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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC 2009 HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Evenings, December 26, 2008 through January 4, 2009

Holiday Late Nights

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

This holiday season the public can treat their loved ones to an evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific while enjoying special savings and the ambiance of the Aquarium at night. During its Holiday Late Nights, admission will be just \$10 per person after 5 p.m., and the Aquarium will remain open until 9 p.m. Holiday visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 12,500 animals, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m. during the winter.

Cost: \$10 per person after 5 p.m.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday evenings through May 22 (except April 17), 2009

Shark Lagoon Nights

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to get up close with the ocean's ultimate predators at the Aquarium of the Pacific for FREE during Shark Lagoon Nights. Guests will have the opportunity to touch more than 150 sharks and see large sharks such as sandtigers at the Shark Lagoon exhibit on select Friday evenings from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Shark Lagoon brings guests closer to these predators than they ever imagined. Guests can touch and learn about sharks; shop in Pacific Collections; purchase drinks, coffee, dessert, or a light meal; and enjoy live music during select Shark Lagoon Nights.

Cost: FREE

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Thursday, January 15, 2009

***Ocean on the Edge* Lecture Series: William Fox**

Topic: Working toward Sustainable Fisheries: Is it too late?

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Many of the world's fisheries are over-exploited and fish stocks have crashed. Bycatch, destructive fishing methods, habitat destruction, and pollution all conspire to take an additional toll. With proper governance and management, wild fish stocks can be managed to provide a sustainable supply of protein, but to meet demand they will have to be supplemented with environmentally responsible marine aquaculture or farmed fish. Find out more with Dr. William W. Fox, Jr. at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Dr. Fox is vice president and managing director for World Wildlife Fund U.S.'s fisheries department in San Diego, CA. He has also worked for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), including being the first and long-time director of NOAA Fisheries' Office of Science & Technology.

Sponsors: The Westin, Long Beach and Gazette Newspapers, Grunion Gazette & Downtown Gazette

Cost: \$8 for the public and \$4 for general members. FREE for students with valid student ID with advance reservations.

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Saturday, January 17, 2009

Underwater Parks Day

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visitors to the Aquarium of the Pacific are invited to share in deciding how the ocean and its resources will be protected for the current and future generations. Guests will be able to submit their feedback on documents for public comment, attend meetings and public workshops, and learn about the California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative and marine protected areas. Attendees will also be able to explore the Aquarium to meet over 12,500 animals, including those that inhabit the waters off of Southern California from sea lions to sharks.

Cost: General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

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Saturday & Sunday, January 17-18, 2009

Late Nights at the Aquarium of the Pacific

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy the Aquarium of the Pacific after hours while taking advantage of special savings. During Late Nights, admission will be just \$10 per person after 5 p.m., and the Aquarium will remain open until 9 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 12,500, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. In addition, the Aquarium's short films will be shown in the Honda Theater throughout the evening. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m. during the winter.

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Saturday & Sunday, January 24-25, 2009

Festival of Human Abilities

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its sixth annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative talents and abilities of people with disabilities. Wheelchair dance, live music, signing choirs, art demonstrations, storytelling, service dog demonstrations, and other creative performances will be featured by people who have disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be present at all major shows and an audio tour is available for those who are blind.

Sponsors: The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

Cost: General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Tuesday, January 27, 2009

***Ocean on the Edge* Lecture Series: Roger McManus**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Topic: Ocean Governance

Roger McManus has extensive experience and a strong record of accomplishment in marine conservation policy and non-government conservation management, including voluntary programs. He built the U.S. Center for Marine Conservation (currently named The Ocean Conservancy), into the largest NGO in the world devoted to marine conservation. McManus has served in several U.S. Administrations, including with the Clinton Administration as the Ocean Advisor to the Office of the Secretary in the Department of the Interior. He has had a leadership role in establishing numerous marine protected areas. McManus has a M.S. and has participated in field research in numerous countries. He is CI's vice president for the Marine Programs Division.

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Saturday, February 7, 2009

Street Cleanup

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific in cleaning up an urban neighborhood to help reduce ocean pollution—and earn a free ticket to the Aquarium of the Pacific (good for one year). In Long Beach and many other cities, trash and run-off that enter storm drains go directly into the ocean. To help to prevent this from impacting our local stretch of river, watershed, and ocean, participants will be picking up trash in the neighborhood surrounding Cesar Chavez Elementary School in downtown Long Beach. In exchange for a bag of trash collected at the cleanup, each person will receive a free ticket to the Aquarium. Bags, gloves, refreshments, and a spirit of camaraderie will be provided.

Sponsors: The Westin, Long Beach and Gazette Newspapers, Grunion Gazette & Downtown Gazette

Cost: FREE

Location: Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

RSVP: 562-590-3100

Info: www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, February 21-22, 2009

African Heritage Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific as it hosts its seventh annual African Heritage Festival, celebrating the richness and diversity of African and African American cultures. The weekend will feature live entertainment, arts and crafts, ethnic food, and more. Featured are interactive drum circles, West African dance, live jazz, storytelling, community award ceremonies, and a host of other activities.

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February 25, 2009

Ocean on the Edge Lecture Series: Jesse Ausubel

Topic: Counting all the Fish in the Sea

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

From microbes to mammals, Arctic to Antarctic, abyss to surface, and near shore to mid-ocean, scientists from 80 countries are producing the first Census of Marine Life (www.coml.org). The project, to be completed in 2010, will assess and explain the diversity, distribution, and abundance of marine life in our seas. The Census should also help identify threatened species and important nurseries and thus improve management of living marine resources, some of which have already been decimated. Jesse Ausubel, who helped initiate the Census, will report its progress and share the breathtaking beauty of discoveries made so far during his talk at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Ausubel is a program director for the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and director of the Program for the Human Environment at The Rockefeller University in New York City as well as an adjunct faculty member at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. During the past decade he helped launch and lead major international scientific programs in biodiversity science, including the Census of Marine Life. Ausubel was also main organizer of the first UN World Climate Conference (Geneva, 1979), which substantially elevated global warming on scientific and political agendas.

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Saturday, March 7, 2009

Sustainable Seafood Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific invites the public to learn how to help our oceans one bite at a time at its fifth annual Sustainable Seafood Day. Learn all about cooking environmentally friendly seafood dishes and how your seafood consumption choices can help save our seas. Enjoy sustainable seafood tastings in the Aquarium's Great Hall, watch as local chefs do sustainable seafood cooking demonstrations, take home recipes, and visit booths by organizations that promote sustainable seafood practices. Complete sustainable seafood meals will be available for purchase in the Aquarium's Café Scuba.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Ocean on the Edge Lecture Series: Dr. Jeremy Jackson

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Topic: Brave New Ocean

The great mass extinctions of the fossil record eliminated entire groups of organisms that provided opportunities for the subsequent explosive evolution of surviving lineages. Today, humanity is laying the groundwork for a comparably great mass extinction with unknown ecological consequences. Overfishing, introduced species, global warming, acidification, toxins, and massive runoff of nutrients are transforming the oceans. Turning these problems around will require fundamentally difficult, costly, and rapid changes in the ways humanity grows food, manufactures commodities, and obtains energy for everything we do. But the consequences of doing nothing are frightening. Find out more about the threats facing our ocean and how we can help through a special presentation with Dr. Jeremy Jackson at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Dr. Jackson is the William E. and Mary B. Ritter professor of oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, and senior scientist emeritus at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in the Republic of Panama. Dr. Jackson's work on overfishing was chosen by *Discover* magazine as the outstanding environmental achievement of 2001. He has served on committees and boards of the World Wildlife Fund U.S., the National Research Council, among others.

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Wednesday evenings, March 11 through April 1, 2009

Aquatic Academy: The Ocean and California's Future

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Arrive 30 minutes early for the first session

Continuing Education Units (CEU) credit is offered through CSULB Adult Extension Services

You are invited to explore with experts how California's coastal ocean and coastline will change by 2050-2100, how these will impact the state, and what policy and regulatory changes are needed to avert a potential crisis to our quality of life and economy. Session I – March 11: will look at the driving forces that are changing our atmosphere and ocean. Session II – March 18: will discuss some of California's and the nation's coastal and ocean policies and practices. Session III – March 25: will visit the future ocean and some of its characteristics that will affect California. Session IV – April 1: will discuss the search for robust coastal and ocean policies and practices to serve California well into the future.

Cost: \$55 per person; \$45 for members; \$10 additional charge for CEU Credit

Age: 18+

Location: Watershed Classroom, Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802
RSVP: (562) 951-3100, ext. 0 or e-mail: ametz@lbaop.org

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Late Night at the Aquarium of the Pacific

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Everyone gets in for the kid's price from 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

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March 23, 2009

Lecture Series: Dr. Richard Aster

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Topic: Taking Earth's Pulse & Temperature Using Seismology: Roaring Oceans and Singing Icebergs

The worldwide network of seismographs designed to detect earthquakes is also recording aspects of Earth's climate. Buried in the background of these continuous seismic recordings, even in the deep interiors of continents, are "microseisms" -- seismic waves created by ocean waves pounding the coast and interacting with the sea floor. From over 35 years of high-quality continuous global seismic recordings, Dr. Aster and his colleagues have been able to reconstruct a unique record reflecting past patterns of ocean-storm intensity. This work includes evidence suggesting that violent ocean storms across planet, and associated ocean waves, have been increasing in their frequency of occurrence during the past three decades. Seismometers sited on the great ice sheets and icebergs of Antarctica are also revealing signals due to waves from extreme ocean storms and from regional iceberg calving. Hours-long collisions between Earth's largest icebergs as they gyrate under the influence of coastal currents also cause the icebergs to "sing" with a newly discovered type of seismic and ocean acoustic tremor. Extreme storms occurring during the Arctic winter produce waves that propagate to Antarctica. The public is invited to delve into this pressing topic as Dr. Richard Aster illuminates previously unsuspected linkages between climate, oceanography, seismology, and glaciology. Dr. Aster joined the faculty at New Mexico Tech in 1991 and is currently a professor of geophysics and chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Science.

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Sunday, March 29, 2009

Divers Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Learn all about the history and recent advancements in diving at the Aquarium of the Pacific's eighth annual Divers Day. There will be educational presentations, live dive demonstrations, and more. The Aquarium will also host a large range of organizations that are related to the sport and science of diving. The diving community is invited to find out about volunteer diving and other opportunities for involvement with dive-related organizations in Southern California. Divers who present valid proof of certification with their photo I.D. will receive free admission.

Cost: FREE for divers with valid proof of certification and photo I.D. or General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under 3 and Aquarium members

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Thursday, April 9, 2009

Poetry Reading & Book Signing: Jeffrey Yang

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Celebrate Poetry Month at the Aquarium of the Pacific through a poetry reading and book signing with Jeffrey Yang, author of *An Aquarium*.

Jeffrey Yang's debut book of poems, *An Aquarium*, takes its readers on a journey through the ocean's inhabitants, from abalone to zooxanthellae. Capturing scientific observations in both his words and in the structure of the poems and the book, he creates evidence of symbiosis and history. Yang is an editor at New Directions Publishing. He has published translations from classical Chinese, including *East Slope* by Song Dynasty poet Su Shi and a Tang-Song Dynasty collection of poems called *Rhythm 226*.

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Sunday, April 12, 2009

Easter Sunday Brunch

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for a buffet-style Easter Brunch on its front lawn. Kids will receive a special surprise gift. *Please indicate number of children needing high chairs in your party.*

Cost: \$48/adult, \$28/child and includes admission to the Aquarium. Member prices are \$38/adult or senior, \$18/child

Menu: honey ginger ham with spiced apples; rosemary leg of lamb with mint jelly; omelets made to order; scrambled eggs; Southwestern frittata; poached salmon with cucumber sauce; chicken and apple sausage; wild and long grain rice pilaf with spring vegetables; grilled vegetable station; garden salad with cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, and carrots served with choice of dressings; spring mix salad with candied walnuts, goat cheese, and dried apricots served with Balsamic vinaigrette; assorted mini desserts and cookies; water and lemonade station; and coffee station.

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Friday through Sunday, April 17, 18, & 19, 2009

Aquarium CLOSED due to Long Beach Grand Prix

The Aquarium of the Pacific will be closed Friday through Sunday, April 17-19 due to the Long Beach Grand Prix. The Aquarium will reopen, resuming regular hours of operation on Monday, April 20.

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Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Book Signing & Lecture: Stephen Faris

Forecast: *The Consequences of Climate Change*

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Stephan Faris will speak about his new book, *Forecast: The Consequences of Climate Change, from the Amazon to the Arctic, from Darfur to Napa Valley*. In this book, Faris explores the political, economic, and strategic impacts of climate change. Faris notes that there is a growing consensus that climate change is linked to an increase in violence in the world, such as in the case of conflict in Darfur. Island nations such as Kiribati, drought-stricken communities, and hurricane-prone areas are all facing an uphill climb to ensure survival in the face of rising sea level and more frequent and more intense storms. As a journalist who specializes in writing about the environment and the developing world, he has covered Africa, the Middle East,

and China for several publications, including *Time*, *Fortune*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Salon*.

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Saturday & Sunday, April 25-26, 2009

Earth Day Celebration

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Learn what you can do to help our ocean planet at the Aquarium of the Pacific's ninth annual Earth Day Celebration. Join the Aquarium for a weekend of family fun celebrating Earth Day while learning simple, everyday tips to protect our environment. Visit booths from various earth-friendly organizations and participate in hands-on learning demonstrations for people of all ages.

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Sunday, April 26, 2009

Late Nights at the Aquarium of the Pacific

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 29, 2009

***Ocean on the Edge* Lecture Series: Dr. James Fawcett**

Topic: Global Trade and Southern California

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join Dr. James Fawcett as he shares his insights about the fascinating industry of global trade as we look toward the next decade and the influence the local ports will have upon our lives in Southern California. Dr. Fawcett will look at global trade's contribution to our local economy and culture, the environmental issues, and opportunities. Waterborne trade, especially in the Pacific, has been instrumental in the growth and development of the Southern California economy. Its ports handle more marine freight than any in the nation and, indeed, are critical to the U.S. economy. Almost one million workers in this region are dependent upon that trade for their jobs, and the industry is anticipated to potentially double in volume over the next decades. Certainly, there are also problems associated with these mammoth ports, including air pollution and congestion on local freeways as the local area digests all the cargo moving into and through the region. But, Southern California ports are simultaneously working to clean the air while moving cargo even more efficiently. Dr. Fawcett is adjunct professor of public policy with the University of Southern California.

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Saturday & Sunday, May 2-3, 2009

Día del Niño Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of Día del Niño (Children's Day), the Aquarium of the Pacific will host a special festival for kids. Celebrating the amazing talents of children of all cultures, this festival will feature international music and dance performances by kids. An international choir, Mexican folkloric dance, hula, and West African dance are among the children's performances. Festival attendees can also partake in arts and crafts, storytelling, interactive music performances, face-painting, and more. Over the weekend, the Aquarium will bestow its annual Young Hero Award to one young person in recognition of their efforts to make this planet a better place. Celebrate the children in your life through this special annual event.

Cost: FREE child's admission with each paid adult admission with coupon available on Aquarium's Web site (general admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age three and Aquarium members)

Sponsor: AT&T

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Thursday, May 7, 2009

Film Screening & Panel Discussion: James Thebaut

New Documentary: Los Angeles premier of *The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?*

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Narrated by Emmy® Award-winning actor Jane Seymour, *The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?* takes a deeper look at the water crisis and the escalating economic issues it's creating for the southwest states. Executive producer James Thebaut interviews key figures in Congress and the White House for an inside look at the roles these leaders play in formulating and executing water policies. After the film, stay for a panel discussion with film maker James Thebaut and have answers to your questions regarding water conservation, desalination, rise in water demands, and future water policies.

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Thursday, May 21, 2009

Shark Summer Press Preview

10 a.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific in a summer-long celebration of sharks and rays. Discover new animals, watch a new film, and get up close to a shark egg to see the growing baby. Make your own shark craft to take home, touch shark teeth and jaws, and meet shark and ray mascots. Also experience our most popular exhibition Shark Lagoon, where you can touch live sharks. Dive into the world of sharks, and learn how you can help protect them and their ocean home. Shark Summer opens to the public on Friday, May 22 and continues through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2009.

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Media RSVP: mpadilla@lbaop.org or 562-951-1684

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Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Pride Late Night at the Aquarium of the Pacific

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Everyone gets in for the kid's price from 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

In conjunction with the annual Pride Festival in Long Beach, the Aquarium is hosting a special late night for the gay and lesbian community. Enjoy the Aquarium of the Pacific after hours while taking advantage of special

savings. During Late Nights, admission will be just \$11.95 per person after 5 p.m., and the Aquarium will remain open until 9 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 12,500, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. In addition, the Aquarium's short films will be shown in the Honda Theater throughout the evening. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 21, 2009

Shark Summer Lecture Series Kick Off: Dr. Chris Lowe

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Taking a bite out of the myths and misconceptions about sharks: What do we really know about shark behavior.

Sharks, the creatures many love to fear, have been demonized in movies and modern culture. More books and documentaries have been written or made about sharks than any other marine animal. Despite all this attention, a lot of misinformation about shark behavior abounds and continues to spread. Dr. Chris Lowe of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has been studying sharks for over 20 years and currently runs the Shark Lab at CSULB. He will talk about what we know and don't know about shark behavior, why so many myths and misconceptions prevail, and how we can change people's attitudes about sharks.

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Begins Friday, May 22, 2009 through Monday, September 7, 2009

Shark Summer

Public Debut

The public is invited to join the Aquarium of the Pacific in a summer-long celebration of sharks and rays. Guests will discover new animals, watch a new film, and get up close to a shark egg to see the growing baby. Kids can make their own shark craft to take home, touch shark teeth and jaws, and meet the Aquarium's shark and ray mascots. For those who want to learn more about these amazing animals, the Aquarium will host talks by special guest speakers. Those visiting the Aquarium this summer can also experience its most popular exhibition Shark Lagoon with over 150 sharks you can touch. Dive into the world of sharks, and learn how you can help protect them and their ocean home. Shark Summer opens to the public on Friday, May 22 and continues through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2009.

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Monday, May 25, 2009

Memorial Day Late Night

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Book Signing & Lecture: Author Michael Welland

Book Title: *Sand: the Never-Ending Story*

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

From the bottom of the sea to the landscapes of Mars, Michael Welland reveals some of the extraordinary stories of one of nature's humblest, most powerful, and most ubiquitous materials—sand. In fact, sand is all around us. It has made our way of life possible, and it continues to play a dramatic role in our relationship with the environment. We do indeed find the world in a grain of sand. Welland is the founder and director of Orogen Limited, a consulting company based in London. He has been face to face with geology around the world, from early field work in the Arctic and for the British Geological Survey in Oman to recent Saharan expeditions. He has held university teaching and research positions, a variety of roles in the international energy business, and is a fellow of the Geological Society (London), the Geological Society.

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Cost: \$8 for the public and \$4 for general members. FREE for students with valid student ID with advance reservations.

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Thursday, May 28, 2009

Napoleon Chagnon *A Lifetime Study of Amazonian Indians from a Darwinian Perspective and Opposition to My Effort*

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for a special presentation by Dr. Napoleon A. Chagnon. Dr. Chagnon, one of the country's most prominent anthropologists, retired in 1999 from UC Santa Barbara. His 30-year study of the Yanomamö Indians of the border region between Venezuela and Brazil resulted in over 100 scientific articles, 22 documentary films and 6 books, one of them becoming the all-time best seller in didactic anthropology. His advocacy of Darwinian ideas in cultural anthropology eventually led to several major controversies, which he will discuss in his presentation.

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Sundays / May 31 through September 6, 2009

Summer Sundays

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Stay out late with the fish as the aquarium will remain open until 10 p.m. on Sundays during the summer. The public is invited explore the Aquarium to meet over 12,500 animals that call the Pacific Ocean home. Visitors will be able to interact with various sea animals, watch films, and more. From touching sharks and sea stars to watching the nocturnal behaviors of the giant Pacific octopus and sharks, Summer Sundays offer a fun and relaxing retreat by the sea. Special discount will be offered on admission after 5 p.m.

Cost: General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Saturday & Sunday, June 6-7, 2009

Pacific Islander Festival

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands through traditional craft demonstrations, ethnic cuisine, educational programs, storytelling, and an ocean of entertainment, including music and dance

performances. Watch hula performances, listen to Tahitian drumming, try out ancient Hawai'ian games, enjoy island cuisine, and admire artisans as they create traditional weavings. The Pacific Islander Festival will feature various cultures, including Hawaiian, Fijian, Marshallese, Chamoru, Tahitian, Samoan, and Maori.

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Monday, June 8, 2009

Late Nights at the Aquarium of the Pacific for World Ocean Day

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy the Aquarium of the Pacific after hours in celebration of World Ocean Day while taking advantage of special savings. During Late Nights, admission will be just \$11.95 per person after 5 p.m., and the Aquarium will remain open until 9 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 12,500, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. In addition, the Aquarium's short films will be shown in the Honda Theater throughout the evening. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$11.95 per person after 5 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Shark Summer Lecture Series: Gregor Cailliet

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Life Histories of California Sharks and Rays

Join Dr. Gregor Cailliet as he discusses the life history of California sharks and rays. Guests will learn about the diversity of sharks and rays, how fast they grow, how ages are determined, how they reproduce, what they feed upon, and what is known about their movements in estuaries and on the coast of California. Professor Cailliet is a faculty member at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and serves as program director of the Pacific Shark Research Center, one of four in the National Shark Research Consortium. He earned his doctorate in Biological Sciences at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Cailliet's research interests include the ecology and life history of both bony fishes (especially those in the deep sea), and chondrichthyans (cartilaginous fishes). He has specifically concentrated his studies in the Monterey Bay region of central California, often focusing these studies on fishes from the Monterey Submarine Canyon and Elkhorn Slough, in addition to working on specimens from the commercial and recreational fisheries along the coast of California.

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Saturday, June 13, 2009

Ocean Conservation Awards Gala

6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for a glamorous night out with the fish. This black-tie event honors the outstanding achievements of individuals and institutions that have greatly contributed to environmental conservation efforts. The evening features a special awards program, a cocktail reception, full-course gourmet dinner, live musical entertainment, after-hours coffee bar and lounge, and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to enjoy the ambiance of the Aquarium's exhibits at night. Proceeds support the nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific's ocean conservation education programs.

Cost: \$600 per seat / Tables and other sponsorship opportunities available for purchase.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/RSVP: Gala info: 562/951-1606 or lglasco@lbaop.org

Saturday, June 23, 2009

Autism Families Night

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Due to popular demand, the Aquarium of the Pacific is hosting another special evening for families with adults or children with autism. The entire Aquarium, except Lorikeet Forest, will be open until 9:00 p.m. This will be a peaceful evening when guests can enjoy the tranquility of the exhibits and meet over 12,000 animals from the world's largest ocean.

Cost: \$11.95 per person after 5:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Book Signing & Lecture: Los Angeles Times Columnist & Author Russ Parsons

Book Title: *How To Pick A Peach*

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sustainability is the buzzword of the moment, and nowhere is it used more often than in the world of food. But what does it mean? And how can we achieve it? The reality of where our food comes from and how it gets to us is complicated. And any necessary change involves hard choices. Learn how our current food systems developed, how they are changing, and how you can help. California food writer Russ Parsons joins us to talk about bringing sustainability home. In his latest book, *How to Pick a Peach*, Parsons looks at agricultural history as well as sharing some interesting food chemistry, helpful buying tips, and yummy recipes. Despite the year-round availability of fruits and vegetables, Parson celebrates the seasonality and freshness available at farmer's markets. Parsons is the food editor and columnist of the *Los Angeles Times*. He has been writing about food for 25 years, including almost two decades at *The Times*. He is also the author of the cookbook *How to Read a French Fry*.

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Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Shark Summer Lecture Series: Jeff Graham

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Comparative Physiology of Sharks

This lecture will touch on the many of the functional features of sharks and rays that distinguish them from other vertebrates, including the bony fishes. From sensory biology to their blood and to the way their hearts work and how they swim, sharks form a different and earlier chapter in vertebrate design. Dr. Jeff Graham is a research physiologist, marine biologist, and senior lecturer at the University of California, San Diego-Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

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Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Guest Speaker: Reuben Margolin

7:00 p.m.-9 p.m.

Wave Maker

We see waves everywhere: in water, in wind, in the contours of a flame. Artist Reuben Margolin has spent the last ten years making kinetic sculptures inspired by wave motion. Seeking to combine the logic of mathematics with the sensuousness of nature, Margolin built a series of monumental mechanical mobiles that have been exhibited internationally, including in the lobby of the Aquarium of the Pacific. He will show video of both completed wave sculptures as well as a couple of short documentaries about making these complex mathematical artworks.

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Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Shark Summer Lecture Series: Chugey Sepulveda

7:00 p.m.-9 p.m.

Topic: Shortfin Mako and Common Thresher Sharks

This presentation will discuss the biology, ecology, and recent movement studies of the shortfin mako and common thresher sharks in Southern California. These two pelagic species play an important role as apex predators of the region and form the backbone of Southern California's recreational and commercial fisheries for pelagic sharks. This work will discuss how movement patterns can be used to help promote sustainable fisheries and it will highlight aspects of reproductive biology that make these sharks especially susceptible to overexploitation. The lecture will also include recent footage of feeding thresher sharks in the wild, illustrating the use of their caudal fin to stun prey. Dr. Chugey Sepulveda is the laboratory director of the Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research (PIER), where he manages several research projects related to regional recreational and commercial fisheries. PIER works cooperatively with regional management agencies to promote the sustainable use of our coastal resources.

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Friday evenings, September 11 through December 25, 2009

Shark Lagoon Nights

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to get up close with the ocean's ultimate predators at the Aquarium of the Pacific for FREE during Shark Lagoon Nights. Guests will have the opportunity to touch more than 150 sharks and see large sharks such as sandtigers at the Shark Lagoon exhibit on select Friday evenings from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Shark Lagoon brings guests closer to these predators than they ever imagined. Guests can touch and learn about sharks; shop in Pacific Collections; purchase drinks, coffee, dessert, or a light meal; and enjoy live music during Shark Lagoon Nights.

Cost: FREE

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, September 12-13, 2009

Baja Splash Cultural Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its eighth annual Baja Splash Cultural Festival featuring live entertainment, crafts, educational

programs, ethnic entrees, and much more. The Aquarium's weekend festival will celebrate the beauty and diversity of Hispanic cultures through song, dance, art, and cultural displays. Mariachi music, Mexican folkloric and Aztec dance troupes, interactive mural painting, Guatemalan marimba music, Salvadoran dance, and other special programs will be featured. Guests can also learn more about the amazing animals of Baja, Mexico and how they can help protect them.

Cost: General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Sponsor: AT&T

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Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Seniors Day

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific will open its doors for free to seniors ages 50 and above on this special day. Special exhibits for seniors will include booth displays by the Aquarium's volunteer services, education, and animal husbandry departments.

Cost: FREE to ages 50 and over with a valid photo ID or \$23.95 adult (12+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Saturday & Sunday, September 19-20, 2009

Moompetam: Native American Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of the local Native American cultures, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its fifth annual Moompetam Festival. This weekend celebration will feature traditional cultural crafts, storytelling and other educational programs, and live demonstrations, including music and dance celebrating the indigenous California Indian maritime cultures, including Ajachemen, Chumash, Costanoan, Luiseno, and Tongva peoples.

Cost: General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Sponsor: The Westin Long Beach

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Thursday, September 24, 2009

Sustainable Food Show and Demonstration

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Come join the Aquarium of the Pacific and Seafood Food for the Future for a food show highlighting sustainable dishes and entrees. Learn ways to make more sustainable choices when deciding to eat out or at home and help keep the worlds fish populations intact.

Cost:

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Saturday, October 3, 2009

Southeast Asia Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its fifth annual Southeast Asia Day. The festival's program will highlight the beauty and diversity of Cambodian, Thai, Vietnamese, Burmese, and Laotian cultures. Guests will enjoy live performances, including music, dance, and cultural craft demonstrations. Ethnic dishes will available for purchase, and children will have the opportunity to partake in arts and crafts.

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Tuesday, October 6, 2009

James Wood Lecture "Amazing Octopuses"

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Octopuses are one of the most advanced invertebrates on the planet, they can change color, texture and shape - often in a fraction of a second. Please join Dr. James Wood at the Aquarium of the Pacific during an engaging discussion about these mysterious creatures and their relatives.

Cost: \$8 for the public and \$4 for general members. FREE for students with valid student ID with advance reservations.

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Saturday, October 17, 2009

Sea Fare: Dine with the fish, and bid on exciting auction items

6:30-10:30 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific will host its sixth annual Sea Fare, an evening of dining, live music, silent and live auctions, and more. Guests will kick off the night with an open bar and live music and will dine with the fish while sampling diverse cuisines from local restaurants and food and beverage companies. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a range of unique live and silent auction items. Proceeds will lend a helping fin to the nonprofit Aquarium's ocean conservation education efforts.

Cost: \$125 per person, which includes an open bar and diverse samplings of food provided by area restaurants

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Info/RSVP: 562-951-1606 or lglasco@lbaop.org

Saturday & Sunday, October 24-25, 2009

Scarium of the Pacific

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Discover the creatures lurking in the depths of Pacific at the Scarium of the Pacific—a spooktacular educational Halloween event for the whole family. Enjoy special Halloween programs, including the annual children's costume contest, the creepy coloring contest, magic shows, spooky storytelling, kooky crafts, eerie animals in the Great Hall, and much more.

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Saturday & Sunday, November 7-8, 2009

Autumn Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures, and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's eighth annual Autumn Festival. The Autumn Festival highlights the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment, celebrating the richness and diversity of Asian and Asian American cultures. The festival will feature traditional crafts, music, dance, demonstrations, cultural arts exhibits, artisans and other exhibitors displaying and selling their works, ethnic cuisine, storytelling, and much more. Move to the sounds of taiko drumming, watch dancers, acrobats, and martial arts demonstrations. Try your hand at origami, and purchase hand-made crafts. The Autumn Festival is a joint project of the Aquarium of the Pacific and RYOMA.

Cost: General Admission--\$23.95 adult (12+), \$20.95 senior (62+), \$11.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Saturday, November 14

NOAA and Our Planet Day

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visit the Aquarium of the Pacific on November 14th, 2009 for NOAA and Our Planet day to learn how this national agency protects our oceans and coasts and monitors our weather. Find out what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) does for you, our nation, and our world. Tour a NOAA research vessel, ask NOAA scuba divers questions, interact with the science zone, view award winning NOAA films, enjoy a puppet show on ocean conservation, learn how NOAA protects ocean life, and get the facts on climate change. All NOAA activities start at 9:00 a.m. and are free with general Aquarium admission.

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Saturday & Sunday, December 5-6, 2009

Holiday Treats for the Animals

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of the holiday season, Scuba Santa will be delivering an ocean of gifts to the Aquarium of the Pacific's sea otters, seals, sea lions, birds, fish, and other animals. Guests can see Scuba Santa dive with sharks and watch the Aquarium's animals receive their special treats and enrichment gifts during the Holiday Treats for the Animals weekend. Families can enjoy holiday music, crafts, special presentations, unique photo opportunities, shopping, and more. The Seal and Sea Lion Habitat will be decked out for the "sea"son with frozen "fishmas" treats. Guests can watch the sea otters savor candy cane-shaped ice treats, gourmet lobster tails, and their very own snowman. Throughout the day Aquarium staff will give special gift delicacies to other marine animals as well.

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