



## **STARS FISH FOR NEW TANKS!**

### **ANIMAL PLANET CATCHES CELEBRITIES WHEN ‘TANKED’ RETURNS WITH NEW EPISODES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

#### *Wayde and Brett Create Tanks for Shaquille O’Neal, Mario Lopez and Theresa Caputo*

(Los Angeles, CA -August 26, 2014) – Aquarium experts Wayde King and Brett Raymer are back with new episodes of **TANKED** and hope to make a slam dunk with their “Extra” high-profile clients that include sport legends Shaquille O’Neal and Pete Rose, TV host Mario Lopez, actor Wilmer Valderrama, Long Island Medium’s Theresa Caputo. The new episodes of **TANKED** begin **Friday, September 19 at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT.**

As two of the country’s most successful aquarium builders, brothers-in-laws Wayde and Brett are used to tackling challenging projects, but their newest clients have some tall orders – specifically, NBA superstar Shaquille O’Neal. In the super-sized premiere episode, the retired basketball player wants to celebrate his illustrious career by incorporating two of his nicknames – Superman and Diesel – in a saltwater tank for his Florida mansion’s entertainment room. The tank is to be built into a semi-truck and like the Man of Steel himself, it must be bulletproof!

Wayde and Brett then head to Hollywood to collaborate with *Extra* host Mario Lopez on a special tank for a Boys & Girls Club for which he is ardent supporter. Mario wants the tank to have a STEM education theme, but also contain an interactive component that inspires the kids to get physically fit.

Long Island summons the guys back to their home state when medium Theresa Caputo and her husband, Larry, ask them for two complicated builds for their “spirited” home. Wayde and Brett are up to the challenge of creating a 325-gallon aquarium with a mystical mermaid and glowing coral to be inserted into a room-dividing wall, but are “koi” when presented with the unusual request for an outdoor pond.

Baseball legend and hit king Pete Rose hires the guys to design a ballpark replica aquarium for his California home. The project should be a homerun, but Pete’s fiancée Kiana throws the guys a curveball when they find out she’s not on board.

Other tanks this season include:

- A “TV for cats” aquarium for world-famous, French-speaking, Henri, Le Chat Noir, complete with a bed where the feline philosopher can cat nap and watch the colorful finned fish;
- a 250,000-gallon interactive tank at a Florida aquarium where guests can swim alongside fish, stingrays and sharks and feed them through specially designed holes;
- a tank for a Las Vegas illusionist who requests a fish tank for his magic show where he can perform a twist on an old Houdini trick - escaping from a sealed acrylic aquarium while bound and shackled;
- a pirate ship-themed tank for the city of Perdido Keys, Fl that will entertain lil’ swashbucklers and celebrate the city’s annual Pirate Festival.

As co-owners of Las Vegas-based Acrylic Tank Manufacturing (ATM), one of the country's most successful builders of aquariums and two of Sin City's most imaginative businessmen, Wayde and Brett are tasked with building some of the most enormous and awe-inspiring tanks and aquariums for top celebrities, luxury hotels and casinos, Fortune 500 businesses, private homes and millionaire homeowners across the country that are filled with the most exotic, unusual, colorful and dangerous fish in the world. ATM takes on more than 200 projects every year with tanks ranging from 50 to one million gallons in size.

TANKED is produced for Animal Planet by Nancy Glass Productions. Nancy Glass, Eric Neuhaus and Matt Carter are the executive producers for Nancy Glass Productions, and Melinda Toporoff is the executive producer and Pat Dempsey is Associate Producer for Animal Planet. TANKED was developed by Animal Planet's Charlie Foley.

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