



MEDIA ADVISORY

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SOMETHING KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES CAN ENJOY

Dedication of universal access playground at South Park Recreation Center

WHEN: **Saturday, January 24, 2009** **11:00 a.m.**
(NOTE: Fruit trees will be distributed to residents from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

WHERE: **South Park Recreation Center** **351 E. 51st St.**

WHAT: Dedication of a 6,300-square-foot universal access playground (UAP) at a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility in South Los Angeles. Features of the \$516,430 improvement include swing sets, interactive sensory panels, mister sprays, rubberized resilient surfacing landscaping, irrigation, benches, drinking fountain, and more. South Park is the Department's 13th UAP.

Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc. of Westlake Village built the playground, which was designed by staff in the Architectural Division of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) in the Department of Public Works. The project was managed through BOE's Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, and was \$84,000 under budget, money that will be used for other Department of Recreation and Parks projects. Funding came from Proposition 12 (\$533,400), Proposition 40 (\$44,669), and the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program of the City's General Fund (\$22,331).

WHO: Councilwoman Jan Perry (9th District, in which South Park is located)
Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager – Department of Recreation and Parks

VISUALS: Children of different ages and physical abilities having fun together
Community members celebrating the improvement in a festive atmosphere

TO GET TO SOUTH PARK RECREATION CENTER: From the **110 (Harbor) Freeway**, exit at Vernon Ave. and go east one mile to Avalon Blvd. and go south ½-mile to 51st St. Turn right and the park will be on the right side of the street. (*Thomas Guide page 674, grid D4*).

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