



MEDIA ADVISORY

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A BIG-TIME CELEBRATION OF OCEAN MAMMALS

39th annual Whale Fiesta at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro

WHEN: **Sunday, January 25, 2009**

10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: **Cabrillo Marine Aquarium**

3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro

WHAT: A free, fun-filled family event at a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility in San Pedro celebrating marine mammals, especially the Pacific Gray Whale, whose yearly several-thousand-mile migration from Alaska to Baja California passes along the coast off of San Pedro, part of which takes place during January.

Fiesta activities will include arts and crafts projects – including scrimshaw, an inflated whale to crawl through, a puppet show, face painting, and more. Event highlights will be the creation of a life-sized Baird's beaked whale out of sand, the "Great Duct Tape Whale Contest" and a "living whale" using people.

The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society. More than 20 organizations that work to protect marine mammal life will have exhibits and information about their efforts and throughout the day whale experts will give lectures on marine mammals.

WHO: Oceanic aficionados from different generations and various locations

VISUALS: Life-sized whale sand sculptures and creation of a human "living whale" display
Kids enjoying a puppet show, face painting, scrimshaw, and more

TO GET TO CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM: Take the **110 (Harbor) Freeway** south to its terminus at Gaffey St. Exit there and take Gaffey St. south about 1½ miles to 22nd St. Take 22nd St. east two blocks to Pacific Ave. Take Pacific Ave. south about one mile to Stephen M. White Dr. Take Stephen M. White Dr. southeast to the facility entrance. (*Thomas Guide page 854, grid C2*).

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