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## STRI NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING HOLIDAY

Friday, April 1st (Good Friday) is an official holiday in the Republic of Panama, and STRI offices will be closed on that day.

### SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, March 29, will be given by LEONARD FREED, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow, from the University of Iowa, who will speak on:

The evolution of reproductive rates in tropical passerine birds

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is now moving to the new building, a process that should take about a week. The Library at Ancon is therefore closed to general traffic. Beginning Monday, the Library staff will be located in their new quarters. The help of any volunteers who can give time to packing and unpacking boxes would be greatly appreciated. Please telephone Carol Jopling to arrange time at 52-2485.

### ARRIVALS

No arrivals expected this coming week---a break to prepare ourselves for the visitors arriving the following week for the dedication of the new STRI Library.

### ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NAOS FACILITIES

Due to the increasing number of visitors to the Fort Amador Causeway, the GUARDIA NACIONAL will increase its surveillance of STRI facilities at Naos. STRI researchers, visiting scientists, students, and employees may be asked to show STRI identification, and should have a STRI sticker on the windshield of their vehicles. The STRI sticker can be obtained by taking the vehicle in question to Naos and requesting the appropriate sticker from Vielka Vergel.

### DEPARTING STRI

Friday, March 26 will be MIMI ELLENWOOD's last day at STRI. Mimi who has worked as Accounting Technician at STRI since 1979 will be leaving Panama in May to establish residence in the Virginia-Maryland area. We wish her best of luck in her future endeavors.

### OUR CONDOLENCES

To OLGA LINARES and MARTIN MOYNIHAN for the recent loss of their nephew.

### FOR SALE

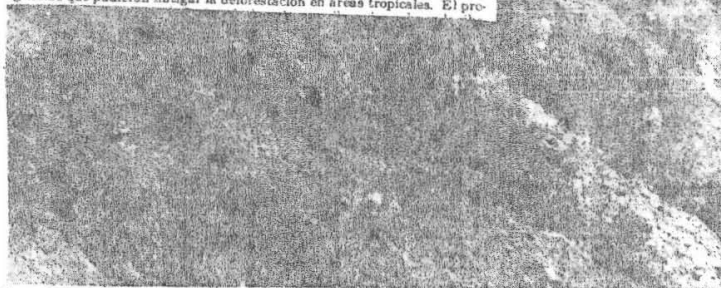
-NISATO T.V., Solid State, 17" screen, bnw Model VS-610, \$75 -OTARIE flippers (size 8-9 1/2) \$15.  
-TEKNA snorkle, \$5.  
-SANTIAGO face mask with prescription lenses, \$20.  
-CRAFTSMAN, double-insulated reciprocating saw (model 315) without blade, \$25.  
Or best offers. Please call A. Aiello.

### CONCERN FOR LOCAL DEFORESTATION

Following President Ricardo De La Espriella's statements of concern for the deforestation observed during his recent trip through the provinces of Panama, the government has expressed that it will take drastic measures to halt local deforestation. The Sunday editorial of LA ESTRELLA entitled "The Grave Problem of Deforestation" ended with the statement that actions to stop deforestation must be taken NOW. The Sunday press also included a statement by the new Director of RENARE, Dr. Sergio Castillo, addressed to all citizens of Panama, and requesting that instead of criticizing the government's actions or lack of action, interested persons should offer suggestions of ways to counteract local environmental problems. Wednesday's edition of LA ESTRELLA also carried an article on STRI's program to study alternatives to deforestation.

## **Proyecto del Smithsonian contra la deforestación**

El Dr. Ira Rubinoff, Director del Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), anunció que dicho Instituto ha recibido un significativo aporte de la W. ALTON JONES FOUNDATION en Charlottesville, Virginia, para un proyecto de investigación destinado a desarrollar o mejorar técnicas agrícolas que pudieran mitigar la deforestación en áreas tropicales. El pro-



### **La deforestación avanza y avanza**

La vista señala por sí sola el preocupante problema de la deforestación en nuestras más preciadas zonas de la República. El mal avanza y urgen medidas fuertes y de autoridad, y a la vez buscar alternativas a los métodos tradicionales de la agricultura de roza y quema.