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TO START WITH !!

We're pleased there has been such good response to the new column "Kids Corner." Parents and "kids" are calling the reporter! Thanks — and keep calling.

Is there anyone out there interested in writing a "what people are doing" column? Like the "Kids Corner" only adults? Vacations — weddings — births — and other good things? Call Pat or Lela if you'd like to try it out.

CHIEF'S CORNER

Leo Chaloux

Awhile back I wrote an article on the different animals and other beasts in the Mosquito area. Well, I now have a new beast to add to the list. A couple of weeks ago an otter was spotted swimming and enjoying fish for meals at Finnon Lake. This is the first otter that has been seen in the area in a mighty long time. The big question was where did the thing come from. All that we could think of was that it either came up from the American River by following Jay Bird Creek or that it swam down the Summerfield Ditch from Slab Creek. Anyway, it was interesting to see him out there catching and eating fish. I am sure the fish didn't think it was very interesting though. Last week the resident Bald Eagle showed up and was seen flying around. He came in at one point and lifted a good size fish out of the lake, took it up into his favorite Digger Pine and ate it. The otter hasn't been seen since then. Since the Lake has been lowered there is no cover an otter or any other beast can hide in so I am sure as soon as he saw that Eagle flying around he thought it would be prudent to leave.

I am surprised. With all the rain, wind and other nasty weather conditions we have been having in the past

several weeks we have not had any vehicle accidents. In fact we have not had to respond to a single accident since the beginning of the year. That is pretty much unheard of. Usually, when it starts raining and especially when it starts snowing we get kicked out for at least one vehicle accident per storm. So far this year we have only had the one snow storm that kind of messed things up for awhile.

Now whenever the snow starts falling into the areas of Mosquito Road and Rock Creek Road the school buses will be dropping the kids off at the Fire Station. I asked them to do that instead of leaving the kids sitting on the bus at Sluice Street or some other unknown place for an hour or so. Here at the station the kids can be brought inside and kept warm. It also makes it possible for parents and kids to have one central point where they can meet each other. In the past the bus has stopped at Claim Street, Sluice Street, Mosquito Cut-off and even at Gravel Road. This has made it very difficult for people to find their kids, scary for the kids who do not know how they are to get home, and real frustrating for us at the Fire Station as we receive many phone calls wanting to know where the bus is when most of the time we are not told by the school district. So if you are called by the school district and told the bus cannot get to your scheduled bus stop due to snow conditions your child/children should be at the Fire Station. The school district assured me that they will do their best to get them to the station and we in turn will be watching them. If you cannot get to the station to pick up your child please call us so that something can be worked out. If as a parent you have concerns about this arrangement please notify me or the school district so that what is best for your child and you can be worked out.

Several years ago we had a snow storm that made it impossible for the bus to get past the Fire Station. In fact, after an hour of no one knowing where the bus was and me receiving many phone calls from concerned parents regarding where their kids were, I found by driving around that the bus driver was stopped at Rock Creek Road and Gravel Court. She absolutely refused to go any further east on Rock Creek Road and she was not going to put on chains to even get to the Fire Station. However, she was prepared to sit there with all the kids, no matter for how long, trying to reach parents through the school district radio. Her level of frustration was extremely high and the kids were climbing the roof of the bus wanting to get out or get home. I asked the bus driver for my own son and when I did that I had about 20 other kids yelling that they wanted to go with me. The bus driver doing what she had to was not willing to let any of the kids come with me even though they were all yelling that they new me and their mothers knew me and that all they wanted to do was get home. With the possibility of a mutiny taking place, it ended up with me putting about 10 kids in the Bronco and taking them home. I even had to take a couple to my house, because due to the snow their parents were not able to get home in their vehicles for several hours..

One thing that you should do as parents is talk to your kids about what they should do in case the bus or you cannot get home. Arrangements and plans should be made in advance with baby sitters, child care workers, other siblings, neighbors and friends in order to handle any problems that may come up.

It doesn't have to be a snow storm to mess things up regarding the kids on the bus and their expected ability to get home after school. We had one fire that

was threatening the middle of Swansboro at the time the bus would be delivering kids into the fire area. I called the Fire Station and asked that they contact the school district and ask to have the school bus stop at Finnon Lake and have Fire Department Support Group personnel there to take care of the kids. This was done to keep the bus out of the fire area, to keep kids from being dropped off at homes that may have to later be evacuated, and to keep the bus from being on the road with fire equipment running all over the place. Finnon was a good area to keep kids and there were at least 6 adults from the fire department there to care for them. The school district decided to take the kids back down Rock Creek Road to El Dorado High School and keep them in a class room until the parents could pick them up. Talk about a cluster of mistakes that turned out to be. It was extremely frustrating for the ladies working at the Fire Station for they received many phone calls from anxious parents wanting to know where their kids were for the school district failed to notify the fire department that the bus had gone to El Dorado High School. What really frosted me on this whole process was that the kids were told by some of the staff at the high school that their homes had burned down or were being threatened when in reality they had no idea of what was going on. In fact even though we did have many homes threatened we did not lose a one to the fire. Good ole communications, how at so many critical times it either does not exist or is not correct.

My point is to take the time to develop a plan with your children so that you and they can have as many contingencies in place before they have to be.

Be careful.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Call LaVonne Moser or Karen Bennett to help with preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 11th.
Karen 642-9626
LaVonne 622-6337



COMMUNITY CORNER

THANK YOU !

Thank you to all of the people of the community who contributed monetary donations, food and gifts to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department for the Christmas baskets. As always your generosity is truly overwhelming. I personally am unaware of any other community that works together like we do to help each other. The recipients are very appreciative. It is a very heart-warming experience.

A big thank you is also in order to Gwen Reid of Finnon Lake who volunteered and cooked up a large Christmas dinner for those who had no means to cook a dinner with all the trimmings for themselves. Thank you Gwen for your generosity.

Jerome Kristjanson, thank you for your help in sorting food and driving Karen Bennett, my hardworking partner, and me around to deliver the baskets.

Sincerely,
LaVonne Moser

MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD

Leslie Keene

When you read the Finnon Lake Update, you'll see that we are still trying, very hard, to have our Annual Fire Department/Community Picnic at Finnon Lake. The picnic is being held on Saturday, July 25th. Holding it at Finnon Lake will be totally dependent upon our completing our waterline project prior to then, and remember, it's all VOLUNTEER labor!

The Annual Fire Department Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, February 28th ...stay tuned for all the exciting results in the next issue of the Mosquito Byte!

Coming soon! On Saturday, April 11th we will be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. More details will be forthcoming on this "fun for kids of all ages" event.

I am sad to announce that Carla

McLain has resigned from the Fire Department, due to personal reasons (plus she's getting married!), and unfortunately, she has also resigned from our Board of Directors. Our by-laws only allow us a maximum of three members from each represented group: the firefighters, the Support Group, and the community-at-large. Currently, Carla was our only firefighter representative, with the other two groups each having three Board members. So, we are looking for a firefighter to volunteer to serve the remainder of Carla's term (from now until November, 1998). Each Board member chairs one event per year, plus participates in coordinating the Annual picnic. But, whoever might want to volunteer would get off easy this year, as Carla's event is the Awards Dinner, which she has already completed! We meet once per month on the first Thursday of the month and our meetings generally last from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Give me a call at 621-0508 if you might be interested in exploring this exciting opportunity! We are sad at Carla's departure, she has been a real asset to our organization!

And last, but FAR from least...a little bird whispered in my ear that LOIS PEARSON had a birthday on Saturday, February 7th. She is without a doubt the most wonderful, amazing woman I have ever had the privilege to know and work with, and I personally wish her a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (and, Lois, believe me, next year you will not escape the Support Group meeting without a huge celebration!)

Okay folks, there has been a lot of rain and more to come...but just imagine what this is going to do to our wildland when it starts to dry out. Please start thinking now about clearing the brush around your home come spring-time. We don't want to be fighting any big wildland fires this year!

FINNON LAKE UPDATE

Leslie Keene

We have water! On February 9th the EID Board of Directors approved the variation to their Regulation 8, which allows us to buy and have installed a

water meter near the corner of Rock Creek Road and Claim Street. This will allow us to run our own waterline from there to Finnon Lake Resort and to the campgrounds at a much cheaper price than if EID had done it. The only provision is that we will not be able to hook up until the Swansboro Cross Country Pipeline is hooked up, on or before the end of May. At our next Board meeting on March 5th we will be forming a task force to formulate short and long-term goals for the Finnon Lake property. At that time, we will also discuss the logistics of getting our pipeline installed before the July picnic. As mentioned previously, we will also be closing the resort restaurant for re-modeling, but a time for that will also be determined at our next Board meeting.

In the meantime, we have applied for two grants: the first from the Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District to develop a fuel reduction plan involving 10 acres; the second, a federal grant from the High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council, to develop a Community Action Plan for the Mosquito/Swansboro Community. The first grant requires matching funds from the MVFD, the second, a 20% cost share that is comprised mostly of personnel costs. Both of these opportunities are very exciting and we will keep you up to date as they develop.

In other news, the water level remains below the magical 50 acre foot level, in spite of the rain, but requires frequent monitoring of the output valve. The logging is complete with just some burning of slash piles remaining. This will be accomplished by ourselves, or perhaps by a crew from the CDF camp at Growlersburg.

Now that we have water, we are switching back into full speed ahead, so if you have any desire to be a part of the future of Finnon Lake and its surrounding properties, please give me a call at 621-0508. We need volunteers for every aspect of the development of our property, from being part of our strategic planning team to helping dig the trench for the waterline!

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hern

The February craft meeting got under way with 13 Ladies present. Two projects were completed with another being worked on. We are looking for ideas of items to make. Please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268 for any questions or ideas that you may have.

Next month we will be tying a quilt that the Quilters have been making for the Firehouse Crafts in addition to making "Snowmen Spoons". Want to know what "Snowmen Spoons" are? Come to crafts on March 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Reminder of things to bring:

- * thimble
- * sewing needle with large eye
- * scissors
- * please save your "white elephants" or anything else that can be used for the annual Christmas sale at Georgetown. Our share of the proceeds is always quite nice.

We will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next meeting is:

Date: . . . Thursday March 19th
Time: . . . 9:00 a.m. crafts begin
(coffee and tea will be available)
11:30 a.m. . . potluck lunch begins
Where: . . . Mosquito Fire Station

SCPOA CORNER

Just a quick note before you read on, from me, Debbie Harris, your new S.C.P.O.A. President as of 2/14/98. The following report was prepared by Jean Curry, the Sec/Treas, who does such a great job. I will make some short comments before her reports in the Mosquito Byte issues to come. Our next Board meeting is 9:00 a.m. on April 11 (Saturday) at the Fire Station. The Agenda will be posted at the Fire Station and Dyer Lake. If you have any concerns over roads, let Jim Szykowny know at 621-3641, before this meeting. Our road work is done in the summer but we will be preparing for bidding at the April meeting.

I hope to be an effective President, I love living in this community and will do my best to serve the property owners. Please let us know of any concerns, we welcome praises too. The S.C.P.O.A. address is 6770 Sluice

Street, Placerville, CA 95667; phone is 621-0309, my number is 622-6822. Thanks again to the outgoing Board members, Wayne Mikel, Bob Castleberry, Ralph Hern and Mark Webb. You did a great job and we appreciate your service. Welcome new Board members Sharon Hern, Barbara Atkins, Jo Thomas and Barbara Mikel. I'll be back in the next issue. Sincerely, Debbie Harris.

P.S.: Remember your assessments are due March 1st and delinquent April 1st, after which you can be charged hefty penalties.

The Annual Meeting of the SCPOA membership was held on Saturday, February 14, at the Mosquito Fire House. Members of the MVFD Auxiliary were present to serve coffee and various refreshments to those attending the meeting.

Inspectors of Election were identified as Patricia Hair, Sandra Nester and Lee Hair. They reported that there was a total of 136 member present in person or by Proxy and that a quorum of the membership was not present. Current membership is 722 members, with 13 delinquent in paying their assessment. This did not constitute a quorum of the membership, so the meeting was limited to action on those items noticed on the Agenda. Henry Wilkinson stated that as a quorum did not exist, the Bylaws required the meeting to be adjourned and reconvened at a later time. To accommodate Mr. Wilkinson's request, the meeting was adjourned and immediately reconvened.

The treasurer reported the following: Cash on hand as of this date - \$19,680.73; \$9,621.25 in the checking account and \$10,059.48 in our market rate account. Bad debts for the year total \$1,671.27, this covered accounts where the property was repossessed or where the member was declared bankrupt. Our current liabilities total \$29,588.72 - of this figure \$28,838.00 is prepaid FY99 Annual Assessment and the balance is payroll and payroll taxes for the month of February 98. We will have a projected shortage of \$9,908 for the year ending on the 28th of this current month. This shortage is being covered by borrowing from our

repaid FY99 Annual Assessment. Our Long Range Plan projected a shortage of \$20,831 for this fiscal year. That figure has been reduced by \$10,923. This will allow our Reserve Fund accounts to be back on target sooner than projected. At the present time, there are thirteen delinquent accounts totaling \$8,814.47.

Jim Szykowny introduced the five nominees, nominated by the Committee: Barbara Atkins, Darling George, Sharon Hern, Barbara Mikel and Jo Thomas. Each nominee gave a brief statement as to their reasons for volunteering and briefly outlined what they hoped to accomplish if elected. The Chairperson called for nominations from the floor and Richard Aspenleiter nominated Brad Smith; Jim George nominated Terry O'Neill and Iris Saxon. Brad Smith and Iris Saxon were introduced and each indicated they were willing to serve and gave a brief resume. Terry O'Neill was not present at the meeting.

Chairperson announced that there were four vacancies on the Board, three for a regular two year term and one vacancy for a one year term, created by the resignation of Mark Webb. The three nominees receiving the highest number of votes, will fill the three two-year terms and the nominee receiving the fourth highest number of votes will fill the one-year term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIRPORT: Ralph reported that the area around the airstrip had been sprayed for weeds. Signs have been repainted and when the brush along the roads was cut, they also cut brush along the sides of the airstrip. A lighted windsock was donated to the Association by "Skip" and has been installed. There are cracks on the strip that need to be sealed and a small area at east end needs to be repaired. The committee hopes to accomplish this at the time the road work is done. Overall the airstrip is holding up well. A total of \$547.84 has been spent on the airport this fiscal year.

BUDGET & LONG RANGE

PLAN: The Budget and Long Range Plan, copies of which were mailed to members with the notice of the Membership Meeting, will be up-

dated as soon as the final figures are available for FY97/98.

BYLAWS/DC&R'S AND

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: Debbie reported on the Bylaws & DC&R's reminding those present that some years ago the Board had adopted a resolution to respond to written complaints only. The present Board is following the guidelines covered by the resolution. Jim reported on the Architectural Review Committee, indicating that there were 4 or 5 homes under construction at the present time. He is making an effort to check to make sure that members submit their plans to the Committee for approval prior to obtaining a building permit.

BUDGET: A revised Budget for FY 1998/99 and a revised Long Range Plan were mailed to each of the Board members.

COMMON AREAS: Roy reported that the Board had not spent a lot of money on the common areas this year. The total was \$8,149.81, and \$3,999.99 of this amount was the cost of having the lakes sprayed in an attempt to get rid of the weeds in the lakes. Sand was put on the beach area at Cat Fish and Dyer lakes. In response to a question concerning the use of the tractor on the roads, Roy advised that our insurance does not cover operating the tractor on the roads, it can only be used on the common areas.

FENCES: Debbie reported that the fences really need some help. No major repair work has been done for several years, and no money was spent on them this year. Terry O'Neill has volunteered to help with the needed repairs. The fences all need to be painted and some need to be replaced. The Board is looking into the possibility of installing vinyl fences. It would be rather expensive to have them installed, but over the long term, it would be cheaper as there is virtually no maintenance.

ROADS: Jim reported that the Board had spent \$65,000 this year on the roads. A french drain was installed on Highgrade Street and there is still a drainage problem on this street. A lot of patching was done this year using a 3" to 4" patch instead of the 2" that was used in the past. The deeper patch

is holding up better. Plans for next year will include more chip and seal than was done this year. Doug Veerkamp has done our road work the last two years. In answer to question concerning snow removal, he advised that it was difficult to get someone to come into the area to remove snow. He will see about putting sand in convenient spots along the roads for emergency use. A "STOP" sign has been painted on the pavement at the intersection of Lupin Lane & Mosquito Road and Highgrade Street and Mosquito. The Highgrade intersection has been widened.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Bob Castleberry and Ralph Hern for their service on the Board and to the Community. As Mark Webb was not present at the meeting his certificate will be presented at a later time. Debbie Harris presented a certificate of appreciation to Wayne Mikel for his service as president of the Board of Directors for the past four years. Roy Doll presented Wayne with a mounted gavel, engraved with his name and the years he has served as president. Roy had made the gavel and stand from wood from the old oak tree that use to stand on Buckboard Road.

Members were asked to volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year. Jim George volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Committee. Wayne advised him that a member of the Board of Directors would be Chairperson, but he was welcome to serve on the Committee. There were no other volunteers

The Inspectors of Election reported the following election results: Barbara Atkins, 101 votes; Darling George, 39 votes; Sharon Hern, 103 votes; Barbara Mikel, 89 votes; Jo Thomas, 97 votes; Terry O'Neill, 9 votes; Brad White, 9 votes and Iris Saxon, 8 votes.

The following persons were duly elected as Directors of the corporation:

Sharon Hern, two year term; Barbara Atkins, two year term; Jo Thomas, two year term and Barbara Mikel, one year term.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held immediately following the Membership Meeting to elect officers. Debbie Harris was elected President and Jim Szykowny was elected Vice

President. Committee Chairpersons were appointed as follows:

Airport — Jo Thomas

Architectural — Jim Szykowny

Budget/Long Range Plan — Barbara Mikel & Jo Thomas

Bylaws/DC&R's — Debbie Harris & Sharon Hern

Common Areas — Barbara Atkins, Roy Doll & Jo Thomas

Fence — Debbie Harris & Barbara Mikel

Legal — Roy Doll & Debbie Harris

Roads — Barbara Atkins, Barbara Mikel & Jim Szykowny

The Board has retained an attorney to represent the Association in the Workman's Compensation Insurance case *J. George v. SCPOA* and will ask Wayne Mikel and Ralph Hern to serve on the Legal Committee in an advisory capacity until this case is resolved.

Board of Directors meetings for Fiscal Year 1998/99 are scheduled to be held on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10 and December 12, 1998. A meeting is scheduled for February 13, 1999 immediately following the annual membership meeting.

Board of Director's meetings are open and members are encouraged to attend.

COOKS CORNER

Betty Kinney

This was a recipe out of *Taste of Home*. I had them at a party years ago and they were good!

HONEY-MUSTARD TURKEY MEATBALLS

1 lb. ground turkey

1 egg, slightly beaten

¾ c. crushed butter-flavored crackers

½ c. shredded mozzarella cheese

¼ c. chopped onion

½ tsp. ground ginger

6 Tbsp. Dijon mustard, *divided*

1 ¼ c. unsweetened pineapple juice

¼ c. chopped green pepper

2 Tbsp. honey

1 Tbsp. cornstarch

¼ tsp. onion powder

In a bowl, combine turkey, egg, cracker crumbs, cheese, onion, ginger and 3 tablespoons mustard. Form into 30 balls, 1 inch each. Place in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2 in. baking

dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until juices run clear. In a saucepan, combine pineapple juice, green pepper, honey, cornstarch and onion powder; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir 2 minutes more; reduce heat. Stir in remaining mustard until smooth. Brush meatballs with about ¼ cup sauce and return to the oven for 10 minutes. Serve remaining sauce as a dip for meatballs. Yield: 2 ½ dozen.

KIDS CORNER

Deborah H. Arsenych

Grades came out last month and as usual our kids made us proud. Again I only have statistics for Markham, but I would love to hear from students who attend Schnell, Sierra Accelerated, El Dorado High School, and private schools.

The Principals Award goes to the students that average between 3.0 and 3.4. They are Steven Butchey, Justin Randle, Jay Kayhill, Vadim Lazerath, Abrey Haskil, E. J. Hutchinson, Kirstin Leitz, and Jarrod Norman. The Honor Society Award is for students that average between 3.5 and 3.99 and that award went to Zoe Arsenych, Steven Loree, Jen Stuhr, and Gregg Stuhr. The highest award granted for academic achievement goes to the student with a solid 4.0 grade point average and that award went to Nathan Chaloux. Congratulations to all for a job well done and that extra effort needed to get those high grades.

Our local Cub Scout Pack is #58 and the Committee ChairPerson is Sally Johns. Clinton Johns, Noah Britton and Scott Duncan recently were awarded the rank of Wolf Cub. Brett Edson will be receiving his Bear Cub rank at the annual Blue and Gold banquet, which is the yearly celebration of scouting in America. Cameron Gallemore is working on his Bear Cub Badge as well as his religious pin. Andrew Lineras is working towards the rank of Bear Cub. Noah Britton was awarded the Silver Arrow Point and Scott Duncan received the Gold Arrow Point.

Junior Fire Fighters meet every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 to 12 at the fire station. The kids learn such

skills as how to use a fire extinguisher, CPR and I've heard a favorite in the summer time is how to use the fire hose. It's great fun and great training for our future volunteer fire fighters. Call the fire station for more information.

My daughter Zoe is a member of Club Eldorado Volleyball team. She has been playing for 4 years and her position is outside blocker. Her 12's team is ranked 5th in the Northern California Volleyball Association. We have started a developmental team that meets every Monday night for practice. If you have a daughter that is 12 and under and is interested in playing in one of the best volleyball clubs in Northern California, give me a call at 626-7120. I am also working on the synchronized swimming club committee. It is the Synchro Sirens Swim team and is for girls 8 to 18. We practice at El Dorado High School twice a week. This is great fun and teaches endurance in the water and the beauty of water ballet. Give me a call at 626-7120 if you need more information.

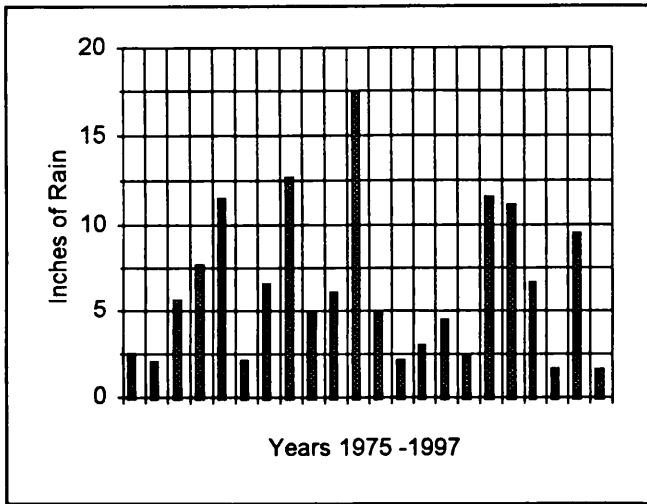
WEATHER CORNER

Jim Hinds

ATMOSPHERIC

The main course this time will be *Rainfall* a comparison. So much is being written and said about the EL NIÑO effect, it is time to come to the defense of the "little boy child". It is not an established fact that El Niño is the only factor governing the rainfall this season. There could be other influences working in this area. For example the Sun is approaching maximum Sun Spot activity in its 11 year cycle. Last year at the end February I recorded 50.06 inches of rain This year by February 21, (today) 44.39 inches of rain have fallen. This includes the 1.17 rainfall last night and today until 4:00 p.m..

The month of February is an interesting month. It is in the middle of the weather year and it has some strange variations The 125 year average is about 6.75 inches. This might make it easier to visualize:



To this date 2/24/98 in the 97-98 Weather year we have 17.39 inches of rain. in February. Is the responsible party, El Niño? What about other years with high February rainfall amounts? Total rainfall for this date is 45.50 inches, the snow pack is building higher after each storm. All we need now is a series of nice warm rain storms right out of the Hawaiian Islands via The Pineapple Express.

ASTRONOMIC

The Sun Crosses the equator at 12:55 p.m. on the 20th of March and begins its Northern journey to the so-called Spring Equinox. The days and nights will be of equal length and Spring will be upon us. The Moon will be a tiny sliver on March 1 and will be a Full Moon on 12th. Mars and Saturn will be visible at early dusk in the western sky.

Venus is the bright "Morning Star" in the east-southeast before and during dawn during most of the month.

There was an Eclipse of the Sun on February the 26 in the Southern Hemisphere. Too far South to be visible from this Latitude. However if you are going to Hawaii or Southern Mexico in the next few days, you could probably see it.

VET CLINIC

Dr. Lisa Couper, mobile veterinarian, will be at the Mosquito Fire Station on Sunday, March 22th from 9:00 a.m. until noon for walk-ins. She will make house calls in the afternoon. Call 677-4558 and leave a message to make an appointment for the afternoon.

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ADVERTISING

There is no charge for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte* for our subscribers. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265. Ads in the "For Sale" department will run for three months unless you call to say the item has been sold, or you want the ad extended.

LOST: Small ceramic bowl with picture of Jack and Jill and other decorations. Lost while moving, somewhere near the Mosquito Fire Station and Mosquito/Rock Creek. Family heirloom. If you have any information please call Donna at 295-1185.

FREE!

Tire chains, size 165/80 R 13, two sets. Call 622-6436.

MEETINGS

QUILTER'S MEETING Thursday, March 26th. 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Call Sandy at 642-9865.

WANTED

CLEAN FILL DIRT: Call Doug 642-2118.

SERVICES

CLEANING: Swansboro resident for 7 years to clean your home, meal preparation or errands done with TLC. Reasonable, experienced, references. Call Renee at 626-3280 OK to leave message

NUTRITIONAL AIDS and free information. Call Teresa at 626-6970.

BABY SITTING: Need a sitter? Call Teen-Sitter now! CPR CERTIFIED. Amber Meadows, 642-2044 or Kirsten Lietz 622-3296. Call evenings after 5:00.

IRONING: Reasonable rates, includes pick-up and delivery. 642-8801, leave message.

QUALITY REMODELING AND REPAIR: Vinyl siding and window specialist. L. B. Smith, General Contractor. Lic. #418862/ Call Loren at 626-1231.

VIDEO TEC: Electronic repairs of VCRs, Stereos, Fax machines, typewriters, etc. Call 626-5167. 175-Q Placerville Drive.

PROSPECTOR PLUMBING: Plumbing for your propane and natural gas needs. Hot water heaters, gas lines, leak repairs, etc. Licensed, bonded and insured. 622-1241.

COMPUTER HELP: Need Help with your computer? A+ certified computer technician. Upgrade, troubleshooting, repair, hardware and software. Call Mike at 622-1336.

MOWING - \$20.00 per hour, have riding mower. Call Bob Darr 622-5702.

CARETAKER/DOOR SHAKER SERVICE: Available to vacation/vacationing homeowners at modest cost, daily, weekly, monthly. Reference available. Call "Critter" Don Reid, 622-7622.

ORDAINED MINISTERS: Non-denominational ministry in the Mosquito area. We can help with Marriage ceremonies, Baptisms, Blessings, Funeral and Memorial services and Personal Counseling. Call Eric Strickland or Ian Warfel at 622-3960 for assistance or someone to talk to.

NOTARY PUBLIC - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE. I live in Swansboro and will come to your home to do all your notary work. Call Elaine 621-2433.

REFINANCE to lower your mortgage interest rate and payment OR consolidate all your high interest bills (auto/credit cards) into one lower tax deductible payment. The BEST rates anywhere are available right here on the hill, and I have programs for EVERYONE, including slow credit. Call Chuck 621-2433.

PRIMESTAR SATELLITE: Mosquito Resident. Sales and installation. Mosquito price: \$99 installed, includes one month free programming, Monthly fee \$32.00. Call cell phone 995-3196.

DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Reasonable rates, references. Call 622-7622.

BACKHOE AND TRACTOR WORK: Trenching and driveways. Call Jim at 622-6414.

BUSINESS CARDS: Small quantities, 10 to 100. Designed for you. Cost plus \$5.00. Call Lela, 626-8265.

ANIMAL OUTREACH: Cats for adoption. Low cost spay, neuter and vaccinations. Call Pat Hair at 642-1944 for information.

SENIOR COMPANION CARE: Experienced care provider (CNA/HHA certified) offering assistance with ac-

tivities of daily living for home bound seniors. Call Ms Lewis, 622-6742.

REALTOR: Continuously serving this area with efficient, friendly service. Associated with Coldwell Banker, Gerwer and Assoc., Inc. residential affiliate. Member of Multiple Listing Service, Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Support Group and Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board. Call LaVonne Moser for any of your real estate needs. 622-6337 or 626-3333.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Coldwell Banker, Gerwer and Assoc. Inc. Now has property management services. If you are a landlord or prospective tenant, please call LaVonne Moser at 622-6337 or 626-3333.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Are you stressed to the max about your bills? Are you having difficulty making your monthly payments and the creditors are calling and getting nasty? WE CAN HELP! Call Barbara Proctor at Hampton Financial for a FREE consultation at 621-3153.

TLC: Try Linda's Cleaning. Need an extra hand around the house? Give me a call. I will do laundry, kitchens, bathrooms, dust, mop and vacuum. Will work weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. 642-2905.

J. R. PLUMBING: Licensed plumber. Repairs, remodels, new construction. Gas Lines and gas appliance conversions. Local gas company references. Call John at 626-6552.

COMPUTER SERVICE: Frazier Electronics. Computer/printer service and repair. Free estimates. Call Stu at 621-4221.

ROBIN'S NEST CLEANING: Commercial and residential. References. Call Robin 621-1030.

TAX HELP?? Professional Tax Preparation and Electronic filing. Call Don Bates, licensed and bonded tax consultant, 622-1886

FOR SALE

CANOE - 15 foot polyethylene Coleman. Good condition - includes aluminum paddles and cushions. \$100.00 takes all! Call 622-6436.

VLB GRAPHICS COMPUTER: 486/66, 16mb memory, 1.2 Maxtor HD, MS Intelepoint mouse, 4mb Vram No 9 graphics brd, Windows 95, Keyboard, (no monitor), Corel Draw 6 etc. \$425. John Barnes 621-0974.

PROFESSIONAL INK-JET PRINTER: 300 dpi Color Inkjet Printer, HP 1200C, 10 mb memory, 7 fresh cartridges, \$500. Used to make 1998 Mosquito volunteer firefighter calendars. John Barnes 621-0974.


MISCELLANEOUS: Duerr 22 ton vertical log splitter, Briggs and Stratton engine, \$1,200.; Kenmore "600" barbecue, full propane tank, almost new \$250.; Kenmore heavy duty washer \$175.; Kenmore heavy duty electric dryer, \$150. 626-8205.

CHIPPER/SHREDDER: "The Brute" 16hp. by Mighty Mac. Includes blower attachment. Call 622-7254.

AVON: Call Gwen at 622-9314 for all your AVON needs.

DUNE BUGGY: Needs work \$500.00 626-0691.

HERBS: Evergreen Herb Garden, 2001 Swansboro Road. Herbs, herb classes, products, plants and books. Call or write for information. 626-9288.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
8	9	10	11	12 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19 CRAFT MEETING 9:00 AM POTLUCK 11:30 AM	20	21
22 VET VISIT (SEE PAGE 6)	23	24	25	26 QUILTERS MEETING (SEE AD)	27	28
29	30	31				

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