

## **Media Advisory**

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### **Ocean Explorers Bring Underwater Mysteries to Philadelphia**

**Who:** Underwater World of Horsham presents two leading ocean explorers and conservationists: Native Philadelphian Dr. David E. Guggenheim, President of 1Planet1Ocean in Washington, DC and a submarine pilot (and former Vice President of The Ocean Conservancy), and underwater filmmaker Feodor Pitcairn of Huntingdon Valley, creator of the PBS series, Ocean Wilds.

**What:** Dr. Guggenheim will begin the program with a video presentation compiled from a recent National Geographic expedition to the Gulf of Mexico, where he piloted the DeepWorker and DeepRover one-person submersibles. Included will be new video from his work in Cuba, where his team is the first to explore Cuba's Gulf of Mexico coast. Dr. Guggenheim will also discuss ocean conservation issues, including recent efforts of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, the first time in a generation that the nation has looked at its policies regarding the oceans. President Bush is scheduled to report to Congress on the Commission's report in less than a month.

Mr. Pitcairn will showcase his program, entitled "The Mystifying World of the Giant Manta Ray" which includes a 45-minute film on manta rays and whale sharks. The film is a spectacular look at the manta rays' world under the sea. Pitcairn and a team of divers, each with a large, state-of-the-art high-definition camera, captured them in their habitat off the island of Yap near the Federated States of Micronesia in the South Pacific. Mr. Pitcairn will share behind the scenes stories about the making the film.

See: [www.feodorpitcairnproductions.com](http://www.feodorpitcairnproductions.com)

**Where:** Hatboro-Horsham High School's Performing Arts Theater, 899 Horsham Rd., Horsham, PA 19044. Parking is on-site and free.

**When:** Friday, December 3, 2004. Doors open at 7pm. Program begins at 730pm. Admission is free but tickets required. (Tickets can be picked up in advance at Underwater World, 495 Easton Road, Horsham, PA, 215-672-4180 or are available at the door.)

Broadcast quality b-roll and high-resolution photos available