



# 2007 EARTH DAY HIGHLIGHTS

5 Successful Events in 2 Months

Primetime News Coverage

402 Students Participated

1,001 Native Trees & Shrubs Planted

50 Monumental Trellis Tiles Painted

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works once again successfully hosted 5 Earth Day events in a two month period. These enriching events allowed students, community groups and civic leaders to work together to plant native trees and shrubs and, in some cases, dedicate art to serve as a monumental reminder for surrounding residents to preserve the beautified greenery and to protect the local watersheds.

Each Earth Day event was filled with educational elements to help students understand how their everyday activities can affect our environment. The Board of Supervisors, local civic leaders and community organizations helped contribute to the success of each Earth Day.

The following is a summary of each Earth Day event with photos and news clippings.

## **First Antelope Valley Watershed Earth Day (SD 5)**

**Antelope Valley (April 18, 2007)** - Ocotillo Elementary School students planted trees and shrubs to bring attention to the importance of conserving the natural resources of the Antelope Valley Watershed.



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Board of Trustees Clerk Sandy Corrales-Eneix, Palmdale School District Interim Superintendent Roger D. Gallizzi, Director Don Wolfe, Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford, and Ocotillo Elementary School Students break ground.



Mie Jones, AED, instructs students on how to properly plant trees and shrubs.

### ***Media Present***

- KABC-TV Channel 7 News
- Antelope Valley Press
- LA Daily News

**North Santa Monica Bay Earth Day Event (SD 3)**

**Agoura Hills (April 26, 2007)** - Willow Elementary School students beautified a vista of Kanan Dume Road by painting tiles for a picnic area trellis.



Director Don Wolfe with Willow Elementary Students at tile painting station.



WSMD personnel with Willow Elementary Students in front of trellis.

***Media Present***

- Malibu Surfside News

***Published News Article***

- Malibu Surfside News- April 26, 2007 – “Area Students to Help Beautify Kanan Road”

## **San Gabriel River Master Plan Earth Day Event (SD 1)**

**El Monte (May 2, 2007)** - Twin Lakes Elementary School students dedicated a new outdoor Discovery Garden and passive recreation area. In celebration of Earth Day, they planted more than 350 California-native trees and seedlings enhancing open space and habitat in the nearby San Gabriel River and Emerald Necklace.



Twin Lakes Elementary School students planting native plants and shrubs.



Supervisor Gloria Molina with Twin Lakes Elementary school students, Public Works and Mountain View District officials.

### ***Media Present***

- San Gabriel Valley Tribune
- Telemundo/NBC 4
- KMEX Ch. 34
- ABC Channel 7
- Mountain Valley School District PIO/Mid Valley News
- Channel 22

### ***Published News Article***

- San Gabriel Valley Tribune- May 3, 2007- "Students grow into earth day - Earth Day Celebration Photo Gallery"
- Pasadena Star News/San Gabriel Valley Tribune- May 3, 2007- "Growing into Earth Day"

### ***Video News Clip***

- KABC-TV Channel 7 News



## **10th Annual Los Angeles River Master Plan Earth Day Event (SD 4)**

**Long Beach (May 3, 2006)** - Jordan High School Students planted various native trees and shrubs and dedicated a decorative gate designed by local river artist, Michael Amescua. This Event was part of a larger Public Works comprehensive landscaping project in the Wrigley Greenbelt area along the Los Angeles River.



Supervisor Don Knabe, Director Don Wolfe, Long Beach City Councilmember Tonia Reyes, Uranga Artist Michael Amescua, and Jordan High School students join in ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate decorative gate at Wrigley Greenbelt.



Jordan High School students plant shrubs donated by Long Beach Organic through Port of Long Beach.

### ***Media Present***

- Press Telegram
- Long Beach Gazette
- Long Beach Cable
- Port of Long Beach

### ***Published News Articles***

- Press Telegram- May 4, 2007 – “Greening the greenbelt”
- Downtown Gazette- May 7, 2007 – “Open Sez Me . . .”

### ***Video News Clip***

- Long Beach Cable

## **5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Ballona Creek Watershed Earth Day Event (SD 2)**

**Culver City (May 14, 2007)** - Community Harvest Charter School students planted native shrubs to bring attention to Ballona Creek symbolizing the importance of conserving the natural resources of the Watershed.



Willow Elementary school students pose with Rene Cruz, WSMD, Mark Pestrella, WSMD, SD2 Deputy Karly Katona, Deputy Director Diego Cadena, William Moreno, PRG.



A Community Harvest Charter School student gets a helping hand from WSMD personnel and an environmental advocate.

### ***Media Present***

- KNBC-TV Channel 4 News

### ***Video News Clip***

- KNBC-TV Channel 4 News

## The Agency and the Enzo (Continued from page 3)

challenge ever—the post 9/11 era.”

Sources cited at the time of the Enzo crash indicated that former Swedish video game executive Bo Stefan Eriksson, 45, since adjudicated to be the driver of the totalled super-car and sentenced to three years jail time for grand theft charges related to the crash, supposedly brought video monitoring skills to the organization.

A major unanswered piece of the crash scene puzzle concerns the identity of the individuals who apparently facilitated Eriksson's departure from the accident scene without his being arrested, or even booked, as it appears that the SGVTA's five board members were issued police badges.

Among the issues that may come to light in next month's trial are the bureaucratic procedures used for creating quasi-law enforcement agencies such as this paratransit agency.

The possibility that a small shuttle service could seek government status and funding, even if it was run out of an auto repair shop and had its after-hours tele-



RENT ASUNDER—The remains of the Enzo. MSN/Hans Laetz

phone calls answered by an out-of-state answering service, can also shed light on the workings of so-called homeland security legislation and a myriad of civil rights and other civil liberties issues in what appears to be a climate of growing paranoia.

How the transit agency became linked to the crash of the rare Enzo and the role of its representatives at the accident scene where Eriksson was reportedly described as “a deputy commissioner with the agency's anti-terrorism unit” is also expected to be addressed.

Moments after the crash

occurred, two unidentified men showed up at the Pacific Coast Highway accident scene and flashed badges that were sufficiently “official” looking to convince the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies at the scene that they were authentic law enforcement agents.

Assuming that the more obvious questions are answered at next month's trial, most Ferrari crash saga observers expect there will be another new series of questions of increased complexity that will start the inquiry cycle all over again.

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## Area Students to Help Beautify Kanan Road

Willow Elementary School students will join Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (3rd District/ Malibu, Agoura Hills) to beautify a vista of Kanan Dume Road by painting tiles for a picnic area trellis in celebration of the North Santa Monica Bay Earth Day on Thursday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

The event will also feature

an environmental fair where the children will have a chance to discover hands-on, practical ways to protect the environment with interactive and educational exhibits.

The completed trellis will become a monument and constant reminder of the importance of preserving the Santa Monica Bay Watersheds and other watersheds of the National Recreation area.

The festivities will take place on the east side of Kanan Dume Road, three miles north of Pacific Coast Highway, in unincorporated Malibu. The North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds are approximately 200 square miles comprised of the Malibu Creek and Topanga Creek watersheds, and other rural Santa Monica mountains watersheds.

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# Malibu Fall Registration



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**May 9 - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Webster Elementary**  
**June 9 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Webster Elementary**

**Pre-register at [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org)**

**What you need to register a player(s):**

**Please note: Blank registration forms are no longer available at registration. Do NOT wait until Registration Day to print out forms. Pre-register early!**



**Two (2) copies of each player's completed registration form.** Pre-registration forms are online! Go to [eayso.org](http://eayso.org) login and complete your Pre-registration form online and print out two (2) copies.



**Check - made payable to AYSO Region 769.** Sorry - no credit cards. \$150.00



**Birth certificate - new players.** (A new player is one who did not play in the region 769 2006 season.) And now this year - U16 and U19 players need their birth certificates.



**Evaluation:** New players in U 10 and above will be evaluated at June 9th registration only! Wear tennis or soccer shoes.



**Eligibility:** Everyone between the ages of 4 ½ to 18 are welcome to play. Children must be at least 4 ½ by July 31, 2007.



## Students grow into Earth Day

By Nisha Gutierrez Staff Writer  
San Gabriel Valley Tribune

• Photo Gallery: [Earth Day celebration](#)

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The garden and recreation area, often referred to as an "eco-classroom," has benches, a walking path and rows of assorted trees, including California sycamore and white sage.

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## San Gabriel Valley Tribune (Online)

<http://sgvtribune.mycapture.com/mycapture/folder.asp?event=264734&thispage=1>

Album Name: Earth Day celebration

DATE: 5/2/2007

PHOTOGRAPHER: Raul Roa      EVENT ID: 264734

Twin Lakes Elementary School fourth graders plant a variety of California native trees at the San Gabriel River Earth Day celebration.



## **Growing into Earth Day**

**students plant trees along river**

By Nisha Gutierrez Staff Writer

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# Greening the greenbelt



Steven Georges / Press-Telegram

**Jordan High students**, above from left, Gorge Garcia, Brian Abrego and Justin Woolfolk plant a Toyon shrub in the Wrigley Greenbelt along the Los Angeles River just south of Wardlow Road in Long Beach Thursday during the 10th annual Los Angeles River Master Plan Earth Day event. The work was part of a landscaping project in the greenbelt area. At left, Jordan students work with landscape architect Richard Shieh, center, from the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, on the project. Shieh said the Toyon shrub was chosen for this planting because it doesn't require a lot of water, is drought tolerant and is a California native.





## OPEN SEZ ME...



County Supervisor Don Knabe and Seventh District Councilwoman Tonia Reyes Uranga helped dedicate these artistic gates designed by Michael Amescua Thursday as part of landscaping in the Wrigley Greenbelt. —Photo by Kelly Garrison

## New Mural To Be Dedicated Saturday

In the Craftsman Village District, The Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department will dedicate a new mural at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Designed by Art Mortimer, the mural is at 1201 E. Seventh St. The artwork was designed through a process that combined historical facts and photographs along with Mortimer's

creative abilities and was created to give the district an identity and show the neighborhood's history. The concept encompasses old travel posters and luggage stickers.

Mortimer painted the mural in three months in cooperation with 34 neighborhood residents. Lead artist assistants were Jose Loza and Tyler N. Thys. For details, call 570-1786.

## Annual Program Recognizes Youth, Mentors

The Long Beach mentoring program Power 4 Youth will honor both students and mentors at its fifth annual recognition event at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Grace First Presbyterian Church.

Entitled, "Gifts from the Heart," the event will feature

awards, entertainment, raffles and a dessert bar. Organizers request a \$10 donation to attend. Power 4 Youth has provided mentoring services for middle and high school students in Long Beach since 1999. For more information, call 435-2352.

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