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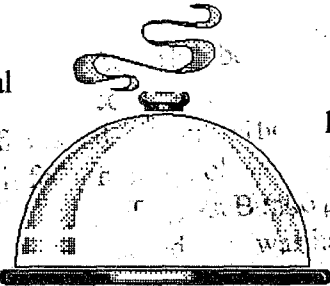
March 1999

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' SPRING DINNER

by John Mulay

Start marking your calendar for the annual Homeowners' dinner on **April 27, 1999** at the Savoy Opera House in Trail Dust Town. Your Board has been working hard lining up the guest speakers for this event. We will have current information about the road construction and about the water line construction being conducted by the Water Co-op. I hope to see all of the cabin owners at this annual event.

With the lack of snow on the mountain the water cooperative has been able to make terrific progress with the line extension to Loma Linda tank from the pump house. The new tank sites in upper Sabino are ready to go at this time. Michael and his crew have done a great job with this winter project.



With the lack of snow all cabin owners will have to be sure and try to conserve as much water as possible this summer. Anyone who is interested in doing a snow or rain dance please contact Michael Stanley.

The MLHO Board is gathering questions to ask the various speakers at the annual dinner. If you have any concerns that you would like any of the speakers to cover please get them to one of the Board members. We would like to give these questions to the speakers ahead of time so they can easily address your concerns.

Mark your calendar for the annual meeting and think snow, rain, anything wet for the mountain.

SPEAKERS FOR THE ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' DINNER

Pima County Supervisor, Ray Carroll
Pima County Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Chris Nanos & his wife
General Manager of Trico Electric, Marv Athey
President of the Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative, Chuck Autrey
Santa Catalina District Ranger, Dean McAllister
Fire Chief for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, John Roads

Mt. Lemmon MLHO President, John Muley, will "MC" the program.

TAG, YOUR "IT"

Ramblings by Bill Windsor

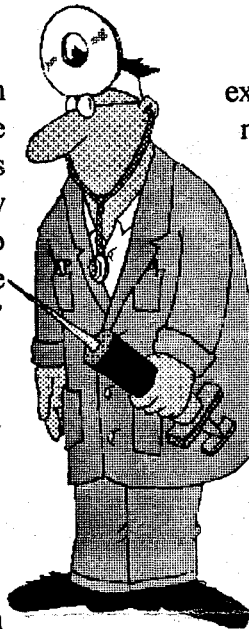
I believe that all things act upon and affect each other, and that taken as a whole this interaction can be a powerful and directed force. Some may call this karma, others the will of God, and still others may say it is simply fate. Whatever your beliefs, from time to time, this force reaches out and 'touches' us, and like the childhood game of tag, when you are 'touched,' you become 'IT.'

The problem with being tagged by powerful forces, is that our mortal selves may not channel this energy flow very well and it can be difficult to be 'it.' Recently, I have been 'tagged' and this has provided me the opportunity to contemplate being 'it.'

It started back in late October, when I first noticed that I had a growth. Now it is alarming enough to grow something new when you are already a fully formed adult, but to make matters worse, it was located in an area that is politely considered private. From November thru early February I was subject to various exams that pretty well eliminated any sense of personal dignity.

My HMO is associated with University Medical Center, which is a teaching hospital. Various doctors, nurses and students inspected the growth, searched for others and concluded it would be best to remove it. Earlier this past month I had surgery on an out-patient basis, and of course, those doctors, nurses and students had to have one last look to see that there were no complications from the surgery. In the past three months my private parts have been anything but private.

Although I was apprehensive about the surgery, it turned out to be the easiest part of the entire experience. I checked into the hospital and the staff began to prepare me for the simple operation. My blood pressure and pulse rate were a bit higher than usual which was a physical manifestation of my nervousness. A nurse installed an IV into a vessel in my hand and the doctors explained that the surgery would be performed with local anaesthetics, but that they would put me under for a few seconds as the local was applied. If I



experienced pain after the local, they would put me under for the balance of the surgery. Then they gave me some drug to help me relax and boy did I relax! It was great!

What they did not tell me at the time was that the anaesthetics would cause a memory loss of almost the entire operation. I clearly remember being wheeled into the operating room (wheeeee, zooooom, this is fun!) and I remember being set up for the operation (look at all the people in here, hee, hee, hee, I'm the only one naked). The next thing I know, I'm in the recovery room drinking ginger ale. I asked the doctor if I was put under for the operation and he told me that I was awake the entire time and that memory loss was a normal occurrence and by-product of the anaesthetics. The growth was benign and now that it is gone, all is well in Bill-body-land.

Being touched by powerful forces can be a difficult experience, but it can also be an excellent agent to promote personal growth. Pain, fear and embarrassment can lead the mind to clear introspection, to contemplate and distinguish between things important and things superficial. My physical discomfort and fears were a small price to pay for being 'it.' Sometimes though, the price may be great and there are many who must face life's threatening situations.

It is easy to get lost in the business of day-to-day living, and it is easy to accept a comfortable daily routine in lieu of rocking the boat and dealing with change. From time to time, however, we are touched by powerful forces as a reminder that life is both precious and temporary. It seems to me, that as long as we are living, we should strive to perfect ourselves, to seek harmony between self, other people and all things. To do otherwise seems wasteful of the gift of life, and it carries the risk that when we are 'touched' by powerful forces, that touch may be difficult to bear.

Good living to you all!



WOMENS' CLUB PLANNING FOR SPRING CONVENTION

by Helen Quigley

Is spring here? Mother Nature and her tricks with the weather. Luann is gearing up for the start of the mountain hikes, and Linda is getting ready for the Bunko games. More news will be forth coming.

We had a nice turn out at Mary Van Sickles house and let me tell you that Mary makes a GOOD carrot cake. Thank you Mary for hosting the meeting at your home.

Our next meeting will be at Vivian Danielson's home. We will have a storyteller as our guest speaker. Looking forward to seeing you there. We changed the place of the meeting from Helen's house to Vivian's, but the time is the

same, 7:00 pm.

Not much to report at this time, but just a reminder that on March 27th we will be having our GFWC-AZ Southern District Convention. You can sign up for it at the meeting or let me know by March 10th if you would like to go to it. It starts at 9 am and is over by 2 pm. Lunch is \$7.00 and our club pays for the registration fee.

If you have anything to enter for our arts and crafts contest please let me know. Awards are given out to club members. There are many categories to enter so call me, Helen, if you need more information.



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AT 576-1333.

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE CO-OP

by Chuck Autrey

Your Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water Company has some good news and some bad news. The beautiful Arizona winter weather has been great for getting lots of work done here on the mountain. Michael and his band of merry men have laid hundreds of feet of our six inch transfer line from Upper Loma Linda tanks all the way down to the Catalina Highway, plus cleared a site in Sabino Canyon for a large new water tank. What great work these guys have done.

Now for the bad news. The beautiful weather has brought

no rain or snow of any measurable amount since early December. Our water supply from the springs flow has slowed to early summer flow rates. If we don't get some significant rain and/or snow between now and summer we will need to ration water; plus the fire danger will be extreme.

So if anyone knows any good rain or snow dances it's time to start the music and move your feet. Prayer, positive thought and wishing for moisture are also needed.

Your Water Company will keep you posted as conditions change.

Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Annual Dinner

Tuesday, April 27th, 1999
Savoy Opera House
Trail Dust Town
6541 E. Tanque Verde

Cocktails 6 PM Dinner 7 PM Program 8 PM

Mesquite Grilled Chicken Breast \$19.50
OR
8 oz. New York Strip Steak \$21.50

Both menus include salads, baked potato, their famous "Pinnacle Peak" pinto beans, thick sliced bread, coffee, iced tea and strawberry shortcake. Open bar is extra.

*A vegetarian pasta dish is available for those who desire it, but you must let us know in advance. The cost is still being determined.

Deadline for reservations is April 22nd! Any questions call Fran Zimmerman at 576-1333.

Mail your check to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Assn. P.O. Box 699,
Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

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Total _____

EASY WINTER LEAVING THE FOREST HIGH AND DRY

by John Roads

New Hydrants Can Save You Money

As previously stated, the Water Coop is currently installing hydrants along the new water transmission line. If you live within 1000 feet of a new hydrant, measured by the way a fire engine would lay hose line, your homeowners insurance rating will change from an 8 to a 7. This should result in a decrease in your homeowner's fire insurance premiums. Check it out, and if you are not sure, call the station. We can assist in the measurements. Then contact your insurance agent.

Fire Potential - 2nd Warning

Last month you received the first warning of potential high fire danger this season. Consider this the 2nd warning. February has come and gone with no precipitation. The National Weather Service has reported that this winter is the 4th driest winter of this century. La Nina is making a strong showing which typically results in dry warm weather. Previous La Nina seasons have resulted in numerous dry lightning (no rain) monsoon season storms. The predictions this year are for fires throughout the Southwest United States.

Conditions are already extremely dry. There have been two forest fires already this year on the mountain - a 1 acre fire on January 19th at Rose Lake (abandoned camp fire) and an 8 acre fire February 26th on Oracle Ridge just below the fire station. As of this writing, the Oracle Ridge fire is still being fought by MLFD, USFS and San Carlos crews. The cause is currently under investigation. Temperatures in the low 30's and upper 20's is not deterring the fire problems.

What does this mean to homeowners? It means that fire season has arrived extremely early this year and could be severe all spring and summer. Normal fire season is typically May and June with some fires in July and August. The weather conditions this month have been similar to late April and May. Now is the time to start prepping your property for fire season. Waiting until this summer will be too late. While it is possible to get some precipitation and snow in March, any snow will be too little too late to reduce the

potential fire hazards. We are in for a long summer. It is too early at this point to tell what fire restrictions might effect us this summer. Stay tuned for further updates as the winter (???) progresses.

Current Department Projects

Construction has started on the new fire apparatus garage building in the area just north of the station. The building will house the three emergency vehicles that currently sit out in the weather.

Prevention Activities

The Department received a new public education tape (A Matter of Time) covering the effects of fire in the wildland/urban intermix. Plans are in the works to schedule a public's night at the fire station viewing of the program. This will occur in late spring when the truck bays are warm enough for a public gathering.

As long as the weather holds as is, the Department will continue with the pine needle pile burns, which were pretty much cancelled last summer due to the volume of rains. If you have a pile that needs to be burned, contact the station (576-1201).

The Department has secured roll-off dumpsters for a pine needle cleanup campaign. The dumpster will be brought to the station for a specific time period for homeowners to dump needles and tree slash. This clean up campaign will aid in a fire hazard reduction for the village. Stay tuned for further information on specific dates.

Prescribed Fire

The Loma Linda prescribed fire was 50% completed in January. The 300-acre burn (from the fire station to Crystal Springs Trail) not only improves forest health, but also provides a forest fire buffer zone for the village. Current weather conditions and an early fire season may prevent the burn from being completed this spring. Another prescribed burn near the town of Oracle is also planned.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPS A GOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT BECOME GREAT

by Bob Zimmerman

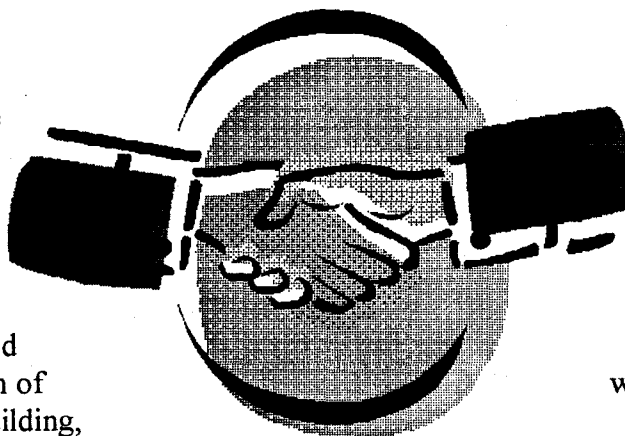
As Chief John Roads indicated in his article, a new metal building is going up just north of the existing fire department building. Its purpose is to house three vehicles. Approval for construction has been obtained from the Forest Service.

The project had a good kickoff with the completion of the site excavation for the building, a donation by Rick Birch, owner of Birch Excavating. Rick donated his ten wheel dump truck and back hoe, and of course, his valuable time as operator. He has been working on the mountain for several years and is now building his cabin. His wife, Paula, owns the excellent Ground Floor Coffee House at the corner of Pantanio and Wrightstown. Drop in and say, "Hello."

Site excavation had to be completed before March to not disturb the Spotted Owl during its mating season. Fred Pace, a licensed contractor and architect, owner of Pace Construction, who is also a Fire Board member, designed the building and will be managing the project. Fred has built and managed several cabins and commercial projects on the mountain and is well known as a commercial builder in Arizona. His wife, Olga, was instrumental in setting up the "Saturday Morning Kids Club" sponsored by the Mount Lemmon Women's Club.

Without the donations and contributions of folks like Fred Pace and Rick Birch, I don't think we would be in the building phase at this time.

The primary reason for the new building is to house the recently ordered Compressed Air Foam (CAF) unit which should arrive in about a month. This unit is to be mounted on the 1 ton truck that was purchased from the Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative a year ago.



The timing could not be better with the prospect of a dangerous fire season at hand. This will be our second unit which will have much greater output than the existing unit.

The great advantage of a CAF is its effectiveness in putting out structure and wildland fires while using 3 to 5 times less water.

Since we typically have to haul the water to the fire, this is a crucial advantage when combined with the Department's fast, 24 hour response time. The high pressure CAF hoses are lighter and much easier for one firefighter to handle and allows a greater distance between the firefighter and the fire, another tremendous advantage.

Forest Service personnel, with the prospect of reduced manpower this summer, are very appreciative that we are going to have this unit in time for this summer's fire season.

The new building is going to cost about \$50,000 and the CAF unit another \$80,000. The Fire District has saved \$80,000 but will have to raise another \$50,000. We are in need of private, low interest rate loans to the Fire District.

We are in the process of figuring out how fast we can pay back ten \$5,000 loans. I think it will probably be on the order of 5 to 7 years payback time with annual payments. We hope to keep the interest to 6% or less, if possible. If you would like to volunteer to make one of these loans, please give me a call at 576-1333.

We will also be looking for help in the construction of the building, so be prepared for a couple of barn raising weekends. Working together, we can get the job done.

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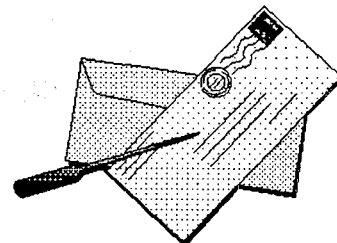
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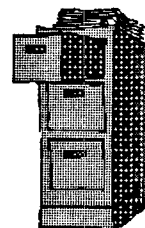
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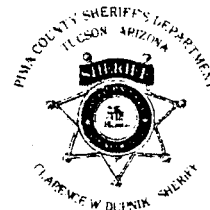
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