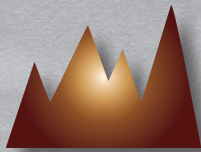
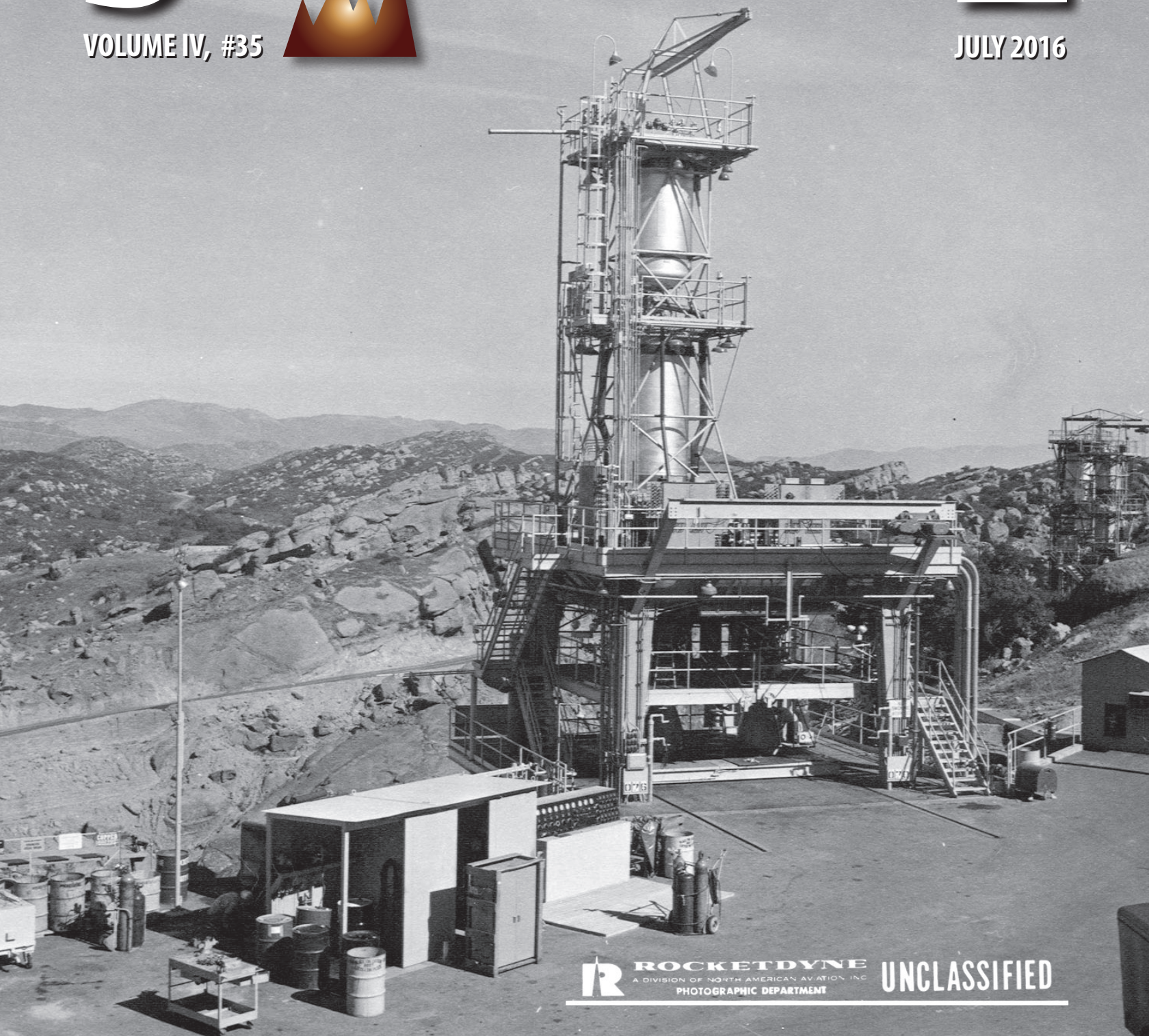


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**BET YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE INVITED
TO AN OPEN HOUSE AT THIS RUGGED PLACE**

BOEING HAS SPENT YEARS TRANSFORMING THE FORMER ROCKETDYNE ECOLOGICAL SHOWPLACE AND WILL OFFER WOOLLS RESIDENTS MUST RSVP BY JULY 19.

The Boeing Company, which is among the largest global aircraft manufacturers, is on a mission to be the most environmentally progressive aerospace company. The company's efforts include supporting hybrid electric propulsion systems and bio-fuels that could drastically reduce flight related greenhouse gas emissions.

For residents of Chatsworth and Simi Valley however, the company became the broad shouldered target of community angst over chemical and radioactive contamination discovered at a 2,850-acre former rocket engine test and energy research site high in the Santa Susana foothills. Boeing acquired the place from Rockwell in 1996 and currently owns 2,400 acres.

Following twenty years of health concerns in the surrounding communities, Boeing has now emerged as the restorer of a vital piece of wildlife habitat that connects the inland Los Padres National Forest to the Santa Monica Mountains and the Pacific Ocean.

The Santa Susana site is home to more than 125 species of birds and 12 bat species and is one of the most pollinator-rich properties in Southern California.

In 2007, Boeing, NASA and the Department of Energy signed an agreement with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to perform a comprehensive cleanup, which is scheduled to start next year. In the meantime, Boeing has performed environmental studies and interim cleanup measures to prepare for the final cleanup and the site's future as open space. The company to date has dismantled more than 300 structures, removed or treated

COVER PHOTO: The black and white cover photo (Circa 1957) shows a relic of past rocket engine experiments at the former Rocketdyne Santa Susana test site. The structure has since been decommissioned.



This rocket engine test gantry still stands.

45,000 cubic yards of ground soil, restored 900 acres of land and built three storm-water treatment systems and one groundwater treatment system. When the cleanup is completed, the land use will be restricted so the property can live on as undeveloped open space to protect the valuable ecosystem, according to Boeing.

The DTSC will soon release its draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the site cleanup in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The EIR is expected to evaluate the potential impacts of the different alternatives for site cleanup as it relates to wildlife, vegetation, and nearby residential populations

FORMER SANTA SUSANA FIELD LAB INTO AN WOOLSEY CANYON NEIGHBORS A JULY 24 SITE TOUR.



Boeing cleanup crew at work. All photos courtesy of The Boeing Company and NASA.

including residents of the Summit and Mountain View Mobile Home Parks. One of the major issues likely to be discussed is the redirection of diesel trucks carrying site waste past both mobile home parks and the Chatsworth Lake community. There will be a public comment period following the release of the draft EIR.

“Boeing’s proposed cleanup plan will be protective of human health and the environment,” said Mark Zeller, Program Director, Santa Susana Site Closure. “We invite our neighbors to come and see first-hand the progress we’ve made toward a fully protective cleanup and transformation of the land to open space.”

Boeing and NASA are hosting a bus tour of the Santa Susana site for residents who live along Woolsey Canyon Rd. from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. Neighbors interested in the tour should RSVP to Kamara Sams at kamara.sams@boeing.com by July 19.

Provide the first and last name of each attendee, as well as a mailing address. Once confirmed, Boeing will send a confirmation letter with details. Space is limited and early registration is suggested. Attendees must be 12 or older and adults must carry valid ID at all times.

More information on Boeing’s efforts at Santa Susana can be found at www.boeing.com/santasusana. ❖

A bobcat wanders into view on the former test site’s “buffer zone.”



Little John and Poy Poy

TWO WOOLSEY CANYON PIGS ARE LOST AND FOUND. BUT RESIDENTS NOW BATTLE OVER REUNITING THEM.

When the Los Angeles Department of Animal Control (DOAC) raided a Woolsey Canyon ranch across the road from the Summit last December and rescued two dozen mistreated and starving animals, two little pigs got away. Their names are Little John and Poy Poy and they are brothers.

Amazingly, Little John showed up near a store on Shoup Avenue on May 25 none the worse for wear after wandering for almost half a year. He was rescued and placed in a

pig farm in Acton. Poy Poy, his sibling, was feared dead until he was sighted roaming about his former Woolsey Canyon home a week ago. A few Summit residents decided to cage him and reunite him with his brother in Acton where they could live together in pig heaven.

But not all residents agree. Some say that



Poy Poy takes a bath in a Woolsey Canyon wading pool.



Little John enjoys a fruit salad at pig a farm in Acton.

Poy Poy is a wild pig and should be left to forge for himself. After all, they reason, he's lived in the canyon for the past six months in harmony with the coyotes, snakes and bobcats that call the rugged area their home.

Poy Poy himself seems undecided. He's wandered into a cage containing food and a blanket with his brother's scent, but escaped before the trap door was shut. Residents are now using a shameless female pig named Buttercup to lure him into a waiting trailer. At last report, Poy Poy was enjoying the Pound Cake that was spread on the ground to lure him toward the trailer. And he was making eyes at Buttercup. The August edition of Summit Life will have more on the adventures of these two little pigs, the one that went to market and the one that stayed home. ❖

AROUND THE TOWN

VALLEY HAPPENINGS, JULY



THE ARMADILLO NECKTIE

Theater in NoHo Arts Dist.

Date(s): 06/03/2016 to

07/21/2016

Day(s): Friday,

Saturday, Sunday

Time(s): Fridays &

Saturdays at 8 PM;

Sunday matinees at 2 PM

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Phone: (818) 763-5990

Cost: General Admission: \$25;

Seniors/Students w/ID: \$20;

Groups 10+: \$15

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18+ only. Mature material and language. Buy tickets: www.thegrouprep.com or (818) 763-5990. Lonny Chapman Theatre, 10900 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood 91601.

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onlyactors.club to get more information or to sign up for the seminar.

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BEAUTIFUL BUT DEADLY PLANTS SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM YOUR PETS

By Bill Kreke, Owner,
Kahuna Dog Walking, LLC
(818) 806-WALK

One of the benefits we enjoy living in Southern California is the year round abundance of flowering shrubs and decorative plants. While these unique plants provide us with beautiful landscaping, we may be unaware of the toxicity these plants carry to our pets. Here are five toxic plants common to the Summit that you should watch out for.

1. Oleanders [*Nerium Oleander*]

This non-native plant has been a staple in Southern California for decades. A low-maintenance hardy shrub that provides thick cover and colorful flowers, it is often used by homeowners for privacy and shade. In recent years, blight has reduced the Oleander population, but they are still pretty common throughout our state.

Be aware that every part of this plant is toxic to cats, dogs, and even humans. In extreme cases, this plant has been known to cause liver failure, convulsions, and death. I understand a dog recently died after ingesting this plant in the park.

2. Bird of Paradise [*Strelitzia Reginae*]

Not as toxic as the Oleander, this beautiful plant is very common throughout Southern California. The seeds of the flowers contain a toxin known as tannins and the leaves can contain the toxin hydro cyanic acid. Poisons from this plant can cause labored breathing, watering eyes, and diarrhea.

3. Foxglove [*Digitalis*]

Often planted for their beautiful purple flowers, the leaves, stems, and roots of Foxglove are highly toxic to cats, dogs, horses, and

children. Foxglove poisoning has been known to cause cardiac arrest and death. However, Foxglove has been used for decades in the manufacture of life saving cardiac pharmaceuticals.

4. Sago Palm [*Cycas Revoluta*]

Native to Southern Japan, this plant has adapted well to Southern California. Often planted for its beauty and drought-tolerant propensities, every part of this plant is toxic to cats, dogs, and humans. According to veterinarians, the Sago Palm has a flavor that dogs find appealing and since the plant is pliable, cats and dogs find it fun to chew. The most poisonous part of the plant is their seeds that dogs often mistake for treats due to its appealing smell.

5. Aloe [*Aleo Vera*]

Aloe, a plant humans have been using to sooth cuts and burns for centuries is not only toxic to cats and dogs but it's also a skin irritant. Saponins, the chemical compound in Aloe that provides it cleansing qualities can also cause vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, tremors, and a change in urine color to our pets. Aloe will also irritate your pet's skin, so if your pet has a small cut or scrape don't reach for that Aloe plant you may have sitting on your windowsill.

For more information and a comprehensive list of pet toxic plants I recommend you visit ASPCA.ORG. If you suspect your pet is suffering from plant poisoning contact your vet immediately. Be aware of the common or Latin names of the plants you have in your yard and around your house. If you can't identify a plant I recommend taking a picture of the plant with your cell phone or bring a small sample of the plant with you to the veterinarian's office. ❖

Poet's Corner:

SONG OF THE RIVER

(Editor's note: This haunting poem was allegedly written late in life by famous newspaper entrepreneur William Randolph Hearst. It was read at his funeral in San Francisco in 1951.)

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The snow melts on
the mountain
And the water runs
down to the spring,
And the spring in a
turbulent fountain,
With a song of youth
to sing,
Runs down to the
riotous river,
And the river flows to
the sea,
And the water again
Goes back in rain
To the hills where it
used to be.
And I wonder if life's
deep mystery
Isn't much like the
rain and the snow
Returning through
all eternity
To the place it used
to know.

MAYO Clinic Health Letter: **Television Watching, An Overlooked Health Risk?**

Watching TV or videos may be a potentially overlooked health risk, a new study shows. In the study, every two-hour increment of daily TV watching increased the risk of death over the 14-year course of the study by 14 percent.

The research, published in American Journal of Preventive Medicine, looked at questionnaires from more than 200,000 Americans in good health between the ages of 50 and 71.

The overall increased risk of death over the course of the study associated with TV watching was mainly due to much larger increases in risk of dying of several diseases, including diabetes, Parkinson's disease, liver or lung disease, flu or pneumonia, heart disease, and – to a lesser extent – cancer.

Researchers also divided the subjects into a group that got more than four hours of physical activity a week, and a group that got less physical activity. When compared, the inactive group predictably fared worse than the more active group when amounts of TV watching were the same. However, being active didn't cancel out the negative effects of TV. This research has some limitations, but it's confirmation of other studies that have come to similar conclusions. If you watch TV, keep it to a minimum. Avoid snacking and instead look for ways to stay active. If you do watch TV, try walking during commercials, or perhaps walking on a treadmill, riding and exercise bicycle or doing chores when the TV is on.

OBEY ALL PARK TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AVOID PARKING ON SUMMIT STREETS

Summit management and the Lost Hills Sheriffs Station urge park residents to bring their vehicles to a complete halt at park STOP SIGNS while

are virtually impossible for trucks and other large emergency vehicles to navigate when cars are parked at the curbs. For safety reasons, all vehicles



BY ANY MEASURE, the streets at the Summit are too narrow to allow emergency vehicles through when vehicles are parked at opposite curbs. Larry LaCom/Summit Life Photo.

keeping a sharp lookout for children at play. The speed limit in the family park is 15-miles-per hour. Every mile above that endangers youngsters at play in the main streets and cul-de-sacs. The park's narrow streets

parked on Summit streets for an extended period of time will be ticketed by the Lost Hills Sheriffs Station. Emergency vehicles and repair trucks temporarily parked at the curbs are the only ticketing exceptions.



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