

THE MYERS FLAT NEWS

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The motto of Myers Flat (Humboldt Co, CA) is: "Myers Flat Is Where It's At"

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EVERY GENERATION HAS ITS WAR HEROES

Myers Flat's most successful summer dishwasher was last seen toting an automatic machine gun at 10,000 feet altitude in the mountains between Afghanistan and Pakistan. "Seen", that is, in the figurative, as the only people who have really seen Jefferson Silver recently have been his cohorts in the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army Infantry.

He was also seen by some surprised suspected al-Qaeda terrorist operatives, as he and his team leaped out of an assault helicopter, rounded up a few of them, and jumped back on the "bird" to be whisked away with their captives.

Jefferson was recently promoted to Sergeant and as a team leader he takes very seriously being responsible for the lives and actions of other soldiers. He is proud of his achievements. So are his mother, dad, brother, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, former teachers, and the Myers Flat home team.<>

FIRE DISASTER AVERTED

Storing gas in a tank on top of an RV seems dangerous enough, and sure enough, it was enough. Trying to jump-start the stalled RV, after pouring gasoline on the carburetor, a spark apparently from the wrong end of the jumper cables ignited the carburetor, creating a car fire which, when it hit the gasoline,

practically exploded.

The good news is that the rapid response of the Myers Flat Volunteer Fire Department kept the fire from becoming a major forest fire disaster. Starting on the bank between the freeway and the River Road, it could have been. No arrests were made as a result of the fire.

The wreck of the RV is now residing in Wade Brown's Myers Flat rest home for lost and disabled vehicles, awaiting the crusher.<>

THE BOYS IN THE BAR

MIKE THOMPSON TO IRAQ?

The usual informal poll of the Boys in the Bar turned up not a single one who approved of Myers Flat's Congressman, Mike Thomas (D, Napa) going to Iraq. Commented one elbow-bender, "The guy's just trying to make a national name for himself by sticking out from the crowd." And another: "He had no business going there whatsoever." <>

NEW BUILDING RISES IN MYERS FLAT

The first building in many years, perhaps as many as fifteen, to be built in Myers Flat with full permits and fully within the applicable code restrictions, is rising rapidly on the lot of Brown's Towing. Since the County of Humboldt did not appreciate the previous rather informal toilet arrangements utilized by the company, a new toilet had to be constructed. And since they had to build a new up-to-code john, it was not that much more to build a whole new building.

So there it is, with offices and an apartment for the watchman, Howard Baker, rising 16 feet above the flood plain.

The flood plain? That's the County's category for all of the land in Myers Flat (except the Service Station). The flood plain code requirements are not only that any occupied space be above the flood line established when the Eel River overflowed in 1964, but that the bottom area

be open so that the water can slosh in, and slosh out again. This, supposedly, will keep the building from being washed down the river. None the less, they will still be required to get flood insurance.<>

FOLLOW THAT PLATTER

James Victor Castellou came down from Reno to visit the Myers Flat vineyard which bears the name of his grandfather, Pierre Castellou, and pronounced it satisfactory. James Victor, a World War Two Air Force veteran, makes a yearly pilgrimage to Myers Flat because Bill Meagher, his cousin, has the secret recipe for the enchiladas served at home in Hollister, CA, when James Victor was growing up. Because Bill cannot stand to cook for less than a crowd, everyone in the bar also got to taste the enchiladas, including their special sauce. See you next year, Jim.<>

IT'S A PLANE, IT'S A BIRD, IT'S . . .

Buzzing the tall trees in Myers Flat last week in a little two-seater airplane was none other than Mike Meagher, taking flying lessons out of Arcata toward his pilot's license. He was supposed to solo but the weather was uncooperative, so decided instead to terrorize the locals and scare the dickens out of his bride, Suzie, and dad, Bill, who were on the ground. But what goes up must come down, and so he did, thankfully, quite safely.

There must be some other way to travel that does not involve risking your neck every trip. Mike, have you considered Greyhound?<>

RIVERWOOD COMING UP

The Riverwood Inn in Phillipsville has a new bright green roof. Word is that its glamorous owner, Loreen Hamilton, is also the most successful owner of the place in many years.

Her choice to install Mexican food has been greatly popular, and her choice of bands has also been well received. On Saturday night the place really rocks.

The roof is one indication, but a little birdie also tells us to expect a mortgage-burning party in the near future. That will be some party!<>

NO TRESPASSING

The Pierre Castellou Vineyard has posted "No Trespassing" signs on all of its properties in Myers Flat. This is not a hostile act toward the locals, but is designed, we are told, to give authority to remove random squatters who, for reasons of housing shortage, have taken to coming on to the land.<>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

The myth that time is immutable takes another hit when we regard Daylight Savings Time, by which, with a stroke of the pen, the Governor of California makes time stand still. Daylight Savings Time ends on the weekend of Saturday, the 26th of October/Sunday the 27th. That night, time "falls back", and you will lose the hour of sleep that you gained last Spring when the clock was made to "spring forward." Be ready.<>

VEGETABLE GARDENS FLOURISH

Myers Flat has produced healthy quantities of tomatoes, corn, zucchini, Japanese eggplant, and peppers this summer, and has fed many a local family. The corn, unfortunately, has had some kind of boll weevils or other corn worms, and has not been perfect. Notably, however, it grows on short stalk cornstalks, only about 4 feet tall, so that there is not a huge waste of sunlight, nitrogen, water, etc. to produce corn "as tall as an elephant's eye." Next year, say the gardeners, they will get rid of the worms early on.<>

OBITUARY

The long-time companion of Pat Thompson of Myers Flat, a former bartender at the Myers Flat Trading Post Saloon, has passed away in Las Vegas. Everyone in the area was fond of Bev Barnhardt, and she will be greatly missed.<>

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