

DIVERSITY CAFE



THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

Black History Month

Café News

- City of LA's Department of Cultural Affairs will celebrate African American Heritage Month in Los Angeles offering many events. For more information, please visit www.culturela.org/events/festivals.
- The LA County libraries will feature special programs to celebrate Black History Month. For more information, please visit www.colapublib.org/calendar/events.
- African American Heritage month Poster Competition for students K-12 who are residing in LA County is sponsored by City of LA's Department of Cultural Affairs. For details, contact Rebeca Guerrero at (213) 202-5545.
- The Dream @50 Art Contest is a national competition for K-12 students to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Junior's "I Have a Dream" speech. For more information, please visit www.TheDreamAt50.com.

Test Your Knowledge:

1. Who was the first African-American to appear on a U.S. postage stamp?
2. What State was the first to elect a black governor in 1989?
3. Who was the first African-American head coach in the NFL?
4. Who was the first African-American to win a gold medal at the Olympics?

(Answers below)

Black History Month

Black History Month is a month set aside to learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history.

This year's theme selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History is **"At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington."**

The year 2013 marks two important anniversaries in the history of African Americans and the United States. On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation set the United States on the path of ending slavery. In 1963, a century later, America once again stood at the crossroads. Nine years earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court had outlawed racial segregation in public schools, but the nation had not yet committed itself to equality of citizenship. On August 28, 1963, hundreds of thousands of Americans from many different backgrounds marched to the memorial of Abraham Lincoln, the author of the Emancipation Proclamation, in the continuing pursuit of equality of citizenship and self-determination. It was on this occasion that Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his celebrated "I Have a Dream" speech.

Just as the Emancipation Proclamation had recognized the coming end of slavery, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom announced that the days of legal segregation in the United States were numbered.

Diversity Calendar

The Committee to Conserve Chinese Cultures will celebrate the Chinese Lunar year on **February 14, 2013**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golden Coast Buffet in Alhambra. For information, please contact John Cheng at (626) 458-6540.

Public Works Black History Committee will celebrate African American History Month on Wednesday, **February 20, 2013**, at Headquarters. The luncheon includes soul food, entertainment, music, and scholarship awards. For luncheon information, please contact Elmer Jacobs at (626) 458-2592. For scholarship information, please contact Tranette Sanders at (626) 458-3562. Scholarship applications are being accepted until **February 6, 2013**.

Café Quote of the Month

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.