

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

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What's Up With Eagles Nest?

At a meeting in April of this year the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy adopted a project plan for an area extending from the Chatsworth Nature Preserve to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park, called the "Chatsworth Reservoir to State Park Connector Project Plan". At the same meeting, they also authorized a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to acquire a portion of APN 2724-007-006, a strip of land which lies within said project area, stating, "The Project Plan identifies the subject property as the highest priority acquisition in the Project Plan area." Acquiring this strip would prevent any widening of Andora Avenue or construction of any type of road or access through APN 2724-007-006. Any major subdivision developments needing access from the end of Andora Avenue would be permanently stymied.

MRCA has had the above parcel appraised, and the seller's bottom line asking price is \$15,000 more than the appraised value. Because the agency cannot pay more than the appraised value, the MRCA needs additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 to acquire the property.

Donations to the MRCA are tax-deductible. All proceeds will go toward the acquisition of the property and will be returned in full to the donees if the acquisition does not take place.

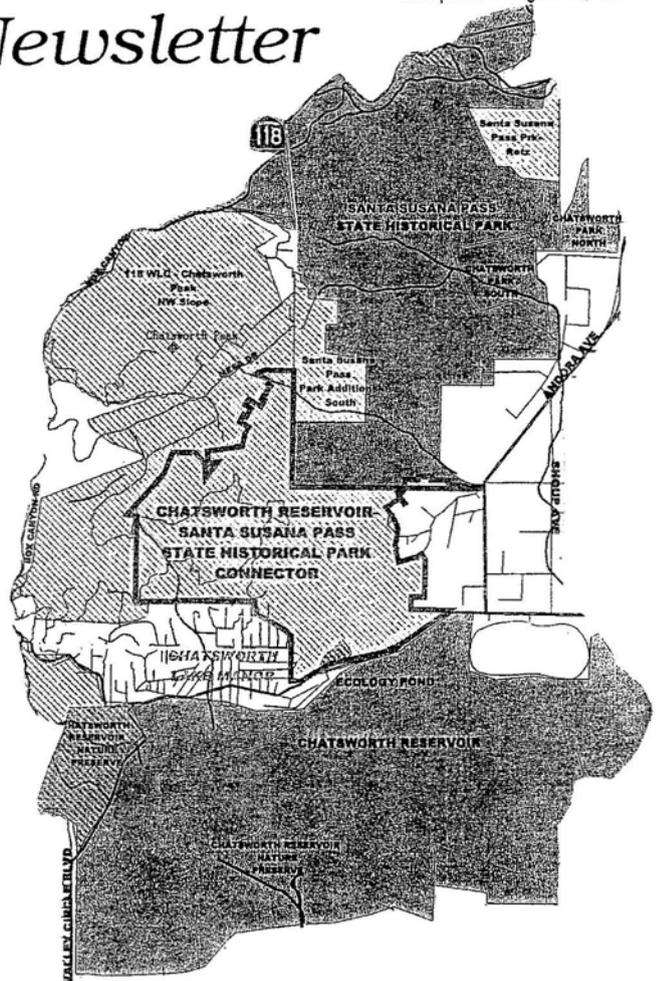
Checks should be made out to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and should make reference to "Gruberman Property Donations", then sent to:

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Attn: Paul Edelman, Chief of Planning
Ramirez Canyon Park
5750 Ramirez Canyon Rd.
Malibu, CA 90265

A receipt will be promptly provided to the name and address on the check.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Edelman at MRCA; phone no. (310) 589-3200, ext. 128.

Editor's Note: \$15,000 is such a small amount of money to save a lot of important natural land. There are developers chomping at the bit to get in there, but without easement, they cannot build. The so-called Eagles Nest property will remain part of the wildlife corridor, as well as the former Kilmer property, when this \$15,000 is raised, because this easement parcel will be forever protected from future sale or use. Here is your chance to help save this vital link. Please give what you can.



Parks for the People

"The parks renovated with this bond money would otherwise sink further into disrepair. Instead, a great civic good is emerging."

June's announcement that state officials will set aside 1,600 acres in lower Topanga Canyon as a hiking and wildlife corridor is the latest in a string of park purchases that will profoundly expand recreational opportunities for local LA residents. That means more places to play, hike, picnic, watch birds or just nap underneath an oak tree.

• Downtown LA residents, long the City's most deprived of recreational space, will have new facilities at the 50-acre Cornfield near Chinatown and at several smaller sites along the LA River.

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SSMPA General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2001 - Although General Membership meetings usually take place on the 3rd Monday of the month, a special meeting is being called on this date and will be the only general meeting in October. A quorum of membership is needed in order to approve the allocation of funds for the Chatsworth Nature Preserve-State Park Connector Project (see page 1.) If you cannot donate money at this time, you can still help by attending the meeting and voting to use SSMPA reserve funds for this important cause. Please come --your vote is needed. (Due to Rosh Hashana, there will be no general meeting in September.)

General Membership Program meetings take place every 3rd Monday of the months September through November and January through May. Program meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. and generally conclude by 9:00 p.m. The venue is the meeting room at Rockpointe Rec. Center, 22300 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, on the south side, one block before entering Chatsworth Park South.

All SSMPA members are invited to attend both General Membership Program meetings and Board of Directors meetings. Board of Directors meetings take place at the Chatsworth Park South Visitors Center on the first Monday of the month. Refreshments are served at program meetings.

Do you have an idea for a future program? Call our program chair, Dorian Keyser, at (818) 345-3795.

Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council Awards

On May 18th, at the CCCC's annual Awards Dinner, many community volunteers received awards for community service in 2000. Among them were, for the Santa Susana Mountain Park Assn.: Dorian Keyser and Susan Gerke, and for the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains: Nancy Razanski.

Remember the Pumpkin Fest!

Last year and the year before, a few of our members volunteered at the annual Pumpkin Festival, which is sponsored by the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce. Local organizations can actually earn money by assisting with various games and activities at the festival. Through their efforts SSMPA netted some cash to help with organizational expenses.

This year's festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st, so mark your calendars and volunteer with us (and also enjoy the festival). It is well worth seeing, and lots of fun to help them (and us) out. Call (818) 704-9304 and leave your info. You will be contacted later in the summer.



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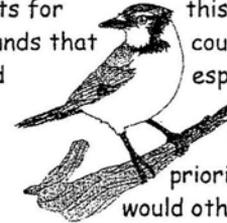
- The Audubon Society plans to build an urban nature center on part of the 282-acre Ernest Debs Regional Park in northeast LA, with an amphitheater, nature exhibits and hummingbird garden. Audubon will refurbish existing park facilities including trails and plants and improve park access.

- An old DWP storage yard of 8.5 acres in dense South Central LA is being recreated as the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park.

- The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy helped engineer the purchase of 400+ acres above Woodland Hills, connecting Topanga Cyn with the Valley.

- The state Coastal Conservancy recently acquired some 220 acres along the Santa Clara River.

What accounts for this urban green explosion are park bond funds that county voters approved in recent years and especially Proposition 12, the \$2.1-billion park bond that state voters approved in March 2000, making urban parks a priority. In most cases, the land reclaimed would otherwise be lost to commercial or industrial development. The parks renovated with this bond money would otherwise sink further into disrepair. Instead, a great civic good is emerging.



(There is a good chance we'll see some of those funds used to save a significant amount of open space in the Chatsworth hills from development. See article on page 1 regarding the State Park Connector Project.)

A Statement from Judy Garris, Pres., (following SSMPA's Board of Directors election April 2001):

"In my role as president of SSMPA, I want to inform public officials of the importance of tightening up the definition of open space and the need to preserve as much of the local native plants and animals as possible. I would also like to gain more support from our environmental friends of the Santa Monica Mountains and impress upon them the importance of this wildlife corridor to their mountains."

Thank you for renewing your membership!

Gail Boudreaux, Judith Rothman, Jan & Patty Miller, Chandra Trocino, Shelley Birenbaum, Janet Appel, Margaret Vernallis, Jim & Maureen Shirley, Jeffrey Pomerantz, Annelore & John Schillo, Marie Burdick, Donald Murchie, Christopher Lindelien, Adam, Cindy & Ben Sleman, Jack & Barbara Levin, Jon & Janice Lauritzen, Cathy Holst, Ann Monaco, Virve Leps, Mike Stevens, Ann & Ray Vincent, and Debra Hetrick.

About this newsletter: If you have comments or would like to submit an article for publication in this newsletter, write to SSMPA, Attn: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4831. *Susan Gerke, Editor*

Mayor Approves City Council Decision to Rezone Chatsworth

The Chatsworth Land Preservation Association ("C.L.P.A.") was formed by a group of citizens in February 2001 to ensure the continued viability of horse-keeping property, promote recreational open space, and preserve the quality of life in the Chatsworth area. Its members include property owners and residents throughout Chatsworth. Here is their message to the community:

"Join the fight to protect Chatsworth. Don't allow our Community to be rezoned! With just a little participation from you, we can succeed. Now that the final showdown with City Council is over and it looks like all hope is lost, is there any way we can still prevail? Well, we have good news for Ted Stein and Hal Bernson: We have not lost the war!"

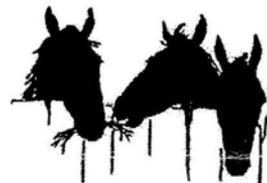
Here is what you can do right now to help change this decision:

1. Call Mayor Jim Hahn's office at (213) 978-0600. Explain that we need his help and we appreciate his understanding the applicant's failure to involve the community. Please let him know that we understand that this is not an issue regarding Mr. Stein, but that this is an issue based on land use and the poor planning practice employed by Hal Bernson, our Councilman of the 12th District.
2. Write the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., LA, CA 90010, and ask them to please reconsider their request to eliminate the bridle trail on Topanga Blvd. due to public safety concerns. They will be legally and financially liable for the potential injuries or fatalities resulting from their requests and their continual dismissal of the facts presented to them in the public hearings and in the calls and letters from the public.

(Based on the mishandling of this matter by the City Council, attorneys for C.L.P.A. plan to file a lawsuit.)

For more info and to see a copy of the proposed plot plan, click on www.chatsworth-usa.org . Mailing address: Chatsworth Land Preservation Association, P.O. Box 4183, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4183.

Another organization that is working hard to protest the rezoning of Chatsworth is the Chatsworth Equine Cultural Heritage Organization (ECHO). Their website is: www.chatsworthecho.org



On Wednesday, July 18th, ECHO staged a 200+ horse protest ride (and many marchers, too) on Topanga Canyon Blvd. at Chatsworth St. to "protest recent rezoning of horse-keeping property to residential property in the favor of developer and political insider Ted Stein", stating, "Stein's project will also abandon an existing equestrian path and force riders to use busy Topanga Canyon Blvd. to travel north of Chatsworth St. Since getting permits for the ride requires Hal Bernson's approval, ECHO decided to do things in true grass roots fashion. The protest had full media coverage and multi-police escorts while traffic was blocked for miles. Community spirit was present in true color.

The reason the equestrians made their stand is pretty simple: "Chatsworth horse owners have been fighting Councilman Hal Bernson, the Catholic Church, and Ted Stein, an associated real estate developer, since November 2000. Years ago, after horse owners had been pushed into the last small corner of the San Fernando Valley, they were promised by city government that this final refuge would remain horse country forever. Just to prove it, the City created a document called the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch General Plan. If the General Plan is adhered to, then Chatsworth remains horse country; and all of the existing horse properties are protected under its guidelines. On the other hand, if the City allows a wealthy association of 'good old boys' -- LA City Councilman Hal Bernson; former Airport Commissioner, Harbor Commissioner, and real estate developer Ted Stein, and Cardinal Roger Mahoney -- to have their way with the General Plan, then our equestrian culture is stopped dead in its tracks and every piece of land that is rezoned as non horse-keeping prohibits future generations of horsemen from having a place to live.

For several months the entire community of Chatsworth has rallied behind the Chatsworth Land Preservation Association (CLPA), the Chatsworth Equine Cultural Heritage Association (Chatsworth ECHO), Equestrian Trails International (ETI), and the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce only to be defeated at every turn by politically powerful Bernson and Stein, his wealth developer pal. ECHO wants to know why Bernson publicly promised that he would never allow a parcel of land north of Chatsworth St. to be rezoned as non horse-keeping then turned on our culture to support Stein. We the people in Chatsworth are demanding our American right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It will be interesting to see if good can still triumph over evil in the shadow of the Santa Susana Mountains, where Roy Rogers and the Lone Ranger once showed us the way."

Chatsworth: Ride it! Live it! Keep it!

Senator Barbara Boxer
112 Hart - Senate Office Bldg.
Washington DC 20510

Honorable Senator Boxer:

I am writing to ask you to protect the ANWR by voting against HR 39 and S 388. There are many reasons to vote against these bills. 1) There is only about a six-month supply of oil, at the US current rate of consumption, contained in the refuge, and it would take 10 years to build the infrastructure to extract it. 2) Disturbing the tundra is bad for indigenous people, wildlife, a stable climate and us. 3) With only a 20-year supply of fossil fuel remaining on the earth, sustainable planning now is necessary if any resemblance to our current lifestyle will remain into the middle of this new century. Most of this letter is focused on the second reason.

There is one compelling reason to protect the tundra that I did not see noted in the congressional digest on this issue.: global warming. I have been reading about permafrost and the tundra on the UN website and on the Fish and Wildlife service website, and in news articles. The important points are that permafrost is kept in place by the surface soil--the tundra--staying intact. When the tundra is disturbed by removing the native plants and the soil that holds them, the permafrost melts to a deeper level than would naturally occur. This often leads to erosion. This point is especially important in light of the important point recently raised recently that the oceans and permafrost are carbon sinks, as are forests. Carbon sinks hold large quantities of carbon until they are disturbed. Disturbing them therefore changes the expected rate of climate change to a faster pace. When any of those three habitats are disturbed by human activity, more carbon is added to the already trepidous balance of gases that maintain a climate we can live in. The need to reduce carbon emissions and to reduce fuel use and to protect wild areas is eminent.

Other important reasons to protect the area are the caribou and the many species of endangered animals, in addition to the native peoples that depend on them. The caribou are already experiencing many obstacles to their survival. This year and last they have had fewer calves surviving, according to a Los Angeles Times article dated July 5, 2001. This has been due to unusual weather that led to late snows and rushing rivers that the newborn calves had to attempt to swim. The herds have also not passed through the camps of the gwich'in in April as they have for thousands of years. Grizzly bears and wolves are dependent on the caribou as well for their survival, and since many of the large predators only survive in the wild in these northern areas, the survival of these species depends on stable populations of caribou.

I understand that no new legislation is needed to continue protection of this area. It is already law that it is protected. There are several bills pending that would alter the protection of this area. The two bills that would harm the tundra are HR 39 introduced by representative Young, and S 388 introduced by Senator Murkowski. In studying the map in the June-July 2001 issue of Congressional Digest, I noticed that on the northwest corner of Alaska there is already a large area that allows oil drilling. ANWR is in the northeast corner of the state.

At the outside, there are presently about 20 years worth of fuel in the earth to allow us to continue on our present consumptive patterns of fuel. There are many alternatives to fossil fuels. This is the time to explore the alternatives that require little to no fuel for heating and cooling homes, such as Trombe walls for heating, and using building design that utilize natural air flow such as adobe walls and wide porches for cooling. It is also the time for planning for public transportation that works and strongly supporting vehicles which use less carbon-based fuels.

I hope that you will make a decision that is good for the gwich'in native people, for the caribou, and for ourselves. Protect the ANWR.

Sincerely,

Your Name & Address

(Also write to your representative and to Senator Diane Feinstein, 331 Hart, Senate Office Bldg., Washington DC 20510; and Brad Sherman, 1524 Longworth, House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515.

Please forward this sample letter to your friends.)

SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK SIGNS

by Nancy Razanski, FPSSM President

As you may know, the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains (FPSSM) gave a grant to CA State Parks Dept. for signage, which resulted in six official Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park signs being made. I announced the Foundation's grant to the State Parks Dept. at the dedication party for the new park on May 16, 1998.

In April of 1999, the first official sign was installed between the southwestern boundary of Chatsworth Park South and the new Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

The second sign was installed approximately one week prior to the Sesquicentennial celebration in March 2000 put on in March 2000 by the Chatsworth Historical Society in honor of California statehood. The sign was placed next to Larwin Avenue, where the State Park property and Rockpointe Homeowners Association property meet near the entrance gate into the State Park.

Then, in May 2001, the third sign was installed near the northwest entrance to the State Park along the Santa Susana Pass Road. This section of our park was first acquired by CA State Parks Dept. in 1979. This sign can best be seen when approaching from Box Canyon or Simi Valley, because it stands perpendicular to the Pass Road just to the right of the road. This latest installed sign has the newly designed State Park logo on it, with green along its circumference.

Steve Bylin, our Topanga Sector Supervisor for the State Parks Dept. said he hopes to have another sign installed lower down along the Santa Susana Pass Road sometime in the near future. Watch for it!

We also hope to see informational kiosks inside our park, too, since the FPSSM gave grants for these as well. Enjoy the park!

"RE-ENCHANTING THE CITY; WILDLIFE AND THE WORLD WE ALL SHARE"

Canadian sculptor and investor of the Ultralite Plane, which was used to teach Canada Geese how to fly, William (Bill) Lishman, will be the keynote speaker at the "Re-Enchanting the City; Wildlife and the World We all Share", a Conference on Integrating Nature Into Planning in Los Angeles. Other presenters include National Wildlife Federation, the LA Zoo, and the Sierra Club, among others.

WHEN: Saturday, September 8, 2001

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: LA Zoo, Grande Room

COST: No charge (but bring your lunch)

MORE INFO: Call Rosemarie White @ (818) 769-1521 - e-mail CANADAGOOSEPROJ@aol.com

SPONSORS: National Wildlife Federation/Sierra Club/LA Zoo/LA Dept. of Water & Power/Canada Goose Project

It is a well-kept secret that LA has more "wild edge" than any major US metropolitan area. To the west is the Pacific Ocean, home to migrating grey whales, sea lions, and dolphins, as well as colorful fish and shy tidepool creatures. From west inland to the east lie the Santa Monica Mountains, Hollywood Hills, and San Gabriel Mountain chain, where cougars, bears, bobcats, owls and hawks roam and reign. Out of these steep mountains run rivers that--despite their "tamed" courses and concrete sides--nonetheless support an abundant bird life as well as freshwater fish as they flow to the sea. And in the midst of it all are "wild islands" -- meadowlands where Canada geese make their home as they stop to rest on their long journey along the Pacific Flyway, and hills that are homes to coyotes, foxes, raccoons, scrub jays and endangered butterflies.

Under intense pressures from decades of urban sprawl -- with no relief in sight -- how long will these habitats remain, supporting our region's rich biodiversity? And why does it matter -- not only to the animals but also to us?

"Re-Enchanting the City" is premised on two scientific facts: that, paradoxically, while urbanization poses perhaps the most significant threat to biodiversity, everyday contact with nature is fundamental to human physical and mental well being, and is especially important for children. Our conference will explore the threats to LA's wildscapes, why our remaining wild places might be important to the health and livability of our increasingly dense urban region, and how -- through integrated planning that takes nature into account -- we might increase access to open space for the city's children and youth, right in the midst of the city.

We intend to bring together educators, community-based organizations, conservation groups, environmental justice activists, urban design professionals, the business community, planners and policymakers, and others interested in the health and livability of LA, to consider how to effectively protect our city's open spaces and critical habitats, as well as bring nature back into our urban communities. Our goal is to initiate a discussion about how to articulate nature and culture in the city by integrating a proactive habitat conservation planning with transportation policy and land use planning, and how to make real a new vision for the city -- in which even the most hardscaped, park-poor neighborhoods are linked to nature through a network of green corridors and islands of habitat. In the process, we hope to raise awareness and launch a wide range of educational programs, community participation opportunities, and enlightened plans for becoming reacquainted with the nature in our midst.



AUGUST HIKES

Rim of the Valley Hikes (Santa Monica Mtns Conservancy / Mtns Recreation & Conservation Authority)

Sat. 8/4 "Just a Walk". Naturalist-led hike in Towsley Cyn. Traveling north, take Calgrove exit from Golden State Fwy (5). Turn west back under the freeway and take the Old Road south, proceed to the first driveway on your right. Look for sign: "Ed Davis Park at Towsley Cyn." Park in back lot and meet at kiosk.

Sat. 8/4 "Quest for Owls" Explore the nocturnal world on a naturalist-led hike in Rice Cyn. Come out and discover the fascinating sights and sounds of nature at night. Take the Calgrove exit from the Golden State Fwy (5). Turn west back under the freeway and take the Old Road south, driving about 1 mile. The trailhead is about 300 yards south of the Church of Nazarene. Look for the sign: "Santa Clarita Woodlands: East Canyon/Rice Cyn. Entrance". Park on frontage road.

Sierra Club Hikes

Sun. 8/5 Wiley Canyon Loop: Moderate 5 mi, 1000 ft. gain ramble through woodlands of Santa Clarita Valley. See threatened Valley Oaks, rare Douglas Big Cone Fir while trekking along year round stream and savanna grassland. Meet 9:00 am Ed Davis Park, 244255 The Old Road, Newhall (Take Calgrove exit from 5 Fwy. Turn west back under Fwy and take The Old Road south. Go to park entrance on the right.) Leaders: Henry Schultz (661) 284-5613, Casey Bialas (661) 251-4619.

Sun. 8/19 Mt Isip (8250⁺): Moderate 7 mi, 1500 ft. gain hike via Little Jimmy Campground. Great view of Crystal Lake on one side, far-ranging desert on other. This is Bighorn sheep country. Meet 8:00 am Ed Davis Park, 244255 The Old Road, Newhall (Take Calgrove exit from 5 Fwy. Turn west back under Fwy and take The Old Road south. Go to park entrance on the right.) Leaders: Ed Benison (661) 254-7517, Teresa Prosciewicz (661) 250-1881.

Wed. 8/29 Mission Peak Moonlight Conditioning Hike: Moderate 5 mi, 1200 ft. gain to view lights of San Fernando Valley. Meet 7 pm at trailhead (Take 405 Fwy to 118 Fwy, W to Balboa, N 2 mi to Sesnon, W 1 mi to Neon Way, right to end of street). Rain cancels. Leaders: Casey Bialas (661) 251-4619, Henry Schultz (661) 284-5613.

Rancho Simi Trail Blazers

Every Thursday Chumash Trail: Moderate paced 5 mi, approximately 1000 ft. gain. Meet at 6 pm at trailhead. Directions - take 118 Fwy to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite, turn right on Flanagan Dr. Trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Dr.

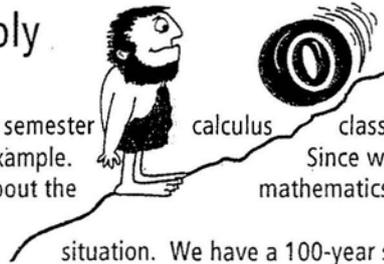
Every Sunday Rocky Peak Trail: Strenuous, 5 mi, approximately 1000 ft. gain. Meet at 5 pm at trailhead. Directions - take 118 Fwy to Rocky Peak exit. Trailhead is north of Fwy.

(For more information on hikes contact the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District at (805) 584-4400.)

Hikers need water, sunscreen, socks, lugsoles, hat and snack or lunch.

The Mirage of a Growing Fuel Supply

by Evar D. Nering



When I discussed the exponential function in the first semester used consumption of a nonrenewable natural resource as an example. national debate about energy policy, it may be useful to talk about the decision about resource use.

calculus classes that I taught, I invariably Since we are now engaged in a mathematics involved in making a rational

In my classes, I described the following hypothetical situation. We have a 100-year supply of a resource, say oil. That is, the oil would last 100 years if it were consumed at its current rate. But the oil is consumed at a rate that grows by 5 percent each year. How long would it last under these circumstances? This is an easy calculation; the answer is about 36 years.

Oh, but let's say we underestimated the supply, and we actually have a 1,000-year supply. At the same annual 5 percent growth rate in use, how long will this last? The answer is about 79 years.

Then let us say we make a striking discovery of more oil yet. A bonanza, and we now have a 10,000-year supply. At our same rate of growing use, how long would it last? Answer: 125 years.

Estimates vary for how long currently known oil reserves will last, though they are usually considerably less than 100 years. But the point of this analysis is that it really doesn't matter what the estimates are. There is no way that a supply-side attack on America's energy problem can work.

The exponential function describes the behavior of any quantity whose rate of change is proportional to its size. Compound interest is the most commonly encountered example. It would produce exponential growth if the interest were calculated at a continuing rate. I have heard public statements that use "exponential" as though it describes a large or sudden increase. But exponential growth does not have to be large, and it is never sudden. Rather, it is inexorable.

Calculations also show that if consumption of an energy resource is allowed to grow at a steady 5 percent annual rate, a full doubling of the available supply will not be as effective as reducing that growth rate by half, to 2.5 percent. Doubling the size of the oil reserve will add at most 14 years to the life expectancy of the resource if we continue to use it at the currently increasing rate, no matter how large it is currently. On the other hand, halving the growth of consumption will almost double the life expectancy of the supply, no matter what it is.

This mathematical reality seems to have escaped the politicians pushing to solve our energy problem by simply increasing supply. Building more power plants and drilling for more oil is exactly the wrong thing to do, because it will encourage more use. If we want to avoid dire consequences, we need to find the political will to reduce the growth in energy consumption to zero, or even begin to consume less.

I must emphasize that reducing the growth rate is not what most people are talking about now when they advocate conservation; the steps they recommend are just Band-Aids. If we increase the gas mileage of our automobiles and then drive more miles, for example, that will not reduce the growth rate.

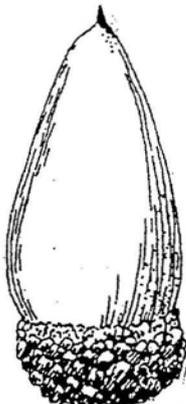
Reducing the growth of consumption means living closer to where we work or play. It means telecommuting. It means controlling population growth. It means shifting to renewable energy sources. It is not, perhaps, necessary to cut our use of oil, but it is essential that we cut the rate of increase at which we consume it. To do otherwise is to leave our descendants in an impoverished world.

---Dr. Nering is Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Arizona State University.



SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN / RENEW / REJOIN S.S.M.P.A. (Please circle one.)



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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 contributions to help ensure our futures. Please make checks payable to SSMPA and send to SSMPA, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4831.

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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.

To find out how you can volunteer for SSMPA, call Judy Garris, President, at 818-346-7654 or Susan Gerke, Newsletter Editor, at 818-704-9304.



 **Mark your calendar**  

SSMPA BOARD MEETINGS

@ Chatsworth Park South Visitors Center:

Monday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

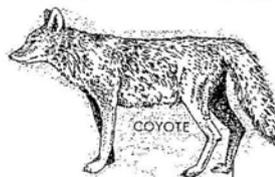
SSMPA PROGRAM MEETINGS

@ Rockpointe Recreation Center:

Monday, October 1 at 7:15 p.m.

Monday, November 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Please note the renewal date on your label and send in your dues  if you wish to continue your SSMPA membership and to receive the newsletter. If you are current with your dues, kindly disregard this notice.



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