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## **Doctor Gets** Earful With Whale Heart

The first whale in history to have a complete electrocardiogram taken of her heart is Buttons, the baby whale who performs at Marineland of the Pacific in a supporting act to Bubbles, the star of the salt water show.

"As far as we know, it's the first time a heart tracing has been successfully accomplished using the same medical technique and equipment as used for humans," according to William F. Monahan, vice president and general manager of dent and general manager of Marineland. Thus, Marineland, whose col-

lectors and trainers are the only persons ever to capture whales alive in the open sea, feed them in captivity and train them for show-stopping acts in the oceanarium's whale stadium, has added another mark to its impressive list of accomplishments.

BUTTONS NOW takes her place alongside the renowned Bubbles and Mr. Bimbo in the top deck show. Already young whale is jumping 10 feet out of the water and hurdling a bar four feet above water surface. In contrast to Bimbo at 4,000 pounds and 20 feet in length, Buttons is just 10-and-a-half feet long, weighs 950 pounds and is 4 years old.



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WHALE OF A BEAT . . . Dr. Max E. Webber, Torrance general practitioner, listens to heart beat of Buttons, 4-year-old pilot whale at Marineland of the Pacific. The animal became the first whale in history to have a complete electrocardiogram taken of her heart. Dr. Webber and David Brown, the oceanarium's curator of mammals, performed the unique medical tracing using the same techniques and equipment as used for men.

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The electrocardiogram was taken at Marineiand by Dr. Max E. Webber, a graduate of the University of Illinois med-

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She was captured in the Cata-lina Channel Dec. 6, 1961. Brown, curator of mammals at Brown, curator of mammas at Marineland. They were assisted by Dr. Webber's wife, Frances, a registered nurse. Dr. P a u l Horusicky, a former Czecho-slovakian doctor, was an inter-ested observer and supplied Dr. Webber with portable elecrecardiograph equipment.

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