

Cypress Park Community to Honor Local Artist at Dedication of Mural

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(Sept. 18, 2003) Community members will come together, Saturday, to honor and celebrate the completion of local artist Leo Limon's "The Gol Mural," a colorful artwork located on the west wall of North Los Angeles Division 3.



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Gol Mural artist Leo Limon

MTA and the Cypress Park Neighborhood Council will sponsor the event, which begins at 11 a.m. at the Cypress Park Recreation Center, 2930 Pepper Ave.

Limon started working on the 70-foot long mural at the end of 2002 and completed it last month, turning a graffiti-scarred wall into a work of art.

The mural not only promotes education and sportsmanship, but also reflects everyday life in the community. It features an Olympic torch and children playing various sports, like soccer, basketball and gymnastics.

There will be food, music and entertainment at the dedication event. There also will be a soccer tournament in memory of the late soccer coach Artie Hernandez, whose portrait is featured on the mural.

The "Gol Mural," which runs along Avenue 27, is an extension of the 200-foot long "Vista de Harmony" mural that Limon painted six years ago.

In the future, Limon hopes to paint the entire wall on Avenue 27 and an adjacent wall on Gay Street, which extends an additional 3,000-feet.

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