



# NEWS

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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

### **LOS ANGELES STUDENTS LEARN TO BIKE BY RAIL ... SAFELY**

**WHAT:** Riding a bike is child's play. Or so we think. But about 30 students from Gompers Middle School are learning it's a little more serious than that. The students will bike to the Metro Green Line Norwalk Station tomorrow, where they will learn how to take bicycles on the trains and how to travel across the city by bike. They are taking part in a program called BLAST, or Bicycle L.A. Safety Training. It is a city-wide school program for middle school and high school students to teach them how to safely travel by bicycle. They are learning that a bicycle is not a toy, it is a serious means of transportation.

BLAST is sponsored by the L.A. Unified School District and funded by the City of Los Angeles and the MTA to teach young people how to travel safely by bicycle throughout the city.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
The students will ride from El Dorado Park to the Norwalk Station, arriving approximately at 2:30. They will board the train at 2:45 and exit at Avalon Station to return to Gompers Middle School.  
(Several bicycles will be taken on the trains as a demonstration. However, because of the size of the group, the bulk of the bicycles will be transported to the Avalon Station.)

**WHERE :** **Metro Green Line Norwalk Station**  
**at the intersection of I-605 and I-105**

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