



MEDIA ADVISORY

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AN EARLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY ATHLETIC EVENT

Doubles Handball Tournament at Venice Beach Recreation Center

WHEN: **Saturday, March 15, 2008** **9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
Sunday, March 16, 2008 **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

WHERE: **Venice Beach Recreation Center** **1800 Ocean Front Walk**

WHAT: The arrival of spring and the glory of Ireland will be celebrated a little early at the 2008 St. Patrick's Day 3-Wall Small Ball Doubles Handball Tournament, an event sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and held at a department facility located in an area renowned for its uniqueness.

The tournament will feature competition in three divisions: Open/A, B/C, and Masters (40+). United States Handball Association (USHA) rules will govern the event. First and second place awards will be given out in all brackets except the Master's consolation, which will have a first place award only. All participants will also receive a tournament souvenir and t-shirt, as well as free refreshments.

NOTE: The event is scheduled for two days; however, some divisions and the entire tournament could be completed on the first day, when the competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. and go until about dusk.

TO GET TO VENICE BEACH RECREATION CENTER: From the **10 (Santa Monica) Freeway**, exit at Lincoln Blvd. Take Lincoln Blvd. south about two miles to Venice Blvd. Take Venice Blvd. west one mile to Pacific Ave. Take Pacific Ave. north ¼-mile and look for the signs giving direction to the facility. (*Thomas Guide page 671, grid G6*).

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