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## **News Release**

**Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff**

Children from the Mona Park (2291 East 121 Street, Compton) Sheriff's Youth Activities League (YAL) participated in the "Kids Got Talent" competition at Plummer Park (7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, 90046) on Saturday, May 4, 2013, and won Second Place. The event was a talent show where kids showed off their skills in singing, dancing, acting, and artwork. Three judges made the tough decisions on who was to take the top three prizes; and with all of the talent on display, it wasn't easy. Parks Bureau Deputy Karen Velasquez who is in charge of the Mona Park YAL group brought in Acting Coach Katherine Haber to help in their presentation. They decided to do a short play titled "I'm Being Bullied" to depict the realities of bullying and how to deal with it. Their message hit home with the judges and the audience winning them the \$500.00 Second Place Prize. The "Pink Diamonds" dance team from another Compton YAL took First Place and the \$750.00. Dylan Ever from the West Hollywood YAL won Third Place and the \$250.00 Prize by playing piano and singing. All the groups involved did a fantastic job and should be proud of their performances. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Activities League (YAL) is dedicated to providing Los Angeles County youth with safe facilities, planned programs, and the vital tools they need to thrive and succeed in life. The YAL centers are available to youths ages 7 to 17, and there is no fee to participate. The facilities are staffed by a blend of deputies, civilian staff, and untold dozens of volunteers who just want to help. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Departments Parks Bureau is dedicated to providing a safe and drug free environment at all Los Angeles County Parks. Providing Public Safety for Parks [www.Parks.lasd.org](http://www.Parks.lasd.org) To receive detailed, up-to-date information directly from the "LASD – Parks Bureau, Los Angeles County Sheriff," via e-mail, register for "Nixle" alerts at <http://www.Nixle.com>. Also register for "LASD-HQ Newsroom (SHB), Los Angeles County Sheriff." Or, to receive text alerts only, text LASDPARKS to 888777. Standard text messaging rates may apply depending on your calling plan. Partner to prevent crime by contacting your local sheriff's station with information about possible criminal activity or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org> - See more at: <http://nixle.com/alert/5001982/#sthash.mqDITOLq.dpuf>

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