Scripps climate scientists to share stage with Dalai Lama at UCSD

By PATRICIA WALSH | VILLAGE NEWS

Two world-renowned climate scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography have teamed up to share the stage with the Dalai Lama at UCSD. The event, titled "Compassion Without Borders: The Global Impact of Climate Change," is being held on April 18 and 19. The two scientists involved in the event are James Irvine Foundation President and CEO Richard Somerville and UCSD professor Richard Somerville. The Dalai Lama is scheduled to speak on April 19.

THE CAR PLAYS’ RIDE INTO LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE

By Patricia Walsh

In our technology era of intimacy interrupted, “The Car Plays: San Diego,” running Feb. 23 through March 4, is the perfect vehicle to showcase the charm of up-close-and-personal in cars. Expect the unexpected, said Michael Shutt, who has acted and directed in The Car Plays since its 2006 inception. “What’s amazing is how intimate the shows are. The audience comes right into your world.”

The Moving Arts’ production, conceived by Paul Stein, is a series of 10-minute plays in which audiences of two from car to car to experience five plays. The audience comes right into your world. “It’s like you’re doing a film scene in a car rather than being in the back yard. I thought I was going to be a weather buff. I had been a nut about the weather since I was a little kid. I had a weather badge in Boy Scouts. I had a weather station and an observatory in the backyard. I thought about going to be a weather forecaster or have something to do with weather forecasting. When I came to Scripps in 1979 I got involved in climate and for a long time I did just research as a scientist. The whole idea of outreach and communication came in mid-career.”

For more information on the La Jolla Playhouse’s production of Moving Arts’ “The Car Plays: San Diego,” which runs from Feb. 23 to March 4, visit www.lajollaplayhouse.org. Tickets range from $10 to $30 and can be purchased online or by calling 858-454-4444.
Crime report update
Michelle Fulks, the Bird Rock Neighborhood Watch chairwoman, along with officer Bannon of Northern Division, elaborated on the series of break-ins from November to mid-January. There have been 10 burglaries since November, so we decided to call a meeting in direct response to this problem,” said Fulks. “One burglary was domestic, and detectives did a fantastic job in cracking the case early.” The nine other cases, according to detectives, are being viewed as unrelated.

Afternoon meeting
Michelle Fulks, the Bird Rock Neighborhood Watch chairwoman, along with officer Bannon of Northern Division, elaborated on the series of burglaries from November to mid-January.

The detectives were able to nab a suspect who was trying to use gift cards they stole from a home,” said Bannon. “In this particular case, it was a nanny who had staged the same thing a year or so prior. Currently, we are still working on the other cases.”

Chase Bank proposed location
Steve Laub, the Land Solutions consultant to Chase Bank for the Bird Rock project, discussed concerns regarding the bank’s move. Chase’s ultimate goal is to open a location at the former Bird Rock Surf Shop, which would require a neighborhood-use permit change from a retail location to a service location, he said. That question concerning the BRCC, citizens and Chase Bank is: “How does the community feel about the move?”

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La Jollans turned heroes

Two La Jolla women were honored at the 16th annual Local Heroes Awards show on Feb. 8 at the Balboa Theater. Barbara Bry and Edith Eger were among 17 San Diegans chosen to receive the honor for their dedication to enrich the lives of others.

The honorees were announced as part of the 2011 Cultural Diversity Partnership, which recognizes and pays tribute to local heroes from eight diverse communities who are making a difference by improving their workplace, profession, neighborhood, community, region and the world.

The year-long celebration of diversity is a project of Union Bank and KPBS.

Schick signs on for more

The La Jolla Symphony & Chorus (LJSC) announced the renewal of a five-year contract with music director Steven Schick.

“Steve has brought an incredible infusion of talent, energy and new ideas to the organization,” said LJSC board president Stephen Marsh. “Each season seems more exciting than the one before. We are very pleased that Steve’s commitment to our musicians, to our audience and to the San Diego community remains so strong.”

Schick, a professor of music at UC San Diego and an internationally renowned percussionist, started as LJSC’s director in April 2007.
Rose Creek runs into Mission Bay, the importance of the work being done in the area. "Rose Creek protects the canyon from threats to the open space — including the constant risks that increased population and traffic pose in the form of widening streets that threaten to encroach upon the park. Aside from the proposal for the Regents Road Bridge, which was stopped in its tracks in 2010, the group has battled other proposals — like the one for a trolley route through the canyon."

"We always have to pay attention," Knight said, explaining that the organization is constantly on the lookout for issues that may pose a problem to the canyon — and is constantly searching for alternatives solutions. The Regents Road Bridge Project, found by Dr. Jane Goodall and 16 Tanzanian students in 1991, is a nationwide organization that aims to engage young people in projects focused on environmental and social justice.

"I saw Dr. Goodall lecture at UCSD and thought UCSD could benefit from Roots and Shoots," said Tara Howell, UCHS faculty advisor. The UCHS branch of Roots and Shoots, she said, was a result of combining the former Earth Club and the Invisible Children Club — programs that were both experimenting dwindling numbers at the time.

As such, Roots and Shoots has two club presidents — and 27 student members, half four years under its belt. The club doesn’t limit itself to environmental problems, nor does it focus solely on local issues. "Aside from working with Friends of Rose Canyon, the Invisible Children branch of the club works to build schools in Uganda," Howell said. The group also works with organizations like San Diego Coastkeeper for beach cleanups and is trying to organize volunteer opportunities with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

"I love the dedication of the students ..." Howell said. "They are very self motivated."

That dedication was present at the recent Rose Canyon cleanup, as students worked to clear dead brush and trash from the area. The work wasn’t easy — as UCHS senior McKenna Forgey discovered when she tried to free a discarded Big Wheel bike from under a block of cement — but the payoff was worth it. "It’s worth more than all the gold in the Golden Triangle," Knight said.

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### Education

**Teaming up to clean up**

By MORGAN CARMODY | Village News

Proving that it’s sometimes preferable to go au naturel, members of University City High School’s (UCHS) Roots and Shoots club teamed up with Friends of Rose Canyon on Feb. 12 to give native plants a boost in the Rose Canyon Open Space Park.

Volunteers from the two organizations cleared non-native plant species, making way for new native oak trees to grow. They also planted willow and mule fat in some of the more eroded areas in an effort to counter erosion.

The park, volunteers said, provides some much-needed natural solace in the midst of the city’s hustle and bustle. "I love the canyon because I come several times a week to walk and I can pretend I’m not in the city," said Friends of Rose Canyon board member Gretchin Neil.

The roughly 400-acre Rose Canyon cuts a path through University City, meandering from the 805 freeway west toward I-5 before plunging south and ending at Highway 52. Friends of Rose Canyon has been hard at work preserving the space for nearly 10 years.

"It was initially founded to stop the Regents Road Bridge Project...[but] now we have more of a focus on saving and preserving the canyon," said Deborah Knight at (858) 597-0220 or Deborah.Knight@uchs.edu.

The group has received grants from the San Diego Coastkeeper for beach cleanups and is trying to organize volunteer opportunities with the San Diego Unified School District’s "Day of the Teacher" celebration on May 8.

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What’s the scoop? Highlighting La Jolla merchants

By MARKO LAMB | VILLAGE NEWS

For more than 20 years, Brockton Villa has it’s offered guests fresh seasonal fare, great customer service and a spectacular vista overlooking La Jolla Cove. And as if that weren’t enough, the restaurant’s executive chef, Mareyja Sisbaro, has rolled out a winter menu, marking the launch of the seaside dining venue’s year-round dinner offerings.

The longtime La Jolla favorite previously only offered breakfast and lunch items during the winter off-season. Due to a high demand from locals, regular customers and concierges, Brockton Villa’s owner Megan Heine determined it was time to open the dinner doors for good.

“We followed daylight savings in late fall, closing nights except for private events once the time change occurred, and reopening in the spring,” she said. “We will probably have a dark night on Monday to keep up with training, scheduled maintenance, etc. It’s hard on a little 100-year-old building to serve from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days and nights a week.”

Sisbaro has pulled out all the stops to create a unique and delicious winter menu that fuses the restaurant’s signature fresh local fare with seasonal comfort ingredients—a perfect match for the restaurant’s cozy atmosphere and stunning vantage point over the Pacific.

“We have such a great winter dinner menu — very unique and delicious,” said Heine. “Some favorites this year include the oysters ‘Brockafeller,’ citrus-brined pork chop, seafood, as always — cioppino, sea bass, salmon, scallops — and our ‘Epic Chowder.’”

Other menu options include unforgettable items like the classic papardelle bolognese with pancetta; oven roasted tomato, mushroom medley and grana padano; petit filet with Maytag blue ravioli served with roasted winter root vegetables; charred broccoli rabe and port demi-glaze; and ginger lemon-grass roasted chicken served atop curry spiced quinoa, golden raisins, toasted almonds, apricot chutney, roasted red pepper emulsion and tzatiki.

A warm winter drinks menu will supplement the entree menu this season with salted caramel lattes, s’mores espresso mochas, spiced apple ciders, hot buttered rum and other after-dinner sippers that are sure to warm any soul, particularly when served alongside Brockton Villa’s famed Coast Toast a la mode with a choice between cinnamon or vanilla gelato.

As the restaurant marches closer to the much-anticipated sale of its millionth Coast Toast, Brockton Villa will offer a free T-shirt and complimentary Coast Toast for every 500th order. Guests can also take advantage of the restaurant’s new BIP — “Brockton Important Person” — rewards card, which diners can use each time they visit to rack up $10 for each $100 spent and receive emails about promotions and events at the restaurant.

For more information about Brockton Villa, visit www.brocktonvilla.com or call (858) 454-7393.
Mt. Soledad cross again at the crux of debate

By MARIKO LAMB | VILLAGE NEWS

The Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial has undergone more than two decades of legal debate about whether or not the 29-foot cross atop the war memorial, which sits on federally owned land, is a government endorsement of religion that violates the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The Liberty Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to limiting government and promoting Judeo-Christian values, filed a writ of certiorari on Feb. 9 asking the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the long-standing case.

The Texas-based nonprofit filed the petition on behalf of the Mt. Soledad Memorial Association, which maintains the memorial, in the hopes of overturning the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision last year that ruled the cross unconstitutional.

“We conclude that the memorial, presently configured and as a whole, primarily conveys a message of government endorsement of religion that violates the Establishment Clause,” wrote Judge Margaret McKeown in the court’s published opinion. “The result does not mean that the memorial could not be modified to accommodate the needs of those who might reasonably interpret the memorial as a religious symbol.”

Representatives from the Mt. Soledad Memorial Association and Liberty Institute maintain the judges erred in their decision ruling the cross unconstitutional.

The Liberty Institute held a rally at the memorial site on Feb. 9, re-launching its “Don’t Tear Me Down” campaign, an effort to spread public awareness and galvanize support for the 58-year-old San Diego landmark and other memorials that bear religious imagery.

“Let’s put an end to these attacks on memorials that bring pain to veterans, and go back to celebrating and respecting what these soldiers have done for our country,” said Kelly Shackelford, president and CEO of Liberty Institute, calling the removal of the cross a “more that would anger many military veterans.”

Shackelford said removing the cross on Mt. Soledad would set precedent for other “battlefields” where religious symbols on veterans’ memorials are at stake.

“This isn’t the only attack like this going on right now,” he said. “If this cross comes down — this is a 29-foot cross — what do you do with the 24-foot cross in Arlington Memorial Cemetery, the Cross of Sacrifice? What do you do with the 10-foot cross there, the Argonne Cross? What do you do to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that says ‘known but to God’? What do you do to literally every community of every state in this country that has crosses and Stars of David throughout?”

William Kellogg, chairman and CEO of the Mt. Soledad Memorial Association, said the memorial site in its entirety must remain to honor veterans and share their stories.

“This veterans memorial is unique. It is a significant destination for local residents as well as visitors from around the world. Thousands visit the memorial every month and they walk the walls, so to speak, to read the stories of honored veterans,” he said. “The original cross, together with the walls, the flagpole and the walkway, form an integrated monument that means everything to so many families. It must remain as it is and where it is. To do otherwise would be an unforgivable insult to those who sacrificed everything to protect our way of life.”

In addition to supporters of the cross remaining at the site, the rally also drew several protesters who wanted the Court of Appeals’ decision to be upheld, calling for the removal of the religious symbol.

“We want to protect the religious liberty of all Americans,” said Debbie Allen, president of the San Diego chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, an interfaith organization dedicated to preserving religious freedom for all. “A cross conveys a sectarian message that does not represent all deceased veterans.”

Allen said the right to religious liberty is not secure if the government presumes to promote religion over non-religion or favors one faith over another.

“I believe that our rights are not secure when the state forces you to pay for someone else’s religion or when the government appropriates and displays the symbols of a faith that you may not share,” she said. “We are not saying anything against memorializing the service of our veterans. We think that memorializing service and sacrifice is important and should continue. Americans United would favor a symbol that did not further divide our citizens, but rather unite as many as possible.”

The Supreme Court is expected to decide whether or not to take the case by June. If the request is accepted, the battle of the cross’ presence will continue at the highest U.S. court. If the request is denied, “That’s it,” said Shackelford. “The case is over, and the cross would come down.”

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Fireworks in the works
District 1 City Councilwoman Sherri Lightner is working with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce to charge the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to exempt special events that are less than 48 hours from having to undergo environmental review, said LJTC representative Erin Demorest.

“It’s so important for the entire city of San Diego — and for La Jolla in particular — to be able to have exemptions for special events where you don’t have to go through this onerous environmental review by the state and the county rep that you’re required to talk to,” Demorest said.

Save the La Jolla Fireworks Show and a lot of special events that are near and dear to us are at stake, so we want to do everything we can to try to preserve those.”

For more information or to get involved, visit www.saveweevents.org.

Food trucks may get the grade
County Supervisor Ron Roberts is working with the county Department of Environmental Health to determine the feasibility of giving letter grades for food trucks.

“With gourmet food trucks’ growing popularity, it concerns the supervisor that patients can’t confirm the safety of the food just as they can at a brick-and-mortar restaurant,” said Roberts’ representative, Portland Bates.

“The county does not track food truck and food-cart inspections electronically as it does with restaurants. Only paper forms are used instead, so there is no handy way to identify whether the vehicles are carrying food safety standards. The letter-grade system will assist in this process.”

Bates said the county’s Department of Environmental Health regularly inspects more than 1,100 food trucks and coffee carts to ensure that food is stored at proper temperatures, there are adequate hand washing facilities on site and other services are properly sanitized.

“The goal is to help the public distintiguish legal trucks and those which are operating illegally,” Bates said. “In these tough economic times, the last thing we want to do is stifle business, especially business growth, so we’re going to make sure we keep as long as possible in doing this.”

Also, for those who missed it, Roberts’ full State of the County Address can be viewed at www.sdcounty.ca.ca/county.

Post office gets LJTC’s vote
LJTC trustees voted unanimously to support all community efforts to preserve the post office on Wall Street.

“The LJTC Post Office Task Force has come up with a three-part plan to keep the Wall Street post office intact at its current location and preserve the mural inside,” said Parker.

Save the La Jolla Post Office meets every Friday afternoon at the La Jolla Historical Society. For more information, email saveatlaajollapostoffice@gmail.com.

Around town
• The La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Committee approved the ITU World Triathlon San Diego street closures on May 11 and 12 and voted to reject any request for valet parking until the committee has drafted a vault master plan.

The cost for total services and supplies are the same as what was on the budget mailed out to Bird Rock citizens. There was, however, an increase in a portion of the budget dealing with a special district administration fee. This fee is based on the percentage of the budget for a district that goes toward the utilities, so an increase on the estimate for utilities.

Also, for those who missed it, the California city added a line item on the budget for a cash advance that equals out to around $47,000.

“We tend to be about three months behind from getting reimbursed on what we have spent,” said Parker. “Hopefully with the new forecast, we will have more funds. This changed the bottom line on the budget, not by much, so we are operating under a deficit. The VAT, which is to pay for the rent and the revenue that is coming in, is less this year.”
Episcopal Church. Task force members spoke, rally goers signed petitions and some La Jollans shared their post office memories, videotaped for posterity by photographer Daniel Soderberg.

The task force is now waiting to hear when the U.S. Postal Service will hold a community meeting. The group has requested Feb. 29, according to Leslie Davis, task force leader. Postal Service spokeswoman Eva Jackson said a date has not yet been set.

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The USPS announced on Jan. 10 its need to sell the post office, built in 1935, to raise $5.1 billion last year and must reduce its operating costs by $2 billion to return to profitability by 2015.

Still, Davis said she remains optimistic. “I expect the post office is going to stay exactly where it is, in that building. I’m really, really tired of seeing beautiful buildings in La Jolla knocked down to put in condos,” she said. Since her initial donation, another $6,000 has been raised. “We would love to find a group of donors or another nonprofit to partner with to save the building.”

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The acrobatic house-cat troupe, the Amazing Acro-Cats, will showcase remarkable feats of agility in four performances at the Garfield Theatre from Feb. 16 to Feb. 19. The all-cat combo will amaze the audience with their talents, which range from riding skateboards, rolling barrels, ringing bells, turning on lights, walking tight ropes and jumping through hoops under the direction of master trainer, Samantha Martin, a pioneering feline behavioral expert. The “Rock-Cats” have even recently expanded their band members and repertoire of entertainment with jazz, Latin grooves and an island rhythm section to wow audiences during the family-friendly performance.

Tickets for children are $12 and $18 for adults. Garfield Theatre is located at 4126 Executive Drive. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.lfjcc.org or call (858) 362-1348.

MUST SEE

A fire broke out in Mr. Taco at 7918 Ivanhoe Ave. on Feb. 9 shortly before 5 p.m. The blaze was ignited by grease in the exhaust flue that set surrounding wood on fire, according to fire officials, and smoke damage was spread to neighboring businesses. One Mr. Taco patron said he had just ordered his food and when he returned from the restroom, the restaurant was filled with smoke. The fire caused about $1 million in damages, $500,000 to the structure itself and the rest to the building’s contents.

MUST DO

Valentine’s Day isn’t over just yet! Join other couples this weekend at the Riford Center, located at 6811 La Jolla Blvd., for a romantic evening of “Wine & Roses” on Feb. 18.

Wine expert Frank Brennan will lead the affair, starting at 4:30 p.m. offering guests a taste of eight fine wines, fabulous cheeses and chocolates, with a backdrop of beautiful floral arrangements to continue La Jolla’s celebration of love.

The cost of the wine pairing is $40 for members and $50 for non-members.

For more information, visit www.riford-center.org or call (858) 458-0831.

MUST GO

We’ve all seen waves breaking along the beautiful California coastline, but did you know these waves are full of energy that could power our communities? Join Birch Aquarium for SEA Days “Wave Power,” a family-friendly event and discover the potential power within our oceans through hands-on activities and projects.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Birch Aquarium, 2300 Expedition Way. Call (858) 534-7336 or visit aquarium.ucsd.edu for information. Activities included in $14 admission.

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**DREAM STYLE**

The Bridal Bazaar presented “Dream Style” Jan. 29 at the San Diego History Center, a showcase of style for a dream wedding. Guests were greeted by the sounds of Classic Brass and potential brides and grooms were offered ideas from 120 wedding professionals showcasing their wares.

The event, voted “San Diego’s Best Bridal Show,” featured three fashion shows with all the latest trends in wedding apparel. Singers and dancers, including one from Champion Ballroom Dance Studio, joined models on the runway and Mary Murphy from Fox’s “So You Think You Can Dance” was on hand to sign autographs.

A featured upcoming trend was bridal gowns in blush and pink shades, including a standout pink floral print taffeta gown from the Vera Wang Collection, sold exclusively at David’s Bridal. PreVue Formal & Bridal presented a beaded gown that got a wild response from the audience, but the biggest crowd pleasers were the flower girls and ring bearers.

Veils and headpieces from The Feathered Head and men’s fashion from Bridal & Tuxedo Galleria, Friar Tuck Shop and The Men’s Wearhouse got a chance in the spotlight.

Other trends included two-tiered skirts and electrifying colors. Christina’s showed many of these vibrant gowns in red, burgundy, cobalt blue and teal. The store features gowns for second-time brides, mothers of the bride and party dresses.

Henkana, a Canadian-based company showed off its convertible bridesmaid dresses. “Henkana,” which means “change” in Japanese, demonstrated the versatility of its dresses and how they can be worn in a variety of ways.

The finale, during which models carried gold balls holding prizes that they threw into the audience, featured Dresses By Dematar.

The Spring Bridal Bazaar will be held April 29 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. For information, visit www.bridal bazaar.com.

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**INSIDE THE COSTUME CLOSET**

The San Diego History Center and The Costume Council in Sudlow Park had a fabulous afternoon that began with the unveiling of a mini exhibit in the museum’s atrium featuring unique pieces from Betty Mabee’s closet. Mabee, who owned the Golden Eagle Inn (which her husband chopped into a breastaurant [twiceover]) was well known for her charitable work, including her work with Voices of Children, Angels of Assent Auxiliary, Adolfo’s and the San Diego History Center’s Costume Council. Two of Mabee’s Adolfo suits are on display at the center.

Edward Maeder, former Los Angeles County Museum of Art curator, has named the San Diego History Center one of the 10 best collections in the country. On Jan. 31, guests had a “rare opportunity for an exclusive tour into the costume collection archives. The extensive collection houses more than 70000 items. Guests were first shown the oldest piece — a pair of beautiful shoes from 1770. Another exceptional piece was a hand-woven cape worn by Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant (Julia Dent Grant). It took two years to weave in 1840 and was cut and made into a shorter cape in about 1870.

Guests were also shown two ball gowns with intricate beading — one designed in about 1895 by Paris haute couture designer Jacques Douchet, owner of the major Paris couturier house, House of Douchet. Mrs. Oliver J. Stough wore the other gown to the opening of the Hotel Del Coronado in 1888. The tour finished with a Bloomer outfit from the Martinson Family from 1845-1860.

The next event for The Costume Council will be a trip to Beverly Hills on March 14 to see the exhibit II Teatro alla Moda: Theatre in Fashion, which will display Italian haute couture stage designers. For more information, email gookel@sandiegohistory.org.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb. 16 — Fashion Plates, 10:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, 1777 La Jolla Village Drive, luncheon and fashion show presented by Leonard Simpson, benefits the Food 4 Kids Backpack Program. (858) 865-5121

Feb. 22 — 2012 SPRING X-pedition, 6 to 9 p.m., Morgan Run Club and Resort, 5690 Cancha de Golf, presented by FINE Magazine to benefit San Diego Police Historical Association. (760) 634-2103

Feb. 23 — Nordstrom Designer Preview, 6 p.m., Port Pavilion on Broadway Fair, fashion show starts at 7 p.m. (858) 237-1112

Feb. 23 — Sassy City Chicks Fashion Bash, 5 to 10 p.m., Westfield Horton Plaza, 124 Horton Plaza, 21-and-up, www.sassy citychicks.com

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**Dreaming of style and getting a peek inside the costume closet**

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Diana Cavagnaro

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**Dream Style — Love, etc. Wedding Showcase**

March 4 — LOVE, etc. Wedding Showcase, noon to 4 p.m., US Grant Hotel 326 Broadway, features M Bride Couture wedding gowns with a portion of proceeds going to the American Heart Association. $20, www.USGrant.com/Love

March 16 — 12th annual Go Red For Women, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Blvd., luncheon and fashion show to benefit the American Heart Association. (858) 410-3854

Diana Cavagnaro is a nationally recognized hat designer and milliner. She has been operating a fashion business for 30 years. She has been teaching in the fashion department at San Diego Mesa College for 20 years and is a member of the Council of Fashion Designers of America and the fashion Task Group International.

Below, Charlotte Cagan, interim executive director of the San Diego History Center, shows an Adolfo suit from the closet of Betty Mabee.

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Starry, starry nights
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The 2011 Cultural Diversity Partnership between Union Bank and KPBS culminated with the annual Local Heroes Awards celebration on Feb. 8. Seventeen area individuals who are making a difference by improving their workplaces, professions, neighborhoods, communities — and even the world — were honored with an event that began with ceremonies and merriment at the Balboa Theatre. Like the honorees, the two-hour awards program at the Balboa embraced a broad range of cultures. The host and emcee was Yul Kwon (a Korean-American that fans of reality TV may remember from his win on “Survivor” in 2006), and entertainment interspersed throughout the evening included songs in Spanish, Polynesian dancing, a klezmer ensemble and even ballet. The performances took place at intervals during the presentation of the honorees, each of whom appeared in a short video clip illustrating their contributions to the community before appearing on stage to receive their awards. Two were well-known La Jolla residents: holocaust survivor Edith Eva Eger, Ph.D. (in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month), and

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women’s advocate Barbara Bry (in recognition of Women’s History Month).

A short walk across Horton Plaza brought the 500 or so attendees to the nearby Westin Hotel, where they enjoyed a festive post-ceremony reception. Besides the tray-passed hors d’oeuvres, a pair of food stations offered potato martinis, a couple more had sliders made with beef or chicken (or just veggies), and there were two dessert stations and three bars. The generous hosts thoughtfully provided plenty of food, drink, tables and chairs — and even a talented musician playing a grand piano throughout the reception.

Mike Stillwell stood amid a small group with a playing card stuck to his forehead, and said, “Well, it is a ‘face’ card, isn’t it?” He was right (it was the Queen of Hearts). And since Mike is a magician, this sort of thing is apparently normal behavior for him.

The occasion was the cocktail reception of a benefit gala at the Estancia La Jolla, held Feb. 11 by the Women’s Auxiliary of Seacrest Village Retirement Communities, a nonprofit charitable organization with a campus in Encinitas and another in Rancho Bernardo. A jazz trio played during the reception, and several different magicians performed close-up magic, including card and rope tricks and dazzling sleight of hand. It all matched the event’s theme, “Magical Moments.”

Cindy and Larry Bloch chaired the event, which honored Lisa and Gary Levine for their dedication and commitment to Seacrest Village. Once guests were seated in the dining room, a video showed how the Levines have been instrumental in Seacrest’s expansion for more than 20 years, while also serving other diverse community organizations. A live auction followed, with pricy ($6,500) his-and-her Corum watches among the featured items. Guests enjoyed a choice of braised short ribs, pan roasted salmon or vegetarian entrees.

The entertainment centerpiece of the evening was a three-act magic show headlined by Murray the Magician, seen by millions on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent.” His tricks included simultaneously spearing three specific playing cards tossed into the air by a trio of trustworthy audience members. Also on the bill were Stoil and Ekaterina — he’s a magician and she (his wife, who trained as a ballerina) is a master of the quick change. Guests marveled at her seemingly impossible instant costume changes. The performers demonstrated that the impossible may actually be quite easily achievable. Following the show, Society Beat came on to play for dancing. Guests also enjoyed custom coffee drinks from Java Jive, and a “candy bar” with a wide variety of popular confections from Life Is Sweet.
Donovan’s Steak House

They may look good enough to eat, but the paintings and sculptures at Donovan’s of La Jolla are strictly off limits – so you’ll have to content yourself with the USDA prime beef, the eatery’s star attraction. If steak isn’t in the plan, pork and veal chops and succulent seafood will satisfy the most discriminating of palates. And at Donovan’s, fresh seasonal vegetables and your choice of potato are always included with each entrée.

Cafe Milano

Enjoy a taste of Milano right here in La Jolla. Chef - owner Pasquale’s 25 years of experience with Northern Italian Cuisine and hospitality offers only the best and most incredible meal for the entire family. Chef - owner Pasquale will always go that extra mile from their homemade bread, pasta, dessert to your main dish and a variety of his signature sauces, you will surely leave the restaurant already planning when you will be back again! We hope to serve you soon!

Bite of Boston

Bite of Boston (Bpd) is a family-owned eatery which offers an array of East coast-style seafood, soups, breads and meats flown in weekly from Massachusetts. Lobster rolls are available seven days a week. Enjoy Fish & Chips, fried shrimp and Ipswich fried clams every Fri, Sat, Sun. More than 30 sandwichs on the menu including the Philly Cheesesteak, Prime Rib, Turkey, and a variety of low cal options. Call in for take-out or delivery. Check the Bpd website for menu specials!

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Jersey Mike’s

Jersey Mike’s is a sub shop that embodies the Jersey Shore, serves up classic sub sandwiches, wraps, and salads for dine in or take out. Menu items includes the popular original Italian sub, a meat lover's dream, with provolone, ham, prosciuttini, capaccocol, salami and pepperoni, guaranteed to be always freshly sliced. Jersey Mike’s also offers hot subs like the famous Philly cheese steak. grilled. East coast transplants will be happy to hear that they can get their fill of Tastykakes – a rare treat on the West Coast – at Jersey Mike’s.

The Broken Yolk Café

The Broken Yolk Café offers a large selection of home cooked meals in a comfortable and casual atmosphere. There are over 20 different omelets to choose from as well as a wide variety of other breakfast favorites which include pancakes, waffles and French toast. Feel more like lunch? Try one of our juicy ½ pound burgers or one of our large sandwiches.

The Spot

Though this restaurant is within spitting distance of several ritzy hotels, it manages to maintain a laid-back charm. Witness the painting of an old, pot-bellied surfer just inside the door. The restaurant is divided into a narrow bar area on the left and a dining room on the right; both have wood paneling and brown leather booths. The menu ranges from burgers and grilled snapper tacos to lobster tails and bacon-wrapped filet mignon.
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