

# SKINNY DIPPERS SPOTTED, POLICE SUMMONED ... BUT WAS IT THE RIGHT CALL?

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THREE MONTEREY Peninsula residents were arrested Tuesday night for indecent exposure after they went skinny dipping in Carmel Bay on an unusually warm evening — and were caught bare by a family having a party on the beach —

according to police.

Carmel Police Sgt. Mel Mukai said a 29-year-old Carmel man and two 32-year-olds from Pacific Grove shucked their clothes and entered the water near Scenic and 10th. The men were naked, and the woman was topless.

Shortly after 9 p.m. Aug. 24, “as they were leaving the water, there was a large family gathering, and one of the parents was obviously appalled and decided to call us,” Mukai

said.

Officers responded and found the alleged skinny dippers on the beach still nude, clutching their clothes and preparing to dress.

“They were detained and subsequently arrested on the indecent exposure charge, and were then released, pending their court date,” he said.

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## THE AMAZING ORANGE JELLYFISH INVASION

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY BAY is experiencing a jellyfish invasion.

Perhaps nobody knows this better than Bruckner Chase, the Santa Cruz man who was stung repeatedly by jellies on his hands, feet and face as he swam 25 miles across the bay Tuesday.

“In the last few weeks,” Monterey Bay Aquarium spokesman Jim Covel told The Pine Cone, “we have seen the numbers [of jellies] pick up in our end of the bay.”

This week, large numbers of West Coast sea nettles at Monterey’s Fisherman’s Wharf 2 drew curious tourists and locals who watched tens of thousands of the fluid creatures swim and float close to the surface.

“They just captivate people’s imagination,” Covel said. “I don’t know quite what it is. They look almost like alien life forms.”

It’s not known exactly why jellies are currently in such big numbers in Monterey Bay; however, Covel said it might have to do with one of their

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PHOTO/KELLY NIX

From almost any spot on Wharf 2 in Monterey, tens of thousands of large jellyfish — including about 200 in this photograph, with tentacles up to 5 feet long — can be observed as they placidly feed on plankton. Ocean experts say the invasion is probably due to changes in currents.

## Livingston: Carmel Sands must have EIR

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS should have required a full environmental impact report before approving the proposed demolition of the old Carmel Sands Lodge and construction of a new hotel, according to resident and former city councilwoman Barbara Livingston. On that basis — as well as her opinion the project should not have been OK’d “because of its drawbacks” — Livingston filed an appeal that is set to be considered by the Carmel City Council next month.

In a four-page Aug. 23 letter accompanied by 51 pages of attachments, Livingston outlined her objections to the hotel project proposed by property owner David How and designed by Pacific Grove architect Eric Miller in place of the drab lodge, which is on the north side of Fifth Avenue between Mission and San Carlos streets.

In December 2009, and again during a meeting this year, commissioners decided not to require an EIR,

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## Local filmmakers shine at Ocean Fest



### Rescuers risk lives to liberate whales

By CHRIS COUNTS

LIKE CAPTAIN Ahab in “Moby-Dick,” the crew of a modern-day Zodiac boat risks life and limb to chase after whales. But while Ahab was trying to kill the giants mammals, the Zodiac crew is trying to save them.

The crew’s rescue work is the subject of “In the Wake of Giants,” a 16-minute documentary produced by Carmel filmmakers Mark DiOrio and Mara Kerr that will be screened Friday, Aug. 27, at the Monterey Maritime Museum. The event is part

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### ‘Ocean men’ make the utmost of single breaths

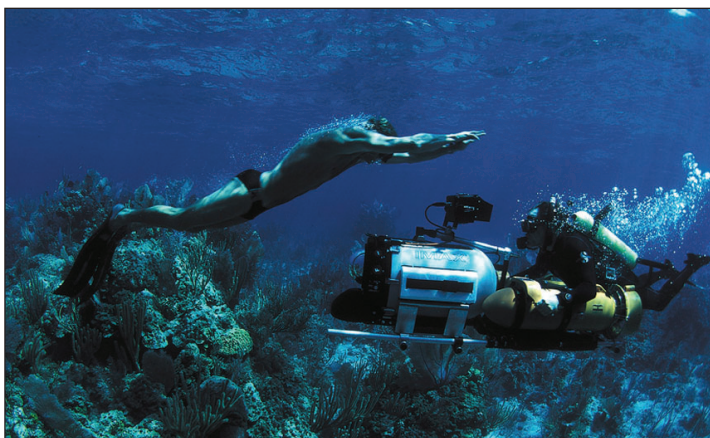
By KELLY NIX

THE PERILOUS quest by two men to break the world record for deep water diving on a single breath will play out on the big screen in Monterey this weekend.

“Ocean Men,” a documentary about the sport of freediving directed by award-winning Pacific Grove photographer Bob Talbot, will be featured Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Cannery Row IMAX Theatre during the BLUE Ocean Film Festival.

The 90-minute movie chronicles the 1999 rivalry between freedivers Francisco ‘Pipin’ Ferreras of Cuba and Umberto Pelizzari of Italy to see who will

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Migrating whales in the Pacific Ocean sometimes become tangled in floating debris, and the extremely hazardous chore of removing it (top) is depicted in the film, “In the Wake of the Giants.” Also risky: Diving to depths of more than 400 feet on a single breath of air, a feat chronicled in the film, “Ocean Men” (bottom). Both documentaries are by Monterey Peninsula filmmakers.

## Dogs attack, kill blind, deaf cat as owners watch

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN ELDERLY cat was chased and killed Aug. 10 in his yard by two Siberian huskies who escaped from their leashes while they were being walked on Second Avenue.

The attack on 18-year-old Lucky was witnessed by the cat’s owners, Margaret Tobin and her 14-year-old daughter, who had complained to police in January after one of the dogs chased Lucky, according to animal control officer Cindi Mitchell.

After the latest attack, Mitchell issued a citation to the dogs’ owner, Salinas resident Marshall Stimson, and

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## 19-year-old to face trial over February DUI crash

By KELLY NIX

A COURT hearing last week revealed dramatic new details about the February crash that paralyzed a Pacific Grove High School girl and less seriously injured several of her classmates, including the driver, Aaron Corn. After testimony from police that Corn had been drinking and took a friend’s car without permission before smashing it into a tree off Highway 68, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Russell Scott ordered that he stand trial.

During Corn’s preliminary hearing Aug. 20, officers testified witnesses told them Corn, 19, was driving erratically moments before the early-morning Feb. 21 accident, which paralyzed Chelsie Hill, 18, and injured Corn and two other teens.

Corn, who reportedly had a blood alcohol level of .09 percent hours after the crash, is charged with felony

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