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PROGRAM

Monday, March 21, 7:00 P.M.
Glendale Federal Savings
21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth

Mr. Milt McCauley, author of numerous books on trails, trees and wildflowers, will narrate a slide show presentation of flora found in the Santa Monica and surrounding mountains. Milt, a retired air line pilot, is a well-known hike leader and trail blazer for the Sierra Club. He will direct us to the best local areas for spring wildflower viewing enjoyment.

GOOD LUCK:

A fond farewell and best wishes for a happy retirement are extended to Nanci Oliva, a dear friend of SSMPA for probably over a hundred years. After serving 19 years in city council activities and even longer in local civic affairs, Nanci and her husband plan on leaving California to try the 'good life' of rest, relaxation and travel. Nanci, wherever you decide to settle will be all the better for it!

AND THE WINNER IS...

this month we tip our hats to Janet Lazik who co-ordinated a highly successful clean-up on Friday, March 11, of state parkland just west of Chatsworth Park South. At 9:00 A.M. seventy-seven students from Sierra Canyon school plus teachers, parents and SSMPA docents were met and greeted by Park Ranger Greg Nelson who supplied dozens of large bags and gunny sacks. 'Home Depot' kindly provided 50 pair of gloves and the city park cooperated by allowing the trash to be dumped in their bins. It was a great day on the mountain with blue sky, bright sunshine and a slight breeze. This group of fine young ladies and gentlemen from the 6th & 7th grades hauled almost two tons of trash, broken glass, beer cans & bottles, junk auto parts and even an old adding machine, off the mountain. SSMPA and State Park officials truly appreciate the super job these kids did. And maybe the best part is... they had a great day! Again, many thanks, Janet.

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ELECTION:

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that, for the first time in a number of years, a full slate of 10 directors will be presented at the next meeting.

ILLEGAL GRADING:

Ca. Dept. of Parks has concluded the archeological study portion of the grading damage made by So. Ca. Edison but have not yet filed a law suit.

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SUPER SALE:

We are starting to gather items of every description for our first garage sale to be held Saturday, May 14th, in the large circular driveway at the home of Dorian and Dahlia Keyser. Plates, small furniture, books, clothing, knick-knacks and whatever you want to dispose of makes it all the more fun. For pick-up, call Zelma at 341-2504.



A NEW NAME AND NUMBER:

Remember the thousands of signatures we collected for the CALPAW Initiative? It now has a new name ... Proposition 180. It provides for the largest amount of open-space benefits ever proposed in California history. Not only parks, but beaches, farmland, cleaned up rivers & streams, baseball diamonds, senior citizen centers, hunting & fishing grounds, etc., etc. Yes, we do have major projects and problems here in California, but if this doesn't pass this year ... when? As the June 7th election draws closer, a telephone bank will be set up here in the West Valley where volunteers will make calls to encourage voter support of this proposition. We hope you will join the cause when called upon.

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CHATSWORTH RESERVOIR:

Documents have been submitted by the Chatsworth Reservoir Conservancy to make it a National Wildlife Sanctuary. For over twenty-five years, the reservoir has been a natural feed and rest area for 1200 Canada Geese on their annual trek south. The sight of their V-shape formation and the sound of them honking is still a treat for all of us. If you'd like to lend a hand, write a brief note to: Robert Fields, Refuge Supervisor for California/Nevada, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97232-4181. Just say you support the sanctuary and the efforts of the Conservancy.

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In April, our guest speaker will be Ms. Rosie Dagit, an expert on oak trees. If you have any suggestions for future programs that would appeal to our membership, please relay them to Dorian Keyser at 345-3795.

With spring just around the corner, our mountains will soon be ablaze with wildflowers of every color. You needn't be a regular hiker to enjoy a walk along the mountain trails. Guided hikes leave the park every Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. Come join us for a real treat... you'll be glad you did!

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May you enjoy a happy St. Patrick's Day with shamrocks in your garden, green beer in your mug and corned beef and cabbage in your pot!! Top of the mornin' to you!

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