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SOUTH LOS ANGELES FOURTH-GRADERS JUDGE SCIENCE EXHIBITS PRESENTED BY SCIENTISTS FROM SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES.

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009
Kids Judge Exhibits: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Awards: 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

WHERE: Veterans Park Sports Complex
22400 Moneta Avenue
Carson, CA 90745

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In a twist on the traditional science fair, fourth grade students from Foster and Carver Elementary Schools will judge biomedical science exhibits presented by working scientists. When their evaluations are finished, judges will vote for their favorite exhibits. Awards will be presented after a lunch of pizza. The point of the fair is for kids to learn science and for scientists to learn how to talk about their research findings in biology and medicine.

Science activities relevant to the biomedical sciences will be presented by faculty, students, and staff from the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, California State University-Los Angeles, UCLA and Loma Linda University.

Judges will be escorted to the various exhibits by high school students from King/Drew Magnet High School. Banners and welcome signs were also created by the King/Drew Magnet High School students.

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