



MEDIA ADVISORY

MTA EXCAVATION YIELDS ARTIFACTS OF SETTLEMENT IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES FROM 1860S

WHAT:

Photo Opportunity:

MTA excavation in the downtown area has uncovered pits filled with dinnerware, bottles, pieces of clothing that date back to the 1860s, indicating there was a fairly populous settlement in the region during that period, pre-dating the railroad era.

The artifacts were found during excavation for additions to the maintenance of way buildings just north of the Metro Red Line rail yard on Santa Fe Avenue.

Greenwood and Associates, project archeologists, expect to complete recovery of the artifacts on Friday, June 27.

WHEN:

Friday, June 27, 1997

9 a.m. to noon

WHERE:

S.J. Amoroso construction site

On Santa Fe Avenue, NORTH of the entrance

to the MTA yard at 300 S. Santa Fe.

Los Angeles

(Note: do not enter the MTA yard but go north to

the Ameroso sign)

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