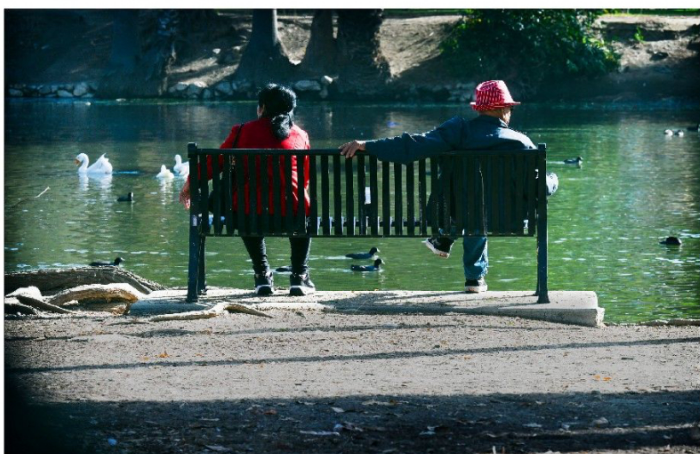


TAKING A DAY TO ENJOY SECCOMBE LAKE PARK

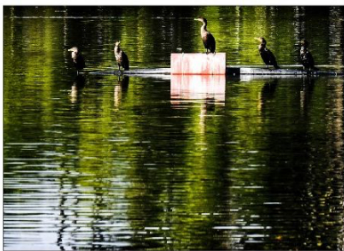


A couple wearing matching red hats in Seccombe Lake Park in San Bernardino to watch the birds on a bright Monday afternoon.

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LEFT: A fisherman gets a bite or a snag at Seccombe Lake Park in San Bernardino on Monday.



RIGHT: Birds line up while taking a rest.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

First 5 San Bernardino honors local champions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

First 5 San Bernardino recently celebrated its 25 years of service to young children and families in San Bernardino County with an event at the Fox Event Center in Redlands.

Ted Lempert, president of Children Now, was keynote speaker at the Nov. 14 event that included awards and appearances by Tony Thurmond, California superintendent of public instruction, and Nadine Burke Harris, founder of the Center for Youth Wellness and former surgeon general of California, according to a news release.

"What First 5 San Bernardino does matters so much. This county has the greatest diversity, the greatest growth, certainly the greatest people and the greatest opportunity," Thurmond said at the event, according to the news release.

"We have an opportunity to make sure that children have access to nutrition, early education, learning to read and more. It starts with what happens here in San Bernardino," Thurmond said.

Community leaders, part-



ners and commissioners attended the event celebrating First 5 San Bernardino's impact on young children and their families. The event also recognized local champions whose contributions have impacted the lives of children from birth to age 5.

Winners of First 5 San Bernardino's Local Cham-

pion Awards are Reyna Sanchez, parent champion; Michelle Parker, Loma Linda University Health program coordinator; SAFE Kids; James Moses, regional director for Child Care Resource Center; Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes; Marti Baum, pediatrician, Loma Linda University Children's

Hospital; and Ted Alejandro, San Bernardino County superintendent of schools.

"We know that raising children can sometimes take a village, so we are proud to have been able to stand alongside in support of our county's families for so many years," Karen Scott, executive director of First 5 San

Bernardino, said in the news release.

"This anniversary event was a chance for us to look back at all we have done, what we still have left to do, and most of all, recognize the organizations that we have worked with for 25 years to provide our families with the best resources possible,"

Scott said.

Since its founding in 1999, First 5 San Bernardino has worked to empower parents and caregivers through a network of county partnerships that offer family support services.

For information about First 5 San Bernardino, go to First5SanBernardino.org.

COURTESY OF FIRST 5 SAN BERNARDINO

Community calendar

To have your event considered, submit information to community@scng.com at least two weeks in advance.

Reservations
Hall of Fame: The Redlands High School Athletic Hall of Fame's 2022 induction ceremony and dinner will be held 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at Terrier Hall on the RHS cam-

pus. Early bird tickets, available through Jan. 10, are \$60-\$4, and regular ticket sales begin Jan. 11. Tickets, information: bit.ly/RHSHOF2025

Saturday
Preschool story time: The San Bernardino Public Library offers preschool story time 11 a.m. Sat-

urdays at the Feldwaym Central Library, 503 W. Sixth St., stpl.org

Monday
Senior health and fitness: San Bernardino's Senior Services Division offers a Health and Fitness Club 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except the third Friday of the month) at

the Perris Hill Senior Center, 780 E. 21st St., and 9 a.m. Tuesdays at the Fifth Street Senior Center, 600 W. Fifth St.

Tuesday
Memorial walk: The Unforgettable Foundation holds its 26th annual Lights for Little Lives Memorial Walk beginning at

3:30 p.m. at the Randall Roberts Amphitheater, 2470 University Ave., Loma Linda, on the Loma Linda University Mall, just north of the medical center. The walk, in memory of children who have died, will end at the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, where there will be a candle lighting and naming

ceremony. Information: unforgettable.org.

Thursday
Story time: The San Bernardino Public Library's Rowe branch, 108 E. Marshall Blvd., offers preschool story time 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. stpl.org