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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
(TO PROSPECTUS DATED JULY 1, 2003)

ING PRIME RATE TRUST  
6,772.854 SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST  
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During the period of March 16 through March 17, 2004, ING Prime Rate Trust (the "Trust") sold 6,772.854 shares of beneficial interest of the Trust through the Trust's Shareholder Investment Program pursuant to a Distribution Agreement with ING Funds Distributor, LLC ("IFD") at a sales price of \$7.742 per share.

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| Gross Proceeds.....        | \$ | 52,435.41 |
| Commission to IFD.....     | \$ | 0.00      |
| Net Proceeds to Trust..... | \$ | 52,435.41 |

On March 15, 2004, the last day of the corresponding pricing period, the last reported sales price of the Shares on the NYSE was \$7.80.

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The Date of this Prospectus Supplement is March 22, 2004.