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MEDIA ADVISORY HELICOPTER FLY-IN FOR SCHOOL CAREER DAY

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2009, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

WHERE: Davis Middle School Playground
621 W. Poplar Street
Compton, CA 90220

WHAT: Executive director of Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum (TAM) and Celebrity Helicopters is making a dramatic entrance to participate in a Career Day program at Dickison Elementary School. He's coming to the program in a helicopter, but will land it across the street at Davis Middle School's playground because the elementary school playground holds too much play equipment. Middle school children will be outside to view the landing and greet the pilot before he goes across the street to participate in the career day program. With him will be a Tuskegee airman, Levi Thornhill, and Reena Singh, Head of the Compton schools' Regional Occupational Program.

WHO: Middle and elementary school children will greet Robin Petgrave, who is executive director of Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum and owner of Celebrity Helicopter, both of which are based at the Compton Airport. Robin, who was bitten by the flying bug at an early age, came to Los Angeles from the east coast as an actor. While he still occasionally acts, Robin operates Celebrity Helicopters to support Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum programs. The small museum located next to the helicopter service has a wide range of aviation artifacts, some old military helicopters and a large display of photographs of the Tuskegee Airmen, the famed World War II African American pilots.

WHY: Robin started TAM programs in 1998 and in 2000 decided to devote fulltime efforts to its operation. He operates the museum and programs for youngsters, primarily the inner-city youth in the area's communities, but his programs are open to all boys and girls. His museum and its programs, not only teach youth to fly, but also the value of education, staying in school, working to achieve things and prepare for college. Some 120 or so youngsters make their way to the airport every day to work in the TAM snack shop, do odd jobs, study on TAM computers and learn to fly. Several of them have shattered world records. Participating in local school Career Days is another one of Robin's efforts to improve life for children by opening new doors for them.

VISUALS: Helicopter landing at middle school to be greeted by young students. Your coverage is invited. Thank you.