LOCALS ESCAPE AVALANCHE
Long Valley residents regroup after white wave slams into home
By Bodine
Five residents of the home in Long Valley that was hit by a wall of snow on Sunday, January 22, kept their cool and were able to get out safely. All five, including 2-month-old Isabel Villa, are currently unable to return home and are figuring out what to do next.
The Villa family—Tina, Russel, and baby Isabel (as well as Tucker, their Schnauzer) recently returned from a stay in Ventura, because Isabel, born in November 2016, had trouble breathing at high altitude. She spent the first week of her life in a neonatal intensive care unit in Loma Linda. "Well this baby... now has another notch in her belt," wrote Tina Villa on a GoFundMe page set up for the family.
Tina Villa told The Sheet that Russel and Kevin Lemar, Tina’s visiting brother, had been shoveling snow most of the day on Sunday. The Villas live on the second floor of the home, which is shared by Dan Corning and Heidi Vetter (and dog Stanley) on the first floor.
Tina was holding Isabel in her room when, at around 9 p.m., she heard a deep rumble. Her first thought was that it must be an earthquake. "We had maybe two seconds to move before it hit," Tina wrote. "I jumped off the bed and ducked behind it. Bam!"
She told The Sheet, "It sounded like another house hit our house.
The snow burst through the glass doors near the kitchen, glass shot everywhere. "The mountain came down," Tina Villa wrote. "My living room and kitchen are now a snow-drift.
Corning, of Mountaingold Woodworking, said he and Vetter heard a small rumble, then "a freight train hit the house." He said it was a massive adrenaline rush and the crashing sound filled the house, and just as quickly it was silenced. He suggested that the avalanche had jumped the road cut.
The roads have now been opened in the area following considerable avalanche danger that barred Mono County crews from plowing the road, but the propane tanks for the home shared by the couples have not been dug out yet. As of press time, it was unknown if the Mono County Sheriff’s Office would allow the residents to return to their home.
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WHOA BABY!
An avalanche tore through a property in Long Valley on Sunday evening, displacing five people and two dogs. Russel Villa and baby Isabel, along with the other residents of the property, escaped safely but are currently unable to return home. See story, this page.

SNO’ MONEY, SNO’ PROBLEMS
Mammoth’s record month and its consequences
By Rea and Giles
After a series of storms dropped more than 20 feet of snow on Mammoth Mountain, setting a monthly snowfall record for the town, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has been feeling the effects of too much of a good thing. On Tuesday, January 24, Mammoth Mountain reported that it had received 246 inches of snow in January alone.
All that snow has come with a price. Highway 395 was closed for nearly 24 hours from Sunday through Monday. Vehicles were stranded in Mammoth Lakes during that time.
Main Street had been reduced to a two lane road. As of press time, most of the bus stops on Main Street are inaccessible to pedestrians. In places where town sidewalks have been cleared, pedestrians often walk half a block between 10 foot walls of snow, only to encounter a wall of the stuff and have to climb out, onto the street, or turn around.
Residents have reported being unable to drive some town streets, others are watching their roofs bow under the weight of snow. Some have had windows shatter, and others have had their doors blocked in by debris from Town of Mammoth Lakes snow blowers.
Mono County Sheriff and see PROBLEMS, page 8

EASTSIDERS RALLY
Taylor Lyon, Nigel Jiff and Carissa Devine showed up with almost 600 other people for the Women’s March on Washington, Bishop edition. See more photos, and story, p. 6-7.

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YEARS OF THE ROOSTER

While the Chinese Year of the Rooster officially begins today (Sat-

day) it’s been the Year of the Rooster at the Lunch household since
January 1. That’s when my wife, the Defender of All Living Things,
announced that we would be having a rooster living in a crate in the
kitchen “for a few days” as it is recovered from “surgery.”

What?!?

The rooster had a rotting toe, so the vet had cut it off and the rooster
needed to recuperate and learn how to walk on two toes. Further, the
vet had given my wife pain medication (alas, for the rooster, and not for
me).

So for the next week or so, I was treated to a rooster choir. The roost-
ers outside would crow, starting at about 6 a.m., and then the rooster
inside would crow in response. Back and forth it would go. Weekends,
too.

“So, uh, when do you think the rooster will be repatriated?” I asked
my wife.

“No yet,” she would say. “See, he’s still limping.”

So I’d peer into the crate and sure enough, that rooster was in there
limping around.

But when my wife went back outside to tend to the other livestock
(Her latest project: insulating the barn so the goatsies don’t get so cold
at night), I swear to God I’d spy on that damn rooster and he was bounc-
ing around just fine in there, munching on fresh-cut vegetables.

At night, she’d take him out of the crate and put him in her lap and
say things like “Great job!” The chihuahua was eager for a closer look and I
admit, I was rooting for the chihuahua, but my wife held firm and that
beady-eyed rooster looked at me triumphantly … or at least I thought he
did. Who the hell knows what a rooster’s looking at?

I told The Sheet’s June Simpkins about the situation and she said she
grew up on a farm in Oklahoma and that the situation could easily be
resolved. Two hands on the neck and a twist.

I can’t afford a divorce, I said.

Finally, the day came to reintroduce the rooster to the flock. The
other roosters promptly attacked it. Natural selection. Survival of the
fittest. She brought the rooster back inside. I began calculating the po-
tential loss of sleep over the remainder of the rooster’s lifetime.

But then, fortunately, fate finally smiled upon us. James Hernandez
has a flock of hens and said he’d take the rooster. So he’s in rooster
heaven right now, though not the heaven I had envisioned for him. He
did leave plenty of calling cards for me in that crate upon his departure.

Year of the Snow

We haven’t had this kind of snow in a decade … institutional memory
is short to non-existent. It’s no surprise that a Town manager from
Grass Valley and a Public Works Director from San Diego might be
thrown for a loop by a winter like this, although it didn’t help that the
Town Manager had his vacation scheduled during the worst of it.

Aside: And the Police Chief was gone over Christmas. Shouldn’t there
be something written in Town management contracts which dictates cer-
tain times of year that senior managers must work?

Winters like this expose the folly of the Town even considering taking
over Main Street from Caltrans.

Winters like this show that issues like population density and lot cov-
erage and snow storage are vital points of planning consideration, not
just foolish obstacles to commerce set in place by worried ninnies.

It certainly would help to have some sort of checkpoint on 203 - not
just a chain up area, but a checkpoint to make sure visitors not only
have chains, but shovels, too, and snow boots instead of beach sandals,
and maybe a brief talk explaining that having chains on your tires does
not make you infallible or your vehicle unstoppable.

I was driving out of town on Sunday (beat the highway closure by
minutes) and I passed a group of about ten people standing around a
passenger sedan, hands in their pockets, looking at the sedan like it
was big game that had just been taken down on some safari expedition.

And then some guy comes careening up on my left in his car, like it’s LA
and he’s gotta just jump the line. The sedan safari blocked his path on
one side so he had to stop. And then he dug himself in, spinning his
chained wheels, deeper and deeper, shaking his fist at me as if I were
supposed to magically move my vehicle (which was at a standstill in
line).

The line started moving again. I left him in my rearview mirror. I
could see his wife laying into him as I drove away. I’d say poor bastard
but he deserved it.

“Quod Christus non scit partibus func-
tus officium spectat in crastinum”
-Phyllis Diller

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From Rea’s desk:

In regards to the comments taken from the Facebook group “Butt-
hurt Owens Valley,” in the article “The price of being a woman in Amer-
ica” (January 21), Russ Aldridge insists that his comment was related
to a potential protest of the Trump inauguration on Friday, January
20, and had nothing to do with the Women’s March on Washington (or
Bishop) scheduled for Saturday, January 21.

A screen shot of a portion of the comment thread where Aldridge tells
comerter Tara Jo Partridge that “people should exercise their legs
more than their lips,” in relation to the Women’s March, is below.

Scott Stoner also wrote Rea an email insisting his comment was sa-
tirical, and taken out of context. “I have donated time and money [to]
Casa and Wild Iris,” Stoner wrote. “I am not a Trump follower, or a sup-
porter. I am not even a Republican… I just wanted to let you know the
hurt you caused over a satirical post.”

Back to Lunch …

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra hosted its annual Wounded Warrior
Luncheon on Thursday. As we celebrate these heroes, it might also be
time to consider why we continue to put American soldiers in harm’s way in the pursuit of dubious ends.

During the snowstorms of the past week I had the opportunity to
read Pulitzer-prize winning historian Walter A. McDougall’s latest, “The
Tragedy of U.S. Foreign Policy: How America’s Civil Religion Betrayed
the National Interest.”

The book details America’s transition from a young nation just want-
ing to be left alone, to a nation that couldn’t resist meddling in all man-
ner of world affairs, generally in the name of God as a self-proclaimed
chosen people.
Once a royal palace

Mr. Lunch:
I have always had long felt memories of that house along old 395 approaching Mammoth Lake, the subject of a front page story which ran last week. During the winter of 1964-1965 a Mr. Reigets was operational manager of Mammoth Mountain Inn. He added his beautiful German wife lived in that house. I was once in that house - I don't remember the occasion, but it was a gathering of Inn employees. A little party celebration of some sort. Mrs. Reigets kept that house immaculate, regardless of what the outside might look like today. The inside looked like a well-managed royal palace. I would have thought they owned it. You truly felt privileged to be invited inside.

Few employees liked Mr. Reigets, including me. He didn't communicate well with employees. But when he learned I was leaving to go into the Army, he praised me for my work, and added, anytime I needed a job, he would have one for me. So maybe we employees misjudged him. I never saw him or his wife again.

When I got out of the Army I made a trip to Mammoth to see who might still be around. Mr. Reigets and his wife were gone, and their house now sat between the frontage road (old 395) and the new divided freeway. It was truly shocked to see it so rundown looking. Maybe the time the Reigets had it were its best days. Knowing what it once looked like, I feel saddened every time I go by it.

Bob Woodson

Hitler and Trump

Dear Editor:
A book came out last year which caught my attention — “Hitler: Ascent, 1889-1939” by Volker Ullrich. Reviewed in “The New York Times”, the book is an attempt to strip away the mythology that Hitler created instantaneously exploit situations. He played distortions, innuendos, half-truths and described the book as a “swamp of lies, Hitler “was so thoroughly untruthful and weaknesses of other people and to ery, showmanship and nativist appeals. Hitler ascended through “demagogu- ery, showmanship and nativist appeals. Hitler ascended through “demagogu-

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DEBRA GOES TO WASHINGTON

by Bodine

Diana Bodine is not old enough to vote nor is she a supporter of President Donald Trump, but she attended the inauguration on January 20 nonetheless. After dealing with the unruly crowd at the swearing-in ceremony she found much more welcome company at the Women’s March the following day.

Both Kristin Lamb and her dad, Brian Lamb, joined the World Strides group to attend, raising more than $3,000 since February. She was hoping to witness the inauguration of the first woman president, Hillary Clinton, and she had also “Felt the Bern” and heroed Bernie Sanders. When it became apparent Democrats weren’t going to win, she saw it as an opportunity of a lifetime for a small-town girl from California to witness such an historic event.

The Bodine family went with a large group that included students from Excelsior High School in Victorville, and schools from Bakersfield and Beverly Hills. She said it was obvious they were not Trump supporters. She was even asked why she was attending if she wasn’t a Trump supporter.

The inauguration made her feel uncomfortable, especially after Trump was sworn in. People were there to support Trump, she said, but it was mostly a lot of nasty name calling. There weren’t any metal detectors to vote nor is she a supporter that’s so often the case in small towns.

She wasn’t worried about being judged, she said, but expected to be trampled at the inauguration. She was hoping to witness the inauguration, “We want Diana to have the fullest experience she can,” Everett told Bodine’s mother, Molly Peterson.

“I felt the way the Trump supporters must have felt at the inauguration,” Bodine said of the march. It was what she expected, but it was empowering. There were bleachers on the sides of Independence Avenue cheering on the protesters. She said she felt safe, peaceful. If something happened, like a stampede, she said she felt that someone would help her up, but expected to be trampled at the inauguration.

The march was more crowded than the swearing in, Bodine said. There were pink hats everywhere.

The march was the biggest in American history with 2.9 million protesters taking to the streets. “It was so awesome to be surrounded by so many people that felt the same way, for one cause,” she said. She wasn’t worried about being judged, that’s how the case is in small towns.

This march will lead to more, and the most irritable times. To see how my time presented itself.

By Bodine

Op/Ed

LOCAL BRIEFS

Patroller killed at Squaw Valley

Squaw Valley ski patroller Joe Zuiches, 42, died after the detonation of an explosive charge, also known as a "hand charge," during the morning hours of Tuesday, January 24, according to Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows. The North Tahoe Fire Department and Placer County Sheriff’s Office are investigating Zuiches’ death. A press release issued by Squaw Valley said that Zuiches had been a member of their patrol team since 2012, and that he had a wife and infant son.

“The whole team at Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows is deeply saddened by this tragic loss,” said Andy Wirth, President of the company.

Six “Red Days” so far

Mammoth Unified School District has had six “Red Days,” or school days that have been cancelled entirely due to snow, and is in the process of applying for a waiver with the California Department of Education for all six days, said Superintendent Lois Klein on Wednesday, January 25.

“As of press time the request was on the MUSD board agenda for Thursday, January 26, after which it will go to the Mono County Office of Education, and from there is submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction,” wrote Klein in an email to The Sheet.

“At this time, we do not know how long that process will take, but we are optimistic that several if not all of our days will be waived. We will make every effort to keep graduation on track for our seniors on June 9, 2017.”

“It is an unusual year, bringing with it unusual circumstances,” wrote Klein. “As soon as we know more, we will definitely let our parents know.”

Beer cleanup on 395

At 9:40 p.m. on Monday, January 23, a combination tractor-trailer overturned in the southbound lane of Highway 395 in Oanela, scattering boxes of Michelob Ultra across the highway. When California Highway Patrol arrived on scene, the big rig was blocking the roadway. The driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries, but walked away. Miller’s Towing of Lone Pine was called out to right the vehicle and clear the scene. According to Officer Rick Hudacheck, it appeared the wreck was caused by the truck unexpectedly hitting black ice. A representative of Millers Towing of Lone Pine reported that there was about 43,000 lbs of beer spilled. The representative reported that the towing company was responsible for cleaning up the beer and trash. It took 12 hours and some of the beer was salvageable but is being held by Millers towing unit a representative off Anheuser-Busch can be present to witness the beer being disposed of at the dump for insurance purposes.
Almost 600 people marched in Bishop, and a contingent marched (and sledded) in June Lake the march.

City of Bishop, counted 580 people at District 2, which includes parts of the Eastern Sierra Communities. There were kids, babies, young people, and old people. Members of the Bishop and Big Pine Paiute Tribes were present. Most participants interviewed lived in Bishop or Mammoth Lakes, but there were people from many communities in the Eastern Sierra.

The community of June Lake also held its own march, which saw about a dozen protestors come out, pulling kids in sleds on the snow-covered streets. "We asked how many people it would take to make a 'march,' and we decided if fifteen people showed up, it would be a real march," said Andi Stewart, speaking to a crowd that far surpassed her expectations.

According to organizer and lifelong Bishop local Shawn Louth, the march in Bishop, like the Women's March on Washington, was intended to be non-partisan. An excerpt from the Women's March on Washington, was intended to be non-partisan. Andi Stewart spoke for the crowd that formed the march, he said, "I really didn't take anything away because there were so many different things. They weren't together.

One Main Street business owner said the march was an embarrassment. "There were customers in any store who said, 'What's the matter with Bishop?'" He said visitors interpreted the protestors' signs as a statement about the beliefs of the whole community. When asked if he would have supported a march for women's rights, he said, "Of course! Latinos, the Native Americans, women, those are our community." He said he didn't believe the "march would change anything, but it harmed hard working people whose businesses are good for the community.

Most protestors maintained that the march was about demonstrating support and solidarity for groups targeted by the rhetoric and policies of Donald Trump's campaign. Observers saw it as an anti-Trump rally and an exhibition of poor sportsmanship. Not a single bystander interviewed said they objected to the principle of an event intended to promote the rights of women in their community. Many bystanders objected to the anti-Trump messages on the streets of Bishop. Some protestors said the rally was non-partisan. Others carried signs that specifically targeted the new president's policies and statements about women, people of color, and the environment.

Aubrey Talamantes is a bartender at Rusty's Saloon. Talamantes is a single mom. She's worked multiple jobs, changed businesses, had kids, all to raise her son, who is now 19 and attending college in Hawaii. When she got pregnant at 17, her delivery was covered by government subsidies. At someone's who's been on the receiving end of government subsidies, she said, "I tend to believe in hard work, more than the government handing out subsidies that we don't need." Talamantes voted for Trump because she wanted to see financial reform. She said she doesn't subscribe to conservative social policies, but found Trump's status as a political outsider appealing. "The red middle America, the hard workers, we all believe that corporate America should be taxed up the yin yang... when it comes to the necessities of life, we all want the same things. We all want the same things. I think we should go back to that as a starting point and help each other out." She said that she did not feel the need to march on Saturday because she changes anything. Most people who objected to the march said they too wanted access to affordable healthcare for veterans and civilians, to live in a beautiful place, to be recognized for their contributions to the community as business people, and to believe that their hard work will yield financial stability and success. At the end of the conversation, Talamantes reflected, "It seems like we all want the same things, but we don't agree about how to get there."

Shannon Romero, Chairwoman for the Big Pine Paiute Tribe, said she was marching for women, Native People, and for everyone in the community. "For The Owens Valley, I think it's important for us to all stand in unity. There are a lot of things we all have to fight for, and if we are unified, we are more powerful voice... I am very proud to be here with all of these women from different backgrounds and nations in support of women's rights."

"Showing up is awesome," said Paula Flakser, one of the organizers of the event. "Social commentary is not ‘liking,’ or ‘clicking,’ or ‘sharing,’ it's showing up."
EASTERN SIERRA WOMEN’S MARCHES

Above photos, from left: Kristin King of Rock Creek, Michelle Case of Paradise, Amy Miller of Rock Creek. Right: Marchers walk down West Line Street in Bishop on Saturday, January 21.

Monica Prelle and Morgan Gonzalez sport hats printed by Designs Unlimited and designed by Julia Bezin.

Above photos, clockwise from dog: Tilley supports the resistance; Gunner Conway and Deena Davenport-Conway hand out free hot drinks from Indie Coffee in Independence. A McDonald’s employee waves to the marchers; Bishop Paiute princess Leticia Gonzalez spoke at the Bishop City Park; Hudson Hund, 4 and Rylin Schneider, 4, also spoke. “Thank you for marching,” said Hudson. Kids sled through their march in June Lake (photo by Rena McCullough); Bishop Police Sergeant Ron Gladling and organizer Paula Flakser pose for a photo—Bishop police teased protesters to “hustle” as they marched. Benjamin and Kimberly Mitchell ask people to set an example for their young daughter June, 3. Elizabeth Glazner says Donald Trump is “nyet” her President. Center: “Sam the man” walked down to the protest from his home in Bishop. He told The Sheet that Donald Trump “doesn’t strike me as being Presidential material.”

Above: An “anonymous observer” wearing a swastika walked among marchers in Bishop.

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PROBLEMS
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Director of Emergency Services Ingrid Braun did not declare a state of emergency last weekend, however. Braun told The Sheet on Thursday, January 26, that "the county is assessing damage throughout, including the Town and Special Districts (Fire and Water mostly). There is a strong probability that we will issue a Disaster Proclamation." On Monday, California Gov. Jerry Brown requested federal assistance for 50 of California’s 58 counties. That does not include Mono County, but does include Inyo County.

"With this storm wreaking havoc on the entire state, I don’t know what resources could have been sent our way," said Sheriff Braun in an email on Monday. She went on to say that declaring a disaster is the first step to getting reimbursed for disaster-related expenses.

District 5 Supervisor Stacy Corless told The Sheet on Thursday that issuing a Disaster Proclamation is up to the Town Manager, Dan Holler. Holler returned to Mammoth on Thursday, January 19, after spending most of the month in Africa on a mission with his church. Holler did not immediately return a call for comment from The Sheet.

Pages for local residents on Facebook have been flooded with questions from residents about why a state of emergency has not been declared, Corless said on Thursday.

Matthew Avery got a gift on Wednesday: a doorway full of snowblower debris. Traci Burgard, who lives in an apartment complex on Lupin Street, woke to her 9-year-old son screaming in the wee hours of Monday, January 23 after his bedroom window broke, spilling snow into his room and covering his bed in shattered glass. She told The Sheet on Wednesday that she had complained about the window being covered with snow but was told by her property manager that it wasn’t an issue. She said she is now afraid to sleep in her own bedroom for fear that window will break as well. She told The Sheet on Thursday morning that the photos she took of her son’s bedroom ended up on Good Morning America.

Rob Marshall, who rents a house on Davison Street, also woke to a broken window on Monday. He told The Sheet that he believed a snow blower likely spewed ice which caused the damage. He managed to fix it with a little ingenuity and some plywood.

Marissa Lynn Neel posted on Facebook that her ceiling has a huge crack in it “going throughout the whole living room ceiling as well as above all our doors… our owner doesn’t seem to care or [want to] hire anyone to remove the snow.”

Dave Easterby, who runs the State Farm office in Mammoth, told The Sheet on Thursday that homeowners are ultimately liable for their own property, but that snow-removal services across town are simply backed up. “It falls to the homeowner to protect their home,” Easterby said. Nevertheless, he set out with a shovel to assist his client, Suzanne Nottingham, with her property in the Ski Trails on Wednesday.

And then there’s the Town’s snow removal. Several cul-de-sacs, listed as “Priority four” on the Town’s snow removal policy, were not plowed by the time night fell on Monday, January 23.

Matthew Avery, who lives in Mammoth’s ‘ghetto’ at the corner of Dorrance and Lupin Streets, came into The Sheet’s office on Thursday morning to complain that a Town of Mammoth Lakes snow blower had blocked the doorway of his A-Frame while he was taking a lunch break from shoveling on Wednesday. He waited at the Town offices to speak with Grady Dutton, Public Works Director, who in turn sent inspector Ron Fansler to Avery’s property. Avery told The Sheet that Fansler essentially told him the Town would be more careful in the future, but there was nothing they could do about the several feet of snow blocking Avery’s front door.

“There’s no accountability, and they don’t… care. I’m pissed about it,” Avery told The Sheet. “They buried my front door and it’s rock solid. When I [mess stuff] up at work, I have to go fix it.”

“Unfortunately, that would be our

see PROBLEMS, page 15
GOOD DOGS NEED GOOD HOME

Asha (4) & Flower (2)
were orphaned after the untimely death of their beloved owner Dave Didon earlier this month.

Dave treated them as his "kids."
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Sue Burak, meteorological specialist and avalanche forecaster for Inyo and Mono counties, told The Sheet the avalanche was a D3 to D4. The “D,” or “destructive rating” is the standard Canadian avalanche size classification. A D3 could destroy a car or wood frame house, said Burak, who specializes in front country slide areas that endanger homes and roadways. A D4 could destroy a railroad car. A D5 is the highest rating.

After the avalanche hit, Tina Villa said, she fell to the floor, and was able to put Isabel in her car seat that was luckily within arm’s reach. Russel covered himself with a blanket to protect him from the shower of glass. Kevin took shelter on the couch. Tucker the Schnauzer was found in the other side of the house, snuggled in his bed.

Corning’s woodshop took the brunt of the impact, the snow filing about a quarter of the room, he said. Vetter’s father was visiting from Germany and was staying in the woodshop. Corning told The Sheet he didn’t know what damage was done to his tools, which are his livelihood, and he wasn’t looking forward to shoveling out the deep heavy snow from the room. Both he and Vetter are active members of the Mono County Search and Rescue Team—Corning a past President and Vetter the current Vice President.

Corning said as the couple escaped the house, the lights were flickering, as the slide had taken out power poles, snapping one in half. Electricity was out for residents on Crowley Lake Drive from McGee Creek south until about 1 a.m. Villa said the snow has completely buried Corning and Vetter’s place. “I don’t even know how they got out.” The snow is deep at the house. “There are two trucks, two cars and a boat there, but I don’t even know where they are,” Corning said. Corning explained the first thing he did was call 911. He and Vetter managed to get outside and climb up snow to the Villas, helping them escape and grab a few essentials. Corning and Vetter spent the night with friends in Crowley.

If it wasn’t for the first responders and gracious neighbors, Tina Villa said, her family wouldn’t have made it out with what they did, mostly baby gear. Isabel was a trooper through the whole thing, never crying or complaining more than any 2-month-old.

Following the slide, Tina Villa said her neighborhood was filled with vehicles from every agency; Mono County Sheriff’s Department, Long Valley Volunteer Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, Mono County Public Works and more.

Amber Weller of the Mono County Sheriff’s Department said a Code Red announcement was issued to residents in the danger zone at approximately on Sunday.

After the avalanche, it was recommended that residents evacuate and take cover at the Crowley Community Center. Weller said some residents stayed in their homes despite the warnings.

The Villas, Corning and Vetter all said they were very grateful to Long Valley Volunteer Fire Department and their community.

To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/wsu6h7k-the-villas-avalanche-survivors, for the Villa family, and www.gofundme.com/dan-corning-heidi to donate to Dan Corning and Heidi Vetter.

Rea contributed to this story.
**Notice of Ordinance**

WHEREAS, County Counsel TS #2017-0012 has certified that this Ordinance does not authorize an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Ordinance imposes a moratorium on any activity or use that is prohibited by the Ordinance until the date of its expiration.

WHEREAS, the Ordinance is in accordance with the intent of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED

This Ordinance shall be known as the Mono County Ordinance 16-11.


dated this 14th day of January, 2017


designations are hereby added to the Ordinance.


dated this 14th day of January, 2017


d Designation: Determination exempt pursuant to Public Resource Code section 21080.17 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15100.

**Notice of Ordinance cont.**

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This Ordinance shall remain in effect until the date of its expiration.

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BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill. Pursuit of Happiness Hour, 3-6 p.m. $2 off draft beers, $2 off wine. $4 well drinks, $2 off specialty drinks. $5 Flatbread.

Outlaws, 4-7 p.m. daily and all night on Mondays.

Roberto’s 4-6 p.m. every day.

Austria Hof, 4-7 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. Fri.-Sat. 4-6 p.m.

Whitebark Restaurant Bar & Lounge Unwind with daily drink food specials 4-6 p.m. Half price sushi Mondays.

Clocktower Cellar Happy Hour 4:30 -7 p.m. daily and all day Sunday. $3 dollar menu items, drink specials. Petra’s Bistro Happy Hour. $22 pasta bolognese and glass of wine, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Specials on cocktails, wine, beer and menu items.

Happy Hour @ Sushi Rei. 4-5 p.m. daily. Half off apps and $5 hand roll +small sake. Sundays are all-night happy hour. Late night happy hour Fri-Sat 9-11 p.m.

Happy Hour @ The Bistro at Snowcreek. 4:30-6:30 p.m. daily. Mammoth Tavern Happy Hour Tuesday-Sunday 3:30-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Smokeyard weekend Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. in the bar only.

Side Door Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m. Fridays: Half off Moscow Mule and Kentucky Mules. Sat./Sun. Bottomless mimosas 11-4 p.m. Sun. 4pm-? Wine Tasting.

Mammoth’s famous Slocums Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.

Giovanni’s Happy Hour, daily 4-6 p.m. Large pizza and a pitcher of beer gets you free wings.

Lakanuki Happy Hour daily 3-6 p.m., $4 Happy Hour, Mai Tais. Happy Hour drink specials 10 p.m. - close. Black Velvet Coffee’s Happy Hour, from 4-6 p.m. every day. $1 glasses of wine.


Saturday, January 28/ Tsownami Luau party feat. Lava Moon at Liberty Bar & Grill. Hawaiian inspired food & cocktails. Dress up inspired food & cocktails. Dress up

Township Rebellion feat. DJ Ricky Saponaro at Rafter’s. Doors open 5 p.m. Tix: www.townshiprebellionband.com.

Monday, January 30/ Manic Mondays at the Outlaw Saloon. Happy hour prices 4 p.m. until midnight.

Tuesday, January 31/ Taco Tuesdays at the Outlaw Saloon, $2 each to (beef, chicken or fish) with toppings. See ad, p. 7.

Trivia Tuesday @ Mammoth Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 2 The Pursuit of Happiness Hour @ Black Velvet Coffee. Tasting of beers: $15 includes a waffle. Fee waived with purchase of bottle.

February 3-5/ VTA (Vincenzo Thomas Amato & Friends) at 53 Kitchen & Cocktails starting at 9 p.m. Visit www.mammothmountain.com for info.

calendar of events


Thirsty Thursday Thursday, February 2/ the Outlaw Saloon. Happy hour. Late night happy hour Fri-Sat 9-11 p.m.

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TOWN STUFF

January 31 - February 2/ Lunchtime Special at Mammoth Ice Rink: Skate away your lunch hour. 12-1:30 p.m.
$2 School Skate Special from 1:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31/ The Bishop Community Concert series continues with pianist Alina Kiryayeva @ Bishop Union High School, Dorothy Joseph Auditorium. Time: 7 p.m. Single tickets are $10/adults/$5/children. Info/tix: The Sound Shoppe at 760.873.3591, or visit the association website at http://bishopccoa.org/. Toddler Time @ Mammoth Lakes Community Center, with Angela and Victoria. 9:30-11:00 a.m.
PiYo fitness classes at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center with Steph, 6:30-7:30 p.m. $7 drop-in rate. Info: 562.708.4273.
Ann Gimpel teaches free writing class at Mammoth Lakes Library from 5:30-7 p.m. See sidebar, this page.

Wednesday, February 1/ Story Time @ Mammoth Lakes Library, 10:30 a.m.
TuesKid classes at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center with Steph, 6:30-7:30 p.m. $7 drop-in rate. Info: 562.708.4273.
Mammoth Lakes Tourism board meets 1 p.m. in Suite Z.
Mammoth Town Council meets 6 p.m. in Suite Z.

Friday, February 3/ Community meditations by donation at Mountain Sol Yoga studio. 6-6:45 p.m. Info: www.mountainsolyoga.com or email ROLMedication@gmail.com.
First Friday free admission and rentals at the Mammoth Ice Rink.

UPCOMING


February 4-5/ Paleontology weekend with the Death Valley Natural History Association. Hikes led by paleontologist Torrey Nyborg, cost is $75/weekend. Call DVNHA at 1.800.478.8564 for info. See sidebar, this page.

Saturday, February 4/ Celebrate the life of George Shirk at the Grizzly Room, Canyon Lodge, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Bring: Photos, stories and memories of George. A bouquet of flowers, please consider giving to ICARE (Inyo/ Mono County Animal Resources and Education). Time: 5 p.m.
Film history in the Alabama Hills interpretive hike with ESHA. Meet 10 a.m. at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine. Info: Dave Kirk, dmirk@blm.gov or Visitor Center at 760.876.6222.

Sunday, February 5/ Community meditations by donation at Mountain Sol Yoga studio. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Relax and recharge with guided movement and meditation. Walk-ins and all levels are welcome. Info: www.mountainsolyoga.com or email ROLMediation@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 11/ The Foundation for Excellence at BHHS is hosting a “Salsa and Sombrero Fiesta” at the Tri-County Fairgrounds featuring music by DJ Rigo. Starts 5:30 p.m. Tix: $40 or $75 for 2. Dining, Dancing, Margaritas, Piata Raffle. Info: 760.937.6005.

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

La La Land (R): Hollywood musical nominated for a record 14 Oscars this year. For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakemovies.com

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Paleontology weekends

The DVNHA (Death Valley Natural History Assn.) is hosting two Death Valley Paleontology Weekends: February 4-5 & February 18-19. Cost: $75 per person, per weekend. The hikes will be led by paleontologist Torrey Nyborg, Ph.D. from Loma Linda University’s earth science program. He is a field expert having completed extensive research in Death Valley and we are very lucky to have him volunteer and help interpret Death Valley’s Natural History via his knowledge. Paid attendees will meet at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center 7:45 a.m. Saturdays. Sunday meeting time is 10 a.m. Call DVNHA at 1.800.478.8564 x10 for reservations. These tours are limited to only 15 participants per weekend.

Peapod playgroups

Mono County First 5 is a free opportunity for families to socialize and encourage development through play. Group schedule:
Mammoth English Playpods: Thursday 10 a.m. @ Mammoth Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail.
Lee Vining Peapods: Tuesdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. @ Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Martyr Ave.
Bridgeport Peapods: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m. Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 73 North School St.
Walker Peapods: Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. @ Walker Wellness Center, 107655 Hwy 395.
Chalfant & Mammoth Spanish Playpods: Call if interested. 760.924.7626.

Death Valley stargazing

On Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28, Las Vegas Astronomical Society (LVAS) and Death Valley National Park will host a night sky program.
Parking is available in the golf course parking area at the Furnace Creek Resort in Death Valley National Park. Signs and red path lights will guide pedestrians to the observing area. Death Valley National Park is the largest International Dark Sky Park in the world, designated by the International Dark Sky Association.
Friday, January 27: Twilight–10:00 p.m. is Star Party telescope viewing. 8:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. is laser-guided tour of night sky features visible to the naked eye. Saturday, January 28: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. is laser-guided tour of night sky features visible to the naked eye. For more information, see www.nps.gov/deva or http://www.furnacecreekrresort.com/activities/stargazing.

Limited Transit Service to Resume to Old Mammoth Area

New fixed route transit service (the Old Mammoth Road Limited) will begin Monday, January 23rd. This new service is intended to address concerns raised by area residents and businesses following the cessation of the Gray Line service last month and is a pilot program service which will operate through the spring to better gauge demand and ridership from the area. The service will be focused on employees traveling to work in the Mind, Ski Village Mall and Mammoth Hospital area; students; and persons wishing to transfer to other fixed routes including the Purple, Red, and Silver lines. The service will operate three runs in the morning beginning at 7:13am; two afternoon return runs from the school and Mammoth Lakes bus stop; and an evening return run from the Hospital and Minaret Village Mall area to Old Mammoth. For more information, check ESTAs website at www.estrastransit.com, or phone 760.924.3184.

MUF Public comment period begins

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is circulating for public review a Draft EIR for the proposed Mammoth Creek Park West New Community Multi-Use Facilities Project. A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR ends on February 13, 2017. The Town will respond to all comments received on the Draft EIR.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations: Town of Mammoth Lakes, 93546, 760.965.3633, or via email at smoberly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov; Mono County Library, 400 Sierra Park Road. All comments and responses to this notice should be submitted in writing to: Sandra Moberly, Community and Economic Development Manager, PO. Box 1609, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, 760.965.3633, or via email at smoberly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

The Town will conduct a public meeting during the regularly scheduled Planning and Economic Development Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Suite Z. The Project is located at Mammoth Creek Park West (686 Old Mammoth Road) and is comprised of Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APNs) 040-140-001-000 and 040-140-002-000. Additional information about the project can be viewed online at www.planmcp.com.

Indie author classes

Ann Gimpel, a USA Today bestselling author with over 45 books published, is offering three free classes at the Mammoth Lakes Library on January 24, 31, and February 7 from 5:30-7. Signup sheets are at the library, and the classes are first come, first served.
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Work With The Best, Footloose Sports, is hiring for X-11 and Snowboard Technician.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is looking for a Temporary Snow Removal Operator. Fully
qualified to operate and maintain Class B required. Visit www.townofmammoth.com for more information.

Mammom Spa Creations is looking for additional members for it’s team. These are
Full Time, Year Round positions. We are looking for people to operate the spa Maintenance position and an Office/Sales Associate position. These positions also offer vacation accrual, benefits and paid holidays. Experience is preferred, but not required. Heavy lifting and a clean DMV is required. Please call 760-924-3091 or stop by the store located at 1401 Tavern Rd. Mammoth Lakes for more information and to pick up an application.

My Mammoth Shuttle is a commercially
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business in Mammoth since 2009. We are currently looking to add to our team and are looking to hire a professional, friendly, self-motivated individual(s). 2 years passenger driving experience required. A CDL license is preferred but not required. Qualified candidates must pass background check and pre and random drug screen. A clean DMV record is required. This is a flexible, part time position, available some evenings and weekends. Hours ranging from 4-12 hours per week. Driver/Chauffeurs can expect to make between $15-$20/hr with gratuities. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who already has a part time (or full time) job and is looking to pick up a few more hours. Must be open to work some weekend shifts and holidays.

For more information call 760-709-6459 and to send resume email to info@mymammothshuttle.com

Mammoth Rock & Bowl/Mammoth
Rock Brasserie has the following posi-
tions available. Food and Beverage Floor
Manager, Server, Bartender, Bar
Manager Hostess. Contact Kevin O’Connell
for more information.

Yogurt & Wine Bar Manager
Good Earth Yogurt and Wine Bar is looking for an outgoing and versa-
tile team leader with experience in quick-service restaurant operations, the ability to work effectively in a fast-paced, customer centered environment and the ability to work evenings and weekends on a regular basis. This position will be responsible for the daily operations and management of the store.

Yogurt & Wine Bar Team Members
Good Earth Yogurt is looking to bring on our new team members if you have an outgoing personality and love working with people. If you like upbeat family oriented business, this may be the job for you. We are filling full and part time positions. Jobs will require flexible hours with the ability to work evenings and weekends on a regular basis. If you like working in a wine and yogurt experience a plus! If you think you are the right fit, please send resumes to HELLO@GOODEARTHYOGURT.COM

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Job Requirements: Applicants should possess a friendly, posi-
tive attitude, adequate intermediate knowledge of tools and equipment, related to service and repair of various types and brands of outdoor power equipment and power tools.

Must have basic computer skills. Ability to lift heavy objects Valid driver's license Saturday's required.

Job Benefits:
• Competitive compensation
• Health Care plan

Contact: Ryan Wilson @ (760) 873-5874

High Country Lumber
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CONVICT LAKE RESORT-
Groundskeeper/Common Area Main-
tenance position.

-Light duty repairs, spa's, landscaping, trash, grilles, filters, lights, flags, etc
-full time job, pay is looking to work a few more hours. Must be open to work some weekend shifts and holidays.

For more information call 760-709-6459 and to send resume email to info@mymammothshuttle.com

Cerro Coso Community College is seeking a Full-time English in the Fine and
Arts departments at the Bishop and Mammoth Lakes campuses. Pay range for both positions is $69,813 to $98,645. Benefits include medical/dental plan and contribution to CalSTRS. Applicants must hold a master’s degree in the appropriate discipline, or meet Cerro Coso’s minimum qualifications. See specific requirements and submit an application at: https://careers.cccd.edu/postings/search. First review of applications is February 7. Contact Deanna Campbell at 760.872.5301 or dcampbell@cerrocoso.edu for more information.

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Beautiful 3BD /3 Full Ba condo in Crow-
ley, overlooking Lake. Large attached
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ties. Snow removal, water, trash included. Pets neg. Call Kathy @ 817-517-9262. Or email Kathy@tbahight.com

3 BDR/1 BA apt for rent, $1,800/mo. Newly remodeled. Rent includes water, cable/internet, W/D. Pets ok. FAX, unfur-
nished. Near the Village. Contact Michelle Haddad at 760.393.1842.

2BD/1 A Single family home. 2 car
garage. Washer, dryer, gas heat, electric
pellet stove. Great views, SY Sites next to Obsidian, 2000/Mo. 6 month lease. Call Eric @ 760.420.4055.

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Vacant family home in June Lake. Quiet,
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Coy 1BD, 1 BA furnished apt. in
Crowley Lake. Has water, power, $800/mo. Ask for Janet at 760.914.1242.

As a young nation, the United States was obviously blessed by geography (protected by oceans) and natural resources. The country was able to grow and prosper without serious threats.

It also had Founders who knew restraint. As Washington said in his Farewell Address: “The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connec-
tion as possible ... why, by interweav-
ing our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalship, interest, humor or caprice? Is it our true policy to seek entangling alliances with any portion of the foreign world ... Taking care always to preserve our- selves by suitable establishments on a respectable, defensive posture, we may expect without danger to temper our coun-
tries for extraordinary emergencies.”

Problem is, over time, as the nation grew stronger, it became ever more convinced of its own providence and grandeur.

Leaders started to believe that it wasn't enough to lead by example and mind our own business. Rather, we needed more and more pressure to exert power and impose ourselves upon the world - in the name of liberty and democracy and “God,” but more of-
ten than not for our own political and commercial ends.

Of course, when you do that, you undermine your own credibility.

By the beginning of the 20th century, after McKinley’s decision to pick the Spanish-American War of 1898, a good number of intellectuals viewed America as a fallen idol, most likely doomed, because it was now a huge power.

G.K. Chesterton, (1905), McDou-
gall said, “He heard coming out of America ‘a sweet and starting cry, as unmistakable as the cry of a dying man.”

And from John Quincy Adams grandsons during the same time period:

“Henry Adams believed ineluc-
table must drain the United
States of its vitality. The signs would include ‘falling brith rates, decline of rural population, growth in alcohol-
ism and drug addiction, and increase in mass death, exhaustion, suicides and insanity.’ 

“Brooks Adams imagined the United States degenerating into soul-less, mindless materialism governed by and for financiers. He also foresaw horrible wars in the 20th century touched off by the rise of Germany, Russia and Japan.”

What was clearly enjoyed about the book was being reintroduced to historical events and McDougall having a different take on that what I may have been taught/brain-
ashed in school. Certainly, McDou-
gall doesn’t have much good to say about Woodrow Wilson. Whereas he was a big fan of John Quincy Adams ... maybe it’s time to start writing a musical.

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response," said Dutton when The Sheet asked whether the Town would clean up the mess. "We barely have enough people to keep up with what we're doing, and we certainly don't have any hand shovelers. I wish it could be something different."

Florence Trainor, Public Information Office for Caltrans District 9, told The Sheet on Wednesday that the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Mountain Ski area assisted Caltrans with snow removal efforts on State Route 203 during the most recent storm. Finlay Torrance, Director of Base Operations at MMSA, told The Sheet on Wednesday that MMSA did help Caltrans clear a section of Minaret Road, writing that the efforts were "part of being a team" in an email.

The Sheet asked Dutton about similar efforts from the TOML, but Dutton did not respond directly to the question.

"It's not a permanent situation," said Trainor of the collaboration. "They're just assisting." With all the problems resulting from Mammoth's massive January, the Town of Mammoth Lakes still has not issued a Disaster Proclamation, though Braun said that Mammoth had suffered the most in the area from the series of storms.

"Per state law, we have 10 days from the incident [to issue the proclamation], so since the bigger, crippling, storm started on January 21, we have until January 31," Braun wrote in an email to The Sheet. "Then the governing entity, for us the Board of Supervisors, has 7 days to ratify...Most of the concerns/damage reports so far have come from the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District regarding volume of snow, access to fire hydrants, snow storage and concerns for future snowfall. I worry about emergency access to residents who are trapped by snow, propane build-up from blocked venting, snow removal and storage, [and] avalanche potential..."

Council member Cleland Hoff told The Sheet that she did enquire to the Town a couple of days ago about emergency status, but was told that Mammoth didn't fit the criteria.

"I've been talking to some people who are long time locals, and their attitude is 'if you can't handle the snow, move,'" Hoff told The Sheet on Thursday.

"I know we were one person short because we haven't been able to fill that...winter position because of lack of employee source in Mammoth," said Councilman Bill Sauser. He said that the storm didn't compare with the...winter position because of lack of...and the result.

"We just don't have enough people to keep up with what we're doing, and we certainly don't have any hand shovelers. I wish it could be something different."
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