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MEDIA ADVISORY

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**MTA VIRTUALLY WIPES OUT EXTERIOR BUS GRAFFITI;
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY COMMENDS ANTI-GRAFFITI EFFORT
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1996, 2 p.m.**

WHAT: Ceremony to commemorate third anniversary of Zero Tolerance Program, and to acknowledge the effort of MTA employees who worked to resolve graffiti problem. State Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa will present State of California Assembly Resolution commending effort.

WHEN: Thursday, April 4, 1996, 2 p.m.

WHERE: 1130 East 6th Street, MTA Division 1, in the yard area near Central St. entrance.

WHO: Speakers include State Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, L.A. County Supervisor and MTA Board Director Michael Antonovich, MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian, MTA CEO Joseph Drew.

VISUALS: Children from the 28th Street Elementary School, who have taken part in the MTA prevention education program to teach children about the destructiveness of graffiti, will take the "Take Pride + Stop Tag" pledge.

WHY: The Zero Tolerance Program has virtually reached the Zero target for cleaning up exterior graffiti. Focus is now on bus interiors, where conditions have improved more than 30 percent. The MTA will present recognition awards to employees who have done most of the cleanup work.

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