In troubled economies, consumers and businesses alike are trying to squeeze every penny out of their dollar as possible. While some shoppers opt for the generic brand, others still just can’t shake the idea of changing their first choice when it comes to purchasing the designer brands they know and love.

One way to get the same designer brands and other quality goods at bargain basement prices is through consignment shopping.

These one-stop shops enable shoppers to take advantage of steals on name-brands at a fraction of their original price, while also providing an outlet to sell new or gently used clothing, jewelry, wallets, purses and other accessories to earn a little extra cash over the holidays.

Consignment shops in La Jolla contain some of the highest quality, name-brand men’s and women’s wear in clean, organized stores that often look more like designer boutiques than thrift stores.

Ann Siner, owner of My Sister’s Closet, La Jolla’s newest and largest consignment shop, said vintage shopping doesn’t have to be about digging through racks of mismatched items. “It’s like no retail store you’ve ever seen,” Siner said. “We’ve taken the dark, dirty, dingy side of business and turned it into the three Cs — cute, clean and current. It’s the most win-win concept I can think of. It’s recycling at its best.”

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For local couple, environmental stewardship is year-round mission

Four years ago, two outdoor enthusiasts were drawn to La Jolla from Washington, D.C. after being tempted by the ocean’s call.

Adrian Kinnane, a surfer and sailor, and Jo Brooks, a rower at local women’s rowing club, found their niche in the California coast, spending much of their free time outdoors and volunteering with San Diego Coastkeeper to protect the “big blue” that beckoned them west.

The husband-and-wife team act as stewards of one of the region’s most essential natural resources, fighting hazardous — yet often invisible — chemical enemies in San Diego’s inland and coastal waterways and educating the public on how they, too, can become stewards of clean water and healthy coastal ecosystems.

“We have time and inclination to volunteer, and Coastkeeper was a natural fit given our recreational interests and our concern for the health of the bays and the ocean,” Kinnane said. “What Jo and I do is pretty normal stuff, and it’s not tied to the holiday season either. We’re both actively engaged, year round, in the work of San Diego Coastkeeper, a local nonprofit that focuses on ensuring that the region’s waters are fishable, swimmable and drinkable.”

Brooks serves on the organization’s board of directors and Kinnane volunteers on the water-quality monitoring team, collecting monthly water samples from nine major watersheds in San Diego and analyzing them back at Coastkeeper’s lab.

“Basically, we’re looking for the presence of certain chemicals in the water that could threaten life and for the presence of certain life forms such as E.coli bacteria that also could be hazardous to human health,” Kinnane said. “Certain algal or bacterial life forms thrive in water that’s loaded with chemicals such as fertilizers that run off farmlands or phosphates in soaps and detergents, but that’s not the kind of water we want to be swimming in or fishing in, let alone drinking.”

The water-quality monitoring team was praised for their instrumental role in identifying and documenting the massive sewage spill following San Diego’s power outage in September, but Kinnane emphasized the daily significance of the nonprofit’s role.

“Clean air and water are essential for healthy life, as well as for recreation, not to mention their importance in the overall ecology of the planet,” he said. “No one wants to breathe dirty air, and no one wants to drink, swim or fish in dirty water.”

He urged community members to consider what is best for the community at large in the long-term and make thoughtful decisions when it comes to day-to-day actions.

“We are all human and so we don’t always decide what’s best for most people in the long run. We’re tempted to do...”

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Holiday Heroes

Adrian Kinnane works in San Diego Coastkeeper’s lab testing the water quality of San Diego’s nine major watersheds.

Diamonds in the rough

Consignment shopping offers unique ideas for gift giving

By MARIKO LAMB | VILLAGE NEWS

In consignment stores or nonprofits that benefit home-

“If we vet the clothes carefully,” said Le Chauvinist president Salvador Vieira. “The Per Pedes socks are quite unique,” said Le Chauvinist president Salvador Vieira. Le Chauvinist is the only store in San Diego to carry these particular socks. “We had one gentleman buy three pairs on a Sunday just for fun,” said Vieira. “He told us he got such a great reaction from the ladies, that the following Sunday, he bought 11 more pairs of them.”

Costumes in the store are also a hit with locals, and Le Chauvinist regularly sells them to the Old Globe Theatre, local productions and guests of themed parties. Panama hats and seersucker, linen suits, sport coats and trousers also seem to be a hit during summer, especially in a “Mad Men” themed party.

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Select Varieties, 22 oz.
Plus CRV
With CARD
199

Manischewitz or Promised Land Chanukah Candles
44 CT
With CARD
99c

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Lipton Soup Mix
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Select Varieties, 2 L
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Feeding La Jolla’s soul

BY MARIKO LAMB | VILLAGE NEWS

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Local ‘UPS Guys’ give homeless a warm holiday season

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Despite the commonly held notion that San Diego is the land of eternal sunshine, San Diego’s homeless population suffers from illness and even death each year during the cold winter nights.

La Jollans Dennis Stein and Greg Gagnon — the “UPS Guys” — have teamed up with a local nonprofit to launch an initiative to help keep the city’s homeless individuals and families warm this winter season through their holiday-spirited clothing drive, “Homeless for the Holidays.”

Until Christmas day, customers can donate new or gently used, cold-weather apparel — including beans, socks, gloves, jackets and scarves — at any of Stein and Gagnon’s four UPS locations, including one in La Jolla Village at 7660 Fay Ave, and one in the Golden Triangle at 7770 Regents Rd.

The clothing items will then be distributed to displaced San Diegans in winter survival backpacks by Girls Think Tank (GTT), a nonprofit that empowers the community to advance basic dignity through advocacy and activism, which has distributed nearly 2,000 survival backpacks since the program launched in 2006.

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Pink Lagoon offers help with that age-old question: what to wear?

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The majority of us have experienced the following phenomenon: we peek into our closet, only to realize there’s nothing to wear. Oddly enough, the closet is filled to the brim with outdated pieces, seldom-worn clothing, or items we’ve just never quite figured out how to wear.

In response to this oft-felt frustration, La Jolla fashion guru Jenny Livits — owner of the Pink Lagoon in Solana Beach — has opened a new location in La Jolla Village to help clean up that closet mess and hone true personal style.

Pink Lagoon is not the average boutique retail store. At the store, Livits imparts her fashion wisdom through wardrobe design and styling services to help customers streamline their closets and still fit, and clear out the items that take up space and keep you from honing in on your personal style,” she said. “The wardrobe and styling boutique was founded on the principle of building a closet that perfectly fits an individual’s lifestyle. Livits has a passion for helping clients discover what their personal style is and see them build a wardrobe that perfectly captures the essence of that style.

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Now that she is more available to customers outside of North County she can provide customers with great wardrobe essentials with an augmented variety of brands.

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Pink Lagoon also hosts a “Fashion Night Out” on the third Thursday of each month when the store stays open late for wine and snacks. At the event, clients can bring in items they are unsure of how to style and the ladies at Pink Lagoon will help find great ways to create outfits from pieces already in the closet.

For a truly personalized shopping experience, visit the Pink Lagoon at 1013 Silverado St. For more information, visit www.pinklagoon.com or call the store at (858) 792-0882.

La Jolla Shores Market leaves customers hungry

Customers who showed up to fill their refrigerators were surprised to see the longtime La Jolla Shores Market at 2259 Avenida De La Playa suddenly closed and out of business after Dec. 2. Signs in the window did not give an explanation but neighbors cited economic reasons, and owners Jim and Sancharee Spain had made it known they were facing financial difficulties throughout the past year.

Employees at the adjacent Squires Cafe & Deli said they were trying to help residents meet their marketing needs by “stocking items to help with the loss and make it a mini-mini market.” Above, a view inside the now-closed La Jolla Shores Market shows the store being dismantled.

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La Jolla Town Council, Dec. 8

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About town

- LJTC President Rick Wildman announced an opening on the board for which Trustee Nancy Gardner introduced Charles Hartford, a retired colonel, a board member of the La Jolla Light. Hartford, for which Trustee Nancy Gardner has again filed for a year-round rope barrier at the Children’s Pool, is a “great leader.”

- Susan DeMaggio, will succeed Day. LJTC’s newest Gold Member.

- For Portland Bates announced county Supervisor Ron Roberts has launched “It’s Up To Us” campaign to raise awareness and provide access to local resources to inspire wellness, release the stigma of all mental illness and reduce the instances of suicide in the county.

- Richard Day said she will continue working with the paper’s former lifestyles editor, Susan DeMaggio, who is stepping down as executive director of the La Jolla Light.

- “I can’t say enough for all Kathy has done for the community,” said Wildman. “The La Jolla Light has really taken a big step in helping the Town Council and the community. She’s just been fantastic to work with.”

- The paper’s former lifestyles editor, Susan DeMaggio, will succeed Day. Day said she will continue working with the paper as a freelance writer.

- SJPC and Recreation has again filed for a year-round rope barrier at the Children’s Pool, said La Jolla Parks and Beaches member Marie Hunricks. Hunricks also said that a new ranger has been “suddenly appointed,” videocast evidence of the “satisfactory joint use of the pool” was deemed a Marine Mammal Protection Act violation at a recent California Coastal Commission meeting and the street-to-beach ramp that provides access for handicapped persons, ambulances and cleaning units has been closed with a welded shroud over the padlock. “Every letter counts,” she said, urging concerned community members to write to the Coastal Commission. “If passed, this permit will lead to illegal beach closure, establishment of a marine mammal park — essentially a no — on residential Coastal Boulevard, an increase in present human conflicts, [and it will] permanently allow vendor tables and signs, continuous overcrowding that blocks the pedestrian right-of-way; intensified traffic and increased trash,” said Wildman.

- The California Coastal Commission will accept letters until Dec. 30.

- Second vice president John Weinstein introduced Derrick Williams, owner of DV Printworks, as the LJTC’s newest Gold Member. Williams has worked with the Town Council on its newest “Shop Local, Shop La Jolla” program, printing membership cards, fliers and agendas for the campaign. “Derrick has just really been an incredible partner, and he cares about the community,” said Weinstein. Williams said the shop is dedicated to personalized service. “My hands are on everything that gets printed there and created. We do everything from business cards to fliers to Christmas cards this time of year,” he said. “If you have cards or if you need anything custom-made, that is what we create, that is what we specialize in. We have very creative graphic designers. I am one of them.”

- LJTC members can now pick up their “Shop Local, Shop La Jolla” membership cards and begin reaping the benefits of discounts and promotions at participating businesses throughout La Jolla.

- “I really think this is going to be the boom for new members, both business and residential members,” said Weinstein. “With this card, participating merchants can offer any kind of discount they want to our members, and with one card, you can use it all over La Jolla, so you don’t have to carry a million different, separate cards and coupons.”

- The promotional discount campaign is free for members of the Town Council. To become a Town Council member and receive a “Shop Local, Shop La Jolla” discount card, visit www.lajollatowncouncil.org or call 858-454-1444.

- “Membership to the Town Council is $50 per year for residents and $100 per year for businesses. The card offers discounts to places like A Better Deal Tuxedo, Giraud Gourmet, Barfly and The Acot Shop, among others.”

- LJTC treasurer Cindy Greatrex announced Independent La Jolla has been invited to speak for the League of California Cities and will be featured in the Pioneer Institute’s Change Management project.

City, county and school news

- For Portland Bates announced county Supervisor Ron Roberts has launched “It’s Up To Us” campaign to raise awareness and provide access to local resources to inspire wellness, release the stigma of all mental illness and reduce the instances of suicide in the county. “In these tough times there are many people out there who are having trouble coping — whether it’s the loss of a job [or] loss of a loved one,” said Bates. “What this campaign is designed to do is to empower San Diegans to talk openly about mental illness, recognize the symptoms and utilize local resources to seek help.”

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La Jolla Library calls for art submissions

The La Jolla Library Art Gallery will present a juried exhibition, “New Directions in Art,” March 4 through May 11. The exhibition will feature some of the creative and exploratory energy artists bring to the La Jolla art community. Area artists are encouraged to submit their work. Submissions are due Jan. 13. Entry forms are available at the La Jolla Library or can be downloaded from the library’s website at www.lajollalibrary.org. For more information, contact head librarian Catherine Greene at 858-552-1567.

A fair warning for gallery’s new show

Thumprint Gallery held an opening reception for its show “Your Way: What We Did” through Dec. 10. The show, which runs through Jan 8, at the gallery located at 920 Kline St., features the work of artists Keemowerks and Christopher Komecki. Komecki creates natural images with its unqiue use of acrylic paint and aerosol cans. His latest work confronts the custodian, the nurse and I’m really forward to that project getting under way next year.”

Thanks to the hard work and planning of Darlene Ventimiglia and her co-chairwoman, Barbara Hershner, the tradition of decorating downtown for the recreation center continues. Westfield at UTC brought hot chocolate and cookies, while Santa made a visit, as did Fire Station 35’s ladder truck — a joy for the kids to climb on.

With the weather cooperating, Standley Middle School’s band marched from the school to the adjacent park and entertained the crowd. Peter Church, UCSD’s newly elected president, welcomed the happy crowd, while barbershop quartet Tuesday Night Alibi sang favorite holiday songs, as did the children’s choir from Our Mother of Confidence Church. Face painting and portrait sketches kept the children and their parents busy and Santa (John Walsh) patiently let an ear on hear what the children were dreaming they’d get for Christmas.

Small town America is alive and well in University City — much like Grover’s Corners in the play “Our Town.” U.C.’s children are making memories of holiday traditions on their main street. Governor Brown —

Sandy Lipe is a 36-year resident of University City and the former president of the University City Community Association.
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Del Mar racing season each year.
I have one very important rule in our store that is never broken,” Viesca said of advice he gives his employees—including son Salvador J. Viesca V. “We never sell anything to anybody just for the sake of making a sale. We want every customer to come back, as well as to tell his friends and co-workers about us. There exists no substitute for word-of-mouth advertising, and our continued success over the years proves that.

Other consignment shops in La Jolla have stood the test of time, much like Le Chauvinist.
Second Act West has been in business for nearly 30 years, and owner Patti Alksne sells all clothing types from casual to elegant, plus sizes to petite, and a wide variety of accessories and designer brands.

Alksne said the beauty of consignment shopping is a process she calls “trading up.”

“When you buy a washer or dryer, you don’t just throw out your old one. You trade it in for a new one,” she said. “It’s the same with consignment.”

She charges $50 to open an account at the store — an investment to reap the benefits of 40 percent of the selling price or use the profits to “trade up” clothing items and accessories.

One of the most unique attributes of La Jolla’s consignment shopping scene is the variety. Shoppers and sellers can likely find someone in the community who buys and sells items that are well suited to their tastes, whatever they may be.

Echoes Boutique, which offers high-quality resale designer women’s wear, features more than just elegant fashion. Sisters and store owners Lamara Sigalov and Natella Popova select upscale fashions, including cashmere items, and in-season designer purses and jewelry. For those that find that perfect piece that’s not the perfect size, Echoes also offers specialty tailoring by Popova. In addition, Sigalov and Popova give sellers peace of mind knowing their items, which are kept for two months, will reap rewards — with cash returned or in the form of karma.

“If we sell the items, we write a check to you,” said Sigalov. “If not, you can pick the items back up or we can donate them to Community Research Foundation’s Step Forward program.”

For those looking for cut-rate luxury, Designer Consigner offers vintage indulgences, with many of owner Heidi Larson’s pieces, including estate jewelry, eveningwear, designer wedding dresses and cocktails gowns in big names such as Chanel, Ungaro, Christian Lacroix, St. John knits and Fendi, dating back to the 1920s and 1940s.

Designer Consigner, which carries its own branded items. Mondays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to noon. (858) 459-6588

• Second Act West, 7556 Fay Ave. Suite II. Mondays through Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. (858) 454-6096.

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With winter in full swing, many local divers dispatch their wetsuits to the garage and flee to warmer waters. Descending in seas 25 degrees warmer than California waters is tempting, I’ll grant you that, but warm water doesn’t necessarily equate with hotter-looking marine life.

In other words, if you can get past our, um, briny conditions, the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park presents an environment not found in tropical seas. And it’s a little-known fact that the best underwater visibility off our coast typically takes place during winter months. Dive in and see our feisty, florid damselfish, the garibaldi (Hypsop- pops rubicundus), which for “outdressing” its dotty little sister-damsels found in Hawaiian waters. And taking into account the many more damselfish species worldwide — which are brightly hued — not one can measure up (literally) to our garibaldi, the giant among damsels.

I recall snorkeling in Hawaii to see the dusky Pacific garibaldi (Hypsophrys fasciatus), a petite damselfish that grows to only several inches long. It spawns mostly from December to March and feeds primarily on algae. Conversely, the flame-colored garibaldi grows to more than a foot long and spawns from April to July. Our damsel-on-steroids enjoys a varied take-out diet that incorporates both animals (sponges, worms, crabs) and vegeta-bles (algae). Due to fierce territoriality (viewed in human terms as a cranky old lady) and vegeta-tive, we make a fraction of time nest-building on its coral domain than a male garibaldi, who toils for about a month each season to ensure the female dashes out of the nest, leaving the male to fertilize the eggs, which stick nicely to the nest, allowing them to be easi-ly ignored. Not so for the garibaldi, who has been penal-ized for dressing to excess by wearing a flamboyant color, having outsized physical dimensions and defending its territory to its death. By attracting the wrong kind of attention, the garibaldi’s status has been one of damsel in distress for being an easy mark among spear fishers and collectors in the aquarium trade. To raise awareness of the garibaldi’s beauty and plight, it was proclaimed California’s official state marine fish in 1995, which has provided some protection from human hunters.

Free spent a considerable amount of time traveling to the tropics, so I can’t argue that, in general, warm-water fish are more richly variable and pat-terned than species found off our coast. However, this doesn’t mean that lives off our coast one of the ocean’s poor relations. For one, we can claim the Cadillac of damselfish, Southern California’s garibaldi, which is only one example of what makes diving in our temperate waters a sin-gular experience.

— Judith Lea Garfield, biologist and underwater photographer, has authored two natural history books about the underwater park off La Jolla Cove and La Jolla Shores. Send comments to jgarfield@ucsd.edu.
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It was yet another white Christmas in La Jolla at The Bishop’s School’s 22nd annual Christmas Tea, “Dreaming of a White Christmas,” on Dec. 2. Sure, the snow was only a dream but there was plenty to make the occasion bright and merry for the hundreds of guests, including alumni from as far back as the 1950s.

Decorations included six beautifully decorated trees (one exceptionally tall!). More than 1,500 large paper snowflakes, hand-cut by students and parents, were suspended from the ceilings. Wreaths and white floral arrangements accompanied more than 1,000 feet of garland. Honored pourers (including head of school Aimeclaire Roche) filled teacups, and guests worked exceptionally hard to relieve groaning tables of their burdens of little sandwiches, cookies, cakes and other confections — delicious stuff, much of it lovingly hand-made by the numerous committee members.

Micki Olin and Lydia McNeil co-chaired the tea, which featured a performance by the Bishop’s School Singers. They entered in an elegant procession; 15 boys in tuxedos with red cummerbunds and bowties, and as many girls in classic black dresses, followed by middle-school students costumed for a Nativity scene. Accompanied by the school’s chamber orchestra, the singers performed a program of classic holiday favorites.

Founded in 1909, The Bishop’s School is a coeducational college preparatory school affiliated with the Episcopal Church. It currently has 780 students enrolled in grades six through 12. Its students live throughout San Diego County.

Mainly Mozart (MM) held a holiday party and concert for members of its elite donor group, Club Amadeus. The venue was the fourth-floor offices of public relations firm Bailey Gardiner, in a Beech Street building where MM will soon take up residence on the second floor (the building’s generous landlord gave them a sweetheart deal).

Socializing during a champagne reception, guests were amazed by ultra-high-tech stereo components shown by Stylus, a distributor of music equipment that is exceptional in both appearance and performance. Then, they sat to listen to the real thing: an hour-long live concert by Richard O’Neill on viola and Reiko Uchida on piano. MM musicians are invariably stellar performers, and their presentation of Schubert’s Sonata in A minor for Viola and Piano, followed by Brahms’ Violin Sonata No. 2 in E flat, was as well-received as it was rewarding. (Sorry, no Mozart tunes this time.)

The party continued with an array of appetizers and desserts from Chef Ron McMillan of Catering Solutions. MM’s 2012 annual gala, “Rendezvous with Mozart,” was as well-received as it was rewarding. (Sorry, no Mozart tunes this time.)
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St. Madeleine Sophie’s Center (SMSC) held their annual Donor Appreciation Reception on the evening of Dec. 4 to thank their most generous supporters. Claire Reiss graciously hosted the event at her stunning La Jolla Farms estate, where festively-attired guests roamed about admiring the tasteful and artistic design and decor. Libations and a very substantial buffet of delicious hors d’oeuvres kept everyone satisfied. Much of the party’s activity took place in the substantial living area, while a four-piece band (with a great female vocalist) entertained on a balcony above. SMSC operates a five-acre campus on the outskirts of El Cajon, helping adults with developmental disabilities discover, experience and realize their full potential to continue their educational and career goals. St. Mad’s: Banker’s Buffet and an afternoon to remember.

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**Donovan’s Steak House**

They may look good enough to eat, but the paintings and sculptures at Donovan’s 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, their instructor put together the party’s activity took place in the substantial living area, while a four-piece band (with a great female vocalist) entertained on a balcony above. SMSC operates a five-acre campus on the outskirts of El Cajon, helping adults with developmental disabilities discover, experience and realize their full potential to continue their educational and career goals.

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FRIYAY, Dec. 16

- "Baby & Me Yoga," 10:30 a.m., La Jolla, 7555 Draper Ave., yoga for moms and babies up to one year old, (858) 522-1567, www.lajollalive.org.

- "Toddler Yoga," 11 a.m., La Jolla, 7555 Draper Ave., fun poses for those between 18 months and 3 years of age, and a bit of singing for walkers up to age 5, (858) 522-1567, www.lajollalive.org.

- "Old, Frankincense, and Myrrh," 2:30 p.m., La Jolla, 7555 Draper Ave., a face in the first installment of the new Musical Probes series — an analytical and interactive exploration of the art of music, (858) 552-1567, www.lajollalive.org.

- "Christmas concert," 4 p.m., La Jolla, 7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla. "He Is Born" performance with the chancel and dorian bell choirs with strings, woodwinds, organ and bassoon directed by Bob Wurrie, (858) 454-7108, www.lajolladouthmindent- methodist.org, free.

THURSDAY, Dec. 15

- "Make Greeting Cards for the Holiday Season," 7 to 9 p.m., 7555 Draper Ave., all materials provided, (858) 552-1657, www.lajollalive.org.

- "Free Third Thursday," 5 to 7 p.m., Museum of Contemporary Art La Jolla, 700 Prospect St., free admission at all MCA SD locations, (858) 454-5557, www.mcasd.org.

- "Poetry workshop," 2 p.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., all poets welcome, we can also invite you to bring a poem of your own to read, take time to enjoy and learn from one another. (858) 454-6251, www.lajollalive.org.


- "Holiday music with "Taggle Taggle," 1 p.m., La Jolla, 7555 Draper Ave., a holiday concert for the family, (858) 552-1567, www.lajollalive.org.


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