



**Santa Susana Mountain Park Association**

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PROGRAM

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

Mr. Albert Knight, archeologist, is the Cultural Resources consultant for our association. A long time friend who has hiked and studied our mountains for over 20 years, he will discuss with us changes made and new discoveries as a result of the fires. Our founder, Jan Hinkston, will present a new slide collection of the areas discussed.

**STANDING TALL AND STILL GROWING:**

Did you know that seismology reports and satellite measurements focused at Oat Mountain, have revealed that our majestic Santa Susana Mountains rose 15" in elevation after the great shake! Oh yes, its really true!

### ILLEGAL GRADING:

Two days prior to Christmas, the Southern California Edison Company entered onto State of California Parkland via Larwin Avenue with heavy-duty earth moving equipment. Roads up to 80' wide were carved out of historical, archeologically, biologically sensitive sites for the alleged purpose of creating parking and turn-around areas for their maintenance vehicles. SCE has an easement on the property and for years has serviced their power poles via an existing dirt track road. The reason for their sudden need to swath a path and bull-doze close to 5 acres of land containing history of the Chumash Indians and the Old Stage Coach Trail remains unclear. The real significance of this site is recorded with and protected by the National Register of Historic Places. To cause damage by grading, digging, pot hunting, dumping, or graffiti is a criminal act punishable by jail and a stiff fine. The lost olive trees and chapparal would have survived the fire damage but had no chance against the ravages of a bull-dozer. Because the land cannot be returned to its original state, preliminary assessments of damage are to be studied and we have been assured that charges will be filed. Regarding a second act of illegal grading at the top of Devil's Slide near Lilac Lane, the culprit is already facing charges filed against him. Again, we urge you, should you witness any illegal act on State parkland, please get what information you can without endangering yourself and report it to: State Parks at (818) 880-0365 or (805) 488-5223.

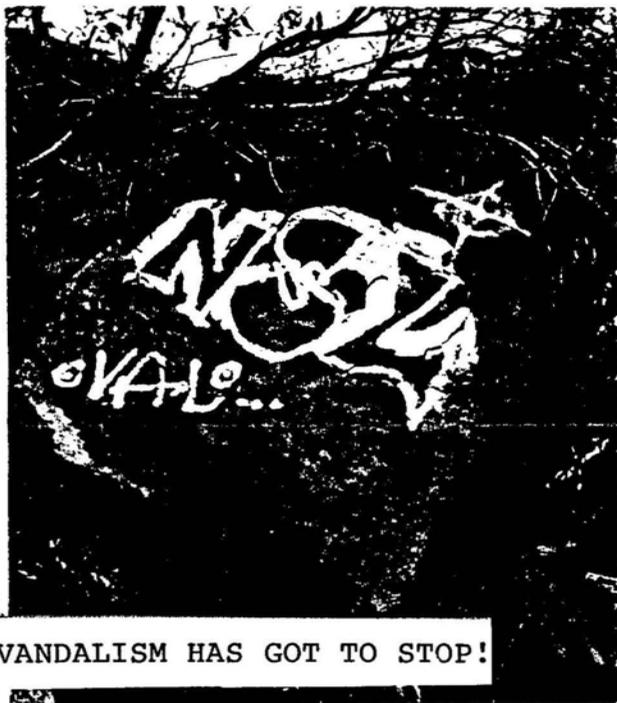
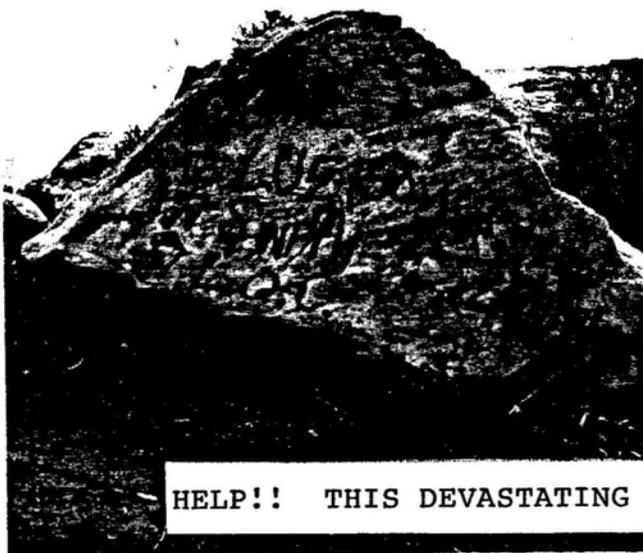
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### SOME SHAKEY BREAKY NEWS:

Everyone you know, everywhere you go suffered broken glass, furniture, etc., in the earthquake. If you lost a favorite sugar bowl and don't know what to do with the creamer, or if your set of four crystal wine glasses is now just a pair. . . hang on, hang on! SSMPA is planning a large garage sale in the spring and would be glad to take all the things you don't know what to do with off your hands. Turn your loss into someone else's delight. And what's more. . . we'll even pick them up from you. Call Zelma at 341-2504

**BOUQUETS TO:**

Our heartfelt thanks to board member Barbara Coffman for the outstanding job she did on our behalf! Barbara recently prepared and submitted a proposal to the Phillips Petroleum Company to compete for a grant to remove graffiti and erect a vandal-proof sign on state parkland. We are anxiously awaiting a response.



**HELP!! THIS DEVASTATING VANDALISM HAS GOT TO STOP!**

**MOUNT UP AND RIDE:**

A 'Mounted Assistance Unit' is being formed of equestrian volunteers willing to patrol mountain trails on the look-out for spoilers. Interested? Sponsored by the California State Parks, it is hoped the project will interrupt and discourage those responsible for the desecration of rock outcroppings throughout our park system. When walking or hiking in the park, its impossible to avoid broken glass from beer guzzlers or graffiti from empty-headed taggers. Riders, we need your help. Please consider the problem and volunteer to Jan at (818)884-9610.

**ELECTIONS:**

Its time again to seek members willing to give a little time to serve on the Executive Board. Please call Doreen at 360-0894 to submit your recommendations.

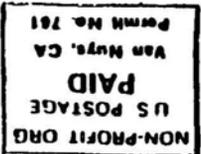
**MARCH PROGRAM:**

Mr. Milt McCauley, trail builder and author of 'Wildflowers of the Santa Monica Mountains' will be our guest on March 21. Mr. McCauley, renowned hike leader and expert of flora and fauna in our mountains will present a slide show with emphasis on wildflower life after the devastating fires.

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	Individual	\$10.00	_____
Address _____	Family	\$15.00	_____
	Supporting	\$25.00	_____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Business	\$25.00	_____
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