



Firefighters in California rescue a mountain lion stuck in a tree!

Firefighters have rescued a mountain lion that was stuck in a tree outside a home in the California desert.

The homeowner called for help after spotting the cougar close to his home near the edge of the San Bernardino mountains. The big cat was perched on a branch about 15m above ground.

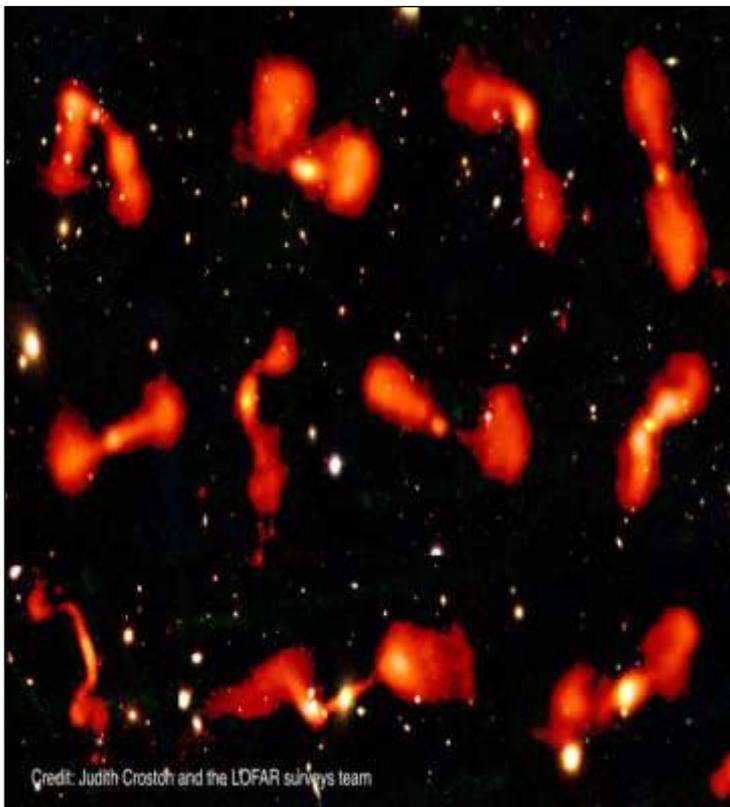
State wildlife officials tranquillised the feline before San Bernardino County firefighters lowered the animal to the ground using a rescue harness.

The mountain lion was assessed by experts before being released back into the wild.



Pictured: A typical Mountain lion lounging in a Cottonwood tree during the heat of the day.

Scientists discover 300,000 new galaxies!



Credit: Judith Crostoh and the LOFAR surveys team

Pictured: Image from Low-Frequency Array @LOFAR Twitter page.

A new map of the night sky has been published and hundreds of thousands of previously undiscovered galaxies are on it. The 300,000 new galaxies were discovered as part of a study involving 200 scientists from 18 countries. They used a Low-Frequency Array (LOFAR) telescope in the Netherlands.

The telescope can detect light sources that optical instruments cannot see. Using the device, scientists were able to spot hundreds of thousands of light sources thought to be galaxies, which were once too faint to be detected from Earth. The discovery is literally shedding new light on many research areas including the physics of black holes and how clusters of galaxies evolve.

Huib Röttgering from Leiden University said: "If we take a radio telescope and we look up at the sky, we see mainly emission from the immediate environment of massive black holes. With LOFAR we hope to answer the following question: where do those black holes come from?"



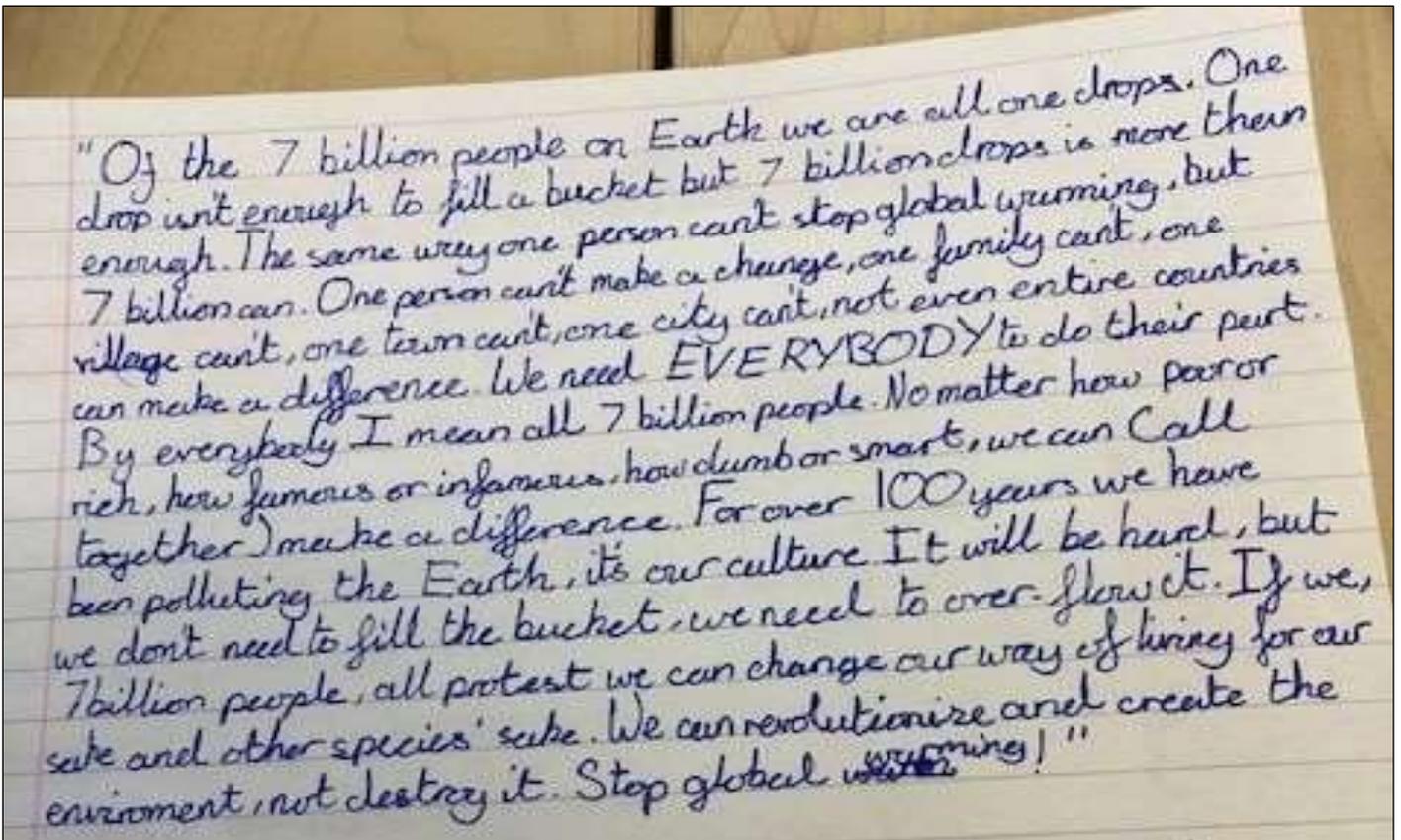
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For many schools it was half term on the 18th February, but for those who had another week to go, the Picture News pack considered the recent children's climate change strikes. On Friday 15th February, it is thought that more than 10,000 children across the UK took part in strikes, taking time off school to show their frustration at the older generations lack of action with regards to the issue.

Kildwick Primary School in North Yorkshire sent us one of their fantastic pieces of writing on the issue.

Has your school produced any work that you'd like to see in our paper? Contact us using our details below!



With thanks to Mr Whitehead and the children at Kildwick Primary School for sending their work through.



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