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MEDIA ADVISORY

CHILDREN TO REALLY 'DIG' RUINS UNEARTHED BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS AT CAMPO DE CAHUENGA IN UNIVERSAL CITY; STATION TOUR OFFERED

WHAT: Children from the YMCA and a public school will watch a team of MTA contracted archaeologists unearth and then preserve several portions of the original foundation and floor of the adobe at Campo de Cahuenga, a Los Angeles City park in Universal City. The exposed remains will be surveyed, inspected, photographed and documented. The state landmark is in front of a new Metro Red Line subway station that will open in mid-2000 as part of a 6.3 mile extension of the system. The excavations will take place in an adjoining parking lot where a Mexican commander signed documents capitulating to U.S. forces in 1847. One year later the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican War which resulted in the U.S. acquiring land that eventually became California and seven other Western states. The event will also feature actors portraying the leaders of the opposing militaries who signed the Articles of Capitulation, Gen. Andres Pico and Col. John Fremont. Millions of people will discover Campo de Cahuenga and its museum as a result of this major new MTA transportation hub which include a bus center. New subway stations also will be located in Hollywood at Hollywood/Highland at in North Hollywood at Lankershim and Chandler.

WHERE: **Campo de Cahuenga in Universal City**
Lankershim Boulevard (¼-mile north of 101 Freeway, west side)

WHEN: **This morning, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 6**
(9:30 a.m. Children receive history lesson in museum)
(9:45 a.m. Press conference)
(10 a.m. Artifacts unveiled)

WHO: Charles Stark, MTA Executive Officer, Construction
Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, L.A. City Department of Recreation and Parks

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WHO: Guy Weddington McCreary, President, Campo de Cahuenga
Historical Memorial Association
Dr. John Foster, Archaeologist, Greenwood and Associates
Tony Forster, descendent of General Andres Pico's sister
Martin Alcala, Gabrielino-Tongva Indians
Actors portraying General Andres Pico and Colonel John Fremont
Children from Burbank Boulevard Elementary School and
East Valley YMCA

note: media can take tour of new Universal City Metro Red Line station after event
Dress code for tour: hard sole shoes, long pants, no shorts or dresses

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