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# MEDIA ALERT

## Friday, December 5, 2003

### AFROVENATOR ERECTED IN FERN ROOM

- WHAT:** **Afrovenator Erected in Fern Room**  
With a name meaning "African Hunter," paleontologist Paul Sereno's Afrovenator is the first known predatory dinosaur from the early Cretaceous era of Africa. Afrovenator's skull has rows of long, blade-shaped teeth for slicing into prey. Witness the rebuilding of this 135 million year-old West African meat-eater as it finds its new home among the ferns at Garfield Park Conservatory. **Afrovenator stands eight feet tall and 27 feet long and looms near the re-created carcass of its victim, Jobaria.**
- WHERE:** **Garfield Park Conservatory's Fern Room, 300 N. Central Park Avenue**
- WHEN:** **Friday, December 5, 2003 Best Visuals – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**
- HISTORY:** On December 20, 2003, the Chicago Park District will unlock the doors to a long, lost world with **GIANTS: African Dinosaurs at the Garfield Park Conservatory, created by Project Exploration**. This major new exhibition premieres the first-ever display of new African dinosaurs, renders skeletons as garden sculptures and immerses visitors in a prehistoric world full of wonder and mystique. **GIANTS** will run through September 6, 2004, and is open every day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. This is the first dinosaur exhibit in 150 years to be developed specifically for a botanic setting. **GIANTS** is presented by ComEd, an Exelon Company, and The Boeing Company.

For more information on **GIANTS**, visit [www.dinogiants.org](http://www.dinogiants.org).

