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The City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department was established in 1990 to advise the city on environmental issues and provide a centralized source of environmental information. The Environmental Affairs Department seeks to protect and enhance the environmental quality of life for residents, workers and visitors in the City of Los Angeles.

## EAD General Manager's Earth Day Greeting

On the sounding of the Peace Bell at the U.N. Earth Day celebration each year, the Secretary General calls for a few moments of silence and asks observers to consider their roles in nurturing the planet, and to commit to its care. In the U.S. annually, thousands of people attend Earth Day gatherings to honor that message, compelled to think and act as trustees of the Earth.

Even with immense changes in technology, transportation, and medicine to improve the quality of life, there still is a need for a concerted effort to protect the environment. We know that human actions can lead to environmental stress, but thirty-six years ago the creation of Earth Day affirmed that we can change for the better, to enact new policies and make decisions that work on behalf of people and the planet.

Each Earth Day gives us an extraordinary opportunity to renew our vision for a healthy Los Angeles. We can reap the rewards when we take civic pride in revitalizing our rivers, creating partnerships between community groups and



Environmental Affairs General Manager Detrich B. Allen and Deputy Mayor of the Environment, Nancy Sutley, at the 2005 Beyond a Billion ceremony, marking the symbolic billionth pumping of alternative fuels.

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## Current Environmental Affairs Commissioners (EAC) Thank Outgoing Commissioner Noreen McClendon for Her Service



From left to right: Current EAC Vice President Wayde Hunter, Noreen McClendon, Current Commissioners Misty Sanford, and Maria Armoudian.

## EAC Vice President's Message for Earth Day



"Earth Day is a great way to make people aware. Our resources are finite and we are the guardians."

— Wayde Hunter

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## New Roots for the Oak Tree Ordinance

The Environmental Affairs Department is pleased to announce that the Los Angeles City Council recently approved expansion of the Oak tree ordinance (Ordinance 153,478) to include a wider range of native trees as well as smaller trees that have not yet reached maturity. The Environmental Affairs Department, in partnership with the Department of Public Works and the Community Forestry Advisory Committee, has actively promoted the passage of a more inclusive native tree ordinance since 2004. Enactment of the stricter ordinance will increase protection of our remnant native woodlands, one of the City's most valuable natural resources.



The new ordinance protects three additional native species including Southern California Black Walnuts, Western Sycamores, and California Bays. The protected tree definition has been revised from trunk diameters of greater than eight inches to trunk diameters of greater than four inches. All property owners in the City of Los Angeles must obtain a permit prior to protected tree removal or relocation, and two new trees must be planted for every one protected tree cut. The ordinance has provisions for both civil and criminal penalties. For more information, please contact Michael O'Brien in the Department of City Planning at (213) 482-7077 or [michael.obrien@lacity.org](mailto:michael.obrien@lacity.org).

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## National Environmental Education Week, April 16—22, 2006

The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) is pleased to announce the second annual National EE Week. Taking place April 16 to 22, it will be the single largest environmental education event in the U.S. It is coordinated by NEETF (National Environmental Education and Training Foundation) in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding schools, environmental education organizations, education associations, nature centers, zoos, museums, aquariums, state and federal agencies.

National EE Week is a full week of educational preparedness for Earth Day and will involve thousands of educators and millions of students. If you would like to participate as a partner for National EE Week, or for more information, visit <http://www.eeweek.org>.

## Competition to Select Designer for Newest Los Angeles Downtown Park

The California State Parks Foundation and the California State Department of Parks and Recreation are very pleased and excited to announce that the search has begun for the team that will design Los Angeles State Historic Park (formerly known as "The Cornfield"). The goal of the competition is to select an innovative and talented multidisciplinary team to combine landscape and urban design, art, architecture, and historical/cultural interpretation to design a concept for Los Angeles' newest, precedent-setting urban park. State Parks will coordinate the competition in partnership with the Foundation, which will provide organizational and financial resources to conduct the competition.

The deadline for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submission is **April 17, 2006**. The RFQ is posted at [www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr](http://www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr). For further information about the competition, contact Sara Feldman, Southern California Director, California State Parks Foundation, at (213) 380-9980 or email [sara@calparks.org](mailto:sara@calparks.org). Questions regarding the RFQ may be faxed to (916) 445-9027, subject: "RFQ-Los Angeles State Historic Park Conceptual Design."

## Gardens for Kids L.A.

The Environmental Affairs Department is excited to announce the start of the fifth year of the Gardens for Kids L.A. program! Gardens for Kids L.A. has provided schools in the City of Los Angeles with above-ground garden beds, soil, compost, plants, seeds, tools and all of the materials needed to start a successful gardening program. The program has created 169 new gardens in the City's elementary, middle and high schools so far. The City's partners in this program are the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Los Angeles Unified School District Nutrition Network, UC Cooperative Extension - Common Ground Garden Program, and California Integrated Waste Management Board.



If your school participates in the program, you should have received a survey in the mail in early March that offered an interactive gardening presentation. The Department is currently in the process of conducting presentations at selected schools. We also have a small quantity of supplies available including seeds, gardening tools, and educational materials. If you are interested in obtaining these materials, please return the survey or contact Laura Hunter at (213) 978-0860. Stay tuned for updates on curriculum ideas, gardening tips, helpful contacts, and featured resources in upcoming issues of the newsletter. (Due to funding limitations, we are unable to accept new applicants for the Gardens for Kids L.A. Program at this time).

## Save the Date! Official Arbor Day is Friday, April 28



Friday, April 28 is Arbor Day. Arbor Day is America's National Tree Holiday, a day set aside to plant ceremonial trees, educate children and adults about the importance of trees, and honor the important role trees play in our daily lives. Celebrate the joy of trees by attending the City of Los Angeles' 2006 Arbor Day festivities on Saturday, April 29. Activities will include tree planting ceremonies, demonstration projects, food, entertainment, contests, crafts, guest speakers and awards.

The event will take place at Sycamore Grove Park, 4702 North Figueroa Street, in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 29 from 11 am to 3 pm. Sycamore Grove Park is a short walk from the Southwest Museum Station along the Metro Gold Line. For more information about this event, please contact Department of Recreation and Parks

Forestry staff at (213) 485-3673.

## Good Neighbor Environmental Board Releases Report on Border Pollution

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB), an independent advisory committee managed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), has announced its latest U.S.-Mexico border report. Among other issues, the report discusses the need to reduce damage to sacred and archaeological sites, burial grounds, important ecosystems and traditional lifestyles. The report also suggests the need for new funding to cope with the congestion at border crossings that's causing harmful air pollution.

The GNEB advises the President and Congress on environmental conditions in the U.S.-Mexico border region. The report is the latest in a series of studies on how to effectively maintain strong environmental protection measures along the nearly 2,000-mile border. The web site address is <http://www.epa.gov/ocem/gneb/>. The bilingual report is called "U.S.-Mexico Border Environment: Air Quality and Transportation & Cultural and Natural Resources: Ninth Report of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board to the President and Congress."

## Trees Do Have Birthdays

There is a holiday which is sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the trees." It also has some other names, such as The New Year of the Trees, Jewish Arbor Day or Jewish Earth Day. The Hebrew name for this day is Tu B'Shevat.

What was the purpose of this holiday? Tu B'Shevat provides an opportunity to mark the day when all trees begin their life cycle. The holiday of Tu B'Shevat has blossomed into a day to do environmental projects and enjoy the natural world. There are festivals, ceremonies, the eating of seasonal nuts and fruits and, most significantly, lots of tree plantings.



Community volunteers

In February, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) marked Tu B'Shevat by partnering with Pressman Academy 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders and the Reynier Village Neighborhood Association. They launched an ambitious one-day project to plant sixteen trees and clean Pico, Robertson, and La Cienega Boulevards. Covering twelve miles of streets, the group of 100 students, eight teachers, eight SORONC Green Team Members, and fourteen community members collected half a ton of garbage (mostly styrofoam and plastic cups). The sixteen trees were planted with the help of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, City of LA Environmental Affairs Department, and City of LA Bureau of Street Service's Urban Forest Division. SORONC also passed out flyers to every business, asking them to help keep their community clean.

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businesses to prevent pollution, promoting sustainable design in construction building, using alternative fuel vehicles, and taking alternative modes of transportation.

Throughout the year, all of us at EAD have been working diligently on our many current and new projects to protect and enhance the environment and the quality of life in Los Angeles. The Department has been continuously working with enthusiastic community groups and residents in planting Los Angeles' urban forest, working with



businesses to limit and control their hazardous and toxic materials, and enforcing solid waste regulations at the City's landfills. We also have been guiding the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles, cleaning up our most polluted brownfield sites by utilizing the City's \$80 million in brownfield grants, and collaborating with other City departments on the effective use of Proposition O funds to improve our water quality citywide. EAD also has partnered with other City agencies, Los Angeles County, and environmental organizations to reach out to pre-school owners and parents about environmental toxics and health hazard prevention for our youngest city residents in its new Green Team LA program. We also continue to support schools participating in our Kids L.A. Program, which has established gardens in 169 schools.



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This month's special Earth Day edition of the newsletter has an expanded calendar of events. I encourage you to attend an Earth Day gathering, and to participate in ways where you can nurture Los Angeles' environment. Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and rewarding Earth Day.

\$\$\$ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES!!! \$\$\$  
 Visit <http://www.lacity.org/ead> for more grant opportunities.

**Forestry Institute for Teachers** Learn about trees, forestry and their connection to California agriculture. All meals and lodging are provided free for this seven-day residence workshop. Teachers will receive extensive classroom and curriculum materials and a \$200 stipend on completion and implementation of a forest-related curriculum unit or project conducted in their classrooms. \$20 non-refundable application fee. The deadline to apply is **April 17, 2006**. Three institutes are available:

- June 11-17, 2006 - Shasta County
- June 18-24, 2006 - UC Forestry Camp, Plumas County (near Quincy)
- July 9-15, 2006 - Humboldt State University, Humboldt County (Arcata)

For more information and to apply, visit [www.forestryinstitute.org](http://www.forestryinstitute.org) or call (800) 738-TREE.

**Outdoor Classroom Grant Program**

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, International Paper and National Geographic Explorer! classroom magazine have partnered to create an outdoor classroom grant. The goal is to provide schools with additional resources to improve their science curriculum by engaging students in hands-on experiences outside the traditional classroom. Grants up to \$2,000 will be awarded to at least 100 schools. In some cases, grants for up to \$20,000 may be awarded to schools or school districts with major outdoor classroom projects. All K-12 public schools in the United States are welcome to apply. For more information, visit [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com). The deadline to apply is **April 30, 2006**.

**VIVA! Garden Contest for Everyone**

Fifty winners will be selected to receive a \$250 Home Depot gift card. Send a photo and a short description of your garden plan in the following categories: most creative garden design, best garden plan, or best use of space. For more information, and for an entry form, visit [www.vivagarden.com/schools](http://www.vivagarden.com/schools). The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2006**.

**AMERICAN STARS OF TEACHING** The U.S. Department of Education honors outstanding classroom teachers through the American Stars of Teaching program. The department seeks nominations about teachers who are improving student achievement, using innovative strategies

in the classroom and making a difference in the lives of their students. One teacher will be recognized from each state. For more information, visit <http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tools/initiative/index.html>. The deadline to apply is **April 15, 2006**. K-12 teachers are eligible to apply.

**HEADLANDS INSTITUTE COMMUNITY**

**ACTION AWARD** Elementary and middle school classrooms (teachers and students) are eligible. The Headlands Institute (HI) is pleased to announce the new Headlands Institute Community Action Award that seeks to recognize the important role that young people play in positively influencing and impacting their home communities and environment. They are currently seeking nominations of individual elementary or middle school classrooms (including students and teachers) that are working together to make a significant positive contribution to the environment of their home communities. The 2006 recipient classroom will receive a \$1500 award to be used to further the goals of their community project. Any California classroom team, from either public or independent schools, may be nominated. Home schools may be nominated. Email [HICommunityActionAward@yni.org](mailto:HICommunityActionAward@yni.org) for more information. The deadline to apply is **April 7, 2006**.

**GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2006 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. For more information, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>. The deadline to apply is **April 30, 2006**.

**HEALTHY SPROUTS AWARDS** These awards support school garden programs that use the garden to teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. Each winner will receive a \$200 gift certificate to Gardener's Supply Company and a curriculum package from the National Gardening Association. For more information, visit <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts1.asp>. Applications are due by **October 15, 2006**.

## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### EACH MONTH:

#### Down-by-the-River Walks



Friends of the Los Angeles River and the Sierra Club are sponsoring monthly walks along the banks of the LA River. Join them at 4:30 pm on the third Sunday of each month for an informal, leisurely, hour-long walk. The walk is canceled if it rains. For more information, visit the FoLAR website, [www.folar.org](http://www.folar.org), or call Joe Linton at (213) 381-3570.

#### Japanese Garden Tours

Docent-led tours of the Japanese Gardens at the D.C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys are offered during the day on Monday through Thursday and again on Saturday. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations call (818) 756-8166.

#### Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours of the facility (located near El Segundo in Los Angeles) are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 9 am. For more information, contact Nancy Carr at (310) 648-5363 for details or to schedule a tour.

#### Habitat Restoration Days



Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. You are invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds every second Saturday of the month. Morning maintenance is done from 9 am-noon every Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information on this event or events for youth, please call (310) 782-3989.

#### Smart Gardening Workshops



The Los Angeles Countywide Yard Waste Program hosts Smart Gardening workshops year-round. Topics covered include backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, and water-wise gardening. For more information, visit [www.smartgardening.com](http://www.smartgardening.com), call L.A. County Department of Public Works at (888) CLEAN-LA or the City of L.A. Bureau of Sanitation at (213) 473-5663.

#### Amigos de Bolsa Chica



Free public tours of the wetlands for individuals the first Saturday of each month. Visitors who arrive between 9 am and 10:30 am will be led on a 1 1/2 hour tour which makes 5 stops along the walkbridge and loop trail. Trained tour guides discuss bird identification, ecology, endangered species, early history and current status. For information visit [www.amigosdebolsachica.org](http://www.amigosdebolsachica.org) or call (714) 840-1575.

#### Baldwin Hills Hikes

Held by the LA Audubon Society on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. For information visit [www.LAAudubon.org](http://www.LAAudubon.org) or call (323) 876-0202.

#### Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park



Enjoy youth activities including day-long trips to destinations like Point Mugu, Franklin Canyon and Malibu Creek. These trips are held each Saturday and transportation is provided. For information, please contact the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy at (323) 585-3205.

The EAD website, located at [www.lacity.org/EAD](http://www.lacity.org/EAD), contains updated information on this month's events. To ensure your event is included in our monthly newsletter, submit information to the editor by the 10th of each month prior to publication. After the 10th, events can be entered into our website calendar only.

The EAD reserves the right to edit all submittals and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.

**Madrona Marsh Tyke Hike** for Preschool Children and their favorite adult are held every first Thursday of the month. The hike takes place at 10 am. Suggested donation of \$5. Hikers meet at the gate half-way between Sepulveda and Plaza del Amo on Madrona Avenue in Torrance. For more information, please call the Friends of Madrona Marsh at (310) 782-3989.

**Spring Booms at Exposition Park Rose Garden.** Hundreds of roses are in bloom as spring takes hold in Exposition Park. The Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks has operated the rose garden since 1928. The garden is home to all varieties of roses set in a quiet urban oasis. The garden is open everyday. Additionally, the blooming of the roses festival is held April 24th and 25th. For more information on the festival visit the Figueroa Corridor Partnership at [www.figueroacorridor.org](http://www.figueroacorridor.org) or call (562) 856-7336. For information on the garden, visit the Department of Recreation and Parks at [www.laparks.org/exporosegarden](http://www.laparks.org/exporosegarden) or call (213) 763-0114.

**This Month**  
(EAD recommends contacting the sponsor for each event):

**Sat, Apr 1**



**Foods of Fire**

Take your taste buds on a delicious journey from the Northwest Coast to the Southwest with Lois Ellen Frank, author of the award-winning cookbook *Foods of the Southwest Indian Nations: Traditional and Contemporary Native American Recipes*; Navajo chef Walter Whitewater; and Haida culinary expert Roberta Olsen. The event takes place from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Museum of the American West located at 4700 Western Heritage Way in Griffith Park. Fee. For more info, call the Museum at (323) 667-2000, or visit their website at [www.autrynationalcenter.org](http://www.autrynationalcenter.org).

**Sat and Sun, Apr 1 & 2**

**Native Plants Garden Exhibit**



Theodore Payne Foundation's 3rd Annual California Native Garden

Tour Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Southern California residents will have the chance to experience the beauty and ease of gardening with California native plants. Admission is \$10 per person. Thirty gardens will be open for public viewing on one of two days. For more information, visit the Theodore Payne Native

Garden Tour website at [www.theodorepayne.org/Tour/tour.html](http://www.theodorepayne.org/Tour/tour.html), or call (818) 768-1802. Sponsored by LA Department of Water and Power and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

**Sat, Apr 8**

**BBQ'n at the Autry**

Who is the barbecue king of Los Angeles? Watch a professional barbecue cook-off in action. Sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, this event features teams from around the country, all vying to become the barbecue champion. Learn tricks of the trade through cooking demonstrations and classes taught by noted chefs, and taste barbecue from around the world as you enjoy music and fun family activities. The event takes place from 10 am to 5 pm at the Museum of the American West. Outdoor festival is free. For more info, call the Museum at (323) 667-2000, or visit [www.autrynationalcenter.org](http://www.autrynationalcenter.org).



**Fri thru Sun, Apr 14-16**

**Big Bunny's Spring Fling**



The LA Zoo celebrates Easter with its annual bunny fest! Crafts,

entertainment, and bunny ears for the whole family. Free with admission. The bunny fest lasts all weekend long, from 10 to 4 pm. For more information, visit [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org), or call (323) 644-4200. The LA Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Drive in Los Angeles.

**Sat, Apr 15**

**Poppy Day Open House**

Calling all native plant lovers! The Theodore Payne Foundation is once again holding its Seed



and Plant Sale from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Don't miss this free opportunity

to participate in plant talks and propagation demonstrations. To obtain additional information, please e-mail the Foundation at [info@theodorepayne.org](mailto:info@theodorepayne.org), go online and visit their website at [www.theodorepayne.org](http://www.theodorepayne.org), or call them at (818) 768-1802.

**Eaton Canyon Earth Day**

Celebrate Earth Day at "El Precipicio" (Eaton Canyon) which lies nestled in the foothills of these San Gabriel Mountains, just a stone's throw from downtown Los Angeles. This celebration will feature crafts, entertainment, beautiful hiking trails, and all around good Earth Day fun. Eaton Canyon is located at 1750 North Altadena Drive in Pasadena. Free. For more information, call the Eaton Canyon Nature Center at (626) 398-5420, or visit [www.ecnca.org](http://www.ecnca.org). The event takes place from 10 am to 3 pm.

**30 Minute Beach Cleanup**



Volunteers are needed at the "30-Minute Beach Cleanup"

to help rid the beach of debris. Bags and gloves provided. Meet at 10 am at 1 S. Granada Avenue (at Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach) in Belmont Shore. Enter the parking lot at the Belmont Pool on Bennett Ave.

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For more information, please visit [www.BeachCleanup.org](http://www.BeachCleanup.org).



**Blessing of the Animals**

All pets are welcome at this annual event. Free. The blessings take place at Placita Olvera, located at El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza in Los Angeles. For more information, call (213) 485-9769, or visit [www.cityofla.org/elp](http://www.cityofla.org/elp). Sponsored by the Olvera Street Merchants. Free.



**April 16—April 22 is Environmental Education Week (see page 2 for details)**

**Sat, Apr 22**

**Earth Day Fair at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA)**



Celebrate our ocean planet with a Cabrillo Beach clean-up from 8 am to 10 am. Learn more about the environment with representatives of many local and national environmental organizations and government agencies in the CMA courtyard



from 10 am to 3 pm. The day will include activities for children of all ages, guided walks to the adjacent salt marsh, Salinas de San Pedro, drawings for prizes, vendors offering food and drink and a variety of environmental items and books for sale. CMA will feature a workshop on fish contamination, and will host the Audubon Environmental Awards also on this day. Admission to the Fair and to the Aquarium is free. Visit the Environmental Affairs Department information table! Beach parking is \$7. Catch the trolley, share a ride, walk or bike it! Celebrate the Earth! The Aquarium is located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro. For more information, please visit [www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org) or call (310) 548-7562.

**Earth Day Festival at Audubon Center at Debs Park**



Learn what you can do for Mother Earth, and join the family fun at the 100% solar powered, greenest building in the United States. Admission is free. Show your Metro pass or ticket and receive a free entry in the Metro Eco-Safari Raffle. Events include Solar Car Racing, Bird IQ Contest, Rainforest Coffee Tasting, Challenge Native Plant ID Contest, Eternal Earth E-Photo Gallery & Contest, Solar Workshop and Tour, GreenCity Forum, Solar Waterfall Sculpture Project and much more. The Audubon Center at Debs Park is located at 4700 North Griffin

**Saturday, April 22**

**Happy Earth Day!**



**Celebrate the Earth!**

Avenue in Los Angeles. The event takes place from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Sponsored by Debs Park, Audubon Society, and Eco-Now. For more information, call Eco-Now at 323.663.7747 or visit [www.eco-now.net](http://www.eco-now.net).

**City of Pasadena Earth Day**

Show your love for the planet at Pasadena's Greening the Earth Day festival from 11



am to 3 pm at Memorial Park. Partly sponsored by Pasadena Water and Power and the Public Works Department, this free family festival will feature dozens of exhibits on nature and the environment, demonstrations, food, music, fun activities and giveaways. Memorial Park is located at Raymond Avenue and Walnut Street in Pasadena. For more information, contact City of Pasadena at (626) 744-4000.

**California Greenworks Environmental Health Festival**

A festive and cultural Earth Fair featuring health screenings by health care providers, environmental information booths, live comedy, gospel, jazz, Latin music, and much more! Show your Metro bus pass to enter a raffle for free airline tickets!

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The event will take place from 10 am to 4 pm at 10435 Central Avenue in Watts. Free. Sponsored by California Greenworks. For more information, visit [www.californiagreenworks.org](http://www.californiagreenworks.org), or call (714) 523-7292.



**South Coast Botanic Garden Plant Sale**

The Botanic Garden holds its annual spring plant sale Saturday for the general public from 9 am to 4 pm at 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard in Palos Verdes. For more information call (310) 544-1948 or visit [www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org](http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org).



**Annual Earth Day Festival at Granada Hills High School**

Celebrate Earth Day with food, fun, and earth-friendly activities. Free. All ages welcome. Granada Hills High School is located at 10535 Zelzah Avenue in Granada Hills. The event takes place from 11 am to 4 pm. Sponsored by Granada Hills High School's Change the World Club.

**Sat and Sun, Apr 22-23**

**Feria de Los Niños**

This festival in East Los Angeles celebrates children and families. Boat rides on the lake, tortilla-making contests, live music, ethnic food, and



plenty of entertainment highlight both days. The Feria takes place at Hollenbeck Park, located at 415 South St. Louis Street in East Los Angeles, on both days from 10 am to 7 pm. Event is free. Co-sponsored by the City of L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks. For more information visit [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org) or call (888) LA-PARKS.

**Aquarium of the Pacific's Earth Day Celebration**



Learn what you can do to help our ocean planet at the

Aquarium of the Pacific's sixth annual Earth Day Celebration. Join the Aquarium for a weekend of family fun celebrating Earth Day while learning simple, everyday tips to protect our environment. Visit booths from various earth-friendly organizations and participate in hands-on learning demonstrations for people of all ages. The event will focus on National Marine Sanctuaries, which can be described as "underwater national parks." Southern California's own Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary will be highlighted. These underwater forests are home to California's state fish the garibaldi, sea lions, rays, sea bass, angel sharks, and an abundance of other sea life. The Aquarium is located at 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach. Free with Aquarium admission. For more information, visit [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org) or call (562) 590-3100.

**L.A. Zoo Earth Day Celebration**

Join the zoo in celebrating Earth Day on both days, from 10 am to 4 pm. Activities includes crafts, exhibits



and presentations. Free with Zoo admission. The Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Drive in Los Angeles. For information contact the L.A. Zoo by visiting their website at [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org) or call (323) 644-4200.

**Eco-Maya Mother Earth Day Celebration**



The event showcases the many contributions of the Maya

culture and heritage, providing information on ecology and the environment. The event is free and takes place on Saturday from noon to 7 pm, and on Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm. Celebrate at MacArthur Park in Los Angeles. Sponsored by Stage of the Arts and City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department. For more information, visit [www.ecomayafestival.com](http://www.ecomayafestival.com) or call (323) 960-7879.

**Sun, Apr 23**

**Children's Earth Day at the Star Eco Station**



An island-themed extravaganza for the whole family! Rescued

animals, live music, food and crafts! The wonderful event is free and takes place from 10 am to 4 pm at Star Eco Station located at 10101 West Jefferson Boulevard in Culver City. For information, visit [www.ecostation.org](http://www.ecostation.org) or call (310) 842-8060.

**THIS MONTH:**  
(continued)



**The SEA Laboratory Earth Day**

The event is free for people of all ages. There will be music, games, face painting, composting workshops, environmental organizations, marine animal touch tank tours, a beach clean-up, and much more. The SEA Lab is located at 1021 North Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach. For more information, call SEA Lab at (310) 318-7458, or visit [www.lacorps.org/sealab.htm](http://www.lacorps.org/sealab.htm).

**Wed, Apr 26**

**CSUN's Earth Fair**



California State University Northridge will host its annual Earth Fair from 10 am to 2 pm at the Matador Bookstore. Featured will be many environmental organizations. For more information, call CSUN's Earth Fair coordinators at (818) 677-2477 ext. 241. Sponsored by the Associated Students Recycling Services. CSUN is located at 18111 Nordhoff Street in Northridge.

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**Thurs, Apr 27**



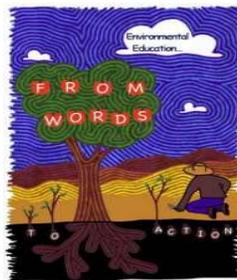
**50+ Fitness Jamboree**

This fun annual health event draws hundreds of people. Participate in the 1K and 5K walks, and visit the information booths. The fair is free. Refreshments and live entertainment. The event begins at 8 am at the Griffith Park Ranger Station, located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park. Sponsored by City of Los Angeles Rec and Parks. For more information, visit their website at [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org), or call (888) LA-PARKS.

**Fri thru Sun, Apr 28-30**

**2006 AEOE Statewide Spring Conference: "Environmental Education: From Words to Action"**

The Association for Environmental and Outdoor Educators holds its annual conference this year in Malibu at Camp Kramer Hess. This year's keynote speaker is Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods*. Educators can choose from over seventy workshops. For more information, visit AEOE's website



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at [www.aeoe.org](http://www.aeoe.org) or call Helen de la Maza, Registration Coordinator at (714) 838-8990, or email [delamaza@earthlink.net](mailto:delamaza@earthlink.net). Fee. Housing available onsite at Camp Kramer Hess.

**Sat, Apr 29**



**Celebrate Arbor Day!**

**See page 3 for details**

**NEXT MONTH:**  
(EAD recommends contacting the sponsor):



**Sat, May 6**

**The 17th Annual Great River Cleanup**

The largest cleanup of the Los Angeles River. To participate, contact Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) at (323) 223-0585, or visit [www.folar.org](http://www.folar.org) for more information. FoLAR also holds monthly Down-By-the-River walks. Walks feature guest presentations on the natural political, historic, and artistic aspects of the L.A. River.

**School Resource: Center for Environmental Education (CEE) Online**

CEE integrates Environmental Education (EE) into all aspects of the K-12 experience. Teachers and students around the world can access reviews of EE curriculum, read about current innovative EE projects and how to fund new initiatives (Grapevine), read profiles of schools going green and find resources for bringing sustainability to campus (Educating for Sustainability). For more information, visit [www.ceeonline.org/](http://www.ceeonline.org/).

## Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Receives Keys to Hydrogen Fuel-Cell Powered Mercedes-Benz F-Cell Vehicles

On February 10, 2006, DaimlerChrysler presented officials at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) with the keys to five hydrogen fuel-cell powered Mercedes-Benz F-Cell vehicles. This begins a two-year agreement between Los Angeles World Airports and DaimlerChrysler. The F-Cell vehicles will be used for general transportation in the vehicle fleet at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to further the development and experience with this zero-emission vehicle technology. LAWA is a City of Los Angeles department that owns and operates four airports in Southern California: LAX, Ontario International, Palmdale Regional, and Van Nuys. These vehicles will be used as part of a nationwide two-year test of the alternative fuel-operated vehicles. Once trained in the operation and



fueling of the cars, LAWA employees will use the cars in the every-day course of their duties in and around LAX and Southern California. The addition of the F-Cell cars brings the City's total number of hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles to ten. The City continues to operate five Honda FCX vehicles received in 2002 and 2003.

While receiving the keys, LAWA alternative fuels fleet manager Dave Waldner said, "Los Angeles World Airports has been committed to alternative-fuel technology since 1993, when we introduced such technology into our airport operations. Hydrogen fuel-cell power is the next clean-fuel technology, and we are pleased to be in the forefront of its development. The addition of hydrogen-fuel cars into our fleet today and the establishment of a retail-designed fueling station at LAX are concrete examples of our commitment to improving air quality."

LAWA's new F-Cell vehicles will refuel at a retail-designed hydrogen fueling station at LAX. The station is a jointly funded project, entered into by British Petroleum (BP), Praxair, LAWA, South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Energy Commission, and the U.S. Department of Energy, all of which helped fund the construction cost of nearly \$2 million. The hydrogen fueling station's equipment is located within a small footprint design that incorporates an electrolysis unit, compressor, rooftop mounted bulk hydrogen storage, & high pressure hydrogen dispensing for refueling of hydrogen powered vehicles.



LAWA Hydrogen Fueling Station

The vehicles are designed with the entire fuel-cell system housed in the floor of the car, leaving full use of the passenger and cargo spaces. The car has a range of about 100 miles and can operate at speeds of up to 85 mph. Truly a zero-emission vehicle, the hydrogen-powered fuel-cell vehicle's only tailpipe emission is pure water vapor. LAWA, the only United States airport organization to enter into such an arrangement, will provide operational and test data that will likely affect future designs of fuel cell vehicles and fueling stations. Already, LAWA has one of the largest airport-based alternative-fuel vehicle fleets in the nation, where 53 percent of its airport vehicles are powered by alternative fuels.

For more information on LAWA, visit [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org).



### **HOTLINE CONNECTION**

The Environmental Information Center (EIC) serves as a referral source to the community. Our hotline connection offers a list of the most frequently requested numbers. If the number you need is not listed, please contact the EIC at **(213) 978-0888**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**. You can also visit our website at <http://www.lacity.org/ead> and click on *Environmental Information Center*.

#### **Air Quality**

*Calidad del aire*  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
(800) 288-7664

#### **Asbestos**

*Asbestos*  
Environmental Hygiene  
(626) 430-5440

#### **Bulky Item Pick-up**

*Recogida de articulos grandes*  
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 773-2489

#### **Hazardous Waste Disposal**

*Desembolso de materiales peligrosos*  
L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
(888) 253-2652  
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 988-6942

#### **Housing and Building Complaints**

*Las quejas del construccion y albergar*  
Housing Code Enforcement  
(213) 367-9411

#### **Illegal Storm Drain Dumping**

*Depositos en los drenajes de desagües*  
Stormwater Management  
(800) 974-9794

#### **Indoor Air or Mold Concerns**

*Aire interior ó preocupaciones de moho*  
Environmental Hygiene  
(626) 430-5440

#### **Lead Poisoning**

*Veneno del plomo*  
National Lead Information Center  
(800) 424-5323

#### **Leaf Blowers**

*Sopladores de hojas*  
Leaf Blower Complaint Line  
(800) 996-2489

#### **Mosquitoes**

*Infestaciones de mosquitos*  
L.A. West Mosquito Abatement  
(310) 915-7370

#### **Recycling**

*Reciclaje*  
City of L.A. Public Works Dept.  
(800) 773-2489

#### **Smoking Violations**

*Infracciones de fumar*  
Office of the City Attorney  
(888) 333-0730

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