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SSA General Meeting

Mushrooms 101

An introduction to the mushrooms of the Santa Cruz Mountains

Presented by Henry Young

Friday, October 28

7:00 pm - Refreshments

7:30 pm – Featured presentation
CDF Saratoga Summit Fire Station

12900 Skyline Blvd.

Bring a dessert.

SSA will provide hot beverages and soft drinks.



Henry Young is the current Science Advisor and past CEO of the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz. The FFSC is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about mushrooms and "keeping the fun in fungi." Mr. Young will bring his collecting supplies and hopefully some fresh mushrooms. He will also present a slide show that has examples of mushrooms found locally through the seasons.

Attendees are encouraged to bring in any mushrooms they find. Bring the entire mushroom; not cut off, but dug up to include the base. Put the mushrooms in paper rather than plastic, as plastic makes the mushrooms decay very rapidly.

A few extra people are needed to set up tables and chairs before the meeting. If you would like to help, please arrive at 6:30.

Directions:

The CDF Saratoga Summit Fire Station is located on the west side of Skyline Blvd. approximately 1 mile north of the intersection of Skyline and Highway 9. You may need to park along the road so a flashlight is advisable.



Quarterly Report

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed as a benefit for SSA members. For information about joining the Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG), or for members wishing to have correct information on the Amerigas contract with us, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to Ruth Waldhauer, SSA Membership Chairperson, 22400 Skyline Boulevard, Box 35, La Honda, CA 94020. Information is also available on the SSA website at www.southskyline.org.

Recent SPUG prices are:

June	\$1.51/gallon
July	\$1.46
August	\$1.46
September	\$1.72
October	\$1.87

With Hurricane Katrina, prices skyrocketed. **Conserve!!!**

Prices are subject to changes as frequently as wholesale prices change. Reported here are usually prices for the first week of the month. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 5 cent/gallon discount on the SPUG group price. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will call" service.

Amerigas billed some SPUG for tank rental erroneously, above our contract price. Tank rental prices stated in our contract are:

<u>Tank Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
150 gallons	\$45
250 gallons	\$65
500 gallons	\$85

If you were charged more, phone Amerigas and let them know. They will credit your account.

What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

These are the issues that the SSA Board of Directors have been dealing with during the last two quarters:

- Planned annual summer picnic/general meeting held at Jaqua's ranch, complete with raptor educator and violinist.
- Initiated Adopt-a-Highway program for two miles northbound and two miles southbound on Skyline Blvd.
- Monitored Amerigas's rates for propane and rental tanks.
- Supported local school fundraisers with announcements in *Skylines* and general meetings.
- Honored active and retiring volunteer firefighters.
- Initiated a conversation for the purpose of educating the community regarding commercial land use development in the South Skyline area.
- Shared service and pricing information on septic tank pumping, tree and brush clearing, gopher extermination, etc. with the intent to generate attractive deals for SSA members.
- Examined new State of California ordinances for fire prevention. The new regulation requires clearing within 100 feet around a residence.
- Considered resurrecting the Skyline Dog and Cat Annual Vaccination Clinic Day.

Visitors are welcome to all Board meetings; please check the website for meeting dates. Meeting minutes and agendas are also on www.southskyline.org.

~Submitted by Kris Pemberton



SSA Board Nominations

It's that time of year again when the SSA Board starts looking for nominees for next year's Board. At the October board meeting, the SSA President will pick a nominating committee of three people to select nominees. The nominating committee will present their proposed nominations at the December Board meeting for approval. The slate will be published in the January Skylines and voted upon at the January general meeting.

Candidates must be willing to attend one board meeting a month and volunteer to help with other standing committees as needed. If you are an SSA member (paid dues this year), and have suggestions for an SSA Board member nominee, contact any SSA Board member, or Bill Prince at 650-917-9279, or email Bill at bill_prince@yahoo.com

Letter of Support for Traffic Safety Sent to CHP

Traffic safety being a concern of members, SSA sent a letter of support on September 8, 2005 for the grant proposal of Captain Bridget Lott, San Mateo County CHP, asking for increased funding for traffic safety in our area.

Thanks to recent CHP efforts lead by Captain Lott, patrols were increased this year along Skyline Boulevard (State Highway 35) from Route 92 to the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz County line, and along Route 84 between Skyline Boulevard and Route 1. During the first four months of 2004 there were 24 collisions, with 2 fatalities, and 17 injured. During the same period of 2005, after the patrols were increased, there were 12 collisions, no fatalities, and 5 injuries.

SSA urges San Mateo County CHP to extend this improvement in traffic safety further south by coordinating their highway patrols with those of Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County in our mountain community. This would improve the effectiveness of the patrols, without increasing their number.

Delegates from SSA regularly attend the meetings Captain Lott holds to discuss traffic safety issues in the SSA area.

~Ruth Waldhauer

Skyline Adopt-A-Highway

Enthusiastic volunteers picked up litter along the stretch of Skyline, from mile marker 2 to 4 in San Mateo County. One crew worked on Saturday, July 9, and another on Saturday, September 17.

We are responsible for doing pick-ups every two months. The next scheduled dates are November 5 and January 7. Please email Ruth (waldhauer@batnet.com) or phone (650-948-1466) to volunteer. The sweep takes about an hour. It's so satisfying to see Skyline free of litter.

Skyline is our front yard. I suggest changing the name, "Adopt-A-Highway", to "Adopt-A-Skyline".

~Ruth Waldhauer

What does a turkey like to eat on Thanksgiving?
Nothing. He's already stuffed.

Assemblages Of Birds

By Freddy Howell

There is a great book called The Bird Almanac by David M. Bird (yes, that is his name), which has an amazing amount of information. You can find information on avian anatomy, physiology, reproduction, mortality, threatened species, and, my favorite chapter, Assemblages of Birds. To test your knowledge and imagination, here are some assemblages for you to guess the birds they belong to.

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| A. Apology | 1. Turkeys |
| B. Boil | 2. Buzzards |
| C. Commotion | 3. Flycatchers |
| D. Descent | 4. Thrashers |
| E. Farce | 5. Sparrows |
| F. Feint | 6. Peacocks |
| G. Gaggle | 7. Stilts |
| H. Gang | 8. Coots |
| I. Ostentation | 9. Ravens |
| J. Pod | 10. Woodpeckers |
| K. Scratch | 11. Pelicans |
| L. Teeter | 12. Geese |
| M. Wake | 13. Hawks |
| N. Unkindness | 14. Jays |
| O. Zipper | 15. Killdeer |

See answers on page 7.



Need a Septic Upgrade?

An article in THE VALLEY POST informs us that the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services has a program offering low interest loans for septic upgrades. Residents can secure up to \$22,000 at an interest rate of about 3% to cover design, permit, and installation. For more information contact County Environmental Services at 831-454-2746.

Take a Hike . . .



A Trip Down Historic Old Page Mill Road

By Ruth Waldhauer

Distance -- 5 miles round trip

Elevation change -- 650 feet loss then an elevation gain of 650 feet to return

The hike down to Lambert Creek on the early logging route to Page's Mill begins at the corner of Skyline Boulevard and Alpine Road. From the parking lot walk through the underpass then take the trail that passes west of Alpine Pond to its intersection with Old Page Mill Road. At this intersection there is a bedrock grinding stone that Indians used to grind acorns they gathered from the surrounding oak forest. Alpine Pond was built during the cattle ranching era. Here turn right, heading downhill under tall firs and past some sculptured sandstone outcrops. You are soon in a clearing with splendid views southeast over a succession of forested ridges.

At this clearing the unpaved road arcs left, winding around the forested east side of West Lambert Creek canyon. On the way it crosses Lambert Creek tributaries cascading over sandstone boulders on the steep mountainside. About a mile downhill the road goes through some chaparral on a south-facing slope. Blooming at the road's edge in summer are yellow bush poppies and magenta chaparral peas. Around a sharp switchback look to your left to see the site of the former Glass Ranch. Said to be a stagecoach stop on this route to the bayside, nothing of it remains today.

Back into the forest, now dominated by tall Douglas firs, you engage several more switchbacks to reach a washed-out bridge over the creek near the preserve boundary. Old Page Mill Road, long closed to the public, continues on to present-day Portola Redwoods State Park, where Mr. Page milled logs and then transported the lumber up this canyon and on to Palo Alto's Embarcadero. Today, however, this is where one must turn around and return to Alpine Pond.

Should time allow, try the half-mile trail circling the pond leading to the Daniels Nature Center and to observation points. You can watch for redwing blackbirds, barn swallows and marsh wrens from the shore, and look for raccoon and deer tracks in the mud at lakeside. The Daniels Nature Center is staffed by volunteers on weekends. On weekdays you can relax on the deck of the Center while viewing the pond, or on a floating platform built over the pond you can get a closer look at the aquatic life. Fish and turtles are often visible. You may see a northern harrier hawk as it monitors the marshy lakeshore for unsuspecting frogs. Other avian visitors are an occasional belted kingfisher and a great blue heron.

Mushroom Snippets ...

Mushroom Hike

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Hidden Villa, Los Altos Hills

Learn how to identify common families of mushrooms. Wade Leschyn of the Mycological Society of San Francisco discusses edible and poisonous varieties. If desired, bring a basket for collecting specimens and a small knife. Hike contingent on weather. Space limited -- register early! Ages 10 and up only. Location: Green Tent. \$10.00 per person.

To register go to www.hiddenvilla.org/calendar.php, or call (650) 949-8653.

Mushroom Art



Kids (and adults) can create interesting prints using mushrooms. All you need is:

- Fresh, whole white or Portobello mushrooms
- White paper
- Drinking glass
- Non-aerosol hair spray
- Sharp knife

Step 1: Remove the stems from the mushrooms. Expose the gills by using a knife (an adult's job) to trim back the lower edges of the caps.

Step 2: Place the mushrooms on a sheet of paper and cover each one with an inverted glass. Let stand overnight. The mushrooms will release spores from their caps to create distinctive patterns.

Step 3: Carefully lift the glasses, then the mushrooms to reveal the spore prints.

Step 4: To preserve the designs, coat with non-aerosol spray.

It's in-spore-ational!

(Originally published in Family Fun Magazine)

South Skyline Weather: RAIN

By Larry Watson

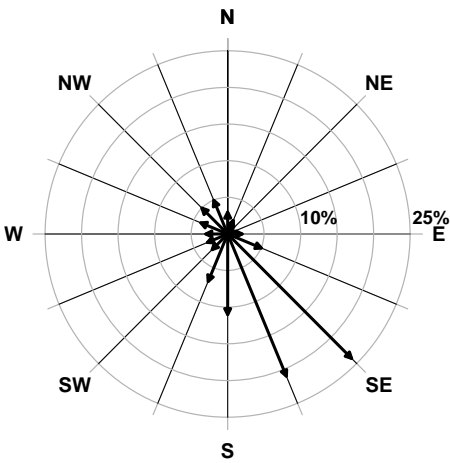
As a biometeorologist, I know that you can make two generalizations about rainfall at the earth's surface almost anywhere in the northern mid-latitudes:

1. When it's raining, the wind is usually blowing from the southeast even though the storm is moving in from the west.
2. Within a region, annual accumulated precipitation generally increases with elevation.



The measurements were recorded almost daily using a properly located, but inexpensive rain gauge, pictured at left, on level ground with our best possible exposure southeast down the San Lorenzo Valley.

For comparison, my nearest government hourly recording weather station is 18.4 miles down-valley on the De Laveaga golf course in Santa Cruz. Last year, this station at an elevation of 300 feet, recorded 43.2 inches or 8.4 inches (16%) less than we did.



However, in our area significant variation from these generalizations can occur due to terrain and also due to a location's wind-distance from the ocean.

The subjects of this article are these variations of average annual precipitation in the South Skyline

region from several historical records, and some ideas for measuring precipitation at your location.

First, some evidence for the first generalization above:

This information is useful in locating your own rain gauge. For most locations, the top of the level gauge (whether simple or tipping bucket style) would ideally see the horizon from the south to the east and be located far enough away from other objects in all other directions to avoid "rain shadows" or rain reflection. The relative frequency of wind direction during rain graph below represents the 2970 hours with rainfall recorded for a station that was just North of the Winchester Mystery House during the 15 years ending 2002. The wind came from the quadrant centered on south by southeast approximately 70% of the time when rain was falling.

Residents of our neighborhood often discuss rainfall in this region in a comparative sort of way: "this year was wetter than last, certainly not like 1997-1998, I get more rain than my neighbor 5 miles away, etc." During the 8 years we have lived here I have accumulated some rainfall studies to share.

The close-to-home study:

In the last "rain-year" (7/1/2004-6/30/2005), at our house, located within Castle Rock Park with coordinates (122.15°W, 37.24°N, 2200 feet), I accumulated 51.6 inches of rain from 34 recorded measurements.

Another study of the effects of these variations of elevation and wind path to the ocean is a contour map of average annual rainfall from a 1970 paper prepared by UC Berkeley. The map covers roughly a 50 square mile area centered 2 miles southeast of Skylonda.

As an example from the contour map, consider two stations each approximately 11 miles from Skyline, San Gregorio at 100 feet elevation with 21.2" average annual rainfall, and Moffett Field at 10 feet elevation with 12.4" average annual rainfall. At a location on Skyline along a line between the two locations, the estimated average annual precipitation is 36". The Skyline location receives almost three times Moffett Field's rainfall and almost twice as much as San Gregorio.

To me, the most interesting studies were done by two long-time Skyliners: Steve Wolf at his home (2300 feet) for 26 years, and Mile Standish, near the upper campground in Castle Rock Park (3000 feet) for 19 years. These locations are separated by approximately 5 miles along Skyline Blvd.

For the first 15 years of simultaneous operation, variation between the two sites was minimal. However, after the 88-89 rain-year, the stations began to depart with Steve's station increasingly reporting more. Steve told me at some point his station was relocated to avoid the rain shadows resulting from the growth of surrounding trees. At Castle Rock Park, it appears that the nearby trees began to affect the observations.

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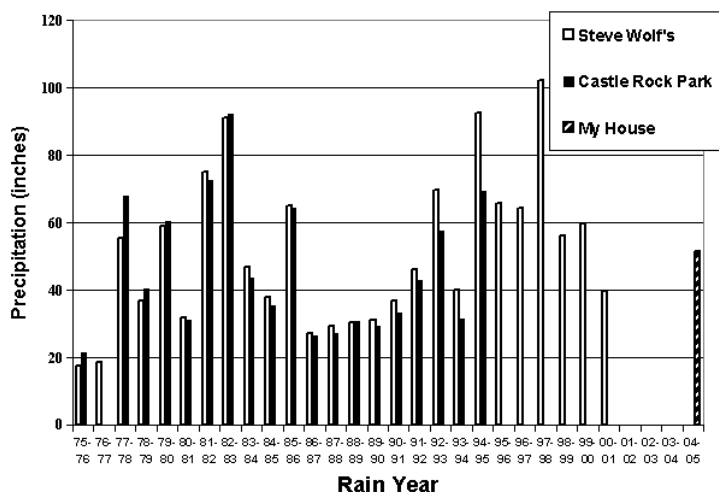
What kind of weather does a turkey like?
Fowl weather!

South Skyline Weather: RAIN (cont. from page 4)

From Steve's records we see that the average annual precipitation is 51.5" but ranges from 17 to 102 inches per year. Note in the 8 years from 1986 to 1994, 7 years were below average. The details for this article and an email address for questions can be located at my website www.watermatters.com.

If you see a way to forecast the next annual rainfall from the historical data, let me know.

Annual Measured Precipitation
Steve Wolf's 26 year average = 51.5 inches



Gopher Blasting

By Dick Schwind

A neighbor and I tried a new way to eliminate gophers -- having them blasted! I just don't have the hunting blood in me (I grew up on a farm, so am still a farmer at heart) and had let the gophers get totally out of control. I've used the usual wire traps and other traps with some success in the spring, but not good enough. My old barn cats just go for mice, not gophers. I carefully use some poison, but wonder if I get more birds than gophers. I've used the thumper things in the garden and watched the plants disappear anyway. I once had a professional poison pellet service come, but the gophers were soon back. Occasionally over the years I've staked out a hole and successfully blasted a gopher with a shotgun. At the summer SSA party the ladies with the owls said barn owls, which really go for the gophers, wouldn't live where there are great horned owls, which I think we have. Larry Watson now has great horned owls using his 24 ft. high perch and they are getting some gophers. I will try that. Meanwhile, I tried the following.

An apparently safe and dependable device has recently been developed to inject a mix of propane and oxygen into gopher and mole runs and fire it off, killing the critters with the blast. Called the "Rodenator Pro", it sells for about \$1900, including some necessary protective gear to wear. Looking it up on the web I found that there were 3 or 4 people in California using this device to provide a rodent eradication service. I selected probably the closest one, "Rodent Eradication Services", in West Sacramento and the proprietor, Mark Ayers (800-393-2039), came in a very few days. He has the state license for pet eradication plus liability insurance. This method seems to me to be an organic, or almost organic method, leaving only products of combustion in the ground.

Mark arrived here about 9 am. He had already informed the Santa Clara County Sheriff's department that he would be blasting. He had his rig with long lines to his propane and oxygen tanks mounted on a golf cart. His procedure was to use a construction stake to find a good hole, insert tip of the "Rodenator", fill the hole for 30 to 60 seconds with gases then fire the explosive mix. It sounded like a shotgun going off and could be heard for most of a mile.

The blast would usually tear open the ground leaving a small trench up to 10 or 15 feet long. Going to the end of the trench he would repeat the operation. While he claims he hasn't broken any sprinkling system piping with his blasting I had him stay away from some areas I thought sensitive, including the house windows. Not wasting a minute he still spent 5 hours here covering about 1.5 acres. He charged a fair \$75/hour plus a modest destination charge.

The results were quite good. Besides getting the gophers, I wanted the runs destroyed. The ground was dry so it was somewhat difficult to compact the soil afterwards and eliminate the tunnels. I think it would be best to do this when the ground is wet. I think the gas would travel further, the blast be more effective, and crushing down the tunnels easier. My gopher problems will never be over as new ones can keep moving in from the woods, but at least now it is reasonably manageable.



Editors Note: Skylines welcomes readers to submit other articles about methods found useful in dealing with gophers, mice, moles, deer, rabbits, coyote, and other pesky pests that come with mountain living.

Deadly Female Could be Hiding in Local Dwellings

By Patti Begley

The dark beauty lures the besotted male into her web of deceit and then pounces on him, injects him with a lethal dose of poison and...

Whoa, this isn't a scene from a Halloween horror flick; this is a true "witchy-woman" that could be lurking within the dark recesses in any of our homes – the Black Widow spider.

Does this evil icon of the insect world really have homicidal tendencies; or has she been given a bum rap? My research finds that she's only an occasional serial killer. It seems that killing and eating a male after mating is more the exception than the rule.

The widow species in our area, *Latrodectus Hesperus*, is very attractive - for a spider. She is glossy black in color with a bright red hourglass figure on her belly. She's a shy creature and doesn't like to be bothered. When disturbed she may rush out to bite, and she is considered to be the most venomous spider in the world, 15 times as toxic as the venom of the Prairie Rattlesnake.

But don't panic! Black Widow spiders are not usually deadly for humans, especially to adults, because they inject only a small amount of venom. However, they can make you sick, and a bite could be quite serious for young children and adults with other health problems. A bite might go unnoticed, but the poison can cause symptoms such as abdominal pain, pain to muscles or soles of the feet, salivation and dry-mouth, paralysis of the diaphragm, profuse sweating or swollen eyelids. Ok, maybe we should panic. If bitten by a Black Widow, immediately seek medical treatment.

The Widow is a bit erratic when it comes to weaving her silky webs. Her webs have a kind of free format, with no particular shape and are more function than art. She hangs upside down in her strong web and feeds on insects and other arthropods. If you become tangled in a web that feels stretchy and doesn't pull off easily - *be afraid, be very afraid*. Kidding! Just be cautious. They like to make their homes in dark cozy places.



The female lays several batches of eggs each summer. Each batch has around 750 eggs, but only 1 – 12 survive due to cannibalism. The female can live 1.5 to 3 years. Alas, the males, which are smaller and usually have yellow and red bands and spots over the back, only live a couple of months.

The juveniles and males of this species are harmless since they have no venom; that is except on Halloween, as mountain legend tells us, when all spiders are 5 times bigger than normal and all are very, very scary. So, be careful out there.

3rd Annual Harvest Festival

Presented by the Lakeside School Community Foundation
1-4pm, October 22, 2005
Lakeside School Community Center
Black Road, Los Gatos

- **Come and eat!** Sample as many chili recipes as you like, and participate in voting for the chili cook-off winners. Hot dogs, drinks and dessert can also be purchased. Local artists will show items for sale, and there will be a bounce house and crafts for kids.
- **Enter our chili contest!** Entry fee is \$25. Great prizes for the top three recipes.
- **Enter our pie contest!** New this year, only \$10.
- **Sell your handmade crafts!** Tables are only \$25.

Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$7 for adults lets you sample all the chili you would like and participate in the voting. \$5 for children provides fun in the bounce house and crafts all afternoon. All proceeds benefit the Lakeside School Community Foundation. Every dollar (100%) raised by the foundation directly supports programs that would otherwise go unfunded in music, physical education, cultural studies, and teacher grants.

The California Native Plant Society Santa Clara Valley Chapter presents a

**Native Plant Sale
Saturday Oct. 15, 2005**

10 AM – 4 PM

Hidden Villa Ranch

26870 Moody Rd.

2 miles west of Foothill College

Take the El Monte/Moody exit from 280

Fall is the ideal time to plant California native plants!

Jim Rapley Turns 103

The last of the Skyline cowboys still spins yarns about the old days.

Extracts from a 2002 article by Marion Softky, Almanac Staff Writer (and a few later updates by SSA).

Jim Rapley leans back in his chair at a Redwood City rest home and launches into a yarn. At 103 years old, Mr. Rapley may be mostly deaf and blind, but his memory is sharp, and he can still tell a good story. And what a trove of yarns he has.

Mr. Rapley's memories of Peninsula life go back far beyond the colorful events of his own life -- which include the San Francisco Earthquake, 55 years of ranching Skyline, and a World War II encounter with the FBI. Through hand-me-down tales, collective memories extend back almost 150 years to the 1860s, when both pairs of grandparents ranched the hills and worked in the valleys of the Midpeninsula.

Jim Rapley celebrated his 103rd birthday with family and friends at a party put on by Skyline neighbors Bruce and Hildegard Jackson. The Jacksons have been close friends and supporters of Mr. and Mrs. Rapley for years. After a disastrous fire burned down the Rapley house two and-a-half years ago, the Jacksons took in the Rapleys and gave them a home for six weeks, before they moved down the hill to the rest home where they live now. "We really thought he would not make it, but he snapped out of it," says Mrs. Jackson.

Jim Rapley's friends of long standing, Betsy Clebsch, Ami Jaqua, and of course, the Jacksons visit him often. "He was my mentor," says Mrs. Jackson simply.

Mr. Rapley's 103rd birthday provides an occasion to take a new look at the way things were when most Peninsula residents made their living off the land. Just 20 years ago, on June 23, 1982, the Almanac published a major interview with Jim Rapley. Then, a younger Mr. Rapley spent several afternoons bringing alive the old days -- the mud and the dust, the characters who peopled the land, the events that shaped their lives.

Actually, Jimmy Rapley grew up in Menlo Park on Cedar Street (now Buckthorn Way) off El Camino Real. "Going to school, going to town -- everything they did was so hard, my mother figured she'd had enough mountain business," Mr. Rapley explained. "So that's how we moved to the lowlands." Thus Jimmy, fourth of nine children, spent most of his childhood in Menlo Park -- except for glorious summers visiting grandparents on the mountain.

Young Jimmy loved to ride along with his father on work trips. Rapley senior used to "team out of the mountains." He would cut and haul wood; he would haul hay and grain; he did a little farming in the valley. And Jimmy would absorb stories of the land and its people.

As a boy and young man, Jimmy was active in Menlo Park life early in the century. He caddied for "two bits" at the Menlo Golf and Country Club on the former Selby estate. Late in World War I, he waited on customers at the old Duff & Doyle general store; he helped dismantle the wooden buildings at Camp Fremont after the war. Later he worked as a dairyman on the old Dimond Ranch above Searsville.

Instead of going to Central High School, Jimmy Rapley moved up to Skyline. There he had a little cabin and a corral and started building up his herd of cattle. "I've been running cattle for 55 years, the best part of my life," Mr. Rapley said. "I started my first herd when I was 15 years old. It was not a very big herd, but it was a beginning."

When Jimmy Rapley moved to a shack and barn he built himself out of an old schoolhouse on 96 rented acres on Skyline Ridge, there was no Skyline Boulevard.

"In the old horse-and-wagon days, why getting to Woodside was a pretty good chore. People never went to town unless they were out of everything or had something to sell."

In the 1930s Mr. Rapley bought the family ranch off Rapley Ranch Road from his parents. Through all those years, he tended cattle, his own and others', for meat and milk products.

The work was tough. "We worked around the clock. No one was in bed at daylight. Chores were done with a lantern in the morning and chores were done with a lantern at night." In winter he rode the hills during storms to tend the cattle. "I did a lot of my cowboying alone," he said.

His bachelor quarters became a popular place for relatives and friends to leave their children in summer for some wholesome work and play away from town. "People would dump their kids here, and half the time I wouldn't know who the people were who owned the kids," Mr. Rapley recalled.

The sister of one of those kids was Anne Foley of San Francisco. Jim and Anne married in 1946. Anne, now 93, is still with him in Redwood City.

Ami Jaqua remembers when her parents, Rudolph and Gerda Isenberg, moved to their new ranch in 1941 when she was 7. The first morning, Jim Rapley's pigs got under their front porch, and the children were sent off to tell him. "We rode over and shyly told him," she says. "One thing led to another. Jimmy started helping father with cattle. He was wonderful with children." The four Isenberg children, and a couple of Japanese refugee girls staying with them, soon adored the Rapleys. "He was a wonderful neighbor and teacher and mentor. He had time for us," Mrs. Jaqua says. "He had no kids of his own, so we were his family."

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Rapley (Continued from page 8.)

A high point in their lives was to go over to the Rapleys for a big ranch breakfast. Because their father was vegetarian, they really dug into his bacon, beans and scrambled eggs. Mr. Rapley also remembers the Isenbergs with pleasure. "Everybody was part of the family when you stayed with the Isenbergs," he says.

See the full original story with Jimmy's tall tales written by Marion Softky in the July 31, 2002 issue at www.almanacnews.com.

Answers to Assemblages of Birds Quiz on Page 3:

(A5, B13, C8, D10, E14, F15, G12, H1, I6, J11, K4, L7, M2, N9, O3)

Why did the turkey cross the road?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Classified Ads

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SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION

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La Honda, CA 94020

SSA Calendar

General Meeting – October 28, CDF

Fire Station

Business Meetings at 7:15 pm:

Thurs. October 13

Thurs. November 10

Thurs. December 8

(Call Bill Prince for location and directions)

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