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SSA Members – It's time to renew your SSA Membership. Please see the enclosed Membership Application.

Wondering how to trap a wild pig, and what to do once you catch one?
Attend the Pig Trap Demo on Sat., Feb. 3. (See Pg. 5)



Our Volunteer Fire Department needs our help. See enclosed membership application and story on Pg. 4

SSA General Meeting "Emergency Preparedness In The Mountains"

Join Us On Friday January 26 At The Saratoga Summit CDF Fire Station

Refreshments 7:00 pm – Please bring a dessert to share Program 7:30 pm – Beginning with SSA Board Elections

It was clear from the discussion at our last general meeting that **we will have a serious forest fire** on Skyline, and it will be a hot one! Our hillsides and forest floors have been stockpiling high quality fuel for more than 50 years. Also, according to the USGS scientists, our area has the highest risk of a major Earthquake in the Bay Area.

Few of us are ready! Very few of us have any idea of what it will really be like.

The Topic for this quarter's meeting will be a review of what it will be like to live through a major earthquake or wildfire. We will also review recommendations for advance preparations tailored to our unique needs as isolated families in mountainous terrain.

- Charlie Norman will help us relive what it was like during the Lexington Hills fire, and the Loma Prieta earthquake. Charlie is an old timer who lives half way between the earthquake epicenter and Lexington Hills. His home was threatened by both. Now he is a leader in his community for emergency preparedness, communications, and volunteer fire protection.
- Irene Long, a local resident who consults with schools and other institutions on preparing for emergencies, will give us a preview of her program for helping schools and families get ready, and tips for simple things you can do quickly.
- Steve Wolf will share his recent surprise finding that the 911 system may not work for all of
 us. He will explain how to check your listing with Pacific Bell in your county.
- Ken Broome, SSA Board member, will outline the program he is leading to get our community organized to deal with big emergencies.

Following the presentations there will be a period for questions, comments, and discussion. Representatives of Kings Mountain Emergency Preparedness organization and experts on Communications and First Aid will be there to widen the field of expertise available to respond to particular areas of concern.

Re-living these disasters will make REAL for you the URGENCY of getting ready.

Kings Mountain - An Example of How Neighbors Can Help In An Emergency

Pat Wurster is the dynamic founder and Director, since 1992, of the Kings Mountain Emergency Preparedness Plan (KMEP). She tells about its beginnings:

We had decided to have a spaghetti feast for our community to get the idea across that we need to prepare for emergencies. That day we had a mini-disaster ourselves. A neighbor was chain sawing a tree and dropped it on the power line. Try to cook spaghetti for 100 without electricity! We did not know who might have a generator, and the phone line was down. Finally we found a generator at the firehouse, but no one knew how to operate it. Our guests had cold spaghetti. That was the kick-off. People took an interest; they realized we had to organize and be prepared.

Pat was determined to get the emergency preparedness group going and make it work. She talked to 65 people and found volunteers who would commit themselves to be area captains for their neighborhood.

I asked her what are the benefits of the KM Emergency Preparedness Team?

Two drills a year enable us to talk to neighbors. In an emergency, seeing a familiar face may be enough to cheer somebody. We feel much closer as a community; we can pull the community together in a disaster. For everyday problems it is comforting to know there is a network of people out there.

I asked if she thought that preparedness gave one control in an emergency? She nodded yes. From what Pat tells me I know that it means being prepared to help your neighbor, as he is prepared to help you.

Kids Are Part of the Team

Marty Phelps is an area captain for his neighborhood Kings Mountain Emergency Preparedness group. His 12-year-old daughter Emily has been his enthusiastic assistant for three years.

Emily started out as a nine-year-old helping with the shopping for the refreshments served at the twice-yearly emergency drills. She has enrolled, through example, a number of children in the Kings Mountain-Kids Brigade founded by Pat Wurster.

The KM-Kids make themselves useful to the area captains; they may serve as messengers, they go on door-to-door neighborhood checks during drills (with the area captain), and they raise money for the KMEP. Last year they made and sold the popcorn at the Kings Mountain Art Fair.

When I met young Emily at the Kings Mountain Emergency drill a few months ago, she was proudly wearing a small twoway radio and relaying calls in a business-like manner. "It is fun for the kids", says Pat Wurster, "their energy and enthusiasm is harnessed in the service to the community". She adds, "In a real emergency they have a task, and that will help them not to be so scared."

"I Did Not Think It Would Happen To Me"

Three years after Pat Wurster founded the Kings Mountain Emergency Preparedness Plan, she experienced her own disaster:

December 11, 1995, a big storm has been brewing for several days. It is not the first. Nine years before the Wursters, Pat and Bob, had lost their door to the winds. Their home, with its big glass windows overlooking Purissima Canyon, is in the wind's eye. At 8:40 pm all power goes out. Fierce winds take on speed and strength. The windows rattle and frighten the cat off its warm nest on the bed to huddle all night in a window-less corner.

Pat is up most of the night. The battery operated radio that signals disaster fails. The telephone is out, and only the cell phone still works. The winds are clocked at 135 miles/hour when the two wind gauges at Misty Ridge are blown over. Five trees are down around Pat's house.

It is now 7 am, the next morning, when the nearest neighbor stumbles through the winds to get to Pat. Pat calls to her, "You should not be out, it's too dangerous!" As the neighbor turns back from her front door, Pat hears a horrible noise, a breaking, and cracking. She looks up and sees sky. The roof is lifting up; a cyclone comes into the house, glass shatters, the front door blows off where the neighbor had been standing seconds ago, everything is flying. Pat's husband Bob is down on the floor shielding his head. Then the cyclone is gone. The winds are still howling and the rain pours into the house. The roof has landed on top of the cars and smashed them. Pat says a "bad word", and then runs in her flannel nightshirt to the neighbor's.

Down the road lives the Fire Chief. His roof too has been damaged and it is raining into his house. He makes her put on a hardhat. Less than a mile down the road a tree falls on a garage and totals a new car. Pat, in nightgown, jacket, and hardhat, phones 911 to report a dangerous situation. She wants the fire department to help other neighbors who may not be aware of the extent of the hazard. Within one hour all the fire trucks are mobilized and 38 people are at the destroyed Wurster home working all day to take everything that could be saved to the fire station.

"I did not think it would happen to me", says Pat.

~Pat Wurster and Eva Blum

Come to the SSA General meeting to learn useful tips on preparing for emergencies.

There May Be Problems With Local 911 Emergency Response

Incidences continue where emergency responders have trouble locating the person calling 911. Here in the Santa Cruz Mountains, a mailing address is often not the physical location of the home. In the last issue of SKYLINES, I wrote about how easy it was for me to change my San Mateo County address shown on the 911 computer screen from my mailing address to my physical address. Sadly, the change was not made. Each of the three counties in the SSA area requires different procedures. Thanks to the hard work of Steve Wolf, this issue of "Skylines" provides detailed instructions for each county. See (and save) the special sheet in this issue entitled "911 Emergency Response Information".

Calls from cell phones to 911 go to a California Highway Patrol dispatch center. With the proliferation of cell phones, the system is seriously overloaded. These calls can be put on hold for lengthy periods of time. Calls to 911 from stationary phones go to a separate system. One solution is to use the cell phone to call someone you know to be home or at work, and have that person place the 911call from a land line.

In a recent accident on Highway 84 resulting in a death of a motorcyclist and serious injury to a bicyclist, the first person on the scene attempted to phone 911 for help. Instead of getting through to the dispatcher, she got a recording and was put on hold. She drove to an emergency call box only to find it broken. She phoned her husband at home. He was able to get through to 911 to report the accident, and help arrived in less than 10 minutes.

~Ruth Waldhauer

CALTRANS Plans to Close Roads For Snow or Icy Conditions

CALTRANS very recently adopted the policy that when snow falls on Highway 17 they will treat the road-way as a type 3 level, that is chains required on all vehicles. Although the ordinance has been in effect for years, it seldom has been enforced.

CALTRANS will only plow lane #1 in each direction, and lift the restrictions only after the melting process has cleared the other lanes. CALTRANS realizes that many commuters who do not have chains with their vehicles will use Highways 9 and 35 to get around the Highway 17 restriction. Therefore, CALTRANS decided that they will simultaneously close both Highway 9 and 35 and allow only local residents to pass. Local residents will be required to provide proof of their home address. If your driver's license does not show your local address, your invoice from PG&E or a copy of a tax assessor bill should show the legal county physical address. Keep one copy in the glove box of your vehicle.

~Ruth Waldhauer

Meet Two New Candidates For The SSA Board

The SSA Board elections will take place at the next SSA General Meeting on January 26. The incumbents in this election are Eric Isacson, Larry Myers, Pat Congdon, and Georgia Stigall.

We have two new candidates for the SSA Board, Kris Smith and Patti Begley.

Kris Smith:

My husband, Bayard, and I have made our home on the south side of Langley Hill for 22 years. Our daughters, Alicia, a 2nd year vet student at UC Davis, and Kimberley, an undergrad also at Davis, grew up riding and hiking with us in the open spaces of Skyline.

I have been fortunate to be able to be an at-home Mom, volunteering for their schools and activities. I have just retired from 14 years in local and regional leadership roles in the U.S Pony Club, and look forward to bringing that organizational experience back home to Skyline by becoming involved in SSA. My particular interest is in land use, as my favorite activity is riding my horse on the Skyline trails.

Patti Begley:

My husband Mike and I have lived on Highway 9 west of Skyline for over 9 years. A former Project Manager, I'm now a stay-at-home Mom. My daughter Tessa attends Lakeside Elementary School where I enjoy working on various committees and helping in the classroom. I have recently taken on the fun and challenging task of editing the "Skylines" which has introduced me to many South Skylines Association members. I feel the SSA Board, and the "Skylines" is an important communications link for mountain residents and hope to continue helping the board in this capacity.

The Board is bidding adieu to two current members, Ami Jaqua and Judith Watson, who will not run for office in January.

Ami, representing the north Skyline area served a term on the board and Secretary for a year. You may remember some of the drawings Ami has contributed to illustrate articles in "Skylines" over the past years. We look forward to seeing more of them in the future. Ami and her husband Dick hosted the last two SSA summer picnics at their land.

Judith, representing Route 9 west of Skyline, has served one and a half terms. She has been active in the Castle Rock General Plan deliberations, emergency preparedness discussions, and both Judith and her husband Larry have been involved with wild pig eradication efforts.

We will miss both of you. Many thanks for your friendship and dedication.

Skyline Wild Pig Population Explosion Is Here

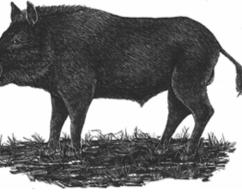
In the last three months 60 wild pigs have been removed from the MROSD Long Ridge Preserve and there is new rooting evident in the surrounding fields. A wild pig census for the Skyline area would be virtually impossible and the present rate of trapping is not even stabilizing the local population. Meanwhile, the pig population is expanding to the North (considerable rooting now in Skyline Preserve), East, and South (reports of rooting into CRSP to Partridge Ranch area).

The locals have removed approximately 25 wild pigs this year (conservatively). This total of 85 pigs removed makes it possible to estimate the number of Skyline Summit pigs at several hundred. In retrospect, three or four years ago the population was no more than several dozen. We have progressed from a minor problem to a major problem.

The pig trapper for MROSD (Midpeninsula Open Space District) believes he could trap 500 pigs in the greater South Skyline area this year if he could operate irrespective of public park (and open space) boundaries! This is based upon the wild pig activities on Long Ridge Preserve. From past experiences he believes the population can be reduced to a very low level within several years.

We are learning that we have an unusually good habitat for the wild pigs as compared to further inland in the coastal mountain range. Here, we have water and adequate food year round for the creatures. This year, the warm, late spring rains has produced a bumper crop of acorns and they are now fermenting enough to interest the pigs. With so much food available the sows are fat and the next couple broods of piglets are expected to have a very high rate of survival. Without concerted action the huge wild area between Skyline Blvd and I 280 will eventually (maybe soon) contain many hundreds more pigs and we and the Peninsula will have a monumental problem.

With a great deal of political effort and will, we can stem the pig invasion. It will take time to get commitments from the public agencies but ambitious goals should be set for the pig harvest for this year. Based upon the density of pigs (amount of new rooting) and resources available, the following pig removal program is recommended for this year.



These are preliminary numbers:

Location	Pig Goal
MROSD	200
Portola Redwoods and	
Castle Rock State Parks	90
County Parks:	
Memorial, Upper Stevens	
Creek, Sanborn	40
Private Lands, South	70
Skyline area	
Total	400

The removal rate would also need to be about the same for the following year. Then, according to the trapper, major reduction in pig damage would be evident. Vigilant trapping efforts would be required for several years, though program costs could be expected to decrease considerably, as the pig population was driven down to a small number.

To achieve the above pig removal goal the following actions are anticipated:

- 1. MROSD would expand its existing contract pig removal program from \$15,000 to ~\$40,000 (at present price of \$200 per pig).
- State Parks, Santa Cruz Headquarters, would supplement its

- in-house pig eradication program with an ~\$18,000 contract.
- 3. Both San Mateo and Santa Clara County Parks would issue pig eradication contracts.
- 4. Local landowners would obtain and maintain their depredation permits and become more effective trappers (see announcement on Page 5 on pig trapping demonstration).

The South Skyline Association Wild Pig Committee will need major help to convince the above agencies to take the necessary actions to reach these goals. PLEASE VOLUNTEER to help the SSA's Wild Pig Committee.

The community can be a great help by performing a careful survey of the rooting in the fields of the public lands this winter. This will provide a basis for evaluating the trapping. We will start surveying in January. Do you like to hike? Willing to carry a clipboard and take measurements and make notes? PLEASE VOLUNTEER to help. Call or email me, 408-867-9422, dschwind@aol.com.

~Dick Schwind



Support Our Local Volunteer Fire Fighters

South Skyline Fire & Rescue (SSFR) has not asked for donations from the community for many years. This year, Santa Cruz County has a matching funds program and SSFR is requesting donations to help them purchase Wildland Fire Protective Clothing, a Class "A" Foam Nozzle, and a GPS unit. If you can help, please fill out the donation slip at the bottom of the membership application. As always, your donations are very much appreciated.

Pig Trapping Demonstration

Time: Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am (about 1

hour)

Location: Saratoga Summit Fire Station **Contact:** Dick Schwind 408-867-9422,

dschwind@aol.com

Demonstration by: Dick Seever, professional pig

trapper. He will discuss:

Selecting an appropriate trap site

Setting and baiting trap

Dealing with trapped pig.

Demonstration of electronic trap monitoring

 If a pig is available – demonstration of how to dress it

Five-gallon kegs of bait will be available for sale. After the demonstration there will be a short work session for community-minded participants to modify the community traps to make them more effective. With patience and knowledge from this seminar you can become an effective pig trapper!

Pig Trapping On Skyline Private Lands - We Need to Do Our Share

Most Skyline residents are concerned about damage from wild pigs, and some are already taking action to remove pigs. Few our properties are large enough for sport hunters to find it worth their effort to hunt wild pigs, but some have been taken that



way. Trapping is the preferred method for most landowners to catch pigs. A depredation permit is required for trapping. Call me for permit information, or call the Dept of Fish and Game at 831-649-2870. The permit is free.

There are some community traps that can be borrowed from me. Also, as a service at no added cost I am now selling proprietary pig bait obtained from a wholesaler, which is in 5-gallon kegs, an appropriate amount for one trap (see ads).

For those interested in having a commercial trapping service the MROSD trapper is now offering to set up and rent his commercial trap and remove trapped pigs. (See ad on Page 8.) Contact me for permit and trapper information at 408-867-9422, or dschwind@aol.com.

~Dick Schwind

SPUG Quarterly Report

Propane prices have never been as high as they are now. **CONSERVE!** The forecast from refineries for winter indicates shortages and further price increases. Consider though that gasoline and heating oil prices are far above what they were a year ago, and that pattern is true for propane. Recent SPUG prices are:

August	\$1.109/gallon
September	\$1.199
October	\$1.329
November	\$1.319
December	\$1.449
December 7 rising to	\$1.609
January	\$1.779

The open market price for propane is now about \$2.40/gallon. Thanks to the SPUG contract with Amerigas, our members benefit by paying less. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 5% discount in addition to the low SPUG group price. Members are reminded that our contract with Amerigas specifies that bills be paid on time. Delinquent accounts can be removed from the SPUG group resulting in the individual paying the open market price for propane. Jeff at Amerigas offered to work with SPUG members who have budgeting problems. Our contract with Amerigas specifies regular route deliveries. For on-demand service Amerigas can charge full market price.

For updated SPUG prices check the website at www.southskyline.org

For information about joining the Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG), or for members wishing to have current 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.

Volunteers Needed On Earth Day 2001

The California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day 2001 Restoration and Cleanup is an event taking place on Saturday, April 21, 2001 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Its mission is to encourage residents to actively participate in environmental improvement projects in their communities. Volunteer activities include:

- Tree and garden planting
- Trail and beach cleanups
- Removal of non-native plants

Project and site information for the California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day 2001, is available at their website: www.calparks.org/earthday/index.htm

Our local contact is Al Lisin at 408-252-8106, or palisin@home.com.

Castle Rock State Park Updates Plans

Camping, Waterman Gap, Trails, Lawsuits

In October the State Parks Commission approved a very limited amount of walk-in camping, some 20 sites or so, to be eventually located in the Partridge Farm area near the Los Altos Rod & Gun Club. This was done as an amendment to the General Plan adopted last March.

It will be a long time before any such camping is actually constructed however, if ever. A formal proposal and specific plans would have to be developed, funding obtained from the legislature, an EIR prepared, and additional hearings held.

In September the San Lorenzo Valley Water District decided to sell their 1500+/- acre Waterman Gap property for eventual addition to the southwest side of the Park. The actual sale was to the Sempervirens Fund which will re-sell it to the State once the legislature appropriates funds. This process usually takes several years. A petition drive opposing the sale was launched in the Boulder Creek area but was unable to obtain sufficient valid signatures. This addition will increase the size of the Park by about 50% and has the potential to provide Park attractions on the Highway 9 side along the San Lorenzo River.

The Trails Plan committee headed by Bo Gimbal is continuing its work. They have made several field trips, discussed a number of proposals and are beginning the writing task. The Rock Climbing Plan committee headed by Stu Langdoc is also making excellent progress.

Shortly after the General Plan was adopted last March the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit to force the State to further strengthen the already strong environmental protection measures in the Plan. Parks staff is trying to negotiate a compromise at the same time the suit proceeds through the courts.

~Eric Isacson

California Nutmeg Can Be Found Along Skyline

California nutmeg (*Torrey californica*) is a widely distributed, but relatively uncommon conifer. It is limited to the state's northern and central mountains. A passing glance out of the corner of one's eye might identify it as a Douglas fir or coastal redwood. With a closer look, it doesn't match either one.

A member of the Yew family, (*Taxaceae*), California nutmeg has very large, flat needles, 1-2 ¾" long x 1/8" wide. They are dark, glossy green on top, and lighter or yellow-green with two whitish lines below. At the tip, a sharp point is sure to get one's attention. The soft bark is gray brown and grows in vertical ridges. New shoots are green; older ones are reddish brown.

The tree is named for its fruit, which is limited to female plants. In early autumn, a 1-2" elliptical, green fleshy covering ripens to purple streaks around a large brown seed. It is similar in appearance, but no relation to the spice nutmeg. Male cones are 3/8" long, elliptical, and pale yellow.

California nutmegs typically grow up to 50' tall in the understory of mixed evergreen forests. They prefer moist locations and are highly shade tolerant. Like redwoods, the trees may grow from stumps, and the wood is resistant to rotting.

The closest local relative is the Pacific Yew (*Taxus brevifolia*), known for the anticancer drug Taxol. The Pacific Yew has red or purplish bark, red fruit that is flat and round, and is found no further south than Marin County.

California Natives had multiple uses for California nutmegs. Roots were used in basketry, the small branches for bows, and the needles for tattooing. The seeds were used medicinally to cure headaches or as antacids, or could be roasted and eaten.

Along Skyline, reported distribution shows California nutmeg's preference for the Santa Clara County side. A small grove grows south of Saratoga gap, about a five-minute brisk walk on the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

~ Sarah Schoen

Is there an article you'd like to read again but can't find your last issue of Skylines? Look on the web for articles, additional information, updated reports and links to web pages of community interest at: http://www.southskyline.org

Do you have suggestions for our website? Send comments to Web@southskyline.org.

Meet Your Neighbors

Miles Standish – Park Ranger at Castle Rock State Park, an important member of our mountain community, shares some of his 20-year history at the park:

It all began in the spring of 1980 when I arrived at Castle Rock State Park to be one of the five rangers, just after graduate school at U.C. Berkeley. Previously I had worked in several other parks since my induction into the California State Park Service in 1967. I was replacing a red-hot named Roy Burner who was transferring to the Pajaro Coast Area. I was not expecting to stay long because my real goal was to become a resource manager and was a shoo-in for the position that paid much better than a lowly State Park Ranger I. Ah, those were the days.

There were five rangers, and a permanent full-time maintenance person in addition to seasonal park aides. We were so many people that my wife, Carolyn, and I had to live over at Portola State Park. We already had one kid, Sierra, and we were expecting Skye. Now Sierra is a graduate student herself at Colorado State, and Skye is into her third year at DeAnza.

Larry Thomas, the other full time ranger--some of you folks may still remember him-- did his best to try and teach me the ropes (literally, since we occasionally did rope rescues). Larry had two kids. They went to Lakeside School; he couldn't say enough about the place. He would escort the school bus on winter snow days to make sure the kids arrived safely and to discourage people from throwing snowballs at the bus. In a year Larry was promoted to a ranger supervisor position at Lake Silverwood.

Some might remember the wild days we had in those early years. There was no parking closure along Skyline Blvd.; midnight parties were not unusual, and 1980 wasn't that far removed from the 1960's that people still roamed the mountains camping just about anywhere they pleased. The Trailside Killer was still loose--he did leave one of his victims buried at Saratoga Gap, if you recall-- and the rains in 1980-1983 were devastating. Anyone remember Love Creek?

We constantly had problems with illegal camping, poaching (animal and wood), with marijuana growers, illegal target practice, and paramilitary activity. And of course, we were busy rescuing roaming dogs, lost people, people falling off rocks, and fighting fires. Yep, they were heady days.

I had to learn that Castle Rock State Park was a dirty word. It had been expanding rather rapidly in the 1970s; many of the Park's neighbors were afraid that their land would be condemned by the State for future expansion. Not a good time to try and make friends. But friends we did make



My wife Carolyn and I had moved from Portola State Park after Larry left for Silverwood, and settled in at the house in the Castle Rock Campground. Sierra was enrolled at Lakeside School and it wasn't too long before we were involved in the local

school politics. Carolyn ran for the Lakeside School Board and won. I had the opportunity (if that is the correct word) to help organize and then become president for a while of the Lakeside School Community Foundation. As a result, we made friends (and probably some enemies) here in the Mountains.

Then I had a tough decision to make. Should I advance my career and move from this park to another position, or should I provide a stable place for my family and make one park my career? I chose the latter. I have never regretted the decision-except when it comes time to pay the monthly bills!

~Miles Standish

MROSD Appoints Local Resident To Board Seat

On November 28, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) appointed Larry Hassett to fill the Ward 6 board seat left vacant by the death of longtime environmental activist Betsy Crowder. Although MROSD now owns about half of the land in our area, Larry is the first local mountain resident to serve on the MROSD board.

"I will work as hard as I can to represent this district and Ward 6 to the best of my ability," Larry said, referring to the possibility that his district may be expanded to represent some of the Coast side residents if MROSD's application for annexation of the San Mateo coast is approved. "I'm convinced MROSD has been a tremendous asset for the Skyline area, and I think it can be a great benefit to the coast."

Betsy Crowder Will Be Missed

With Betsy's Crowder's death in a fatal automobile crash on September 29, 2000, the world of environmental protection and the South Skyline Association have lost a good friend. She was a member of the Board of Directors of MROSD. Her aim was, "to support land protection and restoration". We extend our deep sympathy to Betsy's family, to Wendy and Anne, her daughters.



Three Easy Ways to Help Our Local Mountain School Raise Funds

Lakeside Elementary depends on fund-raising to provide special programs for our kids. It doesn't cost anything, and anyone interested in contributing to this effort can do so three ways:

- e Scrip: This is a service that registers credit cards, ATM debit, and Safeway cards to electronically contribute to Lakeside School a percentage of sales for purchases made at participating merchants. The list includes Safeway, Whole Foods, Lundardi's, Old Navy, Eddie Bauer, Le Boulanger, Payless Shoe Source, and many more. To sign up for e Scrip call 1-800-592-0942, or register on-line at www.escrip.com. Give Lakeside's
- group ID# 139431539. A registration fee of \$10 per household can be reimbursed by Lakeside on request.
- 2. Albertson's: No special registration is required for an Albertson's card. This card will be swiped at the checkout, and Albertson's will send Lakeside School a percentage of sales made by the cardholder.
- 3. Shop on-line: You can access on-line stores through www.schoolpop.com and nominate Lakeside School to benefit from the percentage contribution offered to registered schools.

If you would like more information, or an Albertson's card, please call me at 408-395-5373.

~Katy Bruce-Smith

FOR SALE

Four Goodyear Wrangler RT/S P225/75R15 Tires. On/Off Highway Tread, Raised White Letters, Used 150 Miles. Reference: www.goodyear.com/ us/tires/tirecatalog/WRLRTS.html \$320. Call 408-741-5046

1981 39 foot NuWa Hitchhiker 5th wheel RV trailer with rear slide out living room; 5' sliding glass door; A/C, forced-air heat; gas stove and water heater; gas/electric refrigerator; electric washer/dryer combo. All appliances in working order. Good for temporary quarters during construction. \$2,500/best offer. Call 408-741-5046

91 Nissan Maxima 408-293-6881

Six 5-gal. Glass water bottles suitable for making wine, beer, etc. \$8 ea. Jody 650-851-7649

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

Car Radio

408-354-7807

Electric wheat/corn mill (stone ground) \$25 Jody 650-851-7649

SERVICES

Pig trapping: 1) Borrow a pig trap. **2)** Pig bait, \$20 per 5-gal keg, + \$10 keg deposit. **3)** Commercial pig trapping service (I'm only the contact point). \$100 set-up and removal fee + \$60 /mo rental, 2 mo minimum. Dick Schwind 408-867-9422

Skyline Handyman 30+ years experience in most aspects of home repair and remodel. Hourly rate. Will serve Skyliners from State 92 to 17. Ron Collins 408-741-1003

WANTED

Chess Player Sol 408-354-7807

WANTED

Bassist or Band: Novice/intermediate drummer seeks bassist or band for practice and fun, preferably in Jazz/Rock/ Blues idioms.

Contact Guy at 851-5690, 812-8851 or guy_lalonde@affymax.com

HELP WANTED

Cleaning person needed for 3 homes on Skyline. References please. Call 408-867-3205.

Experienced House Cleaner Between Hwy 9 and Page Mill Rd on Skyline Blvd. Refs. required. (408)867-8846

FREE

Fire Fittings Convert 1 ½ inch pipe thread to fire thread. Blue reflectors included. South Skyline Fire & Rescue. George. 408-354-1401

Policy on Classified Ads: Ads are free to SSA members. No continuing ads will be accepted. They must be resubmitted for each issue during the month before the deadline. Deadline dates are generally July1, October 1, January 1, and April 1.

Skylines News Articles: The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue is April 1, 2001.

Send all ads and articles to Patti Begley 26160 Highway 9, Los Gatos, CA 95033, or email TheBegleys@msn.com.

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Thurs. April 12 – Location To Be Determined (Call Larry Meyers for location and directions)