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Rainbow Lagoon celebration wraps up Sunday.
By Kelly Puente, Staff Writer
Posted: 06/26/2010 08:25:53 PM PDT



06/26/10: Fiddler Delilah Lee Lewis with the band The Creole Belles performs during the annual Long Beach Bayou & Mardi Gras Festival at Rainbow Lagoon Park on Saturday, June 26, 2010. The event continues through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. with a special performance from Tito Jackson, free dance lessons, and kids arts and crafts. (Diandra Jay/Press-Telegram)

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LONG BEACH -- Po' boys, gumbo, jambalaya and fried gator were just a few of the creole delicacies at the 24 th annual Long Beach Long Beach Bayou Festival on Saturday.

The two-day event in Rainbow Lagoon Park features Louisiana music (Blues, Cajun and Zydeco), authentic food and arts and craft vendors. While both have logos with dancing alligators, the event is not to be confused with the city's annual Crawfish Festival, which takes place the first weekend in August.

TodaySunday, Tito Jackson will play blues guitar on stage at 6:30 p.m. Other performers include Cory Ledet & His Zydeco Band, T-Broussard & The Zydeco Steppers, the New Orleans Traditional Jazz Band and Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie.

Longtime attendees say they love the laidback atmosphere and the sights, sounds and smells of New Orleans.

"It's a unique event to have here in Long Beach," said Norwalk resident Debbie Jackson.

After attending the festival for six years, Jackson and daughter Rachel Rosales said they decided to travel to New Orleans for the real thing.

"We just love the people and the culture," Jackson said.

Mike Harness brings bags full of purple, green and yellow Mardi Gras party favors to decorate his tent each year. The Long Beach resident said he comes for the blues and the fried food.

"It's the closest thing



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