coming to town,” Parker said. “We’re going to see people crowding into the existing available rooms and we’ll have a repeat of the [holiday case surge].”

“We’ve not been seeing the kinds of acute manifesta-

tions of disease we see in other parts of the state,” said Parker, who maintained that the hospital is solidly in the green and fully operational.

Hospital CEO Tom Parker

“The frustration at the lowered metrics was palpable. Sierra Nevada’s Resorts Brent Truax said that he had had to lay off 138 people since the beginning of the pandemic, some of whom had been working for him for more than a decade.

“It’s not just about today, it’s about taking care of what we’ve had the last several months where we didn’t have money,” he said.
SKIER DIES THURSDAY

At approximately 12 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol was dispatched to the redwing area off of Chair 8 with a report of an unconscious male skier upside down in deep snow near the intersection of Redwing and Hully Gully.

TRUMPED IN FINAL HOUR

On its way out the door, the Trump administration released extensive rewrites for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) that, if accepted, could have broad impacts on public lands in California.

The plan seeks to balance conservation, renewable energy, and cultural resources across 10.8 million desert acres stretching from Bishop to the Mexican border and from Tehachapi to Needles on the Nevada border.

Two alternatives have been proposed for the plan by the Bureau of Land Management: the first calls for reducing protected lands, “areas of critical environmental importance” (ACEC) by 1.8 million acres while modifying or outright eliminating 68 Conservation Management Actions (CMAs), which set development rules. The second alternative would reduce ACECs by 1.5 million acres, with the same number of CMAs adjusted.

The Sheet spoke with Frazier Haney, a board member with the California Coalition of Deserts and executive director of the Wildlands Conservancy about the potential impacts that the DRECP could have on the desert.

Haney explained that areas within the DRECP are coded based off of the level of conservation required and that coding dictates what kinds of activities are permitted on the land in question. In some of these areas, the rollback of the codes would allow more industrial activities in areas of critical environmental concerns.

“Another way that the plan changes land use, but is even worse, is that they’ve proposed to change the designation of more than 400,000 acres to general public lands,” Haney said. For example, the mouth of Surprise Canyon in Panamint Valley would become public land, stripping it of the protections afforded by its previous designation, and opening up the area to industrial development.

The proposed amendments would also allow for energy transmission across ACECs, which was previously forbidden.

In addition, the alternatives for the DRECP threaten to dismantle the protections placed on cultural and heritage sites for indigenous peoples, the protections being an integral part of the original plan.

“There’s dozens of these actions that would either be entirely struck or they would be changed dramatically,” Haney said.

One example: “There’s a conservation and management action that protects certain types of vegetation to ensure that Native American cultural values can be maintained ... and that CMA was eliminated entirely.”

The ongoing fight to preserve Conglomerate Mesa underscores that point; a Canadian mining company has exceeded the impacts agreed upon within their permit and is making no attempt to hide the indiscretion. Conglomerate Mesa is part of the traditional homelands of the Paiute-Shoshone and Timbisha Shoshone tribes.

“We are incredibly frustrated, but not surprised, to learn that K2 Gold violated their permit and that the impacts of the exploratory drilling project went beyond what was allowed,” said Kathy Bancroft, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe.

“Another way that the plan changes land use, but is even worse, is that the Biden administration can immediately retract the amendment; that retraction could come before the public comment aspect of the drafted amendments concludes.

And there is support from the state as well, as Governor Gavin Newsom’s administration has asked the Bureau of Land Management for reconsideration. “Our hope is that the Biden administration would retract the amendment within the next six weeks and that would be that,” Haney said. “Then we can focus on the real prize: planned implementation,” a stakeholder driven process that would help to achieve what the original DRECP set out to do: develop sustainable energy in the California Desert with an eye towards conservation.

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Friday morning, Caltrans was able to open the section from 203 to the bottom of the Sherwin Grade by 3 p.m. Wednesday, with R2 Chain controls and a CHP escort. However, the highway was still closed northbound from the bottom of the Sherwin grade to the Nevada state line.

Anecdotally, The Sheet spoke to one intrepid soul who accessed Mammoth northbound via Lower Rock Creek.

Access to June Lake via Highway 158 was also closed at one point on Wednesday.

A short break is expected over the weekend, with storms predicted to pick back up on Monday and Tuesday and again later in the week.
D avid vs Goliath. The most apt comparison available regarding retail investors pushing GameStop (stock ticker GME on the NASDAQ) beyond $300 (as of Wednesday) (update Thursday morning: GameStop stock dropped to $193.91 a share before slightly rally after hours) in one of the most unlikely scenarios to kick off the new year.

GME was up nearly $199.53 (134.84%) on the day (Wednesday). Up 788% over 5 days, 1704% in a month, and 8,314% in a year (again, as of Wednesday).

You read those numbers correctly. But the story is about more than just soaring stock price and a few investors making a nice windfall. It’s about who lost. And why.

Take CNBCs interview with Chamath Palihapitiya, CEO of Social Capital, that occurred January 27 in which Palihapitiya said, “I think that what you are seeing is essentially a pushback against the establishment in a very important way. I would encourage anybody who is dismissive of this thing to go into WallStreetBets and read the forums.”

“Spyder alert. Visiting r/WallStreetBets, a subreddit, means you’ll be wad-ed in a higher standard. You will see the other financial markets that should be held to a higher standard. You will see the other degenerates who subscribe to it, balance it into the market with a blatant disregard.

And they (specifically r/WallStreet-Bets) meme just about everything. They claim they want tendies, referencing chicken fingers which are to be consumed by royalty. The idea is that trading stocks that go up will get them their tendies.

They say to hold stocks with diamond hands (meaning never sell), and use appropriate emojis for said diamond hands.

They also have meme “to the moon” and constantly say things like “The thrusters are loading” or even a mix of the two, “diamond hands to Mars.” If it isn’t clear, to the moon/mars is the hypothetical price of the stock, and again, a lot of rocket emojis are used. Kind of like this comment from u/FreedomEagle99, “Only need one ticket to ride the rocket to Mars.”

People use the above information and assume that the subreddit is manipulating the stock prices and treating the market with a blatant disregard. And it isn’t just people, go online and look up GameStop news. You will see half of the stories explaining it as manipulation by millions of people sitting at home spanning the face of financial markets that should be held to a higher standard. You will see the other half look at it like some sort of institutional pushback. The latter is undoubtedly correct.

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By Zachary Hite

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A short squeeze is when a stock goes up and short-sellers are forced to close their positions. Because they are forced to close the positions, and there are a few days, it creates a higher demand for the stock and the stock goes up. The idea was that with such a high percentage of short positions in the stock, these reddit users realized Wall Street pros were in a precarious position.

The timeline is messy, but from July (when that post was made) to December, GME crept up from roughly $4 a share to around $18 a share on December 31.

On August 31, Ryan Cohen, co-founder of Chewy Inc., disclosed a 5.8 million share stake in GameStop, becoming a hero in r/WallStreetBets and likely helping to spur some momentum.

At some point between then and now, more than 100% of the stock was being shorted.

You probably think this makes no sense. Palihapitiya, in his CNBC interview said the same thing, “The average person probably thinks ‘How can you have 136% short interest?’ How can you be short 40% more shares than actually exist in a stock?”

What this means is that 136% (this number is hard to find, but it is between 120-140%) of the shares were being shorted, but this is not exclusive to 100% of the shares being owned. GameStop now has 69.75 million shares outstanding. If there are still 136% of the shares being shorted, then there are about 95 million open short positions. In order for those to be closed, they need to buy 95 million shares. They can do this over the course of a few days, assuming there are sellers available.

At this point most of these short positions are so far underwater that they either have to buy back now and accept billion dollar losses or wait for the stock to return to a fairer price/valuation. Or think, diamond hands. These hedge funds were essentially screwed.

On Thursday, the game changed again. The stock dropped to $193.60 and is up to around $250 after hours at the time this is being written.

That reason the stock dropped is because trading platforms such as Robinhood and TD Ameritrade restricted trading on GME and a handful of other stocks with a high short interest such as AMC and NOK.

Both brokers allowed users to sell the stock but did not allow purchase.

A lot of twitter users and r/WallStreetBets members believe this is a form of market manipulation and talks of a class-action lawsuit have already been discussed on these forums.

To summarize the entire thing: hedge funds got greedy and continuously beat down GME to the point where there was over 100% short interest in the stock. Reddit users, through a public forum, decided to screw these guys over in a trade that was nearly guaranteed to be successful because of how ignorant the hedge funds were being.

Now, brokers are temporarily halting trading on platforms and the animosity grows.

What happens next?

Who knows. This is an unprecedented time in the world of finance.

It could end with a bunch of retail investors chipping out and plummeting the price of the stock allowing hedge funds to take a loss not nearly as significant as it seems right now.

Whatever happens in the next couple of days/weeks/months, the important takeaway is that the stock market is a casino to institutional investors. They choose the prices of stocks and manipulate the market in many ways. Normally this happens when institutional knowledge is greater than that of the public.

They often utilize after-hours trading to game the public. Or together, hedge funds will make similar moves within minutes of each other, tanking a stock, while a retail investor is left in the dust. Investing firms utilize their billions of dollars of assets to move stocks by themselves. And these firms have artificial intelligence that can make trades at a frequency interval faster than anything available to the American public.

And in this game created by these billion dollar hedge funds, investing firms, and Wall Street fat cats, they get greedy. They stop doing what they preach, which is fundamental analysis.

r/WallStreetBets got lucky, though. There isn’t enough capital in that subreddit to seriously change the market. GME has a small enough market capitalization and hedge fund managers were shorting it at an unprecedented rate.

If those managers had been doing their jobs, they would’ve known that they were at an extreme risk. What really happened with the story of r/WallStreetBets is that the professional managers got careless. And they’re losing billions as a result.

Have you wanted to start your own business and need a small shop, but couldn’t find a place? Well, here’s your chance. The former Bass store on Main Street in Mammoth boasts 6,000-square feet of magnificent front-line retail space. Moving forward, it will be divided into smaller spaces of varying size to meet your needs. We are looking toward move-in for April or May of this year to take advantage of the coming summer season, which should be huge. Pent-up demand will be off the charts as the virus recedes! Think a group of small stores generating big customer traffic? Take the next step and bring your ideas into reality at the Mammoth Main Street Marketplace.
**Notice of Public Hearing**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development announced the availability of approximately $377.1 million in funding pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (CDFG-CA and CV-3 funds) for purposes of providing financial assistance to small businesses and nonprofit organizations to retain jobs for low- and moderate-income households. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and participant information will be made available on the upcoming agenda.

To join the meeting by computer:
Visit https://mammothcounty.zoom.us/j/9704820841 or visit https://www.zoom.us/call/join/A MeetingID=9704820841

To join the meeting by telephone:
Dial (866) 940-6853, then enter WebEx ID 970 4820 841.

To provide public comment (at appropriate times) during the meeting, please follow the directions below.

**Public Comments**

If special accommodations are required because of a sensory or mobility impairment or disability, or if an interpreter is needed, please contact Queenie Barnard at Qbarnard@mono.ca.gov or 760-932-5534 to arrange for those accommodations.

The Board in the amount of $234,654 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to small businesses and nonprofit organizations to retain jobs for low- and moderate-income households.

To seek out formal avalanche safety training such as that provided by AIARE. This weekend program will be a huge step in the right direction," he said.

For more information, please go to www.skinnskis.com or call Clay directly at 609-647-4787.

Monday, February 1/ Mammoth Lakes Lodging Round Table meets 10-11 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007. Mammoth Restaurant Assn. meets via Zoom. 3:30 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8587686842

Tuesday, February 2/ Volunteer Eastern Sierra will host the next wild ‘n crazy Not Your Grandma’s Zingo, our first ever Virtual Zoom Bingo Night on February 2! Proceeds will benefit the Mountain View Fire Victims. Special Warming Hut food and drinks will be available for pre-purchase and pick up. Go to https://givebutter.com/pydXm to sign up for Zingo and reserve your online Zingo Cards. Zoom link opens at 5:30 pm with first game at 6. Info: Annemarie @ 949.636.4003

Inyo County Supervisors meet. 9 a.m. Attend via https://zoom.us/j/868254781 or access via county website.

Mono County Supervisors meet. 9 a.m. Attend via https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/9564635067

Wednesday, February 3/ Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets via Zoom. 1 p.m. Agenda/link via www.townofmammothlakes.gov. *Note: MLT has an immediate board opening. For interest to MLT Office Manager Emily Bryant at ebryant@visitmammoth.com by Friday, Feb. 5, 2021.

Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets via Zoom. 4 p.m. Agenda/link via www.townofmammothlakes.gov.

Ongoing Laws Museum, located just outside Bishop off Highway 6, is open Friday-Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: www.lawsmuseum.org/760.873.5950.

Mono County Libraries Storytime Live! Join Ms. Chelsea for a story and fun activities on the Mammoth Lakes Library Facebook page. Time: 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Or start your week off with a community storytelling. Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on the Mono County Libraries Facebook page.

All Visitor Centers (Mono Basin, Mammoth, White Mountain, Lone Pine) are closed, but visitor questions are being answered via phone daily, 8-4:30.
animals, water and air, not to mention the total annihilation of the view-scape. Experience with this process has led many to believe that the more water that they may find to source their water, it will be trucked in and fed into the Mono through miles of hose laid across the land. What begins at 9,000 gallons a day for 180 days will turn into billions of gallons each operating year for an open-pit heap-leach mine.

Indigenous people have reminded us that water is life. The proposed project is within the homelands of the Timbisha Shoshone and Paiute Shoshone Tribes. Why enable a project that has such a clear logistical impossibility as access to water? Inyo County residents are opposed to this project and have voiced their opposition loud and clear, including at the Board of Supervisors meeting when the project was discussed. During the BLM’s public comment period in Fall of 2019, the public overwhelmingly expressed grave concerns about the project.

Council has no interest in helping our local communities. They will exploit Conglomerate Mesa for their profits and leave us with severely damaged and desecrated public lands. Let us join together to steward this precious desert of ours by standing up for preservation over profit for foreign companies.

Betsy McDonald
 Bishop

Time for honesty

Dear Editor:

It is time for an honest, common sense community discussion about The Parcel Plan.

After reading the Parcel Master Plan and listening to Town Planner Chandler Van Schack’s Parcel Development presentation during the January 6th Town Council meeting, I realized something was missing – real discussion about how the Parcel project will truly impact our community within and outside The Parcel boundaries.


The Parcel Plan calls for 1,674 units. The Parcel Plan calls for 5,021 acres in addition to all roads planned to be built on the Parcel. The Parcel Plan calls for $100,000 to $200,000 per unit. The Parcel Plan calls for $200,000 to $400,000 in infrastructure per acre.

That would suggest a 25% hit to all sorts of resources and infrastructure. Are we prepared?

Water and Sewer – Mammoth Community Water District currently restricts outdoor watering during the summer months to 25 gallons per week for the limited amounts of water available.

Do we have adequate Sewer capacity to support the Parcel or will additional infrastructure be required? If new infrastructure required, how will it be funded?

Schools, Fire, Police and Hospital – Schools – Let’s say 500 more children in town. We just increased property taxes in support of additional school bonds. Will these new dollars cover the projected enrollment increase? I sure hope that conversation has been had.

Police – A 25% increase in police staffing would equal close to $1 million a year based upon current budget.

Fire – Can our current Fire and Paramedic resources support these numbers? If not, what is required in terms of equipment, structures, staff? Cost and funding source, please?

Hospital – We have a 17-bed hospita.

Is that enough? Who pays for any upgrades?

Transportation – During questioning, Chandler said, “the Parcel Plan calls for an average of 30 to 45 cars on a 52 unit or – 75 acres (580 x 1.25) by my math.

That doesn’t sound realistic.

California census data indicates 9% of households have no cars, 34% have one car, 38% have two cars and 19% have three or more.

Crunch the math on that and you come up with 1.67 cars per household. The Parcel residents will add to our town roads in addition to car trips generated by the community for use of the community center, child care facility, park spaces and potential commercial business that could be permitted in the Parcel.

Your traffic models should project the number of traffic signals required and at what locations ... please tell us how many and where these new traffic bottlenecks will be located.

Installing new traffic signals, btw, can cost up to $500,000 per intersection. It’s not what I would call a cheap venture. And I have an honest discussion about how development of The Parcel impacts our community besides stating it is helping to solve the shortage of workforce housing. Is that what it’s about? And the residents of Mammoth Lakes want to know what we’re on the hook for.

Tom Morison
Mammoth Lakes


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I saw ... that the stay-at-home order has been rescinded. Does that mean both are going to see other people now? ...

I noticed ... delivering my food the other night. I can’t understand why you didn’t stick around for more than just my big tip.

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Person (or Person/Partners) are Doing Business As: La Parrilla Grill & Tacos

Daniel Gámon
P.O. Box 113,
June Lake, CA. 93529

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to use the fictitious business name listed herein.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on January 9, 2021.
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**HOROSCOPES**

**Aquarius:** To help you start off the new year of your life on the right foot, your words of wisdom will come from the late, great Aquarian, Hammerin’ Hank Aaron. 1: “Failure is part of success.” 2: “It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.” 755: “My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having nightmares on the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging.”

**Pisces:** Since this is the final stretch before your birthday, please spend some time appreciating anything you can about this year and setting some hopeful goals for the next. You could hope for world peace or whirled peas or to play one-on-one with Metta World Peace. Or you can make it simple: this year, new me, be happy, use my blinker more often.

**Aries:** Hugh Hefner became a millionaire by living in his pajamas. Since he was an Aries, why can’t you do the same? Sure, the magazine trade is a bit rough right now, and peddling partial nudity is passé, but don’t stress. You’ll always know your correct paths in life when you cross them. And if you can’t always wear your pajamas, just remember it’s better to sleep naked anyway.

**Taurus:** This much we know is true: Hard work pays off in the future, while laziness pays off now. As a Taurus, you’re never afraid of some hard work, but you’re not good enough about being lazy. We all need to rest and refresh every now and again. February is a good time to slow down and plug into whatever recharges our batteries. Soon spring will start sneaking in and it will be time to crank it up again. Basically, try doing more things that pay off instantly.

**Gemini:** There are 943 words that break the “t before e rule.” In fact, only 15 words choose not to follow this. This might be a good time for you to examine any of your own rules for life. You wouldn’t want them to steal any of your feisty zest for this weird and wonderful life, especially if you have a cool neighbor named Keith who lives in a beige house and is into science and leisure.

**Cancer:** When “I” is replaced by “We” great things happen. Don’t believe it? Well here are some examples. “Illness” becomes “Wellness,” “In-frequent” becomes “We-frequent,” and “Igloo” becomes “Wegloo.” If you are still doubtful, maybe it’s time you check into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and turn yourself around.

**Leo:** Since Leos are good at figuring things out, like how to overcome problems, Clouds thought you might enjoy this quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Don’t be pushed by your problems, be led by your dreams.” If that doesn’t work for you, maybe you need an attitude adjustment. Getting some freshies always helps!

**Virgo:** Studies have shown that the average person craves a hug roughly 13 times per day. These studies also found that the average hug only lasts 3 seconds, but it takes at least 20 sec-
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