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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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Grand Opening of the Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center

On March 21 a celebration was held to commemorate the grand opening of the Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center in San Pedro and Environmental Affairs Commission President Jennifer Taggart and EAD General Manager Detrich Allen were on hand to help inaugurate the commencement of its public service mission. The facility, located at 3601 South Gaffey Street, is part of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN), a cooperative system of wildlife care organizations established



Celebrating the ribbon-cutting at the new center.
(L to R) The Environmental Affairs Commission's new President, Jennifer Taggart, LAOBCEC Facility Manager, Deirdre Goodfriend, and EAD General Manager, Detrich Allen.

by the California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response through legislation in 1993.

The center in San Pedro will carry out the OWCN mission, "to ensure that wildlife exposed to petroleum products in the environment [such as in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil tanker spill] receive best achievable treatment and to provide permanent wildlife rehabilitation facilities with trained personnel to operate them." All OWCN activities are coordinated through the School of Veterinary Medicine's Wildlife Health Center at the University of California, Davis.

The center will be managed by the International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) of Suisun City, California, which was established in 1971 in response to the disastrous collision of two tankers underneath the Golden Gate Bridge in the San Francisco Bay. The IBRRC develops oiled wildlife cleaning and rehabilitation techniques, promotes research, and provides oiled wildlife response services.



In the aftermath of a spill.
Photo from IBRRC

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Best Practices Video for Auto Repair Businesses

"Partnership for a Cleaner L.A."—A video tape, produced by the City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department and hosted by Ed Begley, Jr., describes a successful collaboration between the Department, local regulators and community-based organizations in presenting "Environmental Best Practices" to local auto repair businesses. The video will air on City View (Channel 35) on April 12, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. It will repeat on April 26th at the same time and then be played at various times in May. Copies are available on a limited basis to representatives of local community-based organizations and government offices.

Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station Opens in Downtown LA

On March 19, a Grand Opening Ceremony was held at a new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station constructed at 1055 North Alameda Street in downtown Los Angeles. This new fueling station provides convenient fueling to the public as well as City and County CNG fleet vehicles. It is open 24 hours a day and will soon accept Visa and Mastercard along with CNG fuel cards. The station was the result of a public/private partnership between Pickens Fuel Corporation, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, Ford Motor Company, and the Gas Technology Institute. Approximately 100 individuals from both the public and private sector attended the event. Highlights of the ceremony included presentations by Los Angeles City Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas and Environmental Affairs Department General Manager Detrich Allen, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich and Internal Services Department Director Joan Ouderkirk. Councilmember

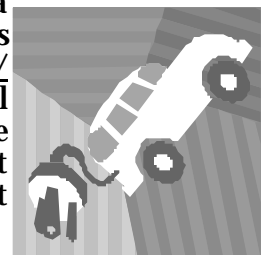


Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas discusses the benefits of CNG at the grand opening.

Ridley-Thomas presented Boone Pickens, the Chairman and CEO of Pickens Fuel Corporation, with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Los Angeles City Council. Ms. Allen commented on the station's mutual benefit to the public and the environment. The use of CNG in vehicles reduces NO_x, PM₁₀, and toxic air pollutant emissions and lessens our reliance on foreign fuels.

Free Parking for Alternative Fuel Vehicles

The Los Angeles City Council recently approved a program whereby selected vehicles powered by electricity or compressed natural gas (CNG) will be allowed to park at City parking meters for free. This pilot program was created to encourage the use of low emission vehicles and will be effective from April 2, 2001 to March 31, 2002. To qualify, the vehicle must display Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane access stickers (<> Access OK). A list of qualifying vehicles and a link to the DMV form needed to get the stickers can be found online: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm. It should be noted that all other parking restrictions—including posted time limits, no parking restrictions during street cleaning, and peak hour tow away periods—must be obeyed.



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The new center in the LA region occupies a one acre site and includes a 12,000 square-foot structure devoted to administration, classrooms, conference facilities, basic amenities and a 7,000 square foot area for bird washing and rinsing, veterinary services, necropsy, isolation, food preparation, bird drying, and recovery. Also, the facility will contain four habitat pools and four therapeutic pools as well as numerous aviaries for the various bird species. To enhance its public education capabilities, the center has two classrooms, a large window and audio system to allow interaction between visitors and hospital staff, and TV monitors to facilitate bird viewing throughout the facility.



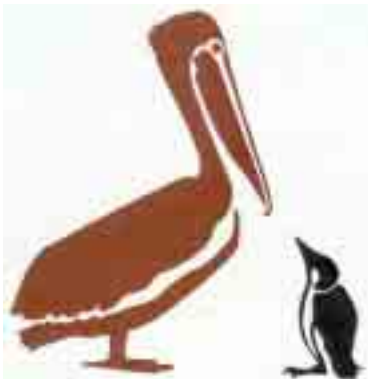
The new Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center in San Pedro.

Photo from the IBRRC

Background

In 1993, the Environmental Affairs Department and then State Senator Diane Watson worked together on SB 775, legislation that required establishment of regional facilities for the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife. The legislation designated construction funds for these facilities from three years of interest earnings, beginning July 1994, on funds paid into the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund by oil producers and marine terminal and refinery operators. The legislation was enacted, and Los Angeles was designated as one of the regions that would receive funds for a marine bird care facility.

Once the funding for the facility construction was in place, the Environmental Affairs Department and staff of the Office of Los Angeles Councilmember Rudy Svorinich, Jr. worked with the California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and the Los Angeles Unified School District on site selection and design for the facility, bringing parties together to resolve water pressure issues and budget constraints.



International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) logo

Having been involved since the inception of the Los Angeles Oiled Bird Care and Education Center project, the Environmental Affairs Department is very pleased that this long-awaited facility is now available for bird rescue and wildlife education. We look forward to working with the Center as they fulfill that mission.

To visit the Center, call (310) 514-2573 or see the website: www.ibrrc.org for details.

TEACHER'S CORNER



**Jerry Baker, America's Master Gardener®:
College Freshman Scholarship Program**

Each year, with the help of the Bedding Plants Foundation, Inc., two (2) \$1,000 college scholarships are offered from Baker's Master Gardener in order to "help some young people further their education, while planting the seeds for the next generation of 'green thumb gardeners'." The scholarships are awarded to deserving freshman students who are going to study horticulture, gardening, or landscaping at an accredited four year university. For more information, visit: www.bpfi.org/application.htm.

\$\$\$ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES \$\$\$

(See the EAD website for ongoing grant opportunities without specific deadlines.)



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Program—Public and private nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is April 13, 2001; contact the Restoration Office: (907) 278-8012.

Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention—States, local governments, federally recognized tribal organizations, institutions of higher education and nonprofit community organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is April 20, 2001; contact Michele Veney: (202) 260-4588.

Marine Fisheries Initiative—Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments are eligible for these grants. The deadline is April 23, 2001; contact Ellie Roche: (727) 570-5324.

Innovative Projects to Improve Air Quality and Reduce Greenhouse Gases—Nonprofit organizations and state and local agencies are eligible for these grants. The deadline is April 24, 2001; contact Mary Walsh: (734) 214-4205.

National Environmental Achievement Track Program—Public and private entities are eligible for these grants. The deadline is April 30, 2001 and the contact person is Julie Spyres: (202) 260-6787.

Patagonia Environmental Grants—Patagonia, an outdoor clothing supply and equipment company, offers grants to encourage the environmental work of organizations with a strong base of citizen support—particularly small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action campaigns. Grants range from \$3,000-\$8,000. Deadlines are April 30 or August 31, 2001. Contact Jill Zilligen or John Sterling, Patagonia Inc., P.O. Box 150, Ventura, CA 93002 or visit: www.patagonia.com:81/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml.

Environmental Statistics Research Grants—Institutions of higher education and nonprofit agencies are eligible for these grants. The deadline is April 30, 2001 and the contact person is Chris Saint: (202) 564-6909.

Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects—Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and state, local and tribal governments are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 1, 2001; contact Christopher Doley: (301) 713-0174.

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Seafood Processor Worker Housing Grants—Private and public nonprofit agencies, nonprofit cooperatives, state and local governments, and tribal organizations are eligible for these grants. The deadline is May 14, 2001. The contact person is David Layfield: (202) 720-1604.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program—Urban communities are eligible for these grants. The deadline is June 18, 2001 and the contact person is Wayne Strum: (202) 565-1200.

Community Tree Planting Program—A program of the National Tree Trust (NTT) which facilitates tree planting on public lands. CTP grants consist of one-year-old, regionally appropriate tree seedlings, two-gallon plastic containers, and a cash subsidy to underwrite the cost of potting medium. Applications are now being accepted for these grants. Access a copy of the application from the NTT webpage: <http://www.nationaltreetrust.org>. The deadline for Part I (The Seedling Order Form) is due May 31, 2001. **Growing Together** (GT) enables teachers and students to grow trees in the classroom from seed. GT grant recipients receive grow containers, an activity guide and coloring book, guidelines, and a per-student monetary subsidy for soil and seed. NTT does NOT provide soil and seed, but does provide a detailed listing of free or inexpensive tree seed sources. (Deadline: Aug. 1, 2001) The **Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program** (PEP) is a partnership between the National Tree Trust (NTT) and other qualifying 501(c)3 organizations. Grants are awarded in four categories: *tree planting/maintenance, education/training, overhead/administration, and national/regional program/project*. (Deadline Oct. 1, 2001) See the NTT website for the details of these programs also.



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. Location varies each month—some walks feature brief talks highlighting natural, historical, artistic, or political aspects of the River. The walk is canceled if it rains. For more info., visit the FoLAR website: www.folar.org, or call Joe Linton: (213) 381-3570.

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 9am-noon **every Tuesday and Wednesday**. Call (310) 32-MARSH.



Hyperion Waste Water 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 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd: (310) 648-5363 for details 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. Call (818) 756-8166.



Afternoons in the Lab

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's education staff and volunteers are available every Wednesday from 3-5 pm to answer questions and involve students of all ages in exploring local marine life in the hands-on Discovery SEA Lab. The lab, located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro, opens with a different theme each week and activities include: using microscopes, examining specimens, creating art, playing games, exploring coastal habitat, and much more! The science education afternoon is free. Groups should make reservations. For more info., call: (310) 548-7562.

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.

Smart Gardening Workshops

The Los Angeles Countywide Yard Waste Program hosts Smart Gardening workshops year-round throughout the County. Topics covered include backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, and water-wise gardening. For more information, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.smartgardening.com.



"Smart Gardening" and Composting workshops also are held from **March through November** at Griffith Park. Call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228 for more information.

Nature-Bird Walk (Regular Fourth Weekend monthly event)

Two walks will take place—one on Saturday, and one on Sunday—both at 10 am. The walks will meander through the Madrona Marsh Preserve, starting at the Natural History Center in Torrance. Call (310) 32MARSH.



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The EAD website, 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.

Recycling Workshops

Many workshops and seminars are regularly provided throughout the year on source reduction, recycling and composting. They have included topics such as Buying Recycled, Organics, Certified Buy Recycled Training Seminars, and Sustainable Construction. Please call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228

Tyke Hike

This hike is scheduled every first Thursday of the month in the Madrona Marsh Preserve and involves looking for animal tracks, listening for singing birds, observing habitat changes and wildflower cycles. A \$5 donation per family is requested for the Natural History Center Education Programs; reservations appreciated. Call Friends of Madrona Marsh: (310) 32MARSH.



Baldwin Hills Hikes

These are held every 3rd Saturday at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Join them to learn about the nature and birds of the largest undeveloped area within the LA Basin. For more information, see the LA Audubon Society website: www.LAAudubon.org or call: (323)

THIS MONTH:

APRIL 4

Nature Walk Docent Training—The Children's Nature Institute (CNI) needs volunteers to lead nature walks for local children. The next docent training session begins April 4 (and sessions will also be held on **April 5, 6, 9, and 10**). Trainees will learn hands-on about local flora, fauna, geology, Native Americans, and how to teach young children. No previous knowledge or experience necessary. \$60 suggested donation helps cover the cost of materials. Babysitting is available for trainees; the sessions will take place from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm each day at Temescal Canyon in Pacific Palisades. RSVP required. For more information, call: (310) 998-1151. Also see: www.childrensatureinstitute.org; the new website features an "animal of the month", the Family Nature Walk schedule and information about other upcoming events, including the "Kids' Nature Festival."

APRIL 7

Public Tour of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands—Meet at Reserve Walk Bridge at 9 am (16531 Bolsa Chica Street, Huntington Beach, CA. For more information, call Linda Moon: (714) 840-1575 and see: www.amigosdebolsachica.org.

Poppy Day—The Theodore Payne Foundation for Native Plants and Wildflowers will be hosting this event from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. The event will include a plant sale, open house with free guided tours of Wildflower Hill and the Seed Room, Propagation Demonstrations, and ten-minute plant talks. The event will take place at the Foundation (10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, CA); for more information, call: (818) 768-1802 or visit the website: www.theodorepayne.org.

APRIL 11

The 2nd Annual Recycled Product Trade Show in Sacramento—This event is presented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and is a unique opportunity for both product suppliers and state and local government staff to meet and discuss recycled content products. Exhibitors have an audience of more than 2,000 curious buyers who are eager to learn about the

wide variety of quality, cost-effective recycled content products. Admission is absolutely FREE, and breakfast and lunch is complimentary for those who register before April 2, 2001. Register now at www.buyrecycled2001.convention.com. The event will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center (1400 J Street, Sacramento). For more information, you may also visit: Buy Recycled Program <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/BuyRecycled/>, e-mail: sabrc@ciwmb.ca.gov or call: the CIWMB: (916) 341-6468

APRIL 14

Celebrate Earth Day with Northeast Trees—meet at the new Water-with-Rocks gate at Fletcher Drive and the Los Angeles River. The event will take place from 9 am until noon. Call (323) 221-1778 or visit: www.northeasttrees.org for more details.

APRIL 14-15

Wildflower Show—The City of Malibu Parks and Recreation Department and the California Native Plant Society LA/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter will present wildflower displays, native plants for sale, books, posters, and more. The event will take place from 10 am until 4 pm on each day at Malibu Bluffs Park (24250 Pacific Coast Highway at Malibu Canyon Road). Guided wildflower walks will take place at 1 pm on each day. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call: (310) 317-1364 or (818) 881-3706.

APRIL 15

Walk De Forrest Park—Take the nature trail to Dominguez Gap wetlands along the River in Long Beach. Meet at De Forrest Park, East 60th Street and De Forrest Avenue in Long Beach. The walk will begin at 4:30 pm. For more information, contact Friends of the LA River: (213) 381-3570 or visit: www.FoLAR.org.

APRIL 16

Earth Day 2001: California's Energy Crisis and Its Environmental Implications—Beginning at 10 am, this panel discussion will examine controversial issues surrounding the State's ongoing energy crisis. Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles, the event will take place at 543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles. Reservations

are required; the cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call: (323) 852-8513.

APRIL 19

Second Annual Venice High School Earth Day Health Festival—This event will bring together students, faculty, and surrounding community to promote the importance of healthy living for people and the planet. The event will feature healthy food, hula hoop contests, three-legged races, environmental awareness booths, health assessments such as body fat composition checks, face painting, information on recycling and gardening, and much more. All are welcome! The festival will take place on the front lawn of Venice High School from 11:30 am until 2 pm. For details, call Jacqueline Domac: (310) 306-7981.

APRIL 19-22

Roses in Bloom—Come celebrate the blooming of the roses at the historical site of the Exposition Park Rose Garden, located at 701 State Drive. This four-day event will begin with the opening ceremony at the Rose Garden on Thursday, April 19. Organized by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the Figueroa Corridor, the other entities of Exposition Park, including the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the California Science Center, the California African American Museum, and the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission, will participate by providing various fun-filled and educational activities for both children and adults. Planned activities include docent-led tours of the Rose Garden, print-making, flower dissecting, music, and much more. Please call the Exposition Recreation Center for more information: (213) 765-5397.

APRIL 21

LA River Community Cleanup—Assemblyman Marco Antonio Firebaugh (50th District) is co-sponsoring this event with the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG). The event will take place from 11 am until 3 pm at Cudahy Park in Cudahy, CA (5220 Santa Ana Street, next to Park Avenue Elementary School). For more details, contact Sujatha Jahagirdar: (213) 251-3680, ext. 321.

Playa del Rey Beach Cleanup—This beach is in desperate need of a good cleaning after the winter storms washed tons of debris down Ballona Creek. The event will take place from 9 am until noon. Contact Heal the Bay: (310) 453-0395 or see their website: www.healthebay.org.

Earth Day Celebration in Redondo Beach—The S.E.A. Laboratory (Science, Education, Adventure), a program of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps that provides marine science programs to thousands of elementary school children from LA and the surrounding regions, will sponsor this event with the Ecology Club of Redondo Union High School from 10 am until 4 pm. The event will take place at the Laboratory (1021 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach) and will include activities for kids, educational information, beach clean-up, and a mural painting. For more information, call Elsa Flores: (562) 529-7397 or (562) 529-7357.

Earth Day Fair—Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro) will sponsor this event from 8 am until 3 pm, which will include a beach clean-up of Cabrillo Beach and the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge. There will also be demonstrations, hands-on activities, displays, educational materials, exploration of the adjacent salt marsh, birdwatching, films, food, music, and more. For more details, call Steve Vogel: (310) 548-7562, ext. 5026 or Linda Chilton at ext. 5007.

Earth Day at the LA Zoo—If you love the zoo on a regular day, just imagine how much fun you'll have at the very special Earth Day celebration. Learn how to become more earth-friendly through fun activity stations, games, crafts, and presentations. All activities are free with paid Zoo Admission (10 am until 5 pm). Call (323) 644-4211 for more information.

The California State Parks Foundation Grant Winners for Earth Day 2001—The following are events in the LA area that are taking place on April 21: *Arthur B. Ripley State Park*, *Red Rock Canyon State Park*, *Tomo-Kahni Park*, *Saddleback State Park*—Re-vegetate areas in 4 State Parks with native plant species grown from seed

collected at the parks: (661)942-0662. *Millennium Row*: Neighborhood beautifying of a barren industrial street with native vegetation: (310)322-0263. *Madrona Marsh*—Remove debris from a former oil drilling site now being reclaimed as marshland: (310)534-4731. *Malibu Lagoon, Point Dume SB, Point Magu*—Non-native plant removal, shoreline cleanup, trail repair at 3 different State Parks: (310)457-8140. *Playa del Rey Beach*—(See separate listing.) *Trippet Ranch*—Split rail fence repair, non-native plant removal, Topanga Creek cleanup: (310) 455-2465

APRIL 21-22

Earth Day in the Garden—Master Gardener Patrick Wall and urban horticulturalist Laurie Liles will be heading up the start of a community garden on both days from 10 am until 4 pm. The garden work party will take place at Parkman Community Garden, located at Burbank and DeSoto in Woodland Hills. The garden will be tended on an ongoing basis by neighbors and will serve as a teaching garden for a project at Los Angeles Family Housing Corp. Other Master Gardeners will also participate in the event. For more information, contact Laurie Liles: (310) 825-4434.

APRIL 22

Marina del Rey Harbor and Ballona Creek Cleanup—The Ocean Conservation Society will sponsor a large-scale on-the-water Cleanup of these areas from 8 am until 2 pm at the Public Launch Ramp in Marina del Rey. Registration opens at 7:30 am. More than 70 kayaks will be provided by COBRA Kayaks; however, volunteers may bring their own boats. Volunteers need not have prior kayaking experience. Local groups, such as the Los Angeles Dolphin Project will provide environmental education displays and refreshments will be served all day. Please register early by calling OCS: (310) 822-5205 or by email: info@oceanconservation.org.

Wildflower Tour—Go on the road with the Theodore Payne Foundation and Milt Stark, noted author and wildflower specialist. The tour will take place from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm in the Antelope Valley area (rain or shine). Pre-registration and pre-payment (\$40 members/\$50 non-members) required. Bring

a brown bag lunch, sturdy walking shoes, hat, jacket, camera, etc. Call the Foundation for more information: (818) 768-1802.

Malibu Creek State Park Restoration and Cleanup—This event will take place from 9 am until noon. Volunteers are needed to help remove buried cars along the Las Virgenes stream bank. Forty adult volunteers will be enough to do the job, so sign up early. Contact Heal the Bay for more information: (310) 453-0395 or see their website: www.healthebay.org.

APRIL 28

Arbor Day Celebration—The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Public Works, and Department of Water and Power will host this celebration at Griffith Park (3401 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles) from 11 am until 3 pm. The event will celebrate the value of trees to LA and will include activities and exhibits for the whole family: tree planting, tree climbing demonstrations, tree give-aways, arts and crafts for children, the Zoomobile, a plant care information booth, high-tech demonstrations of GPS/GIS applications, live music, and more. Call Teresa Prosewicz: (213) 485-3673.

School Native Gardens: Speaking from Experience—Finally! A class for educators, parents, and others interested in starting a native garden at a school site! Learn about the benefits of natives and get helpful tips for planning and planting from those who know. The event will take place at the picnic area of the Theodore Payne Foundation (10459 Tuxford St., Sun Valley, CA) from 10 am until noon. The cost is \$5 and pre-registration is required: (818) 768-1802.

2001 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program—Who can join: Any resident of Los Angeles County; Anyone who wants to learn more about gardening; Anyone who wants to help teach other people how to garden; Residents of inner-city neighborhoods and bilingual gardeners are especially encouraged to participate. A multitude of gardening topics will be covered. Translations may be provided. Call (323) 838-4540 for an application. (The first class is April 28, 2001.) Limited-income residents pay only what they can afford (others \$40). The course is sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension Service Common Ground Gardening program.

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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

South Coast 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

ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS

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

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
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RECYCLING – Reciclaje

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