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South Skyline Association General Meeting

Words and Wine with Local Authors

Readings by
Willard Wyman and Joe Cottonwood

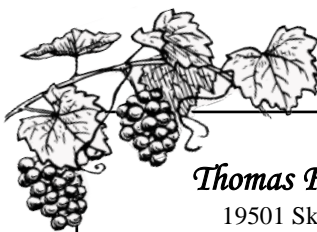
Friday, April 27 at 7:00 pm
Thomas Fogarty Winery

Why do we so value living where we do? Willard Wyman, in "West of 98", will explain. Joe Cottonwood will bring it to a more local level. Please turn to page 2 for more information about the authors.

We will also have an update on the SSA local history book which is in progress.

Premiere Fogarty wines will be available. We request a donation of \$5.00 per glass. Light hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided.

The Skyline Association thanks Dr. Fogarty for the use of his beautiful reception facility.



Thomas Fogarty Winery

19501 Skyline Boulevard

2.7 miles north of Page Mill Rd., across from the entrance to Yerba Buena Nursery.

Authors at the April SSA General Meeting

Willard Wyman

Willard Wyman, the son of a career Army officer, was born in China and spent his childhood on cavalry posts in the West. He did not begin writing fiction until he retired from an academic career, his childhood with horses providing ample material. During World War II – with his father in combat and his mother in a psychiatric ward – he was shipped to Montana to the Spear-O Ranch, an experience that led to a lifelong devotion to packing into the mountains of the West. After teaching and coaching football in high school, he began graduate work at Stanford.

After taking his PhD, he taught English there and served as a dean of students. He went on to serve on the faculty of Colby College before becoming headmaster of the Thacher School, where horses remain a central part of the curriculum.

The Western Writers of America named his novel, *High Country*, which draws on his packing experiences, “Best First Novel” and “Best Novel of the West.” He has also published in Epoch.

His second novel, *Blue Heaven*, was published in 2011. He has also contributed to “West of 98, Living and Writing the New American West” edited by Lynn Stegner and Russell Rowland.

Joe Cottonwood

Joe Cottonwood describes himself as a writer/carpenter. He writes: “I was born in 1947, bent my first nail in 1952, and wrote my first story in 1956. I’ve been a writer and a carpenter ever since.”

His publications are numerous: *Clear Heart*, *Famous Potatoes*, and for children: *Quake*, *Babcock*, *Danny Ain’t*, *The Adventures of Boone Barnaby*, *Four Dog Riot*. Joe Cottonwood’s choice setting for many of his books is the little town of “San Puerco” which bears a striking resemblance to the town of La Honda. He also posts a blog: <http://365-jobs.blogspot.com>

What Is Your SSA Board Doing?

by Judy Grote

- At the **SSA Winter General Meeting**, we elected ½ of our Board members and welcomed a new Board member, Connie Kleinjans. Cindy Roessler, neighbor and biologist, spoke about coyotes and their habitat, aided by Bruce Williamson prompting many interesting and funny stories about coyotes from those present. One of our best meetings.
- **SSA Survey**: We received 91 responses to the SSA survey about local issues. The survey results were

pretty much aligned with the board’s current focus.

- **Streamlining the Board**: The Board is reducing the number of its Board meetings per year and using more technology to accomplish its work. Technology being tried includes, for example, GoogleDocs, Citrix/Webex capabilities. Our new Board member, Connie, has volunteered to help revise/update our community reach-out capabilities.
- **Public Safety**: The South Skyline Fire Safe Council hired a Project Manager to drive both grant projects and make sure they are successfully completed according to grant requirements. This will require community participation to help make these projects successful.
- **Public Works**: The repairs to Skyline RT 35 at mile marker 3.6--erosion Control to prevent the highway from slipping away have been completed. The committee’s focus is now on the sharp curve on Hwy 84 near Skywood and trying to get Cal Trans to make this less dangerous.
- **Parks and Land Use**: The committee is focused on 3 areas: 1) trying to keep our local state parks open that are scheduled to close—Portola Redwoods and Castle Rock, 2) keeping our county parks open for public use, and 3) reviewing the One Bay Area Plan and its impact on the SSA community.

The Portola and Castle Rock Foundation is trying to keep both parks from closing on 7/1/12. The Foundation must raise a minimum the first year of \$500,000 and the same thereafter for a total of 3 years. There was a fundraiser on 3/21/12 at Planet Granite which raised \$20,000. On Friday, 5/4/12, there will be a fundraising benefit – auction at Fogarty Winery for the benefit of Portola Redwoods and Castle Rock State Parks. (see article on page 11 in this issue.

According to the San Mateo County preliminary budget that will be discussed the last week of March, all county parks will remain open with limited services.

Land Use is becoming more expensive and restrictive given One Bay Area Plan as well as higher fees in the Planning and Building Dept. in San Mateo County. For example, replacing a window that is exactly like the old one in size and shape will require a \$450 permit fee from the county. Changing the size and shape of a window will require a higher fee. San Mateo County also moved forward with applying for federal funding for creating a new PDA (Primary Development Area) for 1100 new housing units without the One Bay Area Plan being approved for the county yet. These new housing units would cover the area of Miramar-Princeton-Moss Beach-Montara. The community does not want this housing nor does it see the need for the housing. Stay tuned.



Quarterly Report

by Ruth Waldhauer

Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG) was formed to benefit SSA members. For information about joining, or for members wishing current information on the agreement with Amerigas, Kamps Propane, or Suburban Propane, **please contact Ruth Waldhauer at ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com, or 650-948-1466. Information is also available on our website at www.southskyline.org.**

Recent SPUG prices with Amerigas/San Jose are:

July	\$2.399/gallon
August	2.509
September	2.569
October	2.549
November	2.549
December	2.679
January 2012	2.599
February	2.499
March	2.399

Recent SPUG prices offered by Suburban Propane/Scotts Valley are:

July	\$2.49/gallon
August	2.41
September	2.49
October	2.70
November	2.608
December	2.85
January 2012	2.80
February	2.80
March	2.50

Recent SPUG prices by Suburban Propane/San Jose are:

November	\$2.85/gallon
December	2.85
January 2012	2.87
February	2.78
March	2.67

Recent Kamps Propane SPUG prices are:

July	\$2.408/gallon
August	2.45
September	2.55
October	2.608
November	2.57
December	2.648
January 2012	2.69
February	2.64
March	2.598

Adopt-A-Highway

by Ruth Waldhauer

On Saturday, January 7 Karim Khaldi, Robert Bradford, Ruth Waldhauer, and Armen Leonian were the volunteers for the clean-up. (Below)



On Saturday, March 10 Karim Khaldi lead the group of volunteers, Lynn Gale, Ruth Waldhauer and Robert Bradford. (Below) Robert is not playing air guitar, but holding a litter pick-up-stick.



SSA and SHS volunteers are responsible for gathering litter every two months. The sweep takes about an hour and a half. Please contact Ruth Waldhauer at ruth_waldhauer@yahoo.com, or 650-948-1466 to volunteer. So far there are 143 names on the honor roll listing those who have participated.

We love getting NEW recruits. You will find that it is rewarding and fun. Skyline is our paradise! Let's keep it beautiful.

South Skyline Fire & Rescue News

by Andy Seigel, Captain, SSF&R

The relatively small amount of rain we have had in combination with other factors could lead to an early and active fire season. Consider getting an early start on your defensible space. We have links on our website to various documents regarding defensible space.

We've been very busy with training during the first quarter of the year. We have four new volunteers working their way through the Volunteer Fire Academy. Most of the team has been through a biyearly EMS (emergency medical) recertification, and we have a few team members working towards becoming engine driver/operators. Finally, we participated in a county-wide water tender drill in March in Scotts Valley, in preparation for an upcoming test administered by the ISO (Insurance Standards Organization). The test will help determine the ISO rating for the community; ISO ratings are used by your insurance company to set your home insurance rates.

Pancakes!

Here's your chance to meet our team, including some of our new volunteers! We will be hosting a



Traditional Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 27, 2012
Saratoga Summit Fire Station (12900 Skyline Blvd)
8am - 11am.

We'll have pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea.... Stop in; have some breakfast; talk to us about joining the team; see the new water tender. All proceeds from the event will go to South Skyline Fire & Rescue. Watch our website and roadside signs for up to the minute details.

In the last 12 months, using your generous donations of \$2,600, we have been able to:

- replace one obsolete handheld radio
- update some over-the-side rescue gear
- purchase some chainsaw accessories
- purchase a GPS, weather meter, and binoculars for the new water tender

There's always some piece of equipment we need to update or add. With Santa Cruz County Fire's budget in the state it's in, donations help us a lot. We need a new portable pump and some accessories for the water tender, and some small EMS kits for the new members of the team. All donations are tax deductible. In fact, one way for us to replace our 22 year old fire engine is via donations. Of course, that is a huge sum of money - \$300,000. If you're looking for a good cause in which to donate a large sum of money, call us. We'll talk. 😊

Please visit our web site for more information and to contact us, <http://southskylinefire.org>.

South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Update

by Sherry Niswander

The new officers for 2012 were elected at our January meeting; they are Larry Myers – President, Peggy Wargo – Secretary and Sherry Niswander – Treasurer. We congratulate them and look forward to our new leadership.

The Neighborhood Grant Program announced in 2009 is still available to any South Skyline neighborhood for use with communications equipment, education or resources. The maximum grant is \$750.00. Since its inception three grants have been awarded to Las Cumbres, Jikoji Zen Center and the SC4ARC Ham radio club (maintenance of their repeater system). If your neighborhood needs help with funding their emergency communications plans, please send a written request outlining them to South Skyline Emergency Preparedness Org., 22400 Skyline Blvd. #34, La Honda, CA 94020. All requests must be approved by the Board at their regular bi-monthly meetings.

We have received many generous donations from the South Skyline community and beyond this year and want to thank everyone for their gifts and support. If you wish to contribute you can send donations direct to the address above, with many thanks.

Our efforts in recent months have been focused on the following:

- Our Medical Committee, headed by Dr. Richard Lee, held a drill last fall to mobilize our medical trailer stationed at the Midpeninsula Open Space Ranger Station. The drill revealed some gaps in our supplies and procedures. Those gaps are being remedied to increase our preparedness to medically treat those injured during a major disaster.
- Our Communications Committee has participated in area-wide drills. A simplex drill (in case repeaters are damaged during an emergency) for the County of San Mateo OES proved that our ridge is ideally situated for Simplex frequencies reaching to the coast and bay sides. We are pursuing possible locations for a permanent antenna to augment the radio community's coverage.

All are welcome to our bi-monthly meetings held at either Las Cumbres Community Center or the Midpeninsula Open Space Ranger Station on Thursday evenings from 7-9:00PM. Our next scheduled meeting will be May 24th at Las Cumbres. Come just to listen or inform. We welcome feedback from the community we serve.

Bird Nest Survey -- Volunteers Needed

Fuels reduction work under the SSFSC grants will start soon, probably within weeks. One of the grant requirements is that a survey of the area to be worked each day be conducted every morning to identify and inventory birds' nests. The nests are to be left undisturbed by the work. We need volunteers to conduct these surveys each day. The project manager will train volunteers on what to look for and how to mark the areas and how to report them.

If you are interested in birds and can volunteer to spend an hour or so a few days to help protect them **please contact John Drew at johnnydrew@MSN.com**. It will be a fun and interesting experience.

Local Ham Club Sponsors Successful Technician Class

by Sherry Niswander

SC4ARC held a Technician level Ham radio license class on March 3rd and 4th at the Las Cumbres Community Center. There were 18 participants that paid \$25.00 each to cover their ARRL materials. All teaching was done by volunteer General License holders that are members of the Ham club. This is an annual event sponsored by the club and held at various locations to increase usage of Ham radios in our local area. The graduates include 6 newly licensed, amateur radio operators in the South Skyline area.

Many of the participants were from the Las Cumbres area, but others were from as far away as Fresno and Brentwood. SC4ARC has gained a reputation as a very reputable and technically based group that takes pride in furthering Ham radio usage, both for pleasure and emergency communications in our South San Mateo County. The participation of South Skyline members has increased greatly in the last several years due to this club's outreach to their wider community.

SC4ARC also held a free "Practical Radio Usage" class on March 24th at Las Cumbres. It was open to anyone and participants came from many locations throughout San Mateo County. This covered operator responsibilities, phonetic alphabet usage, net operations and programming your radio. All those areas most of us initially need help with to get started really using our radios effectively.

If you are interested in joining the SC4ARC group or want to learn about future classes, you can check the website for monthly meetings (third each Saturday, 10-12:00PM) and their location at www.SC4ARC.org

FireSafe Council Update

by Dick Schwind



We want to help you achieve your defensible space clearing and clearing along private roads leading to your community area! See our website, www.southskylinefiresafe.org, for details on receiving partial reimbursement for your project, or call/email **John DeLong, 408-868-9783, jmdelong@aol.com**, or Dick

Schwind (see below). You must first meet with one of our volunteers for preliminary approval of your project*.

1. Environmental clearances have been obtained and ground work will start shortly on the Kings Creek Truck Trail fuel break project. We have been providing a huge amount of coordination effort on this project. Seventeen volunteers took the training at Las Cumbres on March 15 to be CA Division of Corrections ('Ben Lomond') crew observers when they are doing fuel reduction work on our projects planned for this year.
2. We need other volunteers to inventory birds' nests along the Kings Creek Truck Trail, see article on this page.
3. At our request and coordination, Cal Trans will do more fuel reduction along 2 or 3 sections of Skyline Blvd. They will be working with the Ben Lomond crews. Our FireSafe Council will fund one of these crews, and there is a grant for the other project. We need volunteers to help with this effort!
4. We are still hoping to help the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council with a firebreak on the top mile of Black Road. Santa Clara County Roads Department has been the roadblock.

*We expect Santa Clara County residents to still receive free chipping for cut and properly stacked brush, limbs, trees.

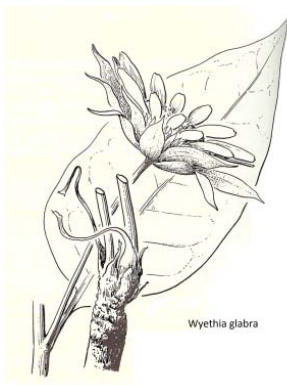
Are you ready to help make our South Skyline community as safe as possible to large wildfires? Call me to volunteer! **Dick Schwind 408-867-9422, schwindr@yahoo.com**

Mule Ears Soak Up the Sun

by Sarah Schoen

Send in the sunflowers! Mule ears (*Wyethia* sp.) soak up the sun, reflecting their yellow light back to all who happen by.

Mule ears usually grow in spreading colonies. They re-sprout annually from a large central tap root -plants growing up to 2 feet tall above the ground. The large basal leaves give them their common name. The plants support multiple sunflowers usually singly on each stem. In our area, there are 3 different species.



Coast range mule ears (*Wyethia glabra*) have broad oval to elliptical basal leaves which have sharp tips and grow on short stalks. The leaves are 10-50 cm long, shiny, not woolly, but they may be rough or have a few hairs. Ray flowers are 25-50 mm long. The bracts on the outside of the flower are large, over 4 cm long, and are oval to oval-lance shaped. Coast range mule ears bloom from March to June

on grassy slopes, usually in partial shade. The species is endemic to California, found from Humboldt and Shasta Counties south to San Luis Obispo County below 3000 feet.

Gray mule ears (*Wyethia helenioides*) also have broad oval to elliptical basal leaves 25-45 cm long. The leaves are woolly or cottony, gray-haired, not shiny. However the wooliness may disappear with age. Ray flowers are 20-50 mm long. Like coast range mule ears, the bracts on the outside are large, over 4 cm long, and are oval to oval-lance shaped. Gray mule ears bloom from February to May on open grassy slopes and in open woodlands. The species is endemic to California, found from Shasta County south to San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties below 6000 feet.



Narrow-leaved mule ears (*Wyethia angustifolia*) have long, narrow, lance-shaped leaves with the basal blade tapering to the midvein at both ends. Basal leaves are rough or hairy, 10-50 cm long and have long stalks, while leaves on the stem are shorter with short stalks. Ray flowers are 14-45 mm long. The bracts on the outside are shorter, less than 3 cm, and lance-shaped. Narrow-leaved mule ears bloom April to May in open grasslands. The species is found in southern Washington, Oregon, and California south to San Luis Obispo County below 5500 feet. Narrow-leaved mule ears are also known as California compassplants. It is said that edges of the leaves of this genus point north.

California Indians used narrow-leaved mule ears for both food and medicine. Costanoans/Ohlones ate seeds in pinole seed cakes and also ate the raw stems. They made a poultice of pounded root lather to draw blisters and for lung problems. Other California Indians also ate the seeds and made a decoction of leaves as an emetic or as a bath to reduce fever.

Celebrate Catkins

by Janet Schwind

While we celebrate the rites of spring, let us consider how the Ohlone Indians greeted the new season.

Over time the Ohlone villages in central California developed a diet centered on the acorn. The villagers harvested acorns from a variety of local oak trees in the fall and stored them in village granaries. Acorns were removed daily throughout the year to be ground into a nutritious flour and baked into bread or mixed with greens and seasoning and cooked into mush. It is not surprising that the villagers were attuned to the rhythms of the oak groves within their tribal area. They rejoiced in the first bursts of leaves and worried about the population of leaf-eating oak moths. Even the names of seasons were related to the acorn harvest.



Spring was the time to ensure a good harvest for the following fall. At the first sign of blooming male catkins villagers gathered in their oak groves to celebrate with feasting and dancing. Being keen observers of nature, they no doubt also had their eyes on the very small female buds nearby on the same branches. These flowers would transform themselves into the prized acorns.

When we rejoice in spring blossoms, the birth of chicks, and our first vegetable sprouts, we share the ancient Ohlone spirit of hope and renewal. Do a little dance! (Or, if you are allergic, give a little sniff.)

Hike in Huddart County Park

by Ruth Waldhauer

A Shady Walk by West Union Creek

A warm spring or summer day is a good time to explore these cool trails by the creek.

In Huddart County Park not only do stumps of the big redwood trees and vestiges of skid trails remind us of the early logging days, but many place names recall that era. Up on the mountain near the little logging town of Summit Springs, Frank King's Saloon flourished into the turn of the 19th century, giving his name to the road that goes through the park, Kings Mountain Road. From Richards sawmill on the Skyline ridge, wagons carried lumber down a steep road that is now Richards Road Trail. Owen McGarvey had wood-cutting rights on the gulch that traverses the park and now bears his name.

But a far more significant heritage for us is the handsome second-growth redwood and fir forest and the woodland of oaks, madrones and California bay trees in this 973 acre park.

For an easy, leisurely walk by the creek and a short loop up into the forest, start at the Redwood Picnic Area in the southeast corner of the park. Go down (east) into the Meadow Walk-in Area through a pedestrian stile at the gate and past picnic tables. At the north end of the meadow, pick up the Richards Road Trail which forms the north boundary of the park. This trail, a broad service road, continues its nearly level way up the creek. West Union Creek runs year-round, though dry years leave the water level low. Ferns and lush shrubs line its banks. Here and there are inviting spots to stop. About ½ mile upstream from the Meadow on the Richards Road Trail you come to a crossroads with the Crystal Springs Trail (which you take on the returning leg of the trip) that descends from the flat above. Along this part of the trail by the creek are some of the park's largest trees.

Another ½ mile on the Richards Road trail brings you to McGarvey Gulch Creek. Fed by springs along Skyline, it flows down a deep-sided canyon through the center of the park. Here you turn uphill on the Crystal Springs trail following the creek's south side for 0.1 mile. Continue on the Crystal Springs Trail past the Dean Trail for a lovely walk through the redwoods to the vicinity of the Zwerlein Group Picnic Area. At the trail junction below the Zwerlein area continue on the Crystal Springs Trail, bearing left, and zigzag downhill. For a few minutes you go along an oak and madrone covered ridge, then on many switchbacks descend into a steep canyon. Ferns carpet the hillside and small streams flow down to join the creek below. Again by West Union Creek turn right (south) on the Richards Road Trail. In another ½ hour you are back to your starting place.

Distance: 2-mile loop

Elevation Gain: 500 feet

"Peninsula Trails" by Rusmore, Spangle, Crowder

Managing Gophers with Wormwood

by Judy Grote

If you have a pretty flat area and a rototiller, it can be effective to rototill around the edges of the garden periodically. Our neighbor across the street did this every so often and swore that it eliminated the gopher problem in his garden.

If you have terraces, the above alternative does not work well. We grew *Artemisia absinthium* (wormwood) and after one year harvested it. This is the only *Artemisia* variety that we've found out of all the *Artemisia* varieties that helps manage our gopher problems. The plant is beautiful, has a very nice fragrance but a very bitter taste. After it is established, it does not require much water either.

What we do is cut the *Artemisia absinthium* (wormwood) back after one year, cut and dry it, and make a tea out of it. Then, whenever we see a gopher hole, we pour some of the tea down the gopher hole. After that, we don't see the gophers in that area. Also effective is taking one of the wormwood stems and sticking it down the gopher hole. The reason why the gophers don't come back to that place for a long time is the wormwood's bitter taste.

Wormwood can be used medicinally as a tonic and to encourage appetite. My husband's mother gave it to him as a tea/tincture to take as a child because he had poor appetite due to his asthma. The taste was so bitter that after a few times, he just ate what was put in front of him to avoid drinking the wormwood tea. As with many plants in nature, wormwood must be used with care because undiluted wormwood oil is very poisonous, but with proper dosage it does not pose much danger.

If you would like to read more about *Artemisia absinthium* (wormwood), please see http://www.erowid.org/chemicals/absinthe/absinthe_law1.

There are many other references at this site that can be explored. Each country has its own laws regarding the legality and usage for *Artemisia absinthium*.



Editor's Note: In the recent SSA Survey several people asked for ideas for managing gophers. If you have any methods that have worked for you, please send them to Skylineseditor@earthlink.net.



Snakes of the Skyline Region

by David Allen



Spring is upon us! With the warmer weather comes the familiarity of wildflower booms, melodies of songbirds, and the urge to spend time

outdoors. The longer warmer days of spring are also a signal for snakes to emerge from their winter slumber.

The Bay Area is home to more than twenty species of snakes, each as unique as the habitats in which they occur. Of these twenty or so species more than half can be found in the Peninsula region. Skyline Ridge boasts a diverse assemblage of plant communities ranging from redwood and mixed conifer forest, oak woodland, chaparral, rolling grassland, and the riparian communities that have snakes through each of them. It is this diversity that makes our community special both for its human and reptilian residents.

Some of the region's most common snake species include the California king snake, the Pacific gopher snake, rubber boa, and the common garter snake. These harmless species are commonly encountered while enjoying the area's beautiful parklands and occasionally in our own backyard. These unique creatures fulfill an important role within the local ecosystem. Not only do snakes keep rodent populations in check, they also provide food for other animals like hawks, foxes, and even other snakes. The California king snake gets its name due to its appetite for other serpents, including rattlesnakes.

Among these common species is a highly misunderstood resident, the northern pacific rattlesnake. Being the region's only dangerously venomous species, the northern pacific rattlesnake is to be respected. This moderately long and robust species relies on camouflage as a primary defense, coiling up among leaf litter and rocks to conceal its presence. If this fails the snake will utilize its namesake defense mechanism, rattling its segmented tail to produce an all familiar warning. The sound has been compared to sizzling bacon or air escaping a tire. If this obvious warning is not heeded the snake may be forced to strike, a last line of defense. A recluse by nature, rattlesnakes prefer to stay out the site of humans and that of their more traditional predators. However, rattlesnakes are occasionally encountered on the trail or around the home. Because of this, it is important that we know what to do when encountering such a beautiful and potentially dangerous animal.

There are a few guidelines we can follow should we cross paths with our misunderstood neighbor.

What to do in rattlesnake habitat

- Never try to kill or capture a snake! Doing so greatly increases the chances of being bitten and often leads to the destruction of harmless and beneficial animal.

- When hiking, wear ankle high boots, loose fitting pants, and stay on the path.
- Never put feet or hands where you cannot see. Step onto rocks and logs, not over them.
- Do not walk through dense brush if you can avoid it. If you must, make your presence known by using heavy footsteps and moving slowly.
- Always inspect campsites and picnic areas before sitting down and relaxing.
- Use caution when collecting firewood and doing yard work.
- Always wear shoes when outside and do not walk around in the dark.
- Alert others to the presence of a rattlesnake and advise them to keep their distance.
- Rattlesnakes strike only if they feel threatened.
- Sometimes the advice or watchful eye of an educated person is all that is needed to avoid a dangerous snake encounter.

What to do if bitten by a rattlesnake

- Move away from the snake, stay calm, and seek medical attention immediately.
- If possible, keep the bitten area functionally immobilized and below the heart. This can slow the affects of the venom to other areas of the body.
- Remove constricting clothing and jewelry as rapid swelling is likely to occur.
- Closely monitor and record symptoms related to breathing, swelling, numbness, pain, and motor skills.
- If alone, follow the above advice and stay calm! Seeking medical attention should be your first priority.
- If your curious dog or cat is bitten by a rattlesnake immediately take them to your veterinarian.
- There is a rattlesnake vaccine for dogs that can improve their chances of survival if bitten. Consult your veterinarian for details.

What not to do

- Do not try to kill the snake, doing so increases the chances of being bitten again.
- Do not cut the wound or attempt to suck the venom out.
- Do not apply a tourniquet or cut off circulation.
- Do not drink alcohol or take medications.
- Do not apply ice to the bitten area.
- Do not use snake bite kits, they may actually cause more harm.

Remember, the only good snake is a live snake! Snakes are fascinating creatures and should be respected and admired from a distance.

For more information please visit www.gotsnakes.org
David Allen (Owner) Got Snakes?
Humane Rattlesnake Removal and Consultation 925-997-3730

San Mateo is a No Spray County!!

by Ruth Waldhauer

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, March 13, after powerful and eloquent speeches by several of our local residents on this issue, Supervisors Pine, Horsley, Groom, and Tissier all spoke about the many letters and calls received on the serious health impacts of herbicides used for roadside spraying, the inequities of no spray zones, and MUCH, much more.

Local resident, Patty Mayall achieved her goal when Supervisor Pine made the motion to: Eliminate all broadcast spraying in the entire county with the exception of the two airports (Half Moon Bay and San Carlos), and to use spot spraying for invasive plants only. This was seconded, and passed with unanimous vote (Supervisor Rose Jacobs-Gibson was away for the vote).

Among those who spoke at the meeting are: Patty Mayall (of course), Gary Heit, Jennifer Heit, David Strohm, Lennie Roberts, Nancy Arbuckle, Shawn Sears, and Ruth Waldhauer.

Gary Heit, a Skyline resident and the first to speak, presented information about MSDS, the source which many use to evaluate by-product toxicity. This source is weak because MSDS by definition uses carefully controlled lab conditions and is not representative of real world conditions. He asked that the supervisors study local baseline data from water and soil samples.

Jennifer Heit Skyline resident, stated that she is working to rid their property of invasive plants, It would be MUCH easier to use herbicides, but she does not. Their property runs into Mindigo Creek which is part of the San Gregorio watershed.

Lennie Roberts, Committee for Green Foothills, spoke about a number of other counties – including Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Del Norte, and Humboldt – that control roadside weeds without broadcast spraying.

Nancy Arbuckle of Atherton spoke on the impacts to wildlife.

David Strohm asked: “At the end of the day each of you has to ask yourself – Would you stake the safety of your grandchildren that these chemicals are safe”?

Shawn Sears, a San Gregorio resident and outdoor education teacher, said the moratorium that the county put on spraying in July has already had an effect. “Last week I was standing near the San Gregorio Creek with a group of students and saw two steelheads in excess of 12 inches swimming up the creek. It was a beautiful sight”.

Ruth Waldhauer, Skyline resident, reported that South Skyline FireSafe Council hires the Ben Lomond inmate crew, about a dozen men, for \$200/day to clear brush and overhanging trees along parts of Skyline Boulevard in Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara County. No broadcast

spraying, and still achieved a clear line of sight on the highway. MROSD also hires the Ben Lomond crew to work of their lands.

Neil and Mary Panton had to leave the meeting before it was time for them to speak. They are active in the Pescadero governing council, and their steadfastness against broadcast spraying goes back a decade or two.

Patty Mayall has lead efforts on this issue since 2006. Patty said that it was the emails, letters, phone calls, and petitions you sent tipped the balance. Patty kept this issue alive in the darkest of times. Last but not least, Patty Mayall hopes the CalTrans will follow the lead, as they said they would a few years ago, and stop broadcast roadside spraying on state roads.

Heads-up: Upcoming Changes Under Discussion in San Mateo County

by Judy Grote

The Preliminary Budget for San Mateo County is now under discussion (3/26-3/29). Final budget review and approval will be in June. The following are some of the changes being considered.

- Planning and Building: Permit Fee adjustments (higher fees) were discussed at the 3/13/12 San Mateo County Board meeting and are currently pending until further discussion in the Preliminary Budget meetings. For example, replacing a window that is exactly like the old one in size and shape will require a \$450 permit fee from the county. Changing the size and shape of an existing window will require a higher fee.
- Parks: All county parks will remain open with limited services. Increases in park and permit fees are planned. There are no reserves for park operations. The FY 2012-2013 Net County Cost Allocation does not fund the deferred maintenance backlog, fire fuel load issues, and reopening closed trails. The Devil's Slide Trail, which opens FY2013-2014 currently has no funding budgeted for ongoing operations and maintenance.
- Fire: A new \$16.60/mo/parcel tax (\$199.20/year) is being proposed to raise \$1M for the unincorporated area not in other fire districts. This is on top of the State SRA fees of \$125/parcel/year charged to these parcels so the additional parcel tax being proposed could be an issue for the county. This parcel tax would provide support to the Pescadero, Skylonda, Cordilleras, and Tower Road fire stations.

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Be a Citizen Scientist and Join the 2012 Sudden Oak Death Study

by Jane Manning

In 2011, about 50 Skyline residents and friends participated in a Bay Area-wide scientific study known as the "SOD Blitz". We learned volumes about the pathogen and some treatment techniques...and we learned unfortunately that our area is very highly infected with the SOD pathogen. This year is our opportunity to follow through with further observations about the health of our surrounding forests. Skyline is unique as an infected area with many surviving stands of oaks. Our observations can provide the researches with deeper insight as to why certain areas continue to thrive while others see faster decline.

Participation is easy!!

- First, attend our training session with Dr. Garbelotto at 10 AM Saturday June 9th, 2012 at the Saratoga Summit Fire Station
- located on Skyline slightly north of Hwy 9
- Second, collect samples and observations anytime the rest of the day June 9 or 10 and drop them off locally
- Third (optional) attend an October follow-up presentation of the results

An excerpt from Dr. Matteo Garbelotto's 2012 invitation letter:

"Become involved and help to map the distribution of SOD in the State by joining the group of hundreds of citizen scientists who have been helping for the past four years by participating in local SOD BLITZES. Attend a one-hour long local training offered by U.C. Berkeley Dr. Matteo Garbelotto, obtain your SOD collection package, and then collect symptomatic plant material in the 48 hours following the training. Plant material will be processed at Berkeley and results will be posted on an interactive web-available map on October first. Do not bring material before you attend the training session, as plants need to be sampled following a precise although simple protocol!

Whether you have already participated in the 2011 SOD blitz, or it is your first time, California oaks need you: Residents with confirmed local SOD infections in their

neighborhood can in fact protect their trees from becoming infected rather inexpensively. Training sessions on how to manage SOD are offered monthly at U.C. Berkeley and weekly during the fall in various California locations.

Main reasons to participate in a 2012 SOD-BLITZ:

- SOD changes distribution every year
- 2011 was a major year (a "wave" year) for SOD spread, most of the spread occurred AFTER the 2011 Blitzes were conducted

- Years following a "wave" year are also conducive to the spread of SOD. Hence, we predict the pathogen will spread further in 2012
- 2012 Blitzes will follow a NEW protocol that will allow us to estimate the actual local SOD infection rate, rather than just informing on local SOD distribution!

Yours Truly--Matteo Garbelotto, Director: U.C. Berkeley Forest Pathology Laboratory"

*A little more info on how the Survey works:

Don't worry if you don't possess a GPS unit. There is no cost for participation and no limit to the number of volunteers. Samples would be collected on your private land as a priority. Sampling on public land is under discussion.

SOD basics: The *Phytophthora ramorum* pathogen invades and consumes the oak cambium layer which transports nutrients and water, eventually girdling the tree. Many plants host the organism but it usually kills coast live, shreve, black, canyon and tan oaks. Scientists are noticing that some trees are more resistant to the pathogen. While early detection and treatment may improve oak survival, there is still no cure. Control is usually a question of combined approaches, including contamination control, isolation, chemical spraying and vector removal (vectors are other nearby tree & bush species which harbor but do not kill the host). Further info can be found at: www.matteolab.org and <http://www.suddenoakdeath.org/>.

Upcoming Changes in San Mateo County

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- Sheriff: There will be a loss of federal funding to the Sheriff of \$1.1M which will equate to eliminating 7 Deputy Sheriffs. Hopefully we will not have increased crime as a result of the reduction in the number of Sheriffs.
- Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing District (PACE) was proposed and discussed at the 3/13 Board of Supervisors meeting. Updates will be provided when more detail is known.

Castle Rock Update

by Judy Grote

As many of you know, Portola Redwoods and Castle Rock State Parks are scheduled to be closed as of 7/1/12. Closure signs are now up on the roads approaching the parks informing visitors of the park closures. The Portola and Castle Rock Foundation is trying to save these parks in cooperation with Sempervirens, Save-the-Redwoods League, POST, Adventure Out, and other climber clubs.

Sempervirens agreed to support Castle Rock for one year by providing \$250,000 in funding. It is a loose agreement that has not been formalized and signed yet. The expectation of the Portola and Castle Rock Foundation is that it also raise funds in support of Castle Rock and that the community show support through both donations and a volunteer program. Planet Granite held an auction benefit the evening of March 21st and was able to collect \$20,000 from the auction. Other benefits for Castle Rock are listed on this page.

The Portola and Castle Rock Foundation is working with Save the Redwoods League and POST to come up with a long term business model that can then be used to fund the redwood parks on the closure list so they remain open to the public. Hedy Woods (Boonville in Mendocino County, Rte 128) and Portola Redwoods would be used to pilot the business model. This support agreement is not yet as far along and will require time to work through. Portola Redwoods has a very antiquated sewer system that needs to be modernized (very expensive) and the Ramada picnic area, a very popular group usage area, needed to be removed due to lack of maintenance over the years. It too needs to be rebuilt, but this is a doable project and not as daunting as the sewage system. As with Castle Rock, the expectation is that there is community support for this park and volunteers to support projects in the park. Without this community support, the park will be closed.

The Portola and Castle Rock Foundation is putting on a fundraiser on Friday, May 4th, for both parks at the Fogarty Winery.

If you can help in any other way, such as donating auction items or volunteering in the parks, please contact me at judygrote@gmail.com.

This will be a long haul. The Foundation needs to raise ~\$500,000 / year for 3 years until long term business models are successful and the parks have viable support.

Save Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods Fundraising Events

April 21 - Pacific Edge Santa Cruz Fundraiser

located at 104 Bronson Street in Santa Cruz. Come see the premiere of the visually poetic and socially relevant documentary The First 70 - detailing the California park closures; followed by a slideshow from California climbing and alpine legend Doug Robinson. The night will also include food, beverage, and a silent auction fundraiser. <http://www.pacificedgeclimbinggym.com/>

May 4 - Thomas Fogarty Winery Fundraiser

This beautiful facility is generously donated by Tommy Fogarty. There will be Fogarty wines, live entertainment by the Dolly Rappaport band, several short presentations on the parks, and an auction. You can buy tickets:

- online at <http://www.portolaandcastlerockfound.org/events> or
- mail a check to
Portola and Castle Rock Foundation,
17680 Bruce Avenue, Monte Sereno, CA
95030

May 12 - Adventure Out - "Free Climbing Day" at the Park

Castle Rock's largest climbing guide service will be holding a Free Climbing Day at the park. Come out and explore the park with Adventure Out's expert guides and see why this precious natural resource must be saved and kept open to the public. Any donation, be it \$1 or \$1000 entitles you to free climbing with Adventure Out for the day (10am-3pm).

<http://www.adventureout.com/PRCR/events.html>

Caltrans Announces Storm Damage Repairs on Highway 9

Beginning April 2012 Caltrans will repair damaged roadside slopes at various locations on State Route 9 from 1.6 miles north of State Route 35 to .4 miles south of Pierce Road in Santa Clara County. There will be one-way traffic control during this project. Construction will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the weekdays, with no weekend work scheduled at this time. The project will be complete by late July, 2012. (See page 12 for information on Saratoga Creek Bridge repair, also on Highway 9.) Information received from Caltrans Public Information Officer, Bernard Walk.

A Case of Lyme Disease on Skyline

By Gina Glen

Lyme Disease Fundraising & Awareness Event

Palazzi Salon Cut-A-Thon

274 East Campbell Ave

Sunday June 3, 2012 9:00am – 3:00pm

Palazzi Salon will be hosting a Lyme disease fundraising & awareness cut-a-thon on Sunday, June 3 in Campbell. The event will serve to raise the community's awareness of Lyme disease and raise money for Shelby Glenn's costly medical treatment related to her on-going battle against the disease.

Shelby Glenn was a thriving, athletic and socially active high school student who collapsed during water polo practice at the beginning of her junior year in 2008. This began Shelby's uphill battle.... doctor after doctor could not pin-point the cause for her continuing migraines, spasms, memory loss and confusion. Taking matters into their own hands, Shelby and her family starting researching Lyme disease. After months of research and listening to multiple doctors, Shelby was finally diagnosed with Lyme.

So what is Lyme disease and why didn't the doctors diagnose Shelby with it right away? Lyme disease is an infection caused by a spirochete that humans can get from the bite of an infected deer tick. Lyme disease is often called "The Great Imitator" because its symptoms mimic many other diseases (Fibromyalgia, Multiple Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease and many more). It can affect any organ of the body, including the brain and nervous system, muscles and joints, and the heart.

Unfortunately, there are differing opinions within the medical community on the best way to treat Lyme disease and because of this, patients are left to explore alternative treatments, doctors and medications. Of the eleven medications that Shelby takes on a daily basis, one of them costs over \$1500 a month. While there is a generic available, generics will often cause more complications and insurance companies will only pay for generics. On average, most patients need treatment for up to three years, some even longer.

Lyme disease is a silent epidemic in America. Left untreated, it will become chronic and debilitating. Please join us in support of Shelby Glenn for her treatment and care in her fight against Lyme disease. Get your hair cut or styled by one of Palazzi's fabulous stylists or just come and bid on one of our amazing silent auction items. Donations will also be accepted throughout the event for the Lyme Disease Association for research and community outreach.

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Please join the Glenn Family by spreading the word to your family and friends about Lyme.

For more information on Lyme disease read "Tips to Protect Your Loved Ones" <http://turnthecorner.org/content/tips-protect-your-loved-ones> and see the questionnaire at <http://turnthecorner.org/content/lyme-disease-quiz-test-your-knowledge>

Audio Tours for Nature Discovery Available

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is for the first time offering visitors the opportunity to enjoy self-guided nature tours with audio narratives, similar to audio tours found in museums. Based at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve, there are two tour options: a short family-focused walk around Alpine Pond adjacent to the Daniels Nature Center; and a longer, almost 2-mile hike, offered for a general audience, that guides visitors through four different habitat types.

Beginning April 2012, two types of devices (mp3 player or listening wand) will be available for checkout from the Daniels Nature Center at Skyline Ridge Preserve. The listening devices will be supported by maps and possible trail markers along the tour routes. Visitors may also experience the nature tours using their own personal devices. Available file formats include: downloadable mp3s, podcasts via the Apple iTunes store, official guides via the EveryTrail Web site and mobile app, and page-embedded QuickTime movies.

The District's audio-based nature tours are designed to involve new audiences, including families, and enrich visitor experiences at Skyline Ridge Preserve by delivering fun and engaging content using mobile devices and technologies. The audio tours enhance visitor awareness and understanding about not only the flora and fauna of varied habitats, but also about the effect of human history on the landscape. For more information, please visit the District's Web site at www.openspace.org/naturetours.

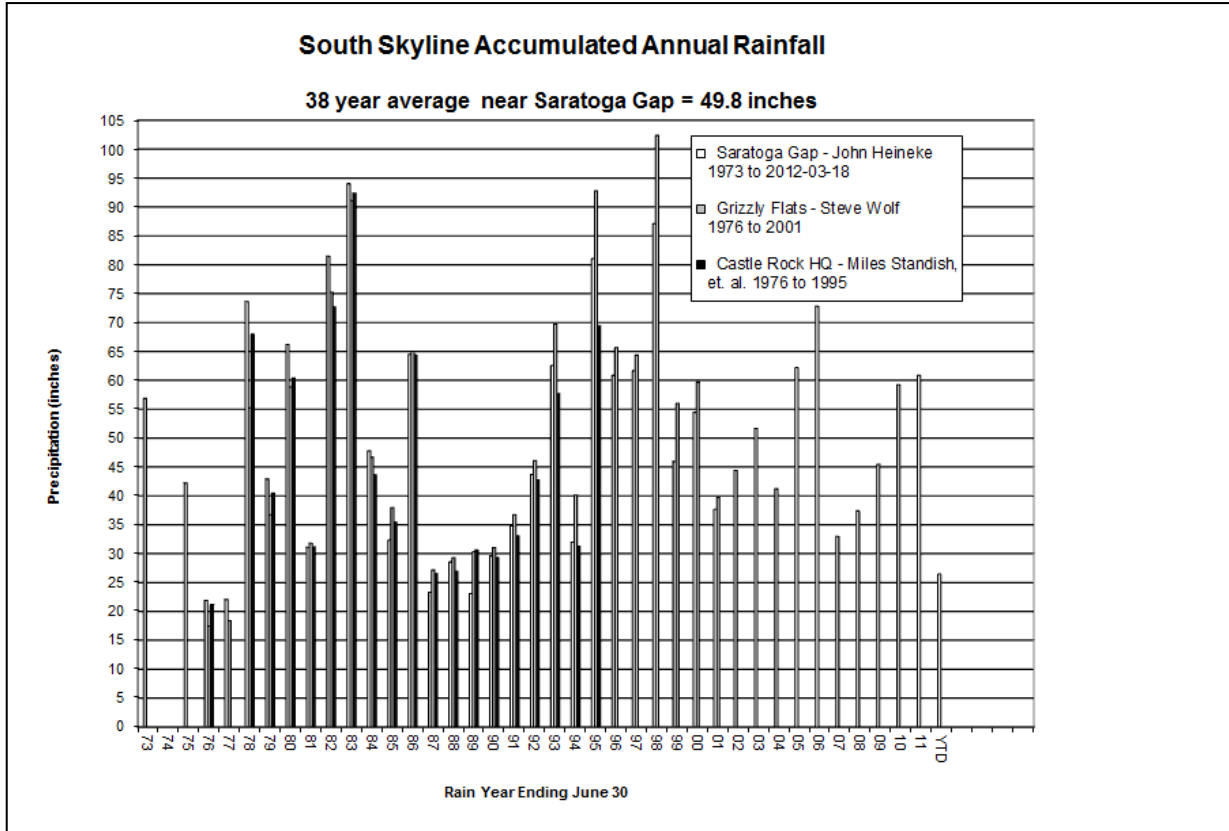
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Saratoga Creek Bridge Repair

Beginning, early April 2012, Caltrans will replace the existing deck and damaged bridge rail of Saratoga Creek Bridge on Highway 9. Caltrans will install temporary traffic signals on either side of the bridge and Sanborn Rd. Construction will be conducted mainly during the day from 7:00 am to 3:30 on weekdays. They do not expect night work, but Saturday construction is possible. The project will be complete in June, 2012

South Skyline Rainfall Update *By Larry Watson*



For further discussion and suggestions for rain gauge placement see my October 2005 Skylines article: http://southskyline.org/Skylines/2005-10/Skylines_2005-10.pdf

April MROSD Docent-led Activities Free to the Public

Explore the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's preserves with others on hikes, guided tours, bike rides and more. Volunteer docents host free outdoor activities open to the public.

It's spring, and many of the hikes in April feature spectacular spring flower displays. There are hikes scheduled every weekend and some week-days.

Bring family and friends to visit the Daniels Nature Center on any Saturday or Sunday between 12:00 and 5:00. You can enjoy displays about natural communities, view larger-than-life pond strata mobiles, take a pond prowl, and perhaps have an opportunity to study live aquatic organisms "borrowed" from Alpine Pond with guidance from a docent.

These adventures and more await you!

Please note: some activities require reservations. For more information and directions: 650-691-1200, www.openspace.org.

Summary of SSA Survey 2011

We received 91 responses to the SSA survey about local issues and interests. The SSA board will take these results into consideration when planning for the next year, and will report on any specific actions. In general most responses seemed to be in alignment with the board's current focus. An interpretation of the data follows:

Meetings

When asked "Do you attend the SSA General Meetings?" the response was:

Frequently (22.8%), Sometimes (38%), Never (39.1%)

Almost all respondents liked the meetings they attended. The data is listed in order of the percent of strongly like, with largest % in bold. 59% - 82.6% of respondents did not attend the meetings, which in some cases affected the overall score.

	Strong <u>Like</u>	<u>Like</u>	<u>Dislike</u>
Mountain Lions	25	4.3	0
Owls in Your Neighborhood	20.7	8.7	0
Earthquakes in SSA Area	19.6	9.8	1.1
Wildfire Survival	19.6	6.5	1.1
Wild Flowers in SC Mountains	18.5	12	0
Mammals in our Midst	17.4	4.3	0
Arts & Crafts Fair	14.1	7.6	0
Fire & Native Plants	12	7.6	2
Skyline Medicine	10.9	25	4
Road & Trail Plan Castle Rock	5.4	12	0

Respondents chose their top 4 favorite meeting topics. They are listed in order of most favorite.

Wildlife	76.5%
Local History	74.1%
Trail/Hiking	56.8%
Emergency Preparedness	50.6%
Local Flora	44.4%
Fire Defense	42%
Gardening	25.9%
Local Authors	19.8%

SSA Projects

We ask "How important do you think it is for SSA to continue supporting the following?"

	Very <u>Import.</u>	Some. <u>Import.</u>	Not <u>Import.</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
<i>Skylines</i>	79.1	16.5	1.1	3.3
SPUG	69.2	24.2	5.5	1.1
Lobby to improve roads	67	26.4	3.3	3.3
FireSafe Council	59.3	31.9	5.5	3.3
Emergency Prep.	53.8	39.6	3.3	3.3
Adopt-A-Hwy	48.4	44.0	3.3	4.4
Educ. to control invasive species	45.1	38.5	13.2	3.3
Wildland health issues (ie: Lyme disease)	40.7	49.5	8.8	1.1
Educ. septic & wells	38.5	46.2	13.2	2.2

Parks and Open Space

We asked how important it is that SSA be involved with parks an open space agencies.

	Very <u>Import.</u>	Some. <u>Import.</u>	Not <u>Import.</u>
Edu on fire control & suppression	72.2	23.3	4.4
MROSD policy on public use of trails	53.3	40	6.7
Communicate concerns about park closures	51.1	36.7	12.2
Control of invasive species	43.3	47.8	8.9
Safety of bikes and equestrians	35.6	45.6	18.9
Patrol of Parkland	32.2	54.4	13.3

Should SSA be involved in lobbying parkland agencies to provide more or less service in specific areas? Most people checked "I approve of the current policies" in all areas except trails for "dogs on leash".

A – No: Not an SSA Issue

B – No: I approve of current policies

C – Yes: I'd like more trails

D – Yes: I'd like fewer trails

	A- <u>No</u>	B- <u>No</u>	C- <u>Yes</u>	D- <u>Yes</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Trails for dogs on leash	21.3	14.6	44.9	2.2	20.2
Hiking trails	13.5	39.3	29.2	1.1	19.1
Bike trails	15.7	33.7	14.6	16.9	21.3
Equestrian trails	15.7	32.6	12.4	11.2	30.3

Traffic Concerns

How important is it that SSA address traffic concerns? We did receive some passionate comments about speeding cars and the negative impact of the lower speed limit on Highway 9.

	Very <u>Import.</u>	Some. <u>Import.</u>	Not <u>Import.</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Speeding motorcycles	63.3	25.6	8.9	2.2
Speeding cars	53.3	36.7	8.9	1.1
Big trucks SR84	53.3	28.9	6.7	11.1
Bicycle safety	48.9	41.1	6.7	3.3
Better Turnouts on Hwy 9	36.7	36.7	13.3	13.3
Speed limit on Hwy 9	32.2	35.6	17.8	14.4

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Thurs. June 14

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