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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC CELEBRATES
SECOND ANNUAL DIVERS' DAY

Certified divers enjoy free Aquarium admission on March 23, 2003

WHAT: The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its second annual Divers' Day featuring free admission for certified divers, booths from various marine and dive related organizations, live equipment demonstrations and more. To enjoy free admission, divers must present valid proof of certification with photo I.D., and the public may also enjoy this event with regular admission.

In addition to all of the Divers' Day festivities, guests can enjoy:

• Pacific Galleries

The Aquarium will take visitors on a journey through the Pacific Ocean, the largest and most diverse body of water, to meet over 12,000 ocean animals representing more than 550 species. Guests will explore three galleries featuring 19 major habitats and 32 exhibits focusing on the waters of Southern California/Baja, Tropical Pacific and Northern Pacific. On their journey, they will encounter seals, sea lions, sea otters, sharks and more.

• Shark Lagoon

Modeled on a tropical island theme, Shark Lagoon brings visitors up-close and personal with more than 150 animals, sharks you can touch...and some you can't. Shark Lagoon features an exhibit with above-and below-water views of sand tiger sharks, which can reach nine-feet in length and are known for their sharp, outwardly pointed teeth, as well as other sharks. Special cove exhibits allow guests to reach in and touch various sharks such as nurse, zebra, bamboo and epaulette. The goal of Shark Lagoon is to educate visitors and dispel the myth that sharks are dangerous, fearful animals.

• Lorikeet Forest Exhibit

The fun continues as guests encounter Lorikeet Forest, the Aquarium's 5,200 sq. ft. walkthrough aviary filled with dozens of brightly colored lorikeet birds. These friendly birds will land on your arm, shoulders and even head to get a sip of nectar from your hand-held nectar cup.

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- **Jellies: Phantoms of the Deep**

Guests will enjoy learning about sea jellies—mysterious creatures with no heart, brain or eyes. Exhibit features more than one dozen species of sea jelly.

- **Weedy Sea Dragon Exhibit**

Visitors have the opportunity to see weedy sea dragons, which are native to Australia and resemble the plants found in their local waters. The Aquarium of the Pacific is the first aquarium in the world to successfully breed these delicate creatures.

- **Presentations**

The Aquarium offers daily presentations including Shark Lagoon, Seal and Sea Lion, Sea Otter and underwater dive presentations in the ARCO Tropical Reef exhibit and Blue Cavern Habitat. The Honda Theater also features educational films on sharks, sea jellies and other denizens of the deep.

- **Behind-the-Scenes Tours**

Aquarium of the Pacific guests have the opportunity to dive deeper into the Aquarium by embarking on a Behind-the-Scenes journey.

Adventurers will learn the secrets of the aquarium trade, meet new sea animal babies in their special behind-the-scenes holding aquariums and even have the opportunity to touch and feed some animals. Offered daily, \$15 per person (must be at least 7 years of age).

WHEN: Sunday, March 23, 2002

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

AQUARIUM: Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (except Dec. 25 and during the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach April 11-13, 2003), the Aquarium of the Pacific is a non-profit education and conservation organization. Admission to the Aquarium is \$18.75 Adult (12+), \$14.95 Senior (60+) and \$9.95 Child (3-11).

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