

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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NEW YEAR OF THE

STORMS As the rain falls, and the river rises, Myers Flat checks flood insurance and

makes arrangements to pull trailers to higher ground. In the current round of rainstorms, however, the old timers say, there is little chance of big-time flooding because the essential element is missing – warm rain on the snow pack in the mountains.

But on the other hand if the rain continues for more than three days without a break, it could flood. Meantime, everyone should be checking their basic supplies: kerosene, propane, wood, canned food and a manual can opener, plus one of the new wind-up radios, candles, batteries and flashlights. And at least a two weeks' supply of any medications you are taking on a regular basis. And Viagra. Hey, with no T-V, radio, or going out, you gotta think ahead.<>

TIM STOEN A GREAT CHOICE

Our new DA has really picked a winner in choosing Tim Stoen, now in the Mendocino DA's office, as his chief Assistant DA. As the Medocino DA put it, Tim is "Mr. Integrity", and "a lawyer's lawyer." Smart, too. When he was running for office he came through Myers Flat more than once, and impressed everyone he met.<>

MYERS FLAT RV PARK IN

TROUBLE FROM STORM

Among major disasters that did not make the local papers, the RV park in Myers Flat, which is a major local business attraction, has lost its huge sign on the Avenue of the Giants. Both of the telephone poles which held it up are down. The sign was located on a tiny lot, approximately 4' X 10', at the corner of Myers Avenue. The sign pointed down Myers Avenue to the RV park. Even with the sign, the RV park is not visible until a driver is right upon it, and without it, there is no way that a customer can find it. The cost of replacement will be substantial, even if the County allows it to be rebuilt.<>

GOOD TOURIST SEASON PREDICTED

Despite the weather, the tourists have been proliferating along the Avenue during the winter holidays, and every one of the few sunny weekend days have seen a line of cars in and out of Myers Flat. "A good sign," says one business owner, who ascribes the increase in tourist traffic in Myers Flat to the generally bad tourist conditions elsewhere. "In these bad economic times," he says, "mom and dad and the kids go vacation in a camp ground for next to nothing instead of flying off to Hawaii." Which means that if the recession stays with us, as many expect, Myers Flat should have a good tourist year in 2003.<>

YUPPIE DRINKS SUCCEED IN MYERS FLAT

When the espresso shop opened in Myers Flat about three years ago, some of those who were most comfortable bending an elbow at the Myers Flat Trading Post Saloon scoffed at the notion of paying three bucks for a fancy coffee. But look who's laughing now – some of those same scoffers are semi-permanent residents of the seats on the log outside the espresso shop. And they have even been seen to try that ultra-yuppie drink made famous by Jamba Juice, the “smoothie”, full of healthy fruit and yogurt, with nary a dollop of alcohol, caffeine or any other mind-altering substance.<>

SERGEANT JEFF AT HOME

As Myers Flat knows, sometime local resident Jefferson Silver was sent to Afghanistan with his US Army outfit, a division of the 82nd Airborne. Last month they returned to their base at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and last week, Sergeant Jefferson Silver came marching off an airplane at SFO. His delighted mother hugged him and cried. His brother and sister-in-law trooped out to the airport also, with his two nephews in their dual baby buggy. His first expressed wish, after 6 months without, was for beer and the football game.<>

SPIFFING UP MYERS FLAT

The Inn got a new roof, and the gas station got a coat of paint. The Saloon's roof was patched in many more places, and only produced one leak when the heavy rains came. Such a level of capital investment, however, is dwarfed by the investment in the new apple and cherry trees purchased by the Pierre Castillou Vineyards for various locations in Myers Flat. When the spring blossoms come, Myers Flat will be gorgeous, a sight to see, and a must-stop on the Avenue of the Giants.<>

MYERS FLAT WATER BOARD HOLDS MEETING CALLED ILLEGAL BY LOCALS

The Myers Flat Mutual Water System, Inc. seems determined to get into one pickle after another. Most recently, the water board sent out an announcement dated December 2002 telling members that the December meeting was being advanced from the 14th to the 7th of December, and that it would be held in Eureka, 60 miles north of Myers Flat – at an undisclosed location. The notice ended, “Sorry for the short notice.” Pretty sorry, indeed. Unknown is whether the water board did anything at that meeting worth rescinding. If so,

say the locals, they need to get ready to rescind.<>

THE WOMEN'S COLUMN

A male gynecologist is like an auto mechanic who never owned a car.

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