

New Calif AG speaks at annual MLK breakfast

From staff reports

LOS ANGELES—California's newly elected attorney general spoke briefly Friday to more than 500 Los Angeles County workers at an annual breakfast recognizing the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., pledging to shift limited resources in hopes of preventing crime and reducing the state's prison population.

The speech was one of the first Kamala Harris has given since she edged out Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley in November's election for the state's top law enforcement post. She was joined by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and other elected officials.

Harris, the state's first female attorney general and the first minority to hold the job, told the crowd the focus on crime should be moved toward preventing crime through school programs and ensuring that nonviolent offenders stay out of trouble.

"It's basically shutting the revolving door of crime in California," Harris, who was San Francisco's district attorney, said after the event. "It's about decreasing the likelihood that those who have been in the system will reoffend when they exit."

The annual event, hosted by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, honored Alvin Turner and Baxter Leach, two retired sanitation workers who participated in a strike in Memphis, Tenn., where King was assassinated in April 1968.

Even though the crime rate has dropped, California's prison system remains full. Harris noted the average prison sentence in California is two years, and the typical prisoner is not "Freddy Krueger."

Harris hopes that her focus on nonviolent offenders will help save the state billions of dollars.

"Let's figure out a way to cycle them out permanently instead of paying the hundreds of thousands of dollars that we pay when they come into our system," she said.

Getting ready for action



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Local girls gathered at Dominguez Park on Jan. 16 for the Natasha Watley Softball Clinic.

Community Calendar

GLAAC installation and mixer

The Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce will hold a membership mixer and board installation on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Omni Hotel, 251 S. Olive St. The event is free for members and \$10 for nonmembers. To RSVP, call 323-292-1297.

Community think tank

The first meeting of a community think tank will be held at the RCD Entrepreneurial Training Center, 323 W. Compton Blvd., on Jan. 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The first topic of discussion will be ideas to spur the growth of the Adams Quest Heritage Museum. Call 310-714-1707 for more information.

Black Parent Union meeting

The Black Parent Union will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 22 at Faith Inspirational Church, 357 E. Palmer St., at noon. The meeting is open to all parents and community members in Los Angeles County.

Toastmaster's anniversary celebration

The First Class Communicators Toastmaster's Club is celebrating its first year of operation on Saturday, Feb. 19. The celebration will take place at its meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. at the R.C.D. Entrepreneurial Training Center in The Reading Room, 325 W. Compton Blvd. Call 310-714-1707 for information.

Weekly book club

There's a new book club in town set to meet every Tuesday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 325 W. Compton Blvd. Call Michelle Richardson at 310-218-8864 or 310-714-1707 for information.

Correction

Two weeks ago we ran an article on Eula Colbert, who was celebrating her 100th birthday. We mistakenly used the name Eula Mae Colbert, which was incorrect. Her name is Eula Colbert. We apologize for the error.

College district welcomes new chief business officer

From staff reports

The Compton Community College District hired Daniel Villanueva as the new chief business officer for the district.

He serves as the chief financial advisor to the CEO and has oversight responsibilities for all financial aspects of the district, including administration of fiscal and business affairs, long-range financial and operational planning, and budget development.

Villanueva served as the assistant director of Business Advisory Services for the Los Angeles County Office of Education for more than 10 years.

In addition, he was an instructor for the Frontline Leadership and Management Program and the Academy for Business Career Development, both offered by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

From 2000 to 2005, Villanueva served on the board of the Ability First Housing Corporation and was a founding board member for Kids In Camping from 1995-2002.

He received his MBA from the University of La Verne and a bachelor's degree in management and administration from the University of Redlands.

Villanueva joined the district on Dec. 6.



Daniel Villanueva

SENIOR CALENDAR

Bingo class

A new class on bingo is offered every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Bingo boards will be \$1 per board per senior.

Art class

Art class meets weekly from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Art helps students exercise their brains and teaches organization and design. Students will learn a develop techniques like shading, blending, scumbling and more. Sign up at front desk.

Food distribution

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank program will distribute a free food kit once a month. Kits will be distributed on Jan. 19 from 9 - 11 a.m. and on every third Wednesday of the month. Proof of income, Social Security or pension is required.

Ceramics workshop

A special workshop will teach the basics of casting and pouring molds for beginners and experienced students on January 25. Ceramics classes are regularly scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Classes are for beginners through advanced and cover all aspects of the crafts.

Yoga class

A new yoga class begins on Friday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Cost is \$5. Each participant is required to bring a yoga mat.

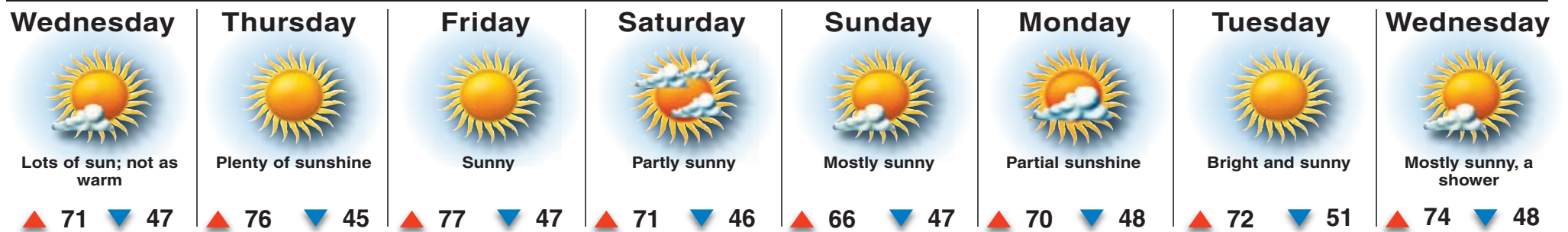
Trip to the Getty Center

A trip to the Getty Center will take place on Monday, Jan. 18. The group will tour "Imagining the Past in France, 1250 - 1500." The exhibit includes art from medieval France. Lunch will be at Lawry's Prime Rib in Beverly Hills. Cost of the trip is \$40. Buses will depart at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Parking will be available at Curry Temple Church. Sign up at the front desk now.

Taxi vouchers available now

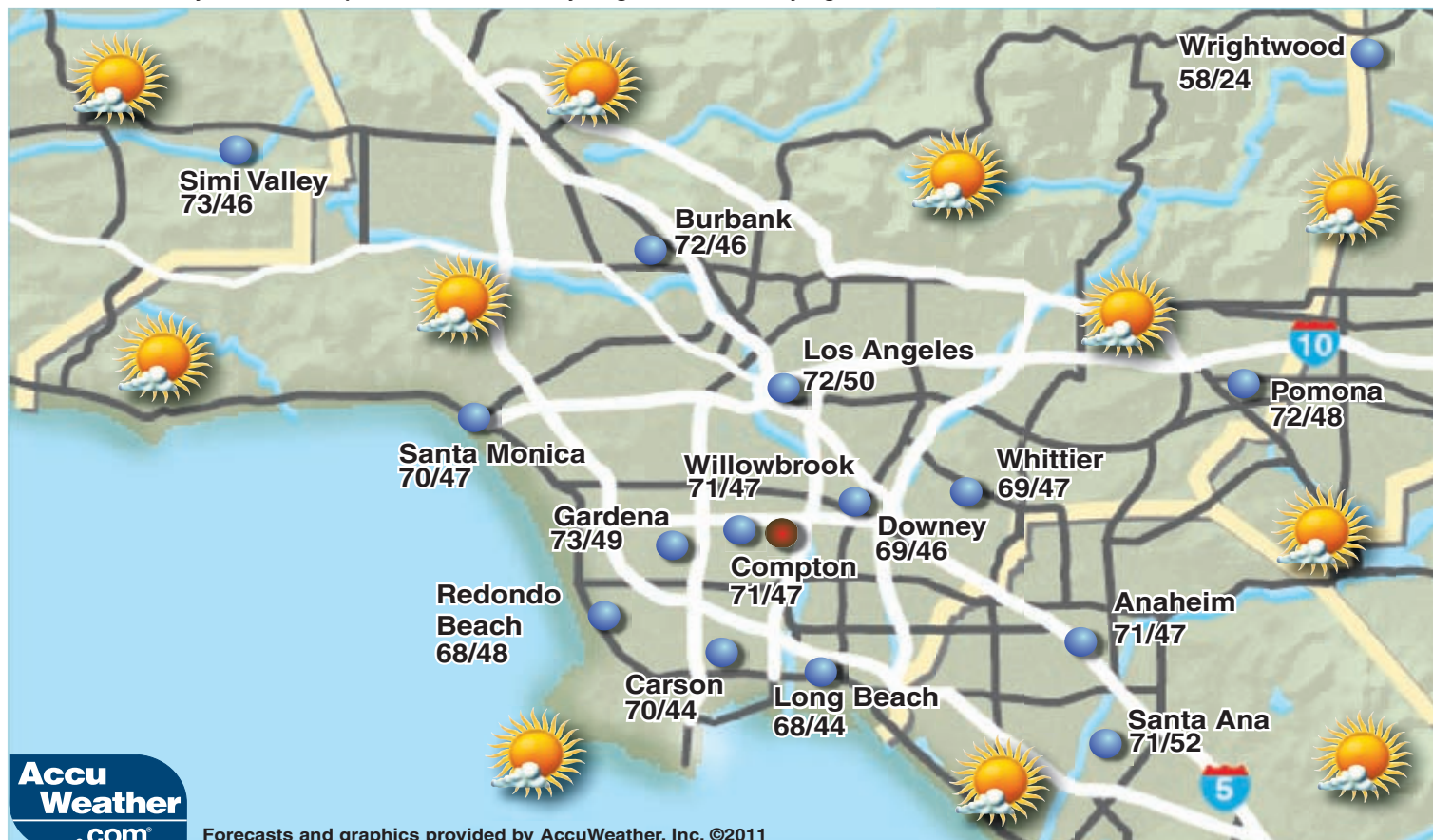
Taxi vouchers are available for the cost of \$10 per booklet. To purchase, you must be 55 or older and must have proof of Compton residency, such as a utility bill, a California driver's license, identification card, Social Security card or medical card. If disabled, you must be between 18 and 54 years of age with a physician's verification. For more information or to make an appointment contact Pamela Coleman at 310-605-5694. The new location for the taxi voucher program is 600 North Alameda St., Room 12. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8-DAY FORECAST FOR COMPTON



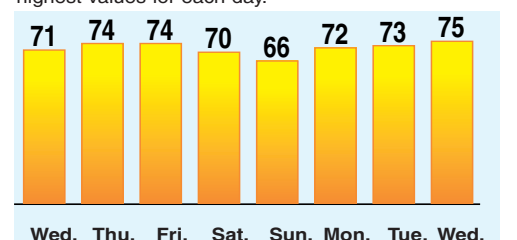
REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows.



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SUN AND MOON

| | Sunrise | Sunset |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| Wednesday | 6:57 a.m. | 5:10 p.m. |
| Thursday | 6:57 a.m. | 5:11 p.m. |
| Friday | 6:56 a.m. | 5:12 p.m. |
| Saturday | 6:56 a.m. | 5:13 p.m. |
| Sunday | 6:55 a.m. | 5:14 p.m. |
| Monday | 6:55 a.m. | 5:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 6:54 a.m. | 5:16 p.m. |
| | Moonrise | Moonset |
| Wednesday | 5:24 p.m. | 6:39 a.m. |
| Thursday | 6:35 p.m. | 7:22 a.m. |
| Friday | 7:45 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. |
| Saturday | 8:55 p.m. | 8:35 a.m. |
| Sunday | 10:03 p.m. | 9:10 a.m. |
| Monday | 11:11 p.m. | 9:44 a.m. |
| Tuesday | none | 10:21 a.m. |

| | Full | Last | New | First |
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| | Jan 19 | Jan 26 | Feb 2 | Feb 10 |