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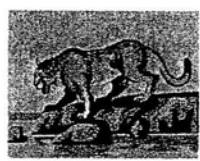
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Dead mountain lion found on the 118

A mountain lion was found dead today on Highway 118 near Simi Valley, and authorities said it was probably hit by a car. The male lion was found about 8 am near the center divider of Highway 118 just west of Rocky Peak Fire Road, Caltrans spokeswoman Judy Gish said. The lion was less than 2 years old and weighted about 100 pounds, said Seth Riley, a wildlife biologist with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Male mountain lions typically start looking to establish their own territory at about 2 years old. Riley said the lion was not one of the two he's tracking with radio collars. One of them with a collar, however, has crossed Highway 118 at least 11 times, mainly using an underpass beneath the freeway. The large concrete tunnel isn't far from where the dead cat was found. The problem of mountain lions being trapped by highways is a issue Riley has been studying for years. Although the lion population in the Los Padres National Forest is thought to be robust, cats get trapped in the Santa Monica Mountains, the Simi hills or the Santa Susana Mountains without the ability to return to the national forest. "The fact is on the 101 and 118, there is almost nowhere left where there is habitat on both sides of the freeway" he said. "It's too bad this guy didn't find the underpass." The National Park Service collected a blood sample from the dead cat to test for toxins and genetics.



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Woolsey Canyon Community Clean-Up
Sponsored by Summit Park HOA
Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 am - Noon
Contact: Karla91304@yahoo.com, or
Sheri at (818) 710-1542 or Leah (818) 884-1154
for information-participation.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 20, 2008 at 7:15PM

At this month's meeting, we will have an interesting speaker and topic. We hope that you plan to attend the meeting, hear what your organization has been doing and enjoy the presentation given.

Last month's meeting, with Wayde Hunter, was extremely informative about the Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Granada Hills. He gave a history of the landfill and probable future plans. Also discusses was the new fluorescent light bulbs, the handling, disposal and clean up if one of these bulbs break. See the information on page 2.

SSMPA General Membership Program meetings take place every 3rd Monday, September through November and January through May at the Rockpointe Clubhouse, 22300 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, on the south side, 1 block before entering Chatsworth Park South. Our program meetings begin at 7:15pm and conclude at 9:00pm.

Allied Artist of the Santa Monica Mtns. and Seashore Art Exhibit - Sunday, October 26, 11:00 am - 5 pm
Malibu Nature Preserve and Malibu Riding & Tennis Club
33905 Pacific Coast Highway 90265
(Travel north of Kanan Dume Road on PCH to Malibu Nature Preserve located on the mountain side across Nicholas Beach.)
www.allied-artists.com
SSMPA member Carla Laureen Henry will be exhibiting with other Allied fine artists who paint landscapes of our local mountains and seashores.

The purposes of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association are the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills as open space lands and wildlife corridors linking the Los Padres National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains, including the Angeles National Forest, to the Santa Monica Mountains; as habitats for plants and animals native to the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills; as locales of unique geologic formations; as sites of ethnological, archaeological and historical interests; to provide passive recreational opportunities and environmental education opportunities; and, to support the acquisition of new public parks, open space and conservation easements, the expansion of existing parks, participate in the planning of park infrastructure and programs, and support said programs.

What if I accidentally break a fluorescent lamp in my house?

At our last General Meeting, Mr. Wayne Hunter discussed the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. During the meeting, the subject of the new fluorescent light bulbs came up. I (Chris Beauvais, editor) did not know this, but these light bulbs have mercury and they have to be disposed of differently than the old bulbs. Also, if a bulb breaks, there are special clean-up issues. Mr. Hunter has furnished the web-site and instructions and we thank him. Here are the instructions: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/homeowner/cflbreakcleanup.htm>

What if I accidentally break a fluorescent lamp in my house?

The lamp contains a small amount of mercury, but you can clean this up yourself if you do the following:

- Do not use a vacuum cleaner to clean up the breakage. This will spread the mercury vapor and dust throughout the area and could potentially contaminate the vacuum.
- Keep people and pets away from the breakage area until the cleanup is complete.
- Ventilate the area by opening windows, and leave the area for 15 minutes before returning to begin the cleanup. Mercury vapor levels will be lower by then.
- For maximum protection and if you have them, wear rubber gloves to protect your hands from the sharp glass.
- Carefully remove the larger pieces and place them in a secure closed container, preferably a glass container with a metal screw top lid and seal like a canning jar.¹ A glass jar with a good seal works best to contain any mercury vapors inside.²
- Next, begin collecting the smaller pieces and dust. You can use two stiff pieces of paper such as index cards or playing cards to scoop up pieces.
- Pat the area with the sticky side of duct tape, packing tape or masking tape to pick up fine particles. Wipe the area with a wet wipe or damp paper towel to pick up even finer particles.
- Put all waste and materials into the glass container, including all material used in the cleanup that may have been contaminated with mercury. Label the container as "Universal Waste - broken lamp."
- Remove the container with the breakage and cleanup materials from your home. This is particularly important if you do not have a glass container.
- Continue ventilating the room for several hours.
- Wash your hands and face.
- Take the glass container with the waste material to a facility that accepts "universal waste" for recycling. To determine where your municipality has made arrangements for recycling of this type of waste, call your municipal office or find your town in this list [municipal collection sites](#) (MS Excel format) ([pdf format](#)).
- When a break happens on carpeting, homeowners may consider removing throw rugs or the area of carpet where the breakage occurred as a precaution, particularly if the rug is in an area frequented by infants, small children or pregnant women.
- Finally, if the carpet is not removed, open the window to the room during the next several times you vacuum the carpet to provide good ventilation.

The next time you replace a lamp, consider putting a drop cloth on the floor so that any accidental breakage can be easily cleaned up. If consumers remain concerned regarding safety, they may consider not utilizing fluorescent lamps in situations where they could easily be broken. Consumers may also consider avoiding CFL usage in bedrooms or carpeted areas frequented by infants, small children, or pregnant women. Finally, consider not storing too many used/spent lamps before recycling as that may increase your chances of breakage. Don't forget to properly recycle your used fluorescent bulbs so they don't break and put mercury into our environment.

¹Other jars that can be made of glass and also work are pickle, peanut butter and applesauce jars. Not ideal but also a good choice for containing breakage is a heavy duty #2 plastic container with either a screw lid or push-on lid such as a joint compound bucket or certain kitty litter-type containers.

²If the only suitable jar available has food in it, you may need to empty it into another container before using it.

Accomplishments of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Months of September and early October:

- On his own, John Luker cleaned, organized and decorated the SSMPA board meeting room/museum. It looks fantastic. Thank you John
- John Luker also manned the SSMPA booth during Pioneer Days, answering questions on subjects including Chatsworth Park South, passing out maps and displaying photos. Diana Dixon Davis also helped at the booth discussing the history of the Chatsworth Train Depot and the Chatsworth Reservoir. SSMPA's own Vanessa Waters had a booth next to John and helped field questions on topics including native plants and the removal of non native plants

UPCOMING HIKES
Bring water, lunch,
lugsoles, hat, sunscreen.
RAIN CANCELS

**THERE IS AN E-MAIL
WITH TERRIFIC GRAPHICS
THAT DETAILS HIKES**
Website: Communityhikingclub.org
Zulliebear@aol.com
ATTN: Dianne

Regularly Scheduled Hikes

(Hikes are canceled if it rains. There are no hikes on holidays.)

Sunday Evening - Rocky Peak

Meet at 4 PM at the Rocky Peak trailhead at the end of Rocky Peak Road on the Santa Susana Pass.

(Meet at 5 PM during daylight savings time.) (Strenuous - 4.8 MRT)

Tuesday Evening - Long Canyon

Meet at 6:30 PM in the Long Canyon parking lot. Directions: Take First Street South. Continue when the road's name changes to Long Canyon Road. The parking lot is at the intersection of Long Canyon Road and Wood Ranch Parkway. (Easy to Moderate - 3.0 MRT)

Thursday Evening - The Chumash Trail

Meet at 6 PM at Chumash trailhead. Directions: Take the 118 Freeway to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite and turn right on Flanagan Dr. The trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Drive. (Moderate to Strenuous - 5.2 MRT)

October Activities

October 11th

Camp Three Falls to Lilly Meadows*

6 MRT - Moderate (1,075' elevation gain)

Beautiful area with a waterfall about half way up. Bring lunch, water and wear boots. Go to website for more information about this hike. For those looking for a bit of a workout, there is an option of adding some mileage by taking the trail on up to Sheep Camp. Meet at 8 AM at the Stearns Street Park & Ride. Bring 2 - 3 quarts of water and lunch. Wear sturdy boots.

October 18th

Work Party - Upper Hummingbird Trail

Meet at the Rocky Peak Trailhead. We'll drive up the fireroad to where it intersects with the Hummingbird Trail. Bring 2 - 3 quarts of water, hat, sunscreen, and gloves to work on the trail.

October 25th

Montgomery Canyon / Long Canyon Loop

Moderate 4.1 MRT Loop (550' elevation gain) or 7.5 MRT (1,100' elevation gain)

Bring 2 to 3 quarts of water and a snack. Wear boots. Meet at 8 AM in the Old Windmill Park parking lot. Directions: From the 118 Freeway, take 1st Street. South. 1st Street becomes Long Canyon Road at Challenger Park. You'll see a windmill on the right, just before you need make a right at Vinyard Drive W (not to be confused with Vinyard Drive E). Continue straight ahead and park in the Old Windmill Park parking lot. Go to website for a map of the Windmill Park area. You can do just the Montgomer Canyon Loop or continue on the trail and include the Long Canyon loop.

November Activities

November 1st

Gene Marshall - Piedra Blanca National Recreation Trail*

November 8th

Sandstone Peak (via the Mishe Mokwa Trail)*

7 MRT - Moderate (1500' elevation gain/loss)

See a wide variety of vegetation, spectacular rock formations, and the highest peak in the Santa Monica Mountains. Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 2 quarts of water and lunch. Wear boots.

* Not within the jurisdiction of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.



STAGECOACH TRAIL

STAGECOACH TRAIL - 9:00AM. INTERPRETATIVE HIKE INTO HISTORY OF SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK. MEET AT 9:00AM FOR A 2 1/2 MI (400' GAIN) LOOP UP THE STAGECOACH TRAIL. FROM TOPANGA CANYON BLVD., TURN W. ON DEVONSHIRE STREET, DRIVE INTO CHATSWORTH PARK S. TO PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE AUDITORIUM. LEADER: LEE BAUM (818-341-1850/SIERRA CLUB-SANTA SUSANA MTNS TASK FORCE OUTING). STAGECOACH TRAIL HIKES WILL BE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING OCTOBER.



Thank you for renewing your SSMPA membership: Jack Levin, Cynthia Galletly, Edith Roth, Charlene Vincent, Leland Gassert, Margaret Vernallis, Cecelia Heppes, Michael Hass. PLEASE NOTE: WHEN SENDING YOUR RENEWAL, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IF YOU HAVE ONE.



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

invites you to **JOIN / RENEW** (circle one).

Investing in the future of our communities and its resources is probably one of the best expenditures of our time and efforts. Return this cutoff with your contribution lend your support. Make your check payable to SSMPA and send to SSMPA, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4831.

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RE-ENCHANTING THE CITY V: GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE The Effect Upon Wildlife and Wild Lands

Oct 18th



Re-Enchanting The City Conference V
Global Climate Change
The Effect Upon Wildlife and Wild Lands
Saturday, October 18, 2008, 8 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.
Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, LA 90027
Griffith Park Area

We wish to thank our Distinguished Presenters, our Sponsors and Volunteers, who have given time and treasure to this Conference, believing that it will, it must, make a difference.



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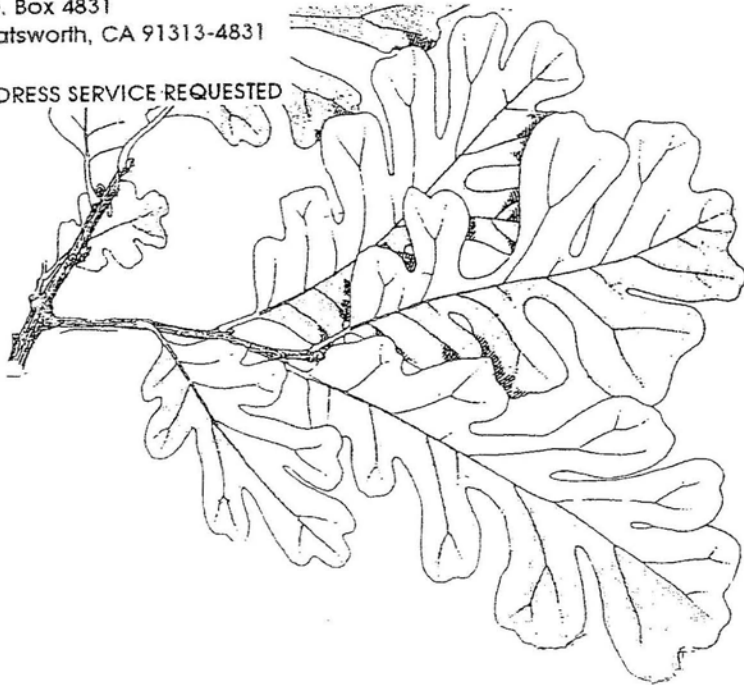
The Conference is free. Persons staying for afternoon workshops will be provided a light lunch. Bring your own non-plastic drink containers.

Reservations: <http://www.gmrnet.com/ESTFSignup.html>
Information: 818-769-1521
Endangered Species / Wildlife Committee
Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
Rosemarie White, Ph.D., Chairperson

CORRECTION: Last issue our new Secretary's name was misspelled. The correct spelling is Teena Takata. Teena, please accept apologies from your editor.

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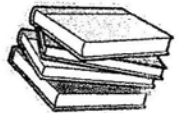


Working Schedule

- 8:00 **CHUMASH BLESSING AND WELCOME**
Dennis Garcia,
CHUMASH Song Carrier and Storyteller
- 8:30 **Dr. John Hadidion,**
Humane Society of the United States. Moderator
- 8:45 **Jason Kramer,** Carpenter Middle School
"Let's Take Action Now to Save the Earth"
- 9:15 Introduction of **Professor Danny Harvey,**
University of Toronto, by Dr. Hadidion
- 9:20 **Professor Harvey,**
"Global Warming: The Implications for Wildlife and Ecosystems in the United States and Worldwide"
- 10:15 **John Hadidion,** "Our Options: What Can We Do and How Can We Do it"
- 10:30 **Fraser Shilling,** Road Ecology Center,
University of California, Davis.
"Standing at the Crossroads of Traffic and Wildlife"
- 11:15 **Dr. Kathleen Rettie, Mr. Terry McGuire**
"Connecting Vital Wildlife Habitats in the Heart of the Rocky Mountains, Canada"

(Lunch will be delivered to tables)

- 12:00 **Ronald Kosinski,** Deputy District Director,
Environmental Planning, CALTRANS - Los Angeles
"Wildlife Bridges, Overpasses and Undercrossing Changes."
- 12:40 **Dr. Raymond Sauvajot,** National Park Service
Barbara Marquez, CALTRANS Resource
Management "Habitat Connections, Wildlife Recovery."
- 1:20 **Zoo Magnet High School,** Students
"Building Bridges for Wildlife: OUR LEGACY."
- 2:00 Panel Discussion:
Dr. Harvey, Dr. Sauvajot, Mr. Kosinski,
Dr. Rettie, Zoo Magnet Students
"The Responsibility is Ours."
- 2:30 **Workshops Are Announced.**
 - A) **Species Recovery.**
Dr. Danny Harvey, Dr. Hadidion.
 - B) **Resilient Habitats:** Dean Waltraff
 - C) **Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time:**
Adam Pollak
 - D) **Wildlife Photographer:**
Michael Caroff
 - E) **Road Ecology**
Zoo Magnet Students:
 - F) **Building Bridges for Life**
CALTRANS, Parks Canada:
 - G) (TBA)
 - H) **As We See Our World**
Susan Lummis, Poet
Parcela Burgess, Painter
Sharon Ryan, Painter



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