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Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

**Gift Shop
Holiday
Preview**

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 3-4
10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the fourth annual holiday preview. At least 12 aquatic-themed Christmas trees will be trimmed to delight all ages with themes ranging from baby's first Christmas to "man-cave." There will also be an assortment of Hanukkah ornaments and much, much more! Your gift purchases are also a gift to the Aquarium as the CMA Gift Shop is operated by the FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Proceeds benefit CMA educational programs.

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A Whale of an Opportunity

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium seeks volunteers for its whale-watching program.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is looking for enthusiastic volunteers college-aged or older to act as naturalists on whale-watching trips and provide whale lectures at schools.

Beginning Oct. 2, Whalewatch training classes will be given in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. through the end of March. Upon successful completion of

training, volunteers will be officially certified whale watchers to share information about gray whales and other marine life.

Beginning the day after Christmas, the volunteer naturalists will sign up for a schedule of whale-watching boats departing from local landings in Redondo Beach, Long Beach and San Pedro, as well as on-site visits to school classrooms.



Seeing whales up close is a strong feature of the Baja whale-watching trip.



Cabrillo's Larry Fukuhara on a whale-watching adventure.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is co-sponsored by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter. The Cabrillo Whalewatch volunteer training classes are free. The only requirements for volunteers are an interest in the ocean and whales, the desire to learn, and the ability to share their knowledge with others.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility, with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Information: Larry Fukuhara, Program Director, at (310) 548-7562 x223.

ZOO

Zoo Lioness Passes Away

Popular animal dies of natural causes.

Story and photo courtesy L.A. Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo is saddened to announce that Cookie, its 23-year-old female lion, died in late September. Cookie had been under veterinary care for a month before her death. Her quality of life had diminished and zoo staff made the difficult decision to euthanize her. Initial necropsy results indicate that Cookie had a cancerous condition resulting in her declining condition.

Cookie and her companion, Lionel, arrived at the L.A. Zoo in 1997 from the Wildlife Waystation in the Angeles National Forest. Lionel, a male lion, passed away in April 2011 at the age of 23.

Cookie's passing at such an advanced age is a testament to the excellent care she received at the Zoo, the statement said. Lions live much longer in zoos than in the wild due to the fact that they do not need to hunt or compete with other species for resources.

In 2008, Cookie developed a heart condition called cardiac tamponade, in which fluid builds up in a sac around her heart. This prevented her heart from pumping blood effectively to the rest of her body. Because of this she was very slow to move, didn't want to eat and was not acting her normal self. The veterinarians at the Los Angeles Zoo, in consultation with physicians from UCLA and other veterinarians, elected to resolve the situation surgically. Using laparoscopes only (cameras and surgical instruments on long tubes), the team removed a small window or piece of the sac so that all the fluid around the heart could drain out. This allowed the heart



Cookie the lioness.

to function normally. To the Zoo's knowledge, this was the first time this procedure has been performed in a lion, although it is a relatively common procedure in dogs and cats. She recovered beautifully after surgery and had no complications.

Cookie was an animal that zoo-goers enjoyed watching. She will be remembered by zoo visitors and staff alike.

A CLUB CRUISE

Makes a great holiday gift... for each other!

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