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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.

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A special message from Lillian Kawasaki, General Manager of the Environmental Affairs Department:

This month we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Earth Day. On behalf of the Environmental Affairs Commission and Environmental Affairs Department, I would like to personally thank all of you who continue to work hard at protecting and improving our environment. Whether it be through conscientious every day activities or major volunteer events, all of our efforts are contributing to a cleaner, healthier Los Angeles. To support these efforts, our newsletter offers a multitude of activities and events, in order for everyone to take part in Earth Day. I thank you for and encourage your continued care of our Mother Earth.



THE HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

Thirty years ago, Americans were slurping leaded gas through massive V8 sedans. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or even bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Environment was a word that appeared much more often in spelling bees than on the evening news.

Earth Day turned that all around. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate on behalf of a healthy, sustainable environment.

"The objective was to organize a national demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake up the political establishment and

force this issue onto the national agenda," said Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. It also led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given to civilians in the United States, for his role as founder of Earth Day.

By 1990, Earth Day went

global, mobilizing 200 million people to take part in 141 countries, and lifting the status of environmental issues onto the world stage.

Earth Day 2000 is estimated to have more than a half billion people in 168 countries celebrating its 30th anniversary. This year's theme is "A New Energy for a New Era," to focus on alternative fuel sources that are less polluting.

In Los Angeles, the celebration will once again take place at Exposition Park, on April 22. Join the fun and help to make it our best Earth Day ever!



*"Earth Day is the first holy day ... and is devoted to the harmony of nature... The celebration offends no historical calendar, yet it transcends them all."
- Margaret Mead*

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VOLUNTEER AT THE UCLA OCEAN DISCOVERY CENTER

The UCLA Ocean Discovery Center (ODC), a marine science education center and interactive aquarium, is seeking volunteers to support its outreach programs. Volunteering offers many opportunities for seniors, students, professionals and/or homemakers to



learn about the marine life in the Santa Monica Bay and ways to help preserve our marine environment. All volunteers receive special training and great benefits.

Orientations for those interested will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Santa Monica Pier, beginning April 5th. To learn more about Volunteer opportunities at the ODC, call (310) 393-6149 x223, or visit the Web site at www.odc.ucla.edu.

LA URP URBAN REFORESTATION PROJECT A SUCCESS



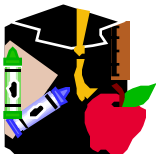
An unprecedented partnership between the Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership (LA URP), Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) and local community groups is adding over 600 trees to Los Angeles' urban forest. Homeowners associations, neighborhood improvement organizations, schools and other community groups applied for mini-grants of up to \$5000 each month between December and March to plant trees in their areas. The 20+ groups that received grants will complete their projects by August 2000.

Among the grant recipients were:

- ◆ B'nai David-Judea Congregation
- ◆ Brentwood Glen Association
- ◆ Brentwood Science Magnet School
- ◆ Canoga Park Improvement Association
- ◆ Center for Marine Studies

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SENATE APPROVES BOXER AMENDMENT ON PESTICIDE USE IN SCHOOLS



The U.S. Senate unanimously approved an amendment by U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, giving parents a two-day warning before harmful pesticides are used in their children's schools. The amendment, which was accepted on March 6 as part of the Education Savings Account bill, also directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve its outreach to help schools reduce their use of toxic pesticides.

"Parents have a right to know

when their children will be exposed to toxic pesticides and schools have a right to learn about less-harmful alternatives," Boxer said. "This amendment will protect children by giving parents an opportunity to express their concerns in a timely manner and giving schools an opportunity to learn about reducing the use of toxic compounds."

Boxer's amendment requires schools to give parents 48-hour notice before the application of any pesticide that contains a known carcinogen, a developmental or

reproductive toxin, or an acute nerve toxin. It also directs EPA to distribute its existing booklet, which tells schools how to reduce the use of toxic pesticides.

The amendment is part of the Children's Environmental Protection Act, Boxer's broader bill to protect children from environmental hazards.



NEW PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced a new proposal for uniform and consistent national standards for organic food.

Essentially, the proposal offers a national definition for the term *organic*. Currently, organic food is certified by various private and state organizations that each use their own standards for the term *organic*.

"A single national organic standard, backed by consistent and accurate labeling, will greatly reduce consumer confusion," said Glickman. "Consumers will know what they are buying and organic farmers will know what is expected of them."

The proposal details the methods, practices, and substances that can be used in producing and handling organic crops and livestock, as well as processed products. It establishes clear labeling criteria and rules so that consumers know exactly what they are buying when they purchase organic food. It specifically prohibits the use of genetic engineering, sewage sludge, and irradiation in the production of food products labeled *organic*. The proposal also prohibits antibiotics in organic livestock production and requires 100 percent



organic feed for organic livestock.

USDA's proposal will allow organic farmers to export more easily their products because trading partners can more easily deal with one national standard rather than multiple state and private standards.

Secretary Glickman also announced several other steps the Administration is taking to promote organic agriculture. President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget proposes \$5 million for research to develop improved organic production and processing methods, evaluate economic benefits to farmers and develop new organic markets. Glickman said USDA will establish a pilot organic crop insurance program to help organic farmers better manage risk. He also announced that USDA and the University of California at Davis will conduct research on organic production and ways to enhance farmers' ability to market organic fruits and vegetables.

The proposed national standard and additional steps Secretary Glickman announced will help stimulate one of the fastest growing sectors of American agriculture. USDA estimates that the value of retail sales of organic foods in 1999 was approximately \$6 billion. The number of organic farmers is

Staff Changes in the EAD



Last month, EAD welcomed two new employees.

Shari Kuroki, our new Environmental Associate in the Water and Natural Resources Division, has a Bachelors in Natural Resource Management from the University of California, Irvine and a Masters in Grazing and Range Management from University of Colorado. Shari also has worked in the City's General Services, Planning and Police Departments.

Our new Student Professional Worker in the Local Enforcement Agency, Jarahn Hillsman, is currently working toward his degree in Urban Studies and Planning at California State University, Northridge.

EAD extends a warm welcome to both of them.

increasing about 12 percent per year and now stands at about 12,200 nationwide, most of them small-scale producers.

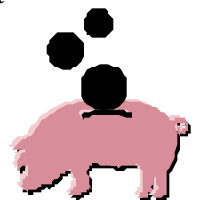
Fact sheets and other background materials on the proposed organic rule can be accessed on the Web at www.ams.usda.gov/nop.

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- ◆ Collage Ensemble Inc./Esperanza Elementary School
- ◆ Community Coalition Project GROW
- ◆ Glassell Park Improvement Association
- ◆ Harvard Heights Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Lafayette Square Homeowners Association
- ◆ Melrose Neighborhood

- Association
- ◆ Pacoima Beautiful
- ◆ Park Western Place Elementary School
- ◆ San Pedro High School
- ◆ Smiley/Hauser Block Club
- ◆ Valley View Vaulters
- ◆ Wellington Square Homeowners Association
- ◆ Wellington Square Neighborhood Association
- ◆ West of Westwood Homeowners

- Association
 - ◆ Windsor Square Association
- The LA URP and LACC hope to repeat this success later this year with another cycle of mini-grants. Keep checking *An Environmental Affair* for updates on grant availability.



GARDENS FOR KIDS L.A. KICK-OFF A SUCCESS

On March 3, 2000 the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) launched the start of its program, Gardens for Kids L.A., which is designed to bring gardens to schools throughout the City. The host site, Tom Bradley Environmental Science and Humanities Charter Magnet Elementary School in Los Angeles, is the first of more than 20 schools to receive gardens. In attendance were Mayor Richard J. Riordan, Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, Environmental Affairs Commission President David Michaelson and Environmental Affairs Department General Manager Lillian Kawasaki, in addition to the representatives of the 28 schools selected to receive gardens by June of 2000.

The program has been met with great enthusiasm from everyone involved. Gardens not only provide an excellent opportunity



EAD General Manager Lillian Kawasaki and the California Raisin watch Mayor Riordan and Councilmember Ridley-Thomas help students plant their new garden beds at Tom Bradley Elementary.

for schools to teach science, but they also provide students with a deeper understanding of nature and the environment.

"These gardens will give our kids a first-hand look at the wonders of nature," Mayor Riordan said. "Students will take pride in their accomplishment as they watch their gardens grow and flourish."

Gardens for Kids L.A.

complements the State goal of a garden in every school, and is being implemented by the EAD, in partnership with Los Angeles Conservation Corps, University of California Cooperative Extension Common Ground, Los Angeles Unified School District, Gardens for Kids and the Los Angeles Urban Resource Partnership. If you would like more information please call (213) 362-9000 x201.

A special thanks goes out to Debbie Deets, the artist behind the Gardens For Kids L.A. logo.



READY FOR AMERICAN WETLANDS MONTH?

Each May, federal, state and local agencies collaborate with private and nonprofit organizations in order to increase public awareness of the value of wetlands. Their goal is to encourage people to protect and restore the wetlands, and also enjoy their natural resources.

There are many different types of wetlands. Wetlands are identified by



many factors, including hydrology, soil types and vegetation. The soil found in wetlands, called hydric soil, is poorly drained and

remains saturated for long periods of time. Wetlands may be wet year-round, or seasonally, with saltwater or freshwater. All wetlands are highly productive, complex ecosystems and some even contain trees or smaller herbaceous plants.

Wetlands provide a critical habitat and serve as a nursery for many marine and mudflat creatures, for example, the crab and octopus. That habitat is vital for waterfowl, such as the Green Heron, Snowy Egret, the endangered California Least Tern and Belding's Savannah Sparrow.

California has lost more than 90 percent of its original wetlands to agricultural land, flood control projects, water diversion and urban

development. One of the most popular wetlands that remains in Southern California is the Ballona Wetlands, located along the coast adjacent Marina del Rey and the Ballona Creek flood control channel. The Ballona Wetlands are home to a wide variety of fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles, waterfowl and birds.

There are a number of various organizations in Los Angeles that are primarily concerned with restoring our wetlands. Community members are encouraged to contact these groups and get involved. For more information on wetlands, contact the Wetlands Information Hotline at (800) 832-7828.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ◆ Each day Americans recycle enough used paper to fill 15 miles of boxcars. In 1995, that totaled to 43 million tons of paper and paperboard – *an average of 329 pounds per person!*
 - ◆ The Fresh Kills Landfill in New York is projected to be larger than the largest pyramid in Egypt when it fills up sometime around 2005.
 - ◆ If every person in America recycled just one box per month, more than a billion boxes a year could be kept out of our landfills.
 - ◆ If all used motor oil in the US were recycled, it would result in a savings of 1.3 million barrels of oil *per day*.
 - ◆ Americans use 4 million plastic bottles *every hour*, yet every 1 out of 4 is recycled.
 - ◆ If Americans recycled every phone book each year, an estimated 650,000 tons of paper could be saved.
 - ◆ Approximately 4 million personal computer diskettes are thrown out each day. It takes 450 years for diskettes to decompose.
- YOU can make the difference.**
- ◆ When making purchasing decisions, always consider buying recycled.
 - ◆ Start recycling events at work, home and school.

◆ Always remember **REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!**
TO RECYCLE...



◆ Diskettes/packaged software
Call (800) 305-DISK



◆ Hard-to-recycle materials
Call (213) 473-8228



◆ Wood scraps
Call (213) 847-4954



◆ Plastic shrink-wrap
Call (800) 2HELP-90



◆ Fluorescent lamps
Call (213) 847-0632



Computers
Call (213) 485-2256
or (213) 485-7481

For an updated list of resources for recycling of all types, call the

ANTI-SMOKING ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

California Labor Code bans smoking in places of employment. The owner of an enclosed workplace (whether an office, bar, store, etc.) must ensure that both employees and customers do not smoke. Owners must also post "NO SMOKING" signs at all entrances. If an owner does not comply, he or she will be cited and scheduled for an administrative hearing. Owners may eventually be fined up to \$7,000. To report a suspected smoking violation, call the Smoking Ordinance Hotline at (888) 333-0730 or (213) 485-2108.



WHAT'S IN DEBS PARK FOR YOU?

The National Audubon Society has just released its first publication devoted to nature titled, "What's in Debs Park for You?"

Debs Park, a 195-acre wilderness located 10 minutes from downtown Los Angeles, is the proposed site for Audubon's Los Angeles Nature Center. The wildlife guide introduces Debs Park natural resources to the community and helps local children and their families understand, appreciate and care for the natural world in their own backyard.

The colorful guide offers descriptions and pictures of plant and animal life in Debs Park. As an added benefit, the guide has also been completely translated into

Spanish.

Guides will be provided – free of charge – to schools, as well as distributed at community events, on bird walks and at the Audubon office.

One would be amazed at the diversity of bird life found in Debs Park. Over 120 species of birds have been identified within the last year. To visit Debs Park and discover one of the best-kept secrets in Los Angeles, take the 110 Freeway and exit Via Marisol and go east to Monterey Road. Park entrance is on the right. Call (323) 254-0252 for more information.





- 1872 - Yellowstone becomes the nation's first national park.
- 1903 - The nation's first wildlife refuge is formed by President Theodore Roosevelt.
- 1905 - The United States Forest Service is established within the Department of Agriculture to manage forest reserves.
- 1916 - The National Park Organic Act creates the National Park Service and establishes the National Park System in order to conserve scenery, wildlife, and "historic objects" for future generations.
- 1946 - The Grazing Service and the General Land Office are merged to form the Bureau of Land Management.
- 1960 - The Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act redefined the purpose of the national forests to include not only timber and watershed concerns, but also recreation, wildlife, fishing, hunting, and soil concerns.
- 1964 - The Wilderness Act is signed into law, designating 9.1 million acres as Wilderness. The Land & Water Conservation Fund Act is established to purchase park and refuge lands with royalties from offshore oil drilling.
- 1968 - Oct. 2 - Redwoods National Park in California and North Cascades National Park in Washington are established. The National Wild & Scenic Rivers and National Trails Acts are signed into law.
- 1969 - Senator Gaylord Nelson calls for national teach-in on the environment to be called "Earth Day."**
- 1970 - April 22 - an estimated 20 million people in the US participate in "Earth Day" demonstrations and activities.**
 - Environmental Protection Agency established.
 - Clean Air Act signed into law.
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) signed into law.
 - Requires an analysis of the environmental impacts of federal actions.
 - President's Council on Environmental Quality established.
 - CEQ advises and assists the President on environmental policies; oversees federal agencies implementation of the environmental impact assessment process.
- 1972 - Clean Water Act signed into law.
- 1973 - Endangered Species Act signed into law. Protects habitat for plants and wildlife.
- 1974 - Eastern Wilderness Act designates 207,000 acres of wilderness on national lands in 13 states. The Act makes clear that lands that have recovered from prior abuse can be designated as wilderness.
 - Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act establishes planning process for all forest and rangelands.
- 1976 - National Forest Management Act (NFMA) Requires the U.S. Forest Service to include economic, wildlife, wilderness and recreational uses in planning.
 - Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) Governs the use of the national lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.
- 1978 - Omnibus Parks Act adds Santa Monica Mountains, Golden Gateway, and Golden Gate National Recreation Areas to the National Park System.
- 1980 - Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) established 13 new national parks, 16 new national wildlife refuges and 2 new national forests, adding 56 million acres to the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- 1984 - New wilderness areas totaling 8.6 million acres established in 21 states.
- 1988 - Four wilderness bills pass.
 - Alabama - 13,260 acres of national forest land in the Sipsey Wilderness; Virginia - 19,217 acres of national forest lands; Washington - 1,739,771 acres on National Park lands; West Virginia - 2,721 acres of national forest lands.
- 1989 - Nevada wilderness - 721,403 acres of national forest and 6,458 acres of BLM wildlands is designated.
- 1990 - Wilderness is designated in:
 - Alaska - 299,531 acres of national forest lands; Arizona - 1,343,444 acres of national forest lands and 1,133,660 acres of BLM lands; Illinois - 25,549 acres of national forest lands; Maine - 12,000 acres of national forest lands.
- 1992 - California wilderness bill adds 400,450 acres of national forest lands to National Wilderness Preservation System.
- 1993 - Colorado wilderness bill adds 609,206 acres of national forest lands and 16,989 acres of BLM lands to the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- 1994 - California Desert Protection Act brings the National Wilderness Preservation System up to 104.7 million acres and establishes the Mojave National Preserve. Designated U.S. wilderness now amounts to a little more than four percent of the total U.S. land base.
 - The bald eagle is taken off the endangered species list.
- 1995 - Senator Gaylord Nelson awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
 - Mojave National Park established in California.
- 1996 - President Clinton establishes Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah.
- 2000 - 30th Anniversary of Earth Day!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Challenge Grant – Supports innovative and effective conservation and stewardship of our country's private lands. Visit the US Forest Service Web site at www.fs.fed.us/spf/ccop.htm for more info. **Pre-proposals due April 1, 2000.**

Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT) Grant – Provides public access to clearly-communicated, time-relevant (timely or real time), useful and accurate environmental monitoring data in an ongoing and sustainable manner in 86 of the large US metropolitan areas. Call Wienke Tax with EPA Strategic Planning at (415) 744-1223 for more info. **Due April 10, 2000.**

Pollution Prevention Information Network Grant – Funding for state governments and universities. Call Beth Anderson at (202) 260-2602 for more info. **Due April 10, 2000.**

Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership Grant – Funds are used to protect and enhance the natural resources of the urban ecosystem of Los Angeles and to make government more effective and responsive to the community through innovative partnerships. Call Chelsea Cochrane at (213) 580-1055 for more info. **Deadline: Due May 5, 2000.**

GRANTS WITHOUT A DEADLINE

California Community Foundation – Support for the rehabilitation, maintenance and beautification of parks and recreation areas. Contact Sr. Program Secretary at (213) 413-4130, or visit the Web site at www.calfund.org for more info.

California State Coastal Conservancy – Proposition 204 funding specifically allocated for LA River Projects that focus on habitat restoration, construction of public access facilities and others. Projects must show linkage to the coast. Call (510) 286-4169 for more info.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Loan program established by the Clean Water Act to local agencies for water quality improvement projects. Call the EPA Water Division at (415) 744-1948 for more info.

Economic Development Administration Grants – The US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration will give priority consideration to projects that help communities achieve and sustain economic growth. Visit the Web site at www.doc.gov/eda for more info.

Energy Research Grants – The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is seeking applicants for up to \$6 million in grants to research renewable energy programs. Call the US Department of Energy at (800) 683-0751 for more info.

Jobs Through Recycling – Recycling business development program that seeks to foster recycling/reuse businesses that increase the use of recyclable or reusable materials and contribute to economic development and jobs creation. Call Julia Wolfe with the EPA Waste Management Division at (415) 744-2131 for more info.

Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – Provides loans to ensure that drinking water remains safe and affordable. Call the EPA Drinking Water Office at (415) 744-1852 for more info.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EACH MONTH:

24-hour Wildflower Hotline (818) 768-3533

Sponsored by The Theodore Payne Foundation, callers to the free Wildflower Hotline are directed to when and where to see the best blooms from over 30 locations throughout Southern California. New this year—all information will be posted to www.theodorepayne.org.

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 **4:30pm. on the third Sunday of each month** for an informal, leisurely, hour-long walk. Location varies each month and some walks feature brief talks highlighting natural, historical, artistic, or political aspects of the River. The walk is canceled if it's raining. For more information, visit the FoLAR Web site at www.folar.org, or contact Joe Linton at (213) 381-3570.

Habitat Restoration Days

Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. Everyone is invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds in this rewarding work project. **Every second Saturday of the month.**

Also, morning maintenance is done



from 9am-noon **every Tuesday and Wednesday**. For more information, call (310) 32-MARSH.

Hyperion Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours are available each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd at (310) 648-5363 for information or to schedule a tour.



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 call (818) 756-8166.



Satwiwa Sundays

From 10am to 5pm at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Meet guest hosts, watch demonstrations and share the experiences of the Native American LA Community. Call (805) 370-2301 for more information.

Smart Gardening Workshops

The Los Angeles Countywide Yard Waste Program will be holding its Smart Gardening workshops throughout the County



The EAD Web site, located at 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 Web site 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.

THIS MONTH:

Saturday, April 1

Census Day! Don't forget to be counted in the latest housing and population count of our nation. Fill out and mail in your census form today! Questions? Call (888) 325-7733.

Clean Community Celebration. Hosted by Councilmember Nick Pacheco and City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. Learn about the many



City services that can help keep your neighborhood clean, such as recycling, community clean-ups, stormwater pollution prevention, used oil recycling, illegal dumping, graffiti removal and more. 11am-3pm at the Mariachi Plaza on 1st Street and Boyle Avenue, in Boyle Heights. Free Admission. For more

information call (323) 526-5817.

Monday, April 3

The Grantsmanship Training Program. Continues through April 7. At the Grantsmanship Center, 1125 W. Sixth St., 5th Floor, in Los Angeles. Call (800) 421-9512 or visit the Web site at www.tgci.com for more info.

Thursday, April 6



Hollywood Looks at the River. An edited video film montage of images of the L.A. River in Hollywood films. A panel discussion to follow. Occidental College. For more info call Dana Plays at (213) 259-2500.

Saturday, April 8

Water Marks: Art Inspired by the L.A. River-Opening Event. This exhibit will present works that depict, imply, or relate to the river. 5pm-8pm; the exhibit will run through May 3rd at the Eagle Rock Community Cultural Center. For more info call (213) 226-1617.



Poppy Day! Open house and plant sale. 9am-4pm. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Theodore Payne Foundation. For more info call (818) 768-1802.



Hike. This spectacular 2.5-hour walk featuring 160-acre parcel preserved by the Conservancy and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in 1996 passes along the Forrester cliff and quarry bowl.

Sponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verde and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. 9 am. For more info call (310) 541-7613.



Sponsored by Emergency Preparedness Division. For more info call (213) 485-5231.

Tuesday, April 11

Spring Science Camp: Ecology of the Marsh. Study how plants and animals at the Madrona Marsh Preserve protect themselves from predators. Sponsored by Friends of Madrona Marsh, RSVP required. For more info call (210) 618-2720. Camp days are 4/11 thru 4/13 from 1pm-4pm.

California Native Plant Society Meeting. Program by James Campbell of El Nativio Growers on how to propagate native plants. Free. 7:30pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino. For more info call (818) 811-3706.

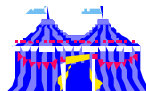
Wednesday, April 12

New Bird Walk. Migration has started, come and see the ducks start to nest and then catch the Meadowlarks before they leave. Sponsored by Friends of Madrona Marsh, 8am. For more info call (310) 626-2473.



Friday, April 14

2000 Emergency Preparedness Fair. Come and see more than 200 departments, agencies and vendors. Admission is free, so bring your family, friends and co-workers! April 14-16 at Los Angeles Zoo North Parking Lot 10am-4pm.



Saturday, April 15

Earth Day Fair. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Join the fun and help celebrate Earth Day 2000. 8am-4pm. For more info call (310) 548-7562.

Sundown Safari. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to camp overnight in the Zoo? Find out during Sundown Safari, where you can fall asleep to the roaring of lions and wake up to the singing of siamangs. Enjoy dinner, breakfast, and a special after-hours tour. Bring your own tent or rent one from the Zoo. Sundown Safari begins at 5pm as the Zoo closes, and ends at 9am the next day. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Zoo call (323) 644-4253 for registration materials (there is a fee).

2000 EFV World Expo. Third annual environmentally friendly vehicles world expo. Display of electric cars available on the U. S. market. Third Street Promenade. 11am-7pm, 4/15-16. Free. For more info (310) 393-8355

Sunday, April 16

Explore the River. See the beautiful gate, picnic area and river cat paintings and hear about the upcoming bicycle bridge. Meet at the Guardians of the River Gate-on Los Feliz just east of the



L.A. River. Sponsored by Friends of the Los Angeles River. For more info call (323) 223-0585.

Friday, April 21

Big Bunny's Spring Fling. Come have some fun with Big Bunny at the Los Angeles Zoo Meadow. For three days, families who visit the Zoo can also participate in egg-citing activities. Children can get their faces painted, make bunny ears to wear, take pictures with Big Bunny, and plant carrot seeds to take home. There will also be a bunny patch with a dozen dwarf rabbits for kids to pet. Free with paid admission (\$2 to have your picture taken with Big Bunny). For more info call (323) 644-4253.



Saturday, April 22

EARTH DAY!

Clean Energy Fair. Activities include: Heal the Bay's EarthFair with major musical talent and other celebrities; The Clean Energy Fair, featuring 100 exhibitors from around California, an organic farmers' market, displays and booths showcasing cutting-edge environmentally responsible products and solar and wind energy, and activities for children; The Earth Day Spring Cleanup in the neighborhoods around Expo Park - thousands of volunteers will clean up trash, paint over graffiti, and plant trees for Earth Day. 11am-6pm at Exposition Park, sponsored by Earth Day Los Angeles and



Heal the Bay. For more info call (310) 314-0811.

Earth Day Clean Energy Ride. Ride your bicycles, electric cars and other alternative transportation. Reservations requested, send email with type of vehicle, www.earthdayla.org, begins at Olvera Street. 9am. Sponsored by Earth Day Los Angeles. For more info call (310) 314-0811.

Catalina Island Earth Day 2000. Earth Day Fair with informational booths, coastal clean-up by kayak, community sweeps, children's artwork, music and nature hikes. 10am-3pm, Avalon. Sponsored by Catalina Island Earth Day 2000 Committee. For more info call (310) 510-2414.



Earth Day 2000 Celebration and Concert. VOICE's 9th annual Earth Day Concert and Celebration will feature a full day of music, a great kids' activity walk, plenty of food, local dignitaries and of course environmental education activities for thousands of South Bay residents. Manhattan Beach, 11am-4pm. Sponsored by VOICE-Volunteers and Organizations Improving the Community's Environment. For more info call (310) 364-5663.

Nature Bird Walk. 10am. See the level of water in the Madrona Marsh Preserve ponds and enjoy the number of waterfowl preparing their nesting. Sponsored by Friends of

Madrona Marsh. For more info call (310) 326-3840.

Earth Day Awareness 2000. Sponsored by the City of Carson. Municipal government recognition of local recycling efforts. Also an Earth Day 2K Fun Run/Walk will take place. Celebrate Earth Day by recycling and exercising! Noon-3pm at the South Bay Pavilion Mall in Carson. For more info call (310) 952-1781 or (310) 952-1779.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Cleanup and Species Survey. Sponsored by Le Bateau du Audubon/Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs. Cleanup/restoration of the last wetlands in Southeast LA County. 8-11am at the Los Cerritos Wetlands in Long Beach. For more info call (714) 894-4875 or visit the Web site at www.birdingbyboat.org.

Earth Day in Malibu. Celebrate at Malibu Bluffs Park the entire weekend, from 10am to 4pm each day with a wildflower show by the California Native Plant Society, wildflower walks and environmental information. City of Malibu Parks and Recreation and Malibu's Charmlee Docents present an Earth Day celebration on Saturday, which includes a program of lectures and presentations throughout the day. Plants, books and other related materials will be on sale. Malibu Bluffs Park is located at 24250 Pacific Coast Highway at the intersection of Malibu Canyon Road across from



Pepperdine University. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is also free. For further information, call (310) 317-1364.



Sunday, April 23

Nature Bird Walk. 10am. See the level of water in the Madrona Marsh Preserve ponds and enjoy the number of waterfowl preparing their nesting.

Sponsored by Friends of Madrona Marsh. For more info call (310) 326-3840.

Tuesday, April 25

CSUN Earthfair. California State University, Northridge University Student Union (USU), Court of Community, 9:30am to 2pm; Environmental fair featuring displays & information from environmental organizations, public agencies, private businesses, and campus groups. For more info call (818) 677-2477 x241.

Noontime Concert. CSU Northridge University Student Union, Court of Community; sit back and relax to the easy-listening music of Annie Rapid and her band of alternative folk tunes. For more info call (818) 677-2477 x241.

Cans for Habitat for Humanity. CSU Northridge University

Student Union, Court of Community, 9am-2 pm. Bring your aluminum cans to the USU "pit" to raise funds through recycling for Habitat for Humanity. For more info call (818) 677-2871.



April 26, 2000

Preservation through Planting II. Sponsored by California State University Northridge (CSUN). The planting of 200 trees over a two-year period around the science buildings at CSUN with the assistance of various campus organizations and local vendors. Planting begins this Earth Day and continues through April 2001. 8am-noon at the CSUN campus, 18111 Nordhoff St. in Northridge. For more info call (818) 988-8627 or (818) 677-3615. Send e-mail to jbs42007@csun.edu or visit the Web site at <http://www.csun.edu>.

Saturday, April 29

Contemporary Re-envisioning along the River. Sponsored by FoLAR. Los Angeles artists will celebrate their visions of the River by installing temporary, site specific art works along the River's banks. Continues through the 30th. For more info call (323) 259-2566.

Earth Day 2000-Kaleidoscope. Earth Day celebration featuring exhibits of information and displays of an ecological nature. 10am-4pm. Sponsored



EARTH'S 911

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- Green Maps for Green Communities (GIS)
- Real-time Environmental Volunteerism

Through a single toll-free phone call at (800) CLEAN-UP or by use of the Web site at www.1800CLEANUP.org, one can access several sections of community specific environmental information at no cost to the user or taxpayer. For community specific information, the user simply enters their zip code and the Web or voice recognition system quickly processes your request. Call today for environmental information in your area!



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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) 580-1052**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**. You can also visit our Web site at www.cityofla.org/ead and click on the Environmental Information Center Link.

AIR QUALITY

Calidad del aire

Air Quality Management District
(800) 288-7664

ASBESTOS – Asbestos

Environmental Hygiene
(213) 738-4078

BEE INFESTATIONS

Infestaciones de abejas
Vector Control
(800) 233-9279

BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

Recogida de artículos 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
HTM Hotline: (213) 580-1023

ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS

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

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National Lead Information Center
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LEAF BLOWERS – Sopladores de hojas

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Infestaciones de mosquitos
LA West Mosquito Abatement
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