



## President's Message

Lots of good news for a change! It would seem that we are finally making progress in our efforts to expand the public's access to all the lands purchased with their tax dollars. Counties up and down the state are adopting RS2477 resolutions. A study released in Washington has determined that the horse contributes \$112.1 billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. The Sullivan Canyon Preservation Association has reached a tentative agreement to acquire their community riding facility from LAUSD. The Legislature has introduced a resolution to declare a Day of the Horse on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A staging area in Chatsworth is nearing acquisition. Things are really looking up!

There is still much to be done. The County is beginning the process to amend the boarding ordinance. Rodeos are under attack in the Legislature. The Malibu Land Use Plan poses some terrible precedents for equestrian, agriculture and outdoor recreation interests. We have overcome greater hurdles, however, and with your help we will continue to prevail in the long run. Enjoy these first few days of spring and do something outdoors.

Ruth Gerson

## Malibu Land Use Plan

A broad coalition of homeowners, outdoor enthusiasts, Realtors, public officials, construction industry, agricultural interests and equestrians have joined forces to fight the Malibu Land Use Plan proposed by the California Coastal Commission. They held their first meeting for the general public at the Malibu Conference Center on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Two organizations have been established to raise funds for the advocacy and legal battle. For more information call (818) 652-2972. Your support is appreciated by using the enclosed pledge form.

## Boarding in L.A. County

The Regional Planning Department has advised REC that they are working on the process to clarify the county zoning ordinance pertaining to the boarding of horses. They would prefer to arrange a series of meetings throughout the county to discuss the changes. Anyone interested in further information should contact REC or Mike Bleacher at (213) 974-6424.



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## Sullivan Canyon Saved

The LAUSD Board has approved a \$12 million offer from the Sullivan Canyon Preservation Association to acquire the 8.5-acre parcel on the border of Brentwood and Pacific Palisades. The community association has eighteen months to raise the funds to close escrow. Contributions may be sent to SCPA c/o CGK Management, 321 So. Beverly Drive, Suite M, Beverly Hills, CA 90212

## Horse Facts

There are 6.9 million horses in the U.S. including both commercial and recreational activities. There are 725,000 involved in racing and breeding, 1.9 million in showing, 2.9 million in recreation, and 1.2 million in farm and ranch work, rodeo, polo and police work. The horse industry involves 7.1 million people, produces \$25.3 Billion in goods and services and contributes \$112.1 Billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. The industry's contribution is greater than motion picture services, railroad transportation and the furniture and tobacco product manufacturing industries. The industry pays \$1.9 Billion in taxes to federal, state, and local governments. Source: The Economic Impact of the Horse in the United States; Berent Group Study 2001.

## RS2477 Advances

Four of the seven counties in Southern California have now adopted RS2477 resolutions asserting a congressional statute prohibiting the abandonment or closure of any trail, road, path or right-of-way in existence prior to 1976. Congress has reserved for itself the right to determine those closures. A similar resolution in Los Angeles County would assure public access to all federally owned lands in the County.

## Rodeos Under Attack

Animal rights advocates, after failing in their effort to ban rodeos in California, have adopted a strategy to banish them by over regulation. Senator Don Peralta has introduced SB 1851 to discourage rodeos in California by imposing unrealistic requirements for veterinarians who attend and supervise rodeos. The bill would also punish vets who participate in rodeos and fail to report treatments given to animals. Perhaps the Senator needs to review the impact of the horse industry on the economy of California. Maybe he should also talk to his colleague, Mr. Nation, about the Day of the Horse resolution. Contact your Senator to comment.

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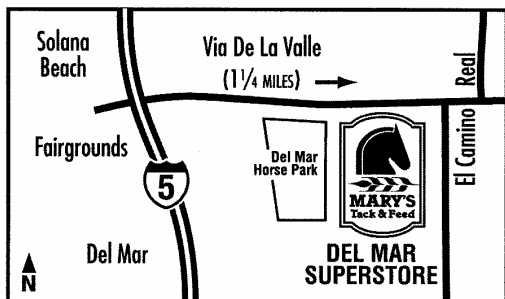
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## Grants Available

The California Resources Agency has announced \$23.2 million in grants for the Los Angeles River Parkway, the San Gabriel River Watershed and Lower Los Angeles River. The funds are available for stream restoration, non-motorized trails, low impact recreation uses and wildlife habitat restoration and protection. Information is available at [www.resources.ca.gov/bond/](http://www.resources.ca.gov/bond/) or call Susan Ross at 916-653-5656.

## Chatsworth Staging Area Nears Acquisition

A long-sought equestrian staging area is just days away from acquisition by the County and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The property is located at the intersection of Canoga and the 118 freeway. It will provide parking for 15 rigs and direct access to Brown's and Devil's Canyons. Congratulations to ETI Corral 54 and Presidio Partners Development for expediting the project. Thanks to Supervisor Mike Antonovich for allocating the funding.

## Legislature to Honor Horses

Assembly member Joe Nation has introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution 175 to designate December 14, 2002 as Day of the Horse. It asks for all Citizens to be mindful of the welfare of the horse and to recognize and appreciate the role of the horse in our history, heritage and economy. Thank you Mr. Nation!

## Missouri Takes the Lead

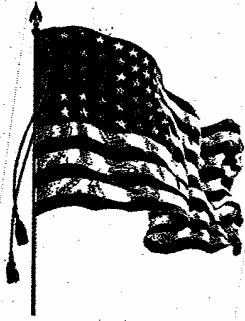
Equestrians in the "Show Me" State have once again demonstrated their leadership by adopting a resolution, at the annual meeting of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, calling for "equestrian access to public land as an integral component of public land planning and management in recognition of our cultural and historic heritage." Missouri takes great pride in being the origin of two outstanding horse breeds, the Missouri Foxtrotter and the American Saddlebred. They also claim to be number two in the nation in the number of Quarter Horses registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. They have set a new standard in public support for horses and public access to public land. Congratulations, Missouri! You're an inspiration for the rest of the nation.

## Anza Pageant April 28th

The Anza Pageant, celebrating a spirited re-enactment of a Malibu Canyon Spanish Encampment in the year 1776 will be performed on April 28 at 2:00pm at Juan Bautista De Anza Park on Lost Hills Road in Calabasas. This FREE event featuring dance, drama and equestrians is hosted annually by the Calabasas ANZA Heritage Association. For more information call 818-882-4619.

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## Pledge Your Support Today



### Support Land Use Preservation and Recreation

**TWO FUNDS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DEFEAT THE MALIBU LUP. THE RECREATION AND LAND USE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION AND THE LAND USE PRESERVATION DEFENSE FUND. THE FIRST WILL DO THE LEGAL, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE SECOND WILL FUND THE GRASSROOTS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY. FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE THE BATTLE. PLEASE MAKE YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TODAY.**

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 Phone (818) 880-8977

## Antonovich Trail Ride

Reservations are now being taken for Supervisor Antonovich's annual Marshall Canyon overnight Camp Out and Trail Ride on May 18th and 19th. The price is \$35 both days, or \$20 for the camp out and \$18 for the ride. Included with the ride is a pancake breakfast and BBQ lunch. Reservations are a must. Call (909) 394-2264.

- REC usually meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at Ruth's home in Agoura. Members and guests are encouraged to attend and give ideas. Please call in case there is a change in date or place. (818) 991-1236.

## Valuable Contacts

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## REC Mission Statement

The mission of the Recreation and Equestrian Coalition (REC) is to inform the public and policy makers about access to and the use of diverse recreational opportunities available throughout Los Angeles County and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. REC will protect and defend the region's rich natural diversity and promote public/private partnerships to preserve and expand visitor-serving recreational facilities.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your \$25 annual membership is the primary source of our funds for REC activities. It supports the coordination of efforts to protect public access to public lands, the education of policy makers and the public, and the newsletter for spreading the word about problems and notifying you of hearings and meetings. If you are not yet a member of REC, we hope you will join. Send your street or e-mail address to [ruth@gotorec.org](mailto:ruth@gotorec.org) or to PO Box 245, Agoura Hills, CA 91376, or leave a phone message at 818-991-1236, and we'll send you a membership application. We appreciate your support by attending meetings, workshops, hearings and events, by sending emails and faxes, and through financial donations - all of which help to preserve our equestrian and outdoor lifestyle.

*Do we have your email so we can contact you quickly when urgent issues arise and we need your support? You will still receive newsletters by snail mail.*

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