Lancers spike Knights for CIF gridiron crown

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La Jolla’s harbor seal colony heads into its annual pupping season with an uncertain future. But for the first time, attorneys are battling for the marine mammals inside federal court.

“This hearing is whether the federal court can order the city to put the rope up,” said Brian Pease, attorney for the Animal Protection and Rescue League’s (APRL) Seal Watch, regarding a Dec. 12 hearing in front of Judge William Hayes.

“The state court cannot prevent the court from putting the rope up, but they didn’t take any position whether we could bring the action to federal court,” Pease said. The city was held behind during the federal hearing, but Deputy City Attorney George Schaefer said officials would stand by the previous state decision.

“As the city’s pleadings in the federal case note, the city is unable to put up a rope barrier at the Children’s Pool because of an order by a state court judge that the city may not do so,” Schaefer said.

“The City Attorney’s Office has no further public comment at this time.”

The harbor seals’ pupping season began Dec. 15 and runs through May 30, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). City crews installed a precautionary rope the past few years to protect pregnant seals and nursing pups, but as each year passes the rope becomes more controversial.

“The first pups aren’t born until February. There may have already been a miscarriage, though. The seals on the beach are definitely in their last trimester of pregnancy,” Pease said.

Last year, Pease fought for the seal colony in federal court but exhausted his appeals with the city of San Diego. La Jolla’s seals are on the brink of being shoed away after a state judge ruled the city must reconsider the surrounding area to its 1941 standards.

“When I filed the APRL lawsuit then we ran into a jurisdictional issue,” Pease said, adding that he’s back in federal court focusing on installing a rope to protect pregnant seals but also an order blocking the city from dispersing seals.

Months ago, Pease won a previous protection order for the colony, which expires in March.

Locals say the controversy stems from an incident. A swim club protesting the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), which cited swimmers and divers interfering with seals, swam from La Jolla Cove to the Children’s Pool in an effort to reclaim their waters.

While the group swam in, the seals brushed the beach, and officials cited swimmers.

The federal MMPA preempts enforcement of state law, Pease said. La Jolla’s harbor seal colony is protected under the federal MMPA.

Swimmer Valerie O’Sullivan was represented by attorney Paul Kennerson. In 2004, O’Sullivan sued the City of San Diego, alleging the seal colony in federal court but disperse the seals.

“Ninety-nine point nine percent of people respect the rope. A few people will still go down to the water,” Pease said. “It’s just a guideline. There are 80,000 people that visit that beach.”
apologized, grieved and tried to explain to the residents what happened, using words like mishap, engine failure, protocol. He mentioned his teamwork at the scene of the crash.

Lt. Don Neubauer, the pilot in training, will be a civilian for life because he caused the death of four people so full of life and hope, vulnerable babies, loving mother and daughter. And what about Don Yoon? How will the Marines make reparation to him? Money will not fill the void of constant pain of the greatest loss imaginable.

Neighbors around Huggett Street and Cabrillo Street have long-term beach-front homes. For 19 years, the Marines have been working to develop a program to help fund the fire pits, the identity of the anonymous benefactor remains a mystery.

The city had as many as 450 fire pits in the early 1990s but only 150 were replaced, leaving 150 concrete fire pits, according to a city statement. The city had as many as 450 fire pits in the early 1990s but only 150 were replaced, leaving 150 concrete fire pits, according to a city statement. The private donation raises the question of using private funds to pay for publicly owned city services, such as libraries and park maintenance, but whether it leads to more private dollars used for public services has not yet been determined.

Jim Heaton, a La Jolla Shores Association board member, was concerned that removing the fire pits along the north end of La Jolla Shores would result in illegal dumping of coals on the sand. He said that members of the La Jolla Shores Association board meeting were concerned about the flight pattern proximity of the schools. University City High School, Carolli High School, Stendal Middle School and Spreckels Elementary. What if the plane had been a few feet north and slammed into the school? O'Connor kept repeating, ‘There will be a full and comprehensive investigation,” as though he were pouring healing water over the crowd.

People’s grief turned to anger against their neighbors, the Marines. Will it be a whittling down of the pilot to North Island? Why don’t the Marines move to the desert away from this urban area? Heard exchanges as well as cool heads with lengthy military experience emerged from the audience.

Rev. Daniel Shin, family pastor for Yoon, acknowledged how much grace Yoon showed toward the pilot and the Marines. Shin also acknowledged that his faith and Yoon’s faith that one engine out would fly over the perimeter of the crash site, we can bring back our boys to their families, is seared in her memory forever, was asked by Charles Frazier to make certain City Council sees public standard procedures for malfunctioning aircraft. He questioned why a jet with one engine out would fly over a ‘heat zone’? ‘We want to be the best neighbors,’ was Mayor Jerry Sanders thanked the fire service and the police for their extraordinary work. Sanders said there would be a congressional investigation as well as a military one.

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One U.S. resident said, ‘Our community has a scar.’ He wondered why there wasn’t a stand-down with a review of safety procedures with no flying out of Miramar on the day after the crash. O’Connor replied: ‘There was a stand-down of the squadron involved, but other pilots flew over U.S. out of Miramar.”

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Survival tips as the new kid on the block

When first coming into an already formed group, a new member will be met with certain challenges that need to be understood and dealt with. Whether you are joining a family, school, business or other organization, as a new person you must learn the rules of behavior (learning the ropes), survive the probation period (paying your dues) and finally become one of the group (pass muster and earn your stripes).

What many new employees do not realize is that there is a strong likelihood that you will be assigned the jobs no one else wants to do. Newcomers are often stuck with the least interesting or rewarding jobs, the worst shifts, the most unpleasant customers, and the less cohesive groups. The people who like to spend time together now live. Yes, there are some people who enjoy their activities, but there are also cliques in the group (pass muster and earn your stripes).

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Some of the ways I have found that people gained membership were (1) finding something in common with another member, such as a shared interest or having an acquaintance in common. (2) doing favors, (3) accepting the process of writing opinions in tax cases and other matters and continue to practice writing opinions in tax cases and other matters and continue to practice writing opinions in tax cases and other matters.

The best way to handle being assigned what about what to do duties is to understand how common the practice is and that no one means to do it for the individual. The way to deal with it is to accept the tasks as part of the price of being a new employee and do them gracefully.

Undesirable assignments or menial work can cause new people to leave a job. I interviewed people about their first week and days at work and found that approximately 10 percent of my sample of more than 1,000 people had quit before they could be integrated into the work group. Many said that they had known at the time that the job was one they never could take on, that the group was just part of the organization’s culture and not meant to single them out, they would not have left.

Membership is an issue of everyday life. We like to feel “in,” but then by implication some people must be “out.” The more exclusive the group, the better the members feel about being a part of it and the more difficult it is for a newcomer. The four factors, (1) choosing a club, (2) choosing a club, (3) choosing a club, (4) choosing a club, (5) choosing a club, are the factors that determine how successful you will be in getting the low end of the pay scales. (1) choosing a club, (2) choosing a club, (3) choosing a club, (4) choosing a club, (5) choosing a club, are the factors that determine how successful you will be in getting the low end of the pay scales.

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Fleet’s refurbished IMAX theater opens

Fleet Neff Science Center’s Space Theater in Balboa Park is back in business following a $3 million renovation that features a new cast, updated audio equipment and a seamless NanoSeat screen.

The theater reopened Saturday, Dec. 3, with IMAX-format films "Wild Ocean," "Van Gogh: Brush with Genius" and "Aquarium" among the first presentations.

The new 76-foot dome is the same size as the dome in the refurbished project, which began in early summer. For more information, call (619) 238-1233 or visit www.rhfleet.org.

La Jolla High accepts donations for family

La Jolla High School (LJHS) officials are reaching out to area residents in an effort to help a local family whose possessions were destroyed in a house fire. LJHS禋eeves Community and Foundation are asking La Jollans to donate extra clothes and appliances. The family includes two teenagers—a 17-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl.

If you have a computer, printer or clothes that you would like to donate, you may bring them to the counseling conference room, "Zimmer" wrote.

Zimmer said the male teenagers wear size 32 by 36 pants, medium or large shirt, large sweatshirt and size 10 shoes. The female teenager wears size 9 1/2 pants, medium shirts and size 6 ½ shoes. La Jolla High School is located at 730 Van Buren St. For more information call Zimmer, (858) 454-3081, ext. 2216, or e-mail czzimmer@sandi.net.

La Jolla News
Rady identifies top 10 holiday hazards for kids

Trauma experts at Rady Children's Hospital remind parents this holiday season of potential hazards for children.

The following are the top 10 hazards identified by trauma experts:

1. Potpourri petals and pods (Children are attracted to the fragrant scent and can try to eat the ingredients. Poses a choking hazard.)
2. Candles (Many times lit candles are placed on decoratively decorated trees during the holidays. Children can pull the runner and be burned by the hot wax or, worse, start a fire.)
3. Alcohol (Even though it tastes bad, children can drink it. Can cause poisoning.)
4. Cleaning supplies (Vitamins are often drinks.)
5. Tiny toys (Despite warning labels, some toys can cause a child to choke.)
6. Tree ornaments (The shiny objects attract attention from little ones. The ornaments can break and cut a child, or a child can choke on them.)
7. Batteries for toys (Batteries are often small and are under the sink.)
8. Fireworks (Children are attracted to the noise and light.)
9. Shiny objects (Many times the plastic eyes or nose of a stuffed animal can pop off, posing a choking hazard.)
10. Tree decorations, dim bulbs (Faulty holiday decorations did not have working lights.)

Rady encourages parents to keep these potential hazards for children in mind during the holiday season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Grinch who almost stole the city’s fire pits

Whose bright idea was it to remove all the fire pits in San Diego? Why? What is the problem that is so big that they have to resort to this? Was it a drinking problem? No. There were already curfews in place even before the new prohibition. Is it a pollution issue? No, although perhaps it should have been. No, it is to “save money.” For what, pray tell?

Given that nothing has changed, why all of a sudden does the city need to “save money”? What’s next? Why not pull all the trash cans? Certainly people can take out what they brought in. That makes sense. How about we quit mowing and watering the park lawns? We can all play in dirt and weeds just as well as grass. Another small sacrifice so the city can save even more money. That should be the plan.

So now that the city has saved all this money by eliminating fire rings, ending yet another form of family fun like some kind of tea-totaling grinch, what is their plan for it? A tax reprise? High- ly doubtful. America’s Finest City. No fun allowed.

— Footnote from letterwriter:

Just a couple of days after this was written, an anonymous donor supplied enough funds to support the fire pits for 18 months. Fantastic! The question is, what happens after that? Furthermore, why can’t the city afford a totally reasonable $173K a year to keep them?

Fire a city councilman or two and use their salary to cover it. Preferably in particular the Grinch, whose best thinking was to take the fire pits from our kids.

Ben Harness
Point Loma
Holidays in La Jolla

Join together to make this Holiday Season a celebration of giving by shopping locally!

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Ba-ba-ba-Barbaras and Classic party

One particular party was definitely a place where everybody knew your name. Reason? Barbaras were the only ones invited. For the past five years, the unique event was held at various “Barbara” homes, but this year instead Barbarella was the venue. Still the same was the price of admission: a pair of athletic shoes in teenager sizes, for the kids who frequent Becky’s House, Father Joe’s and Monarch School. Most importantly, only Barbaras need attend — all others don’t bother to show up. Talk about exclusivity!

A grand opening for the expansion of the Classic Residence by Hyatt — several years and $147 million later — was the excuse for yet another grand old party, complete with valet parking, cocktails and oceans of marvelous food plus lots of familiar faces. La Jollans of a certain age have formed a new community within the walls of this high-rise, where virtually everything you can think of is taken care of, from soup to nuts, and the soup is terrific. Seek and ye shall find or ask and you will get — those are the mottos here. No request is too small and the good folks who run this resort await your command.

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Christmas shopping in La Jolla 50 years ago

By CAROL O'BRIEN

There were great imported toys from Tupperware and The Pauper. You could surprise mom on Christmas morning with a pair of Persian Puffies fuzzy bedroom slippers from Steven- son’s Department Store for $7.95. For dad there was always the proverbial silk tie for $1.50 from R.C. Watts, leading in men’s and ladies apparel on Girard — or boxer shorts for $1.25 at a Pendleton wool robe, more expensively priced at $25. This was Christmas shopping in La Jolla 50 years ago.

The year, of course, was 1958 — a time when shoppers adorned themselves in attire like noodle skirts and their houses with the latest in space-age, mass-produced products: color TVs in giant wood cabinets, electric toasters and mixers, modern chrome dinette sets, boomerang tables and sofas that looked like they belonged in flying saucers. The latest in luxuries for Christmas 1958 included Oldsmobiles with not only fantastic tail fins but rocket engines, and electronic dishwashers with the ever-popular “push button” controls. Christmas dinner desserts were apt to be Kraft’s “Old Black Goose” car to finish up the Dec. 7 La Jolla Christ- mas Parade.

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Here's a fairy tale bound to please children, adults and music lovers. It's the world premiere of Kirsten Childs and Andrew Chuckerman’s “The Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea,” conceived by Karole Foreman with lyrics by Foreman and Chuckerman and directed by Stafford (“Altar Boyz”) Arima. Musically and textually self-mocking and creak-a-block with grand performances, a six-piece band and Todd L. Underwood’s lively, folk-choreographed routine, it continues through Dec. 21 at San Diego Repertory Theatre.

The child in front of us was rapt, leaning forward in her seat throughout the show, which starts with the entry of African griots pushing trunks that roll like wheelbarrows. Eventually the entire 15-member company is onstage, indulging in a bit of a cappella singing redolent of Lady-smith Black Mambassa, dancing and culminating in the rousing “Tell the Story,” which suggests that the primacy of the well-known fairy tale may lie in Africa, not China and thence to Europe where it was popularized by Hans Christian Andersen.

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Children’s book reveals in its own goodness, one of its charms, but there are a few extravagant plot lines that might be cut, making for a tighter tale. As it is, it’s an assured, enjoyable, impressive, exuberant evening of music and menu-making, not to mention good, old-fashioned romance times three.

Jim Yukovich, music director and conductor, collaborated with composer Chuckerman on music arrangements and orchestrations. Sets are credited to Beowulf Boritt and lighting to Jennifer Set- low. Missy Bradstreet did the wigs.

“Cynthia the Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea” continues at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 21 at the Lyceum Stage, San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Hor-ton Plaza, San Diego.

For tickets and information, visit www.sandiegorep.com or call (619) 544-1000. III
Lady cagers aim high to swish championships

Dr. Dave Thomas | Village News

Scholastic girls basketball is always one of the stronger winter sports locally and this season should prove no different.

Perennial power La Jolla Country Day (LJCD) School under head coach Terri Bamford is coming off eight consecutive league and CIF championships, finishing as the Division IV state runner-up last winter.

Despite the loss of Dominique Conners (University of San Diego), Jaimee Fulcher (Arizona State University) and Chelsea Burns (Utah State), the Lady Torreys are looking to pick up right where the 27-6 squad left off last year. This year’s Lady Torreys roster includes five young Division I prospects.

LJCD returns junior starting point guard Ariana Elegado, who is one of the top point guards in the state. Also returning is 6’4” Gillian Howard, a dominant force inside, and Chaymee Shipley, a multidimensional player with three-point range and the ability to put the ball on the floor and score.

The Lady Torreys also add two sensational freshmen in the 5’10” Hood “twin towers” who will make an immediate impact this season, according to Bamford. Newcomer Kaylah Miller and sophomore Shayla Dimiwidde are deadly shooters from the outside, and junior Alexia Samuels returns as one of the team’s top defenders and rebounders.

Finally, Bamford says to look for the junior returnees to use their valuable experience to lead the young team to contend for a ninth CIF title and a trip to the state championship.

“We will look to run an up-tempo offense and hard-nosed full-court defense this year,” Bamford remarked. “This team has the ability to control the tempo of the game. Offensively, the Lady Torreys are multidimensional and have the ability to shoot threes, dominate in the post and attack the basket.”

At The Bishop’s School, head coach Marlon Wells and the Lady Knights finished 21-10 overall and 5-5 in Coastal League play last season.

Bishop’s lost to LJCD in the CIF finals, then lost in the first round of the state playoffs to St. Mary’s.

While Bishop’s lost last Michelle Brunaker (Louisiana Lafayette) to graduation, key seniors this season will be Inga Orekhlova (6’3” guard), who Wells says is an outstanding three-point shooter, an elite high school major player and arguably as good as anyone in the country; and Giselle Studevent (5’11” shooting guard), who Wells feels is one of the best pure jump-shooters in the country and will have a huge year.

Juniors expected to make major contributions include 5’10” guard Elaina White, who Wells says is a very difficult player to guard because of her ability to shoot from the perimeter and her ability to go inside, and guard/forward Briana Galvez, who Wells feels has an opportunity to be very good if she keeps on working hard every day.

“Briana is an emerging talent in this class and has enormous potential and the skills to be a top-two recruit,” Wells said. “I believe that we have a pretty good shot at winning league and CIF titles. Hopefully we can go deep into the state playoffs.”

At La Jolla High School, the Lady Vikings under head coach Ty Eveleth went 9-16 a season ago, losing in the first round of the CIF playoffs to El Capitan.

Some key players this season look to include senior Darcey Elliott, sophomore Maddy Kraszewski, junior Nawahine and junior Natalia Cravens.

“We will be a young team that will be very competitive in the strong Western League,” Eveleth noted.

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Bishop’s, La Jolla High girls soccer eye championships

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A pair of local girls soccer teams produced winning teams last year, and they hope that formula for success holds true this season.

At The Bishop’s School, the Lady Knights under head coach Brian Quinn finished 17-4-1 a season ago and captured the Southern Californian Division III title along the way.

Key players for Quinn this winter look to include Lindsey Holman-Kelly, Stevie Griglak, Francis Harvay, Marje Lacombe and Kaylie Davidson.

“Our early season schedule is one of the toughest in Bishop’s girls varsity soccer history — La Costa Canyon, Torrey Pines, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Patrick Henry — who are all talented teams that I feel will test the girls and prepare them for league play,” Quinn commented.

Bishop’s is set to play Coronado today, Dec. 18, before heading into winter break.

At neighboring La Jolla High School, the Lady Vikings under head coach Kristin Jones finished 15-3-3 last season, returning 15 players who participated in last season’s CIF title game.

According to Jones, sophomore Callan Parra and junior Brianna Chapman will direct the offense, while Alex Foster and Tess Plant-Thomas lead the defense.

“Big things are expected this year,” Jones remarked. “With so much experience, we are hoping that leads us to the CIF title game next season.”

— Editor’s note: La Jolla Country Day School did not respond to a request for information on its team.

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Boys soccer teams set lofty goals

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A La Jolla man went from riches to rags for charity in Fox TV’s new reality series, “Secret Millionaire,” airing this evening, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

Molly Haerr said her son Greg, 50, was always gifted. While attending La Jolla’s schools, such as Muirlands Middle School, he gravitated toward encyclopedias instead of fiction, she said. Greg graduated from La Jolla High School and then the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) when the university had only one computer, according to his mother. But her eldest son — of seven — certainly used that lone computer as sat inside UCSD’s basement, Molly said.

Greg Haerr launched a software company called Century Software and then moved to San Luis Obispo until graduating from Cal Poly and then moved to San Luis Obispo, up relatively nearby, in Escondido, where the Murphys surfed.

Despite a weak economic climate, two local boys may prove a success by running a classic business model: building on what you know, finding a niche and catering to neighbors in a friendly way.

Brothers Matt and Ben Murphy are doing just that. The duo grew up relatively nearby, in Escondido, and then moved to San Luis Obispo until graduating from Cal Poly with business degrees. Like most born-and-bred San Diego boys, the Murphys surfed.

Surfers know where the waves break. Where the breaks are, surfers will flock. And therein lie opportunities for the businessman who knows the waveriders’ needs.

“We recognized a need for a surf shop,” Matt Murphy said. “There’s such a surf community but no shop around.”

So the brothers opened a small shop more than one year ago at 5544 La Jolla Blvd.

La Jolla is home to many great surfing legends and current surfing stars. The Murphys said the closest shops to Bird Rock’s surfers are located in Pacific Beach to the south and on Pearl Street in La Jolla to the north. So they searched for a year until they found the small Bird Rock location.

The Murphys’ business sense paid off. The boutique-style friendly shop melded well with the surrounding Bird Rock neighborhood and the surfing community. The brothers were so successful they said they needed more space.

“We outgrew the other shop,” said Greg.

Bird Rock Surf Shop finds a bigger perch

Funeral arrangement fashions living wreaths

Behind the doors of Beardsley-Mitchell Funeral Home on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard in Ocean Beach, Brien Prescott is more than the funeral arranger. He has a second life as an artist and creator of living wreaths.

Prescott and his fiancée, Jody McFarland, grow succulents in their North Park backyard, watered completely with gray water from their washing machine. They collect the chemical-free gray water that comes from washing with biodegradable soaps and use it to water their backyard menagerie of succulents.

“We fell in love with the plants because we wanted to cut back on watering,” said Prescott, a native San Diegan and owner of Gray Water Gardens. Succulents are drought-resistant plants, so they grow well in San Diego’s climate. They are extremely resilient, grow easily and can be propagated quickly, Prescott said. The tiny tube hairs of most succulents grow back even after pieces of the plant are broken off, and the broken pieces can be transplanted in sandy soil to grow new life, Prescott said.

About two years ago, the two started turning their succulents into wreaths for friends and family. After seeing a small wreath at a native plant sale at the Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon, it inspired them to experiment with the process.

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La Jolla's Greg Haerr (left), seen here with his brother Paul, is the star of tonight’s episode of Fox TV’s “Secret Millionaire” reality series.

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Thank you also to the judges for their time selecting the winners.

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includes not just what’s new to the experts in a field but what’s new to me. I am constantly wowed by the ocean’s diverse life and the myriad ways species cope with their adverse world in hopes of coming out of the battle victorious. Over time, I fit together bits and pieces of my ongoing observations as a way to personalize for myself how sea lifeforms connect to each other, to their environment, to the terrestrial world and to me. It is a continuing process wherein insights often spring to mind long after I’m out of the water.

For example, I’m amazed how a goby fish, a bottom-dweller, will go its own way. The solitary reproductive purposes, then each briefly pairs up with a mate for all the time, a loner virtually goby fish, a black-eyed goby. The black-eyed goby fish, a goby, alights on, whatever it matches color and to itself — is to be indifferent to nature — is to be indifferent to the natural world. Unfortunately, society in general still thinks the environment ends at the shoreline. We need a sea change in people’s thinking, understanding and appreciating our blue marble world. While interest and concern about the value of nature and the environment in general has become a par-tisan issue, no one need be ashamed of being curious and supportive of nature. I suggest that this is what we have braves for and that the greatest insult to nature — and to ourselves — is to be indifferent to or uncaring about the natural world. After all, on the most basic level, we all breathe the same air, drink the same water and, hopefully, want to leave a legacy to future generations of which we can be proud.

All life exists for reasons we don’t yet know, which is reason enough to protect what we have. Humans, only one link in the mysterious web of life, have a moral obligation to repair and preserve the ocean environment, not only for our survival but because it adds much intrinsic interest and beauty to our lives. The more we understand about the ocean, the deeper we will connect to each other, to their world and to me. It is a continuing process wherein insights often spring to mind long after I’m out of the water.

The two-spot octopus (Octopus bimaculatus) disappears into its background not unlike the chamelon, a lizard found on land. Having trouble seeing it? Look for the black eye slit near the middle of the picture. The black-eyed goby, a chameleon on land. Having trouble seeing it? Look for the black eye slit near the middle of the picture.

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‘Day the Earth Stood Still’ again

By JAMES COLT HARRISON | VILLAGE NEWS

What is more “Hollywood” than to remake a classic from 50 years ago and jazz it up? That is exactly why Robert Wise’s 1951 film was a classic. It was simplicity. Long-haired, devilishly sexual Patricia Neal played a devoted mother in the original, and British actor Michael Rennie played Klaatu, the alien from outer space. The special effects were rather quaint and rudimentary. The space ship was the popular “flying saucer” of the day. There were a few flashing lights to spook you. The budget? About $4.98.

Rocket forward a half-century and we have Keanu Reeves, an alleged graduate of the Wooden Indian School of Acting, perfectly cast as the emotionless, humorless Klaatu. He arrives on Earth in what looks like a disco speed-ball, spinning and glowing with swirling lights. Now, that kind of arrival might make anybody dizzy and stupefied, which probably explains Reeves’ look of chronic constipation. This man has never smiled in any of his pictures, but doesn’t that add to his interpretation of chronic constipation? Big studio 20th Century Fox (which made the original simple film) has decided to up the ante on the budget and probably mortgaged the sound stages to pull off this marvelous new film.

Klaatu arrives, captured by the government to study and is helped by the beautiful astrobiologist Dr. Helen Benson (Jennifer Connelly) and her loving stepson Jacob (Jaden Smith). The secretary of defense (a marvellous Kathy Bates) is at first wary of the alien and wants to control him. But she wavers as she learns his reason for coming. The film is expressionistic and stylish, but we tried to root it in reality too far,” Derrickson said. “In re-imagining this picture, we had an opportunity to capture a real kind of angst that people are living with today, a very present concern that the way we are living may have disastrous consequences for the planet,” Reeves said. “I feel this movie is responding to those anxieties. It’s holding a mirror up to our relationship with nature and asking us to look at our impact on the planet, for the survival of our species and others.” This can truly be called the first “green” movie!

Director Scott Derrickson (“The Exorcism of Emily Rose”) worked closely with production designer David Bruce (“Drugstore Cowboy,” “My Own Private Idaho”) and director of photography David Tattersall (“Star Wars” trilogy, “Lara Croft”) to design the look of the film. “We wanted to make a film that had a stylish look and a distinctive quality in terms of color, lighting and set design, but we didn’t want to push the boundaries of reality too far,” Derrickson said.

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Natural, a science fiction film usually relies on computer-generated special effects. However, Derrickson wanted to have the CGI effects support, and not overwhelm, the narrative. “I don’t think that modern audiences are craving more in terms of CGI effects; they’re craving something that feels real and sparks their imagination,” he said.

The film is not one of those scary science fiction monster movies. It is an intelligent look at what might happen if another civilization came to the Earth and how we might react. Will we be welcoming and inquisitive or will we resort to our warlike tendencies, as is shown in the movie? We have a chance; will we take it? 20th Century Fox. Ill

This glowing orb brings alien Klaatu (Keanu Reeves) to Earth to save it from the destructive human species in the remake of “The Day the Earth Stood Still.”

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These living wreaths made of succulents by Brien Prescott and Jody McFarland are festive and colorful.

**WREATHS**

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and produce larger sizes of 12-, 14- and 16-inch wreaths. They joined the San Diego Succulent Club and redesigned their backyard haven.

“It is therapeutic. It grounds me,” Prescott said of digging in the soil. “It’s like making a work of art and putting in the right color of plant.

The living wreaths are not the typical holiday wreath although they can be hung on the door, they prefer to be misted daily and lie flat as a centerpiece on the table. Another big difference between a succulent living wreath and the usual holiday wreath is that the succulents are bedded in dirt and moss, so they are constantly growing and changing, Prescott said.

Creating the wreaths is a way for Prescott and McFarland to unwind after busy workdays. Prescott has been the funeral director in Ocean Beach since January and has been in the funeral business for five years. In a tense world of helping others cope with grief and loss, Prescott has the same resilient and friendly attitude as the succulents he nurtures. The time spent in the garden is “like a reading a book,” he said. “Worries disappear and nothing can interfere."

He also balances his days as an avid motorcyclist, camper, rock climber and former off-road bicyclist. Like the active outdoor hobbies he pursues, gardening and the wreath-making process became effortless, he said, “like painting or building a model. You see it coming into its true image and time stands still.”

Unlike evergreens, succulent wreaths come in a range of colors, naturally, without bulbs and ornaments and tinsel. The succulents that Prescott uses range in color from orange and red to blue and green, and the textures have “lots of character,” he said.

The magic of the living wreath is that it can be taken apart and replanted, “It’s recyclable and ever-changing.”

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