



MEDIA ADVISORY

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EXPOSITION PARK ROSE GARDEN OPENS

Celebrated horticultural facility will have two new varieties for 2008

WHEN: **Saturday, March 15, 2008**

9:00 a.m.

WHERE: **Exposition Park Rose Garden**

701 State Dr.

WHAT: Reopening of a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility located near the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, following its annual winter maintenance. Two new varieties – Dream Come True and Mardi Gras – will be on display; the pair was chosen by the All-American Rose Selections organization as the best roses for the upcoming season.

Three as-yet unnamed varieties that will be the 2009 roses of choice, will also be among the 165 styles of this enticing flower which can be viewed and enjoyed. In all, the garden is home to about 10,000 rose bushes, as well as other attractive landscaping. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to dusk daily, with no charge for admission.

WHO: Scores of eye-catching varieties of roses
Lovers of these fabulous fragrant flowers

VISUALS: Breathtaking roses featuring a myriad of colors
People making their way around the garden, enjoying the sights and smells

TO GET TO THE EXPOSITION PARK ROSE GARDEN: From the **110 (Harbor) Freeway**, exit at Exposition Blvd. or Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Go west to Menlo Ave., then south from Exposition Blvd. or north from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to State Dr., then east. The rose garden is adjacent to the Natural History Museum. (*Thomas Guide page 674, grid B2*).

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