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An appealing community

La Jolla is 'recession-proof,' and local planners among busiest in city



Bishop's School library

7607 La Jolla Blvd.
• Dec. 16: appeal of variance to increase the maximum building height by 2 feet and 1 inch, from 30 feet to 32 feet and 1 inch
Continued until Jan. 20

Children's Pool rope

• Dec. 9: appeal of city proposal to keep rope up year-round to perpetually create buffer between humans and seals
Won by unanimous vote by the Planning Commission, with City Council saying it doesn't intend to appeal that decision



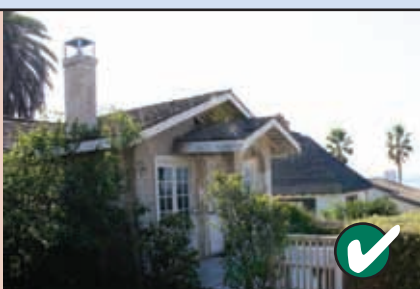
Whitney project

2206 Avenida de la Playa
• Sept. 9: appeal of application to demolish single-story store and construct three-story building with two condos, parking and commercial space, totaling about 8,950 square feet
Lost at Planning Commission, but won at City Council



Sorokin residence

247 Kolmar Street
• July 22: appeal of demolishing single-family residence to construct two-story duplex with two-car garage, two surface parking spots, grading and landscaping
CPA's wishes were granted, as Planning Commission commanded project re-design



Aroma Bakery Sidewalk Café

909 Prospect Street
• June 17: appeal of application to construct sidewalk café with three-foot rail fencing encroachment into public right of way
LJCPA later dropped appeal, making a resolution with the city before taking to hearing



Neptune Apartments

6767 Neptune Place
• June 3: appeal of permit to demolish the 20,198-square-foot, two-story building and construct 32,780-square-foot, three-story building with 25,150-square-foot subterranean parking garage
CPA lost appeal



These photos illustrate the various appeals made by the La Jolla Community Planning Association during 2010.

By CLAIRE HARLIN | VILLAGE NEWS

If a Sunday stroll down Prospect Street isn't enough to illustrate how extraordinarily busy La Jolla is — with businesses and people moving in and out, sustaining an active real estate market — just let the numbers do the talking.

An analysis of the La Jolla Community Planning Association's (LJCPA) actions shows the group reviewed almost as many projects last year as the city's Planning Commission. The LJCPA saw 108 projects come through La Jolla, compared to the city planning body's total of 117.

City planners also see representatives from the LJCPA downtown at City Hall more than any other community planning group in San Diego, as they've been known to fight — and win — with a number of appeals. In 2010, there were eight appeals that came out of La Jolla (six of those filed

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Cross country stars' legacy transforms LJHS track team

By LEE CORNELL | VILLAGE NEWS

Seniors Alex Eve and Andrew Farkas are leaving behind a tremendous legacy as the stars of the La Jolla High School boys cross country team.

"They'll be remembered much longer than their four years here," head coach Robert McCarthy said.

The dynamic duo wrapped up their LJHS careers at the Foot Locker Cross Country Regional Championships on Dec. 4. Eve finished 47th, competing against the best high school runners west of Colorado, while Farkas placed a very respectable 95th.

Andrew considers himself to be more suited to the spring track season but he's displayed excellent abilities as a long-distance runner, including making the all-state third team. A tireless workhorse,

McCarthy said Andrew started talking about the upcoming track season within hours of his last cross country race.

"I'm itching to get out there," Farkas reiterated during a mandated two-week break over the holidays.

The tandem's competitive spirit and dedication has transformed the entire program and has also resulted in their vastly improved individual performances.

"[Training together] has definitely been beneficial because we're different types of runners," Farkas said.

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La Jolla High School senior Alex Eve wears a grin after winning seventh place in the Division 3 state cross country meet.

Courtesy photo



Bistro steak, marinated in cabernet butter sauce, ratatouille and vanilla bean crème brûlée with fresh berries are a few items that make up the prix fixe offering at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, located at 8970 University Center Lane.

Photo illustration

As BID group forms, input needed

By KENDRA HARTMANN | VILLAGE NEWS

Within the 30-block area of the La Jolla Business Improvement District (BID), there exist roughly 1,250 businesses. At a Jan. 10 meeting to discuss the possible direction of a new not-for-profit that would determine how BID taxes are spent, roughly 30 members of the business community attended — a turnout, as one attendee pointed out, of about 2 percent.

Though low participation has plagued the community and La Jolla Businesses Unite, an organization charged with helping to form the new "business betterment corporation," those in attendance Monday evening resolutely set about present-

ing their ideas for what will likely be christened the La Jolla Village Merchants Association.

The participants, who had been split up into three working groups, presented ideas for the identity, bylaws and budget of the new corporation that will determine how about \$170,000 per year in city-collected business assessments will be spent.

A complicated task was that of the bylaws group, which had to draft a set of rules for the new entity.

"To say that this was an involved process is to put it mildly," said Michelle Lerach, owner of Cups bakery and presenter for the bylaws working group.

Of the rules proposed by the group, the three most important

items were: each member will receive one vote, associate members can vote but can not serve on the board of directors and board members will have three-year term limits, with a maximum of two terms.

The document drafted by the group will have to be ratified by the board of directors once they are elected in February.

The group assigned to distribute the budget took suggestions from the community by circulating a survey, asking business owners what they thought was the most appropriate way to spend BID funds. The survey, however, prompted a response from only four percent of the community. In the end, the group proposed that

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Restaurant Week may attract 140,000 foodies

San Diego Restaurant Week will take place Jan. 16-21. More than 180 restaurants from all over San Diego County will participate and the list keeps growing each year.

Reservations, which are recommended, should be made with the individual restaurants. Walk-in diners are accepted if space permits.

The most recent Restaurant Week, held in September, drew more than 140,000 participants.

The three-course, pre-deter-

mined menus from San Diego restaurants will be set at either \$20, \$30 or \$40 per person. Taxes, beverages and gratuity are not included.

For a complete list of participating restaurants visit www.sandiego-restaurantweek.com.

— Debbie Hatch

For a list of participating La Jolla restaurants, see page 10

People in the news

• **Michelle Ciccarelli Lerach, owner of Cups**, located at 7857 Girard Ave., was named in *San Diego Magazine's* "50 People to Watch in 2011" list. Lerach, who has owned and operated Cups



Michelle Lerach

since 2009, left her job as an attorney to open the bakery, where she creates unique cupcakes out of organic, local and sustainable products and teaches cooking classes to children and adults.

• San Diego Superior Court

Judge Robert C. Coates retired Jan. 2, after serving more than 28 years on the bench.

In retirement, Coates plans to return to the practice of law and to devote himself more fully to a Rotary project which he founded 27 years ago: partnering with the Scripps

Institution of Oceanography to educate about the science surrounding climate change. He also plans to continue organizing Boy Scout units in Southeast San Diego.



Robert C. Coates

Judge Coates began his judicial career in 1982 when then-Governor Jerry Brown, Jr. appointed him to the municipal court. He was elevated to superior court in 1998 when the municipal court consolidated with the superior court.

During his judicial career, Coates has served in every court division except probate. He presided for four years over the municipal court's Civil Division and spent several years handling civil jury trials, juvenile court and family law. For many recent years, he has served as a criminal trial

judge with ample experience in cases involving mental difficulties.

• La Jolla High School alumnus

John Malashock, artistic director at Malashock Dance, was honored recently by the *Los Angeles Times* as a "2011 Face to Watch."

"San Diego may not be known as a hotbed of modern dance choreography, but John Malashock has built a solid fan base since founding his own company there more than 20 years ago," wrote *L.A. Times* writer David Ng. "The former Tywla Harp dancer brings an emotional and sexual frankness to contemporary choreography, a genre often marked by cerebral detachment."

This month, Malashock is presenting a second run of "Malashock/Raw: Stripped," after the first run sold out. The company's website describes the performance as a "gritty, provocative, cutting-edge evening of dance that will shock, astonish and amaze."

For more on John Malashock, see page 9.

For a web-only video of Malashock/Raw, sign on to www.sdnews.com.



John Malashock

OBITUARY

J. Todd Figi left legacy in gifts

John Todd Figi of La Jolla passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9, at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center awaiting a lung transplant. He was 66. Subsequently, Figi himself became an organ donor.

Figi was chairman of the board of trustees of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, president of the San Diego chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization and was active in many local and national charities, usually anonymously. He served as chairman of the California Gift Association and has been a supporter of the Old Globe Theater and the Monarch School. In February 2010, Mayor Jerry Sanders appointed Figi to the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. He received the Award of Distinction from Gift for Life for his support of AIDS education and research.

Figi founded Figi Giftware, one of the leading gift companies in the world that manufactured everything from photo frames and wall décor to refrigerator magnets. In one year alone, his company sold more than 3 million magnets and his company's photo frames and other gifts are still sold in stores around the world.

Figi's greatest passion was collecting Latin American art. He especially appreciated and collected works by Roberto Matta, Rufino

Tamayo, Diego Rivera and other Latin American artists of note. He frequently loaned portions of his renowned collection to museums around the world, and he and his wife, Jake, were regular fixtures at Sotheby's and Christie's Latin American Art auctions.

For all his success and notoriety, Figi was ultimately respected for being a "regular guy" who could just as happily share a beer with the gardener as be the host of a black-tie party in a foreign capital. When he spoke to you, he made you feel like you were the most important person in the world.

Figi is survived by his wife, Norma Jean "Jake" Figi of La Jolla; sister Sara Finkle of Aspen, Colo.; and brothers Hans Figi (Sharon) of Guildford, England, and Eric Figi (Alison) of La Jolla; nieces Anna Patterson (Chris) of Bozeman, Mont., Kate and Erin Figi of La Jolla; and nephews F. Scott Thomson of Park City, Utah, John Todd "Jake" Figi and Lucas Figi of Guildford, England. He was preceded in death by his beloved black Labrador retriever, "Nick."

A celebration of Todd's life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Sherwood Auditorium at the Contemporary Museum of Art in La Jolla. In lieu of flowers, donations in Figi's name are requested for either Lab Rescue or Lifesharing, a lifesaving and life enhancing effort of transplantation.

Legal Issues When Shortselling Your Home

SAN DIEGO, When you buying or selling a home there are many small but important legal issues that you may be unaware of that are, nevertheless, critical to understand. Residential real estate is not an uncomplicated process. When such a major investment is transferred from one party to another, there are subtle details to take care of that can turn into major problems if not handled correctly.

It is essential to understand the legal ins and outs that will properly protect you when buy or sell a home. There are several issues that will certainly cost you if you are not properly informed. In a recent situ-

ation right here in the area, misinformation cost one local homeseller over three thousand dollars in the sale of their home. Don't let this happen to you.

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Local congressmen urge defense of Soledad cross

Response follows Jan. 4 ruling that monument is unconstitutional

By KENDRA HARTMAN | VILLAGE NEWS

In response to the Jan. 4 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the cross atop Mount Soledad is unconstitutional, two San Diego County congressmen have sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates urging the Obama administration to “vigorously defend the Memorial in its entirety.”

Weighing in on one of the most contentious issues in recent La Jolla history, Republican representatives Brian Bilbray of Solana Beach and Duncan Hunter of Alpine wrote in the letter that it was “imperative that the departments of Justice and Defense take immediate action to protect this revered landmark.”

Previously situated on city property, the 29-foot cross now resides on federally-owned land the government seized by eminent domain in 2006. Judge M. Margaret McKeown, who wrote a 50-page ruling by the three-judge panel, stated on Jan. 4: “The memorial, presently configured and as a whole, primarily conveys a message of government endorsement of religion that violates the establishment clause.”

The decision reversed one made in 2008 by U.S. District Judge Larry Burns, who wrote in his ruling that the cross was not a predominantly religious symbol, but rather one that “communicates the primarily non-religious messages of military service, death and sacrifice.”

That ruling, according to attorney Jim McElroy, who has been involved in the case since the cross was first challenged by atheist and Vietnam War veteran Philip Paulson in 1989, “flies in the face of common sense.”

David Blair-Loy, legal director of the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, added that touting the cross as merely a symbol of war and not one of religion is not only inaccurate, but also offensive.

“Frankly, I think it trivializes the Christian faith to say that a cross is not religious,” Blair-Loy said. “To Christians, a cross represents their religion.”

Important in this court’s decision, said McElroy, was the fact that, for the first time since the issue was brought into the legal arena, the ruling took into consideration the community’s past, including the “well-documented history” of anti-Semitism prior to 1970. McKeown cited this history as important for considering what the cross might represent to non-Christian observers.

“An informed observer is far more likely to see the memorial as sending a message of exclusion against this backdrop than if it had been erected in a city without this pointed history,” McKeown wrote.

Bill Kellogg, however, said the existence of the cross does not exclude veterans who are not Christian. Kellogg, chairman and CEO of the Mount Soledad Memorial Association, sees the court’s decision as an attack upon veterans and their families, arguing

that the memorial’s purpose is to honor veterans, not to push a religious agenda.

“It is incredibly meaningful to a broad cross-section of our community,” he said. “It is not divided along religious lines, but is supported by people of all walks of life and from every religious background.”

For McElroy and plaintiffs, including the Jewish War Veterans, the cross symbolizes anything but an open-minded approach to honoring those who have served in the military.

“[Non-Christian veterans] didn’t fight for the cross, they fought for the American flag,” McElroy said.

Demonstrating that the issue has proven extremely divisive, the community that Kellogg describes seems to contradict in every way the one McElroy and the ACLU represented in court.

“This community has been solidly behind this memorial from day one,” he said. “I think you’re going to see that it is the community’s will that this monument stay in place. Our city needs a memorial to veterans that is in a very prominent location.”

The issue, as predicted by both Kellogg and McElroy, is far from over. The federal government can request an “en banc” hearing, wherein 11 judges from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals would have to rule on the issue, or it can take the case directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in turn, can choose to hear the case or not. Though the Supreme Court hand-picks only about 1 percent of cases



The cross caught up in two decades of controversy sits atop a 14-foot concrete base surrounded by six concentric walls that hold more than 2,500 black granite plaques with the names and photos of war veterans. This photo, taken last month, shows a “fog bow,” which is similar to a rainbow but is made up of small particles of water.

JIM GRANT | Village News

brought before it, McElroy and Blair-Loy agree with the general assertion that this case is one of particular importance and has brought in national attention, and thus may have more of a chance of being chosen.

Bilbray said his ties to the issue are of a personal nature, explaining his involvement in the case for several years.

“The Mount Soledad National Veterans Memorial holds a very special place in my heart because the plaques of my father, brothers and stepfather are among the thousands of stories of military service,” he said in a recent statement. “It is unfortunate that the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals continues to politicize this sacred Memorial and obstruct the memories and history the landmark proudly represents. I strongly urge Attorney General Holder and Secretary Gates to join

Congressman Hunter and myself in continued defense of the Memorial.”

McKeown emphasized that the ruling did not mean the cross would have to be removed or torn down, but that it could be “modified to pass constitutional muster.”

About 10 years ago, an agreement was made to move the cross onto the property of the nearby Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church, but opponents, according to McElroy, shot down the settlement.

“I don’t think it being torn down is something that anyone on my side of the case wants,” McElroy said. “It’s a revered symbol; people respect it and they want to keep it. The thing that makes the most sense is moving it onto church property. Then they can erect an obelisk or something that is commonly erected for all veterans, not just Christians.”



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Fuel cell at UCSD will be the largest on any university campus

By KENDRA HARTMANN | VILLAGE NEWS

Construction projects are nothing new on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, and 2011 will be no exception. But one project in the works will not be an architectural gem. There will be no visual bells and whistles. It will, in fact, be pretty boring to look at. This particular project, however, will set the campus apart from any other and secure its place in history.

The project is the campus' new fuel cell, and when completed in late 2011, the 2.8-megawatt cell will be the largest on any college campus and will provide roughly 8 percent of the campus' energy needs. The fuel cell, coupled with an energy storage system, will be used to cool campus buildings and store electricity for use during peak demand periods.

UCSD's fuel cell is the largest of three cells that will be installed in San Diego in 2011. In total, the cells will generate 4.5 megawatts of electricity. The Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant will provide the fuel cells with methane gas, a waste byproduct of the water treatment process, which will then be converted into electricity. Because methane waste is currently burned off and its waste is released into the atmosphere, the fuel cells will serve a dual purpose of both generating clean electricity and relieving the problem of biogas waste.

Fuel cells generate electricity using an electrochemical process that does not involve combustion, therefore eliminating pollutants

such as nitrogen oxide and particulate matter. According to FuelCell Energy, Inc., the Connecticut-based company that will manufacture the cells, the citywide project will eliminate the emission of about 68,100 pounds of pollutants annually, roughly the equivalent of removing 1,136 cars from the road.

Currently, UCSD generates 85 percent of its own electricity through a 30-megawatt natural gas cogeneration plant. The plant, according to UCSD spokesman Rex Graham, operates at 66 percent efficiency, compared to about 33 percent for coal- and oil-fired power plants. That level of efficiency, Graham said, "is unheard of in the industry."

The campus' fuel cell will cost \$19 million, but will require no university funding. UCSD received \$7.65 million in incentives from the California Self Generation Program, which provides rebates for energy systems such as wind turbines and fuel cells. BioFuels Energy, LLC, a company based in Encinitas, provided the remaining \$11.35 million through private investments, loans and investment tax credits.

The fuel cell was made possible by an order of the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC), which approved a measure designed to lower peak demands on the state's electrical power grid. The generation and storage of its own power will make the university eligible for \$3.4 million in financial incentives.

"The university's increasingly sophisticated microgrid will integrate all the campus' production, consumption and stored power



UCSD's 2.8-megawatt fuel cell is being manufactured by FuelCell Energy, Inc.

Photo courtesy of BioFuels Energy, LLC

and cooling water into one of the most sophisticated energy-management systems anywhere," said John Dilliot, UCSD's energy and utilities manager, in a recent statement. "We will soon be able to factor in the variable cost of imported electricity and optimize the production and consumption of electricity in our entire system with a high degree of cost and energy efficiency."



A compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station at UCSD's Energy Innovation Park is used by the campus fleet of CNG delivery trucks, street sweepers, sedans, pickup trucks and buses.

Photo courtesy of Rhett Miller, UCSD

APPEALS

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by the LJCPA) and only two of those resulted in losses. The LJCPA rounded out 2010 with the victory of a particularly controversial case — the appeal of a year-round rope barrier at the Children's Pool — and planners will see a continuation Jan. 20 on a possible two-foot height increase at The Bishop's School.

Glenn Gargas, a project manager for the city's Development Services Department, has overseen a number of projects in La Jolla, including the recent Bishop's School plan. Uptown planners are pretty active, Gargas said, but "La Jolla is probably one of the more active."

Gargas also said the LJCPA is "broken up into subcommittees and it's more complex than others."

"Land prices are high and people have strong feelings about what's appropriate and what's not," Gargas said. "A lot of people invest a lot into properties there, and they want to make sure to protect it and main-

tain it."

But being such a contentious area can have its drawbacks. LJCPA President Joe LaCava said if a group appeals too often, it could lose its credibility.

"There's this perception of La Jolla that we are always complaining, always appealing, always down at City Hall," La Cava said. "If you look how many [projects] we complain about compared to how many we are reviewing, the number we appeal may seem like a lot, but it's a tiny fraction of how many we review."

LaCava said he noticed appeals generally tend to be denied more than they are approved, which enticed him to start tracking the La Jolla planning group's approval rate.

As it turns out, LJCPA's approval rate is high. In 2010, the association reviewed 108 projects and approved about 80 percent of them. In 2009, it reviewed 103 projects, approving 90 percent of those, and in 2008 it reviewed 106 projects, approving 84 percent.

There's an extra step residents have to take to develop property in a coastal zone such as

La Jolla. Before getting a permit to build, they have to pass the LJCPA in getting a coastal development permit.

The stringency of the association's review process, LaCava said, has actually helped a lot of projects get approved.

"Our process had been so strong and gained the respect of applicants, so they work with us to redesign projects until they eventually get approval," LaCava said.

Gargas said the city's Planning Commission only oversees "higher-level" projects, whereas the LJCPA is a recognized body that makes recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, city staff and other governmental agencies on land-use matters.

"They see all kinds of projects," he said. "They make recommendations, and it makes sense that they would see a higher volume [than the Planning Commission] in general."

Not only has La Jolla "been a contentious area for a long time," but Gargas said he's noticed something interesting about the seaside community: "The recession hits quite a few other areas," he said. "But La Jolla is recession-proof in a way."

BID

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35 percent of the funds should initially go to hiring personnel and paying for a fully-staffed office. They suggested allocating 25 percent each for beautification and outreach/promotions, while the remaining 15 percent, they said, could be used for special events.

However the new corporation decides to operate, the general consensus at Monday's meeting was that it should engender participation by more members of the community and that accountability is key.

"Openness and transparency is the most important," said Egon Kafka, who runs the La Jolla Village Lodge. "We want a system that will work so that we can all work and play together."



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WEB-ONLY FEATURE

Check out this story online at www.sdnews.com to download a form in which members of the business community can submit self-nominations for the LJBID corporation's board of directors.

The Steakhouse at Azul La Jolla

Located on La Jolla's fashionable Prospect Street, The Steakhouse at Azul La Jolla is tucked in amongst La Jolla's most exclusive shops, boutiques and galleries. Indoors, floor-to-ceiling windows look out over spectacular La Jolla Cove, shamelessly revealing why The Steakhouse at Azul La Jolla was voted Best in its Class.

Chef Carmine serves up 100% USDA Prime steaks, Kobe-style Wagyu Beef, chops and poultry, and a generous selection of fresh seafood and shellfish nightly. A casual patio menu is featured in the lush garden courtyard, with "\$7 till 7" Happy Hour specials offered from 4-7 daily. Starlight dining around a contemporary glass-encircled fire ring is reason enough to stay late.

Intimate private dining is offered in the glass-enclosed Wine Room, which looks north to the Pacific shoreline. The Steakhouse at Azul La Jolla serves dinner nightly, lunch on Saturday and Champagne Brunch on Sunday.

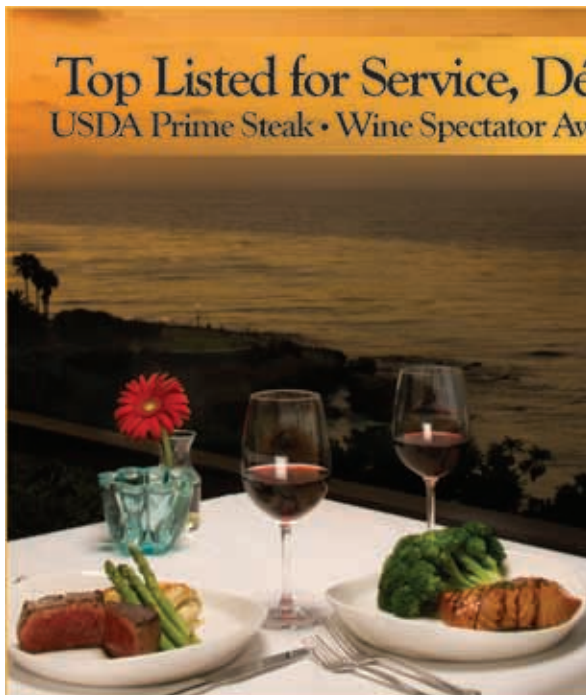


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VALENTINE'S WEEKEND GETAWAY

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COMMENTARY

Let La Jolla control its BID

By RICK WILDMAN

Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. The city's Office of Small Business (OSB) is now forming a new Business Improvement District (BID) for La Jolla merchants. This is not change we can believe in. Two years ago, a "reform slate" of directors became the majority of the Promote La Jolla BID. In its "Free La Jolla" campaign, the reform slate agreed with 95 percent of La Jolla merchants and residents that the city should not put parking meters in La Jolla. The second prong of the reform slate was transparency: the books and records of Promote La Jolla were made public and all decisions were to be made publicly, not in secret.

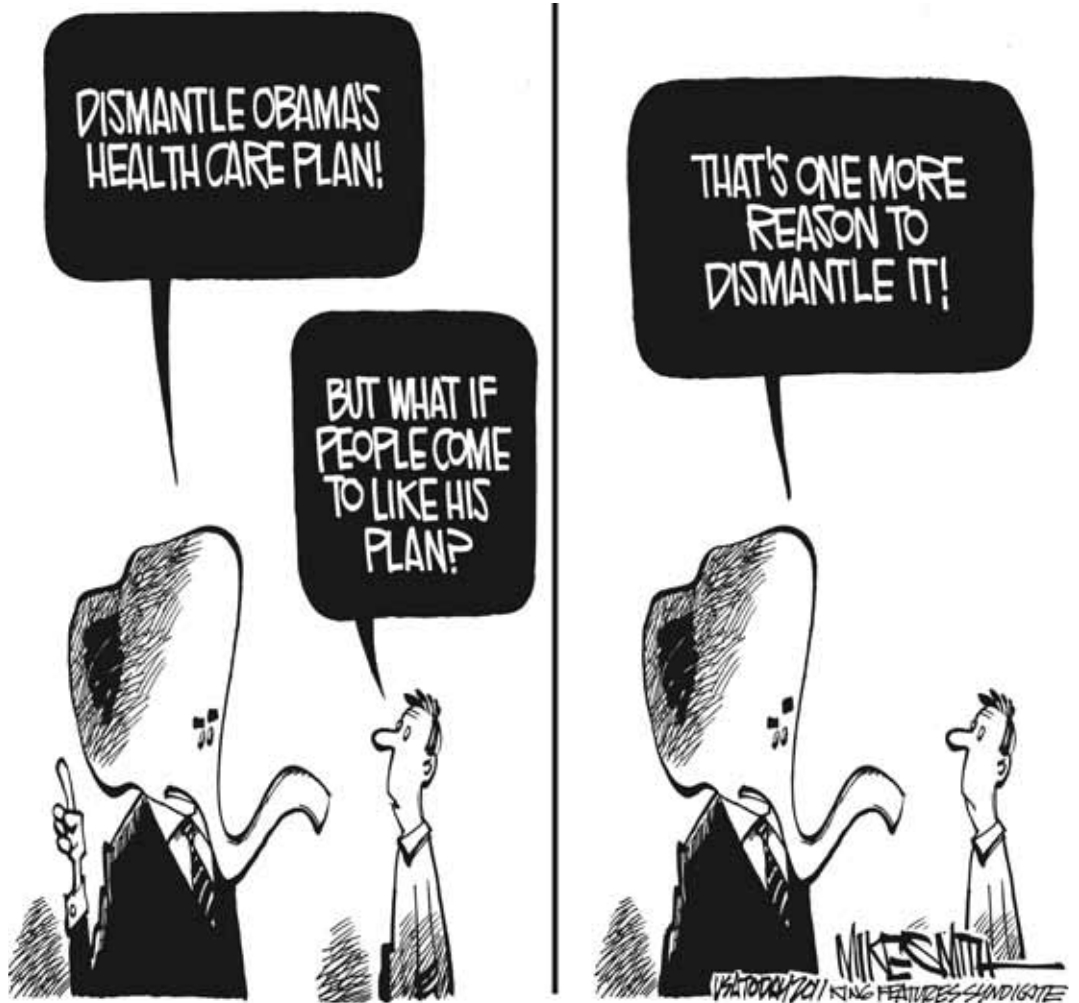
The OSB has taken over the La Jolla BID. It has rejected the advice of the BID Advisory Council appointed by the City Council. It has canceled public meetings. The OSB was responsible for oversight of PLJ's failures. The pre-2009 PLJ records revealed that PLJ was approximately \$150,000 in debt. The executive director

of PLJ during that time is now executive director of the BID Council.

A new La Jolla BID will fall under the oversight of the OSB and the former PLJ executive director. The recommendations of the reform slate, which discovered and fixed the PLJ dilemma, are rejected. The OSB decision to use restricted BID funds to form a new BID was made in secret by the OSB. There is increasing talk of parking meters in La Jolla. The empty promise is that La Jolla could receive as much as 40 percent of local parking revenues from the city.

The OSB that had oversight over the failed PLJ BID will now have oversight over the new La Jolla BID. This is not change at all. This is a power grab by the OSB and the San Diego BID Advisory Council. If a new La Jolla BID is formed, its officers and directors must remain vigilant so that La Jolla's control of its own BID is not entirely usurped by the OSB and the BID Advisory Council.

— Rick Wildman is the President of Promote La Jolla, Inc. and a member BID Advisory Committee



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saving the Soledad symbol I

I was shocked to find that a court ruled that a cross displayed at a veterans' memorial at Mount Soledad near San Diego is unconstitutional. Apparently, the judge plans to smash it down with a bulldozer.

The United States Navy received the land for free, so now it should give it up since it cannot care for it.

Why allow the cross to be removed from the site? It has been established. It is now a historical marker indicating the life and spirit of the United States at the time of the Korean War, which was a war against Godless communism.

If it is removed, then put it up again and again and again.

I hope they appeal the appeal or do whatever is necessary to guarantee the right to freedom of religion and speech. We must not allow the government to strike down a symbol of religion and faith for which those men and women have died for so that others can live without concern.

Separation of church and state also means that the state cannot suppress religions.

The concept that Christianity is a religion of exclusion is quite confusing. Tolerance should be the order of the day. That court order is an attempt to muzzle, crush and destroy religious practices and moderate

them the way that Communist China moderates reincarnation.

Why allow them to drag that cross down into the dust the way that the statues of Lenin and Stalin and Saddam Hussein were?

Alfred Brock
Wayne, Mich.

Saving the Soledad symbol II

I am disappointed with the federal appeals court ruling that the Mount Soledad Memorial Cross in San Diego is unconstitutional.

The cross is the sign of the passion, and at the same time it is a sign of the resurrection. It is, so to speak, the saving staff that God holds out to us, the bridge by which we can pass over the abyss of death and all the threats of the evil one and reach God.

The cross displays what is distinctively Christian. It is also a symbol of universal love. It is the image of the Christian revolution, which has spread the idea of equality between all men all over the world.

The most basic Christian gesture in prayer is, and always will be, the sign of the cross. It is a way of confessing Christ crucified with one's very body. It is a visible and public "yes" to Him who suffered for us. It is a confession of faith, a confession of hope.

Let us fight to keep our religious signs and symbols from the atheistic clutches of Big Brother in this Orwellian age.

Paul Kokoski
Hamilton, Ontario

Seal war is over, if you want it

It is easy, cowardly and pointless to target the seals. They have no voice, no money, no power — just nature's beauty and freedom. It's time to stop the war on seals. Move to the desert if you must.

Tanja Winter
La Jolla

Government financing moral decay of our nation

In some states, more than 50 percent of births each year are to unwed mothers. This dilemma has multiple causes — the promiscuity promoted by the entertainment media, the removal of God and morals from our educational system, etc. But high on the list of causes is this — government is financing it.

With the creation of "The Great Society" during the Lyndon B. Johnson administration, the government told women, "If you have a baby outside of marriage, we'll send you a monthly check. The only way you

can lose that check is to get married or get a job."

Recently, a social worker shared about hearing a middle-age mother explaining to her daughter that she (the daughter) needed to keep having babies because by doing so she was the breadwinner of the family.

Some years ago, I read a news article about the man who went to several women every month to collect his portion of the welfare check as his "siring fee" for fathering their children.

The number one "poverty indicator" in the U.S. is unwed motherhood. The government support provides the individual a near-poverty-level income. If the mother strives to better herself and earn more, she loses the government support. Therefore, the system perpetuates poverty.

To add to the financing of the national moral decay, our tax laws impose a "marriage penalty." The tax codes are set up so that married couples pay higher taxes than couples who are cohabiting.

The result of this government "compassion" is most clearly seen in our prisons, where the percentage of inmates from single-parent homes ranges from 92 to 99 percent. So much for the Great Society where "it takes a village to raise a child."

Steve Casey
Stonewall, La.

She's in fashion

In response to "A new look, a new year" (Jan. 6, page 11): Ms. Beedle! I love reading your snippets about where to shop. Road maps are where it's at, and your articles are so upbeat! I keep tuning in to sdnews.com to see what you'll put on the menu next! I spend a fair amount of time out west. Keep it coming.

Online reader

CORRECTION

The Jan. 6 article about the Candlelight Ball ("Having a ball," page 4) should have stated that Ellen Browning Scripps founded Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla in 1924. The Village News regrets the error.

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LJHS students compete in cyber warfare

By KENDRA HARTMANN | VILLAGE NEWS

Five students from La Jolla High School braved the perils of cyberspace as they competed in the semifinals of the CyberPatriot challenge, a nationwide cyber security competition on Jan. 8.

Patrick Sapin, Rafael Cosman, Jason Farnum, Andy Hill and George Brabon tested their cyber security skills against teams from across the nation, all vying for a chance to advance to the final round, to be held in Maryland in April. The LJHS team put up a good fight, but did not make it to the finals.

Produced by Air Force Association, CyberPatriot aims to educate students in cyber defense, a concept LJHS senior Sapin, the team's captain, said is crucial.

"I think it's really interesting. Cyber security and cyber warfare are very important topics in our society today," he said. "There needs to be kids like us who are learning about it and this is a fun way to do it."

During the competition, teams of five students are given a compromised server, Sapin said. They must try to repair the server and "secure its vulnerabilities" within a certain time frame, and are given a score based on how quickly and efficiently they are able to do that.

According to Sapin, the student competitors from LJHS are self-taught. Greg Volger, the high school's computer science teacher and the team's coach, approached a few of his advanced computer science students about the competition last year. They all expressed interest, and immediately began searching the Internet for tutorials on cyber security. Their efforts paid off, and they won the 2010 Mayor's Cup Cyber Defense Competition in San Diego last March.



La Jolla High's Viking Cyber Security Team participants Sahil Sangani, George Brabon and Andy Hill watch as Patrick Sapin works on securing a web server during the CyberPatriot III Open Division Round 3 competition at the school on Jan. 8. Last year, the team took first place nationally in the first year the competition was open to public schools. (Not present, but also on the team: Rafael Cosman and Jason Farnam.)

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"Kids nowadays spend time on the computer, and they read up on this kind of thing," said Volger. "You hear about kids hacking into something all over the world. These are those type of kids, but they're not interested in ruining something."

Now, competing against high school teams from across the country, the team has to step up its game. If they advance to the final round, the contestants will have to face not only the challenge of securing the compromised servers, they will have to do it alone. The number of computers the teams have to secure has risen with each round, and in the finals, contestants will have to compete solo, with each contestant working on one computer.

The intent, as Volger points out, is to "understand security and what it means." Such a premise, he said, ensures that younger generations will be prepared for a future in which cyberspace takes center stage.

"CyberPatriot continues to encourage young people to explore the ever-evolving cyber realm, and the students are embracing the opportunity," said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot commissioner, in a recent statement.

Volger said the students could turn the experience into a job "right now."

"They're marketable," he said. "This is a game for them, but it could become serious if they wanted it to."

Eve, Farkas are mentors and academic standouts

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McCarthy said the two are great workout partners.

"It doesn't matter who had the better day," he said. "They're always high-fiving each other and encouraging everybody behind them as well."

Eve showed off his talents at the state championships, finishing an outstanding seventh place overall, earning a place on the all-state first team.

"State was probably one of the best races I've had in my life," Eve said. "I made a big surge at the end. I was really happy when I found out how it ended."

McCarthy said he's expecting Alex to take the momentum of his cross country finish into the track season.

But it isn't just athletics these boys thrive at. Eve holds a 4.5 GPA and recently gave back to the community by creating a prostate cancer fundraiser campaign at school. Participants grew out their mustaches during the month of November and the group was able to raise 700 dollars.

"It was a big success. I wanted to do something original and something I could relate to," Eve said. "I don't think prostate cancer is made aware of as much as it should be."

While Eve and Farkas were the clear stars of the Vikings squad this season, they also served as the mentors and leaders of the team. The two worked hard over the summer to coordinate and plan team workouts.

"We both got really involved over the summer in recruiting and stuff like that," Farkas said. "We're leaving behind a good sophomore class that's capable of anything at the CIF level. They could be contenders at the state meet next year and definitely in two years. That's really encouraging, knowing you can be proud of getting that started."

Both Alex and Andrew are planning to run in college but they are still narrowing down their final decisions. Farkas posted a 4.1 GPA this past semester and is looking at the University of California, Santa Barbara or a school in Colorado or Michigan. Eve is interested in Middlebury College in Vermont and a couple of other schools in the northeast.



La Jolla High School senior Andrew Farkas was one of two Vikings track stars this season. Courtesy photo

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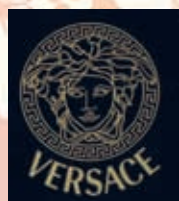
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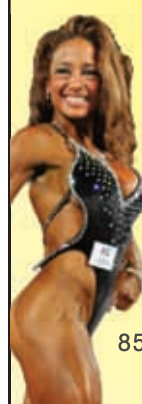
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- **La Jolla Town Council meeting,** 6 p.m., La Jolla Women's Club, 715 Silverado St., (858) 454-1444, www.lajollatowncouncil.org
- **Baby sign language,** 9:45 a.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., songs, stories and tips for using American sign language with babies and toddlers, (858) 552-1657, free
- **Wet Ink Ensemble,** 8:30 p.m., The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, afterparty with the artists, featuring jazz, punk, experimental, electronic and classical music, (858) 822-3199, \$8 UCSD students, \$12 public

- **Open house,** 11 a.m., Muirlands Middle School, 1056 Nautilus St., informational luncheon for parents of incoming sixth-graders, (858) 459-4211

FRIDAY, Jan. 14

- **Film Noir "5 Against the House,"** 3 p.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., (858) 552-1657, free

SATURDAY, Jan. 15

- **"A Feast for the Senses,"** 6 p.m., The Riford Center, 6811 La Jolla Blvd., dinner, art displays and performance by opera tenor Daniel Hendricks, (858) 459-0831, \$20 members, \$25 non-members
- **Historic Designation Workshop,** 9 a.m., Wisteria Cottage, 780 Prospect St., 3-hour informative workshop on historical designation of homes, (858) 459-5335, \$10 members, \$15 non-members

- **Chess club,** 12:30 p.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., ages 25 and under, (858) 552-1657, free

- **San Diego Dance Theater: Cabaret Dances,** 8 p.m., dance, dinner and Gershwin-inspired entertainment, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, www.sandiegodancetheater.org, \$20-\$50

- **A day of dance at Ooh La La Dance Company,** 1 to 5 p.m., non-stop salsa, bachata, Latin jazz and spins, cha cha cha, hip hop, burlesque, lifts and tricks, ballet, modern contemporary and pilates, 7877 Herschel Ave., www.oohlaladancecompany.com

SUNDAY, Jan. 16

- **Explore local tide pools with Birch Aquarium,** 12:30 p.m., Hospital Point in La Jolla (directions to meeting

place provided at time of RSVP), (858) 534-7336, \$12

- **San Diego Dance Theater: Cabaret Dances,** 8 p.m., dance, dinner and entertainment featuring Gershwin-inspired performances, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, www.sandiegodancetheater.org, \$20-\$50

MONDAY, Jan. 17

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

TUESDAY, Jan. 18

- **Pastel painting with Valerie Grischy,** 10 a.m., The Riford Center, 6811 La Jolla Blvd., weekly classes for all skill-levels through Feb. 22, (858) 459-0831, \$100 members, \$125 non-members

- **Writer's workshop with Judy Reeves,** 7 p.m., Warwick's, 7812 Girard Ave., cost includes signed copy of Reeves' "A Writer's Book of Days," (858) 454-0347, \$25

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19

- **"Dig the Scene: A Professor Unscripted,"** 7 p.m., The Loft at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, speakers from the university, local talent and live jazz band, (858) 822-3199, free

- **"The Poison Tree" by Erin Kelly,** 7:30 p.m., Warwick's, 7812 Girard Ave., discussion and book signing event, (858) 454-0347, free

THURSDAY, Jan. 20

- **Poetry workshop,** 2 p.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., (858) 552-1657, free
- **"The Lotus Eaters" by Tatjana Soli,** 7:30 p.m., Warwick's, 7812 Girard Ave., discussion and book signing event, (858) 454-0347, free



The Riford Center will hold a pastel painting class at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

HIGHLIGHTS!

Jan. 15, 10 a.m.

- **Michael Dukakis** will give a "State of the Nation" address at La Jolla Country Day School, located at 9490 Genessee Ave. For more information, call (619) 687-3580. The event is free for Country Day students and \$10 for parents and community members.

Jan. 20, 5 p.m.

- **The La Jolla Town Council** will hold its "Sunsetter Happy Hour," in which community leaders and professionals can mingle and network. This month's event will take place at La Valencia Hotel, located at 1132 Prospect St. The cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members and free for new members who sign up at the event.

Jan. 20, 5 p.m.

- **The Museum of Contemporary Art,** located at 700 Prospect St., will hold its "Free Third Thursday" evening, which includes free admission plus free gallery guided tours. For more information, call (858) 454-3541.

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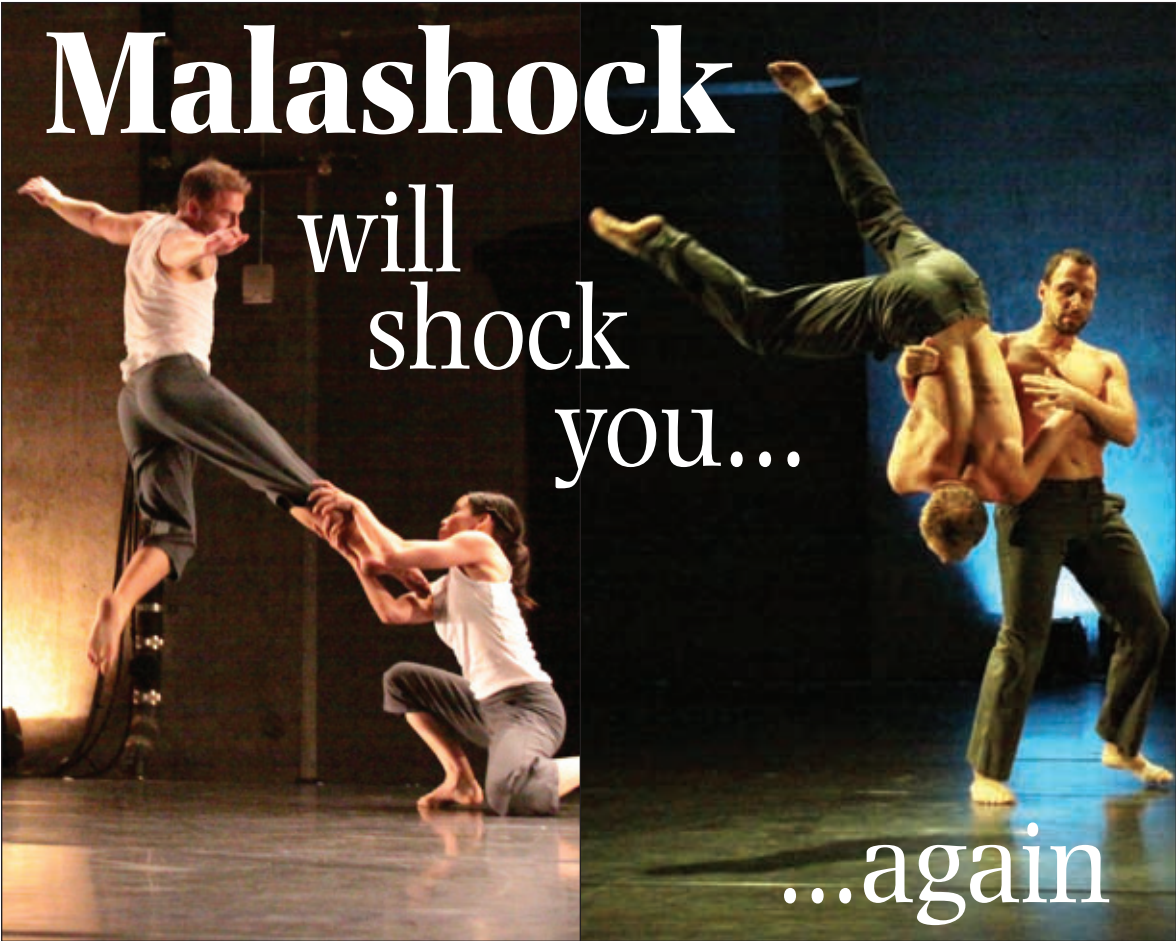
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Left: Guest choreographer Bradley Michaud’s “This Is Not an Exit” is part of “Malashock/Raw: Stripped,” to take place Jan. 21-22. **Right:** Dancers perform “Bad Company,” one of three performances that make up “Malashock/Raw: Stripped,” which has come to life via La Jolla John Malashock’s dance studio. *Courtesy photo*

By CHARLENE BALDRIDGE | VILLAGE NEWS

“Malashock/Raw” was such a sell-out hit last November at Sushi Performance and Visual Art that Malashock Dance is reprising the evening of dance at 8 p.m. Jan. 21-22, this time within the intimacy of Malashock Dance Studio at Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road., Suite 202, at Liberty Station. Closer up and more personal, it is bound to be more thrilling and in-your-face than ever before. In the company vernacular it will shock, astonish and amaze. Ask one who’s seen it — the description possesses a ring of truth.

By its very nature, the distilled “Malashock/Raw: Stripped” seeks to dispel any preconceptions one might have of esteemed choreographer and artistic director John Malashock and his excellent 23-year-old troupe. A La Jolla native who danced with

“It’s the most astonishing – both wonderful and terrible – thing I have ever seen in a dance piece.”

Twyla Tharp Dance, Malashock toured 10 years before returning to the San Diego area. (He and his wife, Nina, had a child by then, and believed that a more “normal life” awaited them in California.)

Malashock tried business for a while, but dance called him back big-time in 1988 with the founding of Malashock Dance.

“There was not much choice in the matter,” said Malashock, with a smile.

The three pieces composing “Malashock/Raw: Stripped” are as follows: Malashock’s “Man Up,” associate artistic director Michael Mizerany’s “Bad Company” and guest choreographer Bradley Michaud’s

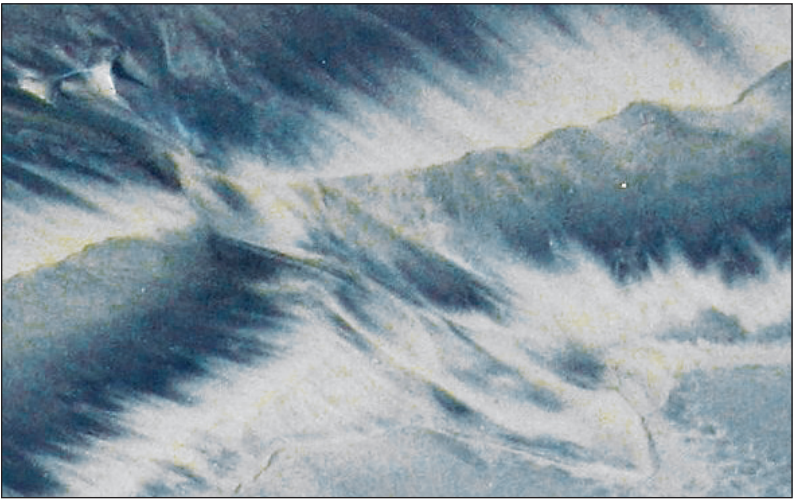
“This Is Not an Exit.”

If you haven’t obtained tickets yet, do not hesitate or you might be turned away — “Malashock/Raw: Stripped” promises to be one of the most exciting evenings of dance in a long time. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.malashockdance.org or by calling (619) 260-1622.

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Sign on to www.sdnews.com to catch a video glimpse of Malashock Dance’s recent sellout performance of “Malashock/Raw: Stripped.”

TIDE LINES



What do you see in this iron sulfide Rorschach image? ©2011 Judith Lea Garfield

Beaches are canvases for fine-grain sand art

By JUDITH LEA GARFIELD

Are they ink blots from a Rorschach test, satellite maps or abstract drawings by an artist sketching in charcoal? When the tide goes out, black streaks, lines, squiggles, and shapes drawn on the otherwise-neutral canvas of sand grains readily catch both my eye and imagination. Sand on a beach may look about the same from day to day but the grains are constantly on the move. Thousands of breaking waves per day translate to sand grains being pounded, stirred, and shifted, such that layer by top layer of wet, hard-packed sand is eventually pulled to the surface. Meanings of the designs revealed from the black deposits are up to my imagination, but in reality, the artists of these one-of-a-kind ephemeral creations are specialized bacteria that process sulfur.

I’ll back up a minute.

Tan sand is composed mainly of quartz and feldspar. The watery cushion surrounding each sand grain, abundance of light and plentiful oxygen support a plethora of lifelike worms, crabs and snails. However, dig a toe down several inches below the surface to find a dark underworld. Though close to the surface, sand density is such that light and oxygen

levels fall off quickly. Nevertheless, sand on our beaches is rich in organic matter that comes from kelp and other seaweed that regularly wash onto the beach. Numerous outfall locations also discharge sewage onto the sand. The sulfur particles and compounds accumulate in the sand, where bacteria with specialized capabilities process the sulfur for their own energy needs.

Waste from this processing comes in the form of hydrogen sulfide, a colorless, poisonous, flammable gas with the characteristic odor of rotten eggs. Some of this gas is released into the atmosphere (that’s the distinctive “smells-like-the-ocean” scent) but some reacts with metal ions, a common presence in the water, to produce metal sulfide particles, which do not dissolve in water. The metal sulfides account for the dark brown or black sand-drawn sketches brought to the surface, courtesy of ocean motion.

But this explanation does not speak to why metal sulfides concentrate as they do instead of appearing as evenly layered sheets across the sand plain. The answer lays in the sand environment itself, which is not homogeneous,

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Russian artist brings still life to real life

Wine reception with artist scheduled to be held at Monarch Gallery on Jan. 15

By WILL BOWEN | VILLAGE NEWS

In a great painting, a simple object can become a thing of great and enduring beauty. A flower, a piece of fruit or a vase can be imbued by the artist with a sort of magical realism that can touch one deeply. The play of light on the object, the dazzling colors or the ever-shifting balance of reality and fantasy can fascinate and change how one looks at the world.

Regina Lyubovnaya, a young Russian-born painter who will be featured at Monarch Gallery, located at 1205 Prospect St., through the month of January, is one such artist who has the skills of the old masters. She paints everyday and ordinary objects, turning them

into enduring gems and masterpieces that can help others re-examine the way they see.

Lyubovnaya has been described as possessing “the light of Rembrandt, the theatrical dramatics of Ribera and the bare simplicity of Velasquez.” She adds a modern feel to the classical style of Romantic Realism. Her paintings, done in oil on Masonite board, are realistic, rich, bold, dramatic, colorful and exquisite. They show highly refined craftsmanship and artistic sensibility.

Her paintings on view at Monarch follow two themes: There are flower arrangements, specifically English garden roses in a vase on a dark marbled table; or there are Asian-themed still lifes, featuring a vase, fruit, exotic birds and a Tang Dynasty figurine.

Lyubovnaya’s interest in painting was first sparked by visits with her grandparents to the National Museum of Art in Moscow. She attended the Moscow School of Arts and Crafts and then immigrated to America, where she attended Loyola Marymount University and the Pasadena Art Center College of Design. She has had additional training at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy and has studied in New York with acclaimed artist David Leffel.

In the December 2010 issue of American Art Collector Magazine, Lyubovnaya describes her work: “I paint to express beauty of the abstract nature of light moving across each



“Bouquet of Dreams” is one of several paintings by Regina Lyubovnaya involving flower arrangements. WILL BOWEN | Village News

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WHAT LIES BENEATH



A receding tide turns my beach walk into an art walk, as shown by this portrait sketched in iron sulfide.
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and the nature of the microbes, which tolerate only the strictest of conditions. As such, the sulfur-eating bacteria concentrate in microenvironments in the sand, as opposed to evenly populating across a specific depth range in the sand.

Our planet has evolved many routes to keep the finite supply of elements (like sulfur) cycling throughout Earth's living and nonliving environments. In the case of sulfur, it has been proposed that rock deposits of elemental sulfur found worldwide are derived from the actions of ancient microorganisms. It is certainly true that in today's world, microbes are mostly responsible for cycling and recycling Earth's finite elements. In doing so, they not only directly perpetuate their populations but also secure their long-term existence by keeping Earth's systems in balance. We are finally catching on to what microbes have always practiced: Give to and take from the environment in equal measure, and always recycle. Imagine that.

Playhouse sweeps 12 of 29 categories at awards show

By KENDRA HARTMANN | VILLAGE NEWS

La Jolla Playhouse retained its status as a powerhouse in the theater community, garnering top honors Jan. 10 at the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle's 2010 Craig Noel Awards for Theatrical Excellence.

The Playhouse was honored in 12 of the 29 categories at the awards show, held on at the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla. Its production of Lynn Nottage's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Ruined" earned the most honors, with awards for Outstanding Dramatic Production, Direction (Liesl Tommy), Lead Performance, Female (Tonye Patano), Featured Performance, Female (Zainab Jah), Ensemble, Set Design (Clint Ramos) and Sound Design (Broken Chord).

"It's rare to have one production win in

so many categories, but when we held our voting session in December, virtually every member of the Critics Circle ranked 'Ruined' No. 1, so it was a hard act to follow," said Circle president Pam Kragen in a recent statement.

The Playhouse's productions of "Lime-light: The Story of Charlie Chaplin" and "Notes From Underground" also won multiple awards.

Ashley, who accepted the award for Outstanding Production for "Notes From Underground," described it as a "challenging piece" in his acceptance speech.

"We did a lot of challenging and dark productions this last year, and our audiences went there with us," he said. "It has been a great pleasure."

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object and creating harmony of the whole painting. Beauty and simplicity are somehow in the same neighborhood."

Derek and Lynn Stone, two collectors of Lyubovnaya who were mentioned in American Art Collector said, "You feel like you can

literally walk into Regina's paintings, eat its fruit, smell the flowers and feel the textures of the surrounding still life."

There will be a wine reception for Lyubovnaya on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Monarch Gallery. To RSVP or for further information, call (858) 454-1231 or e-mail info@monarchfineart.com.



Many of Regina Lyubovnaya's paintings feature a vase, fruit, exotic birds and a Tang Dynasty figurine.
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But things do get lively there, as they did in mid-December when the museum celebrated the 45th anniversary of its 1965 opening with a holiday party for its members. Event chair Phemie Davis explained that the reds and greens prominent throughout the venue were chosen not just because of the holiday season, but also because design chair Ruth Stanton's party décor was inspired by Bartolomeo Venato's "Portrait of a Lady in a Green Dress," one of the masterpieces in the museum's Italian gallery. The same green tones and sienna bronze from the portrait were echoed throughout the party, and the magnolia leaf topi-

aries and pomegranates Ruth used to decorate were quite typical of Italy. The menu and music were also Italian, in keeping with the theme.

Guests at the black-tie affair enjoyed sparkling Prosecco and other fine wines. Chef Larry Rinehart of Giuseppe Fine Catering designed the menu, which began with tray passed hors d'oeuvre and an antipasti table richly laden with wonderful meats, cheeses, olives, mushrooms and breads. A wonderful lasagna was served later, followed by desserts.

The Bunnell Strings performed throughout the evening, playing mostly Italian classical pieces. The highly talented young family group consists of five siblings: Keren, Kimberly, Corrie, Cara and Ross. Starting not long after they learned to walk, they've been playing together for about 11 years. They perform with the San Diego Youth Symphony and the City Ballet, and are known jocularly in the park as the "Von Trapp family." They certainly have a bright future as fine musicians.

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La Jolla's own Athenaeum Music and Arts Library held its own members' holiday party the very next day. Hard-working volunteers had thoroughly decorated the library, located at 1008 Wall St., for the festive occasion, which attracted more than 400 guests to enjoy food and drink, live music and lots of good cheer.

Dazzling cookie displays have highlighted this annual event for 11 years. They're made by François Goedhuys and his wife, Diana, owners of the epicurean Girard Gourmet deli and bakery in downtown La Jolla. Arranged atop bookshelves and tables, the cook-

ie displays include Santa and his reindeer, singing angels, penguins, trees and a 12-foot-long model of the entire La Jolla Village, featuring many prominent landmarks. Many cookies are colorfully decorated by hand, and except for the village display, the cookies are available for people to eat (or take home) at the end of the party. But despite the prohibition, a few cookies "disappear" from each year's village display, and this year was no exception. François said that watching people steal them is his favorite part!

Tender roast beef and other tasty foods were also available, along with wines and punch. A European Klezmer band played lively dance pieces in the library, while pianist Sammy Tritt entertained in the main foyer. Toward the evening's end, guests gathered there to sing carols.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-032536
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
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located at: 479-6161 EL CAJON BLVD. STE B SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BLUE CHIP HOSPITALITY GROUP INC. This business is being conducted by: A CORPORATION BLUE CHIP HOSPITALITY GROUP SAN DIEGO, CA. 92115 CALIFORNIA The transaction of business began on: NOT YET STARTED The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 07, 2010 Issue Date(s): DEC 16, 22 JAN 06 AND 13, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-032642
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
MONARCH LILY CONSULTING

located at: 748 ARCHER ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MICHAEL WYKOSKY, JILL WYKOSKY This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: NOT YET STARTED The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 08, 2010 Issue Date(s): DEC 16, 22 JAN 06 AND 13, 2011

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CENTRAL DIVISION
330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA. 92101

CASE NO: 37-2010-00105580-CU-PT-CTL
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY, DAVID A. BINN AND JENNIFER R. ISLEY HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THIS COURT FOR A DECREE CHANGING PETITIONERS NAME FROM JENNIFER RYAN ISLEY TO JENNIFER RYAN BINN FROM JAKE DAVIS BINN TO JACKSON DAVIS BINN A MINOR ON BEHALF OF DAVID A. BINN AND JENNIFER RYAN ISLEY THE COURT ORDERS THAT all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that indicates the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING TO BE HELD ON JAN 19, 2010 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: D-25 220 WEST BROADWAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 Issue date(s): DEC 16, 22 JAN 06 AND 13, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-033188

THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS: POWER GREEN CLEAN
located at: 4475 MISSION BLVD. #245 SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BRUCE MARIANI This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: NOT YET STARTED The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 14, 2010 Issue Date(s): DEC 16, 22 JAN 06 AND 13, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-033366
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION LOANS
located at: 3940 HANCOCK ST #111 SAN DIEGO, CA 92110 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): GILBERT HENRY HARRIES JR. This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: NOT YET STARTED The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 15, 2010 Issue date(s): DEC 22 JAN 06, 13 AND 20, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-033613
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS: LAG CONSULTING
located at: 4435 LEON ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LARRY GUSTAFSON, JOANN GUSTAFSON This business is being conducted by: HUSBAND AND WIFE The transaction of business began on: 01/01/05 The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 17, 2010 Issue date(s): DEC 22 JAN 06, 13 AND 20, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-033617
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS: RELATIVES
located at: 4864 NEWPORT AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BEKAH BOWLER, CECILIA WOLFE This business is being conducted by: CO-PARTNERS The transaction of business began on: NOT YET STARTED The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 17, 2010 Issue date(s): DEC 22 JAN 06, 13 AND 20, 2011

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 2010-033889
(1) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): a. SCHOOL OF HEALING ARTS (2) LOCATED AT: 1001 GARNET AVE. 200 SAN DIEGO, CA. 92109 (3) THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS FILED IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON: 04/17/2007, and assigned File No. 2007-013981 (4) IS (ARE) ABANDONED BY THE FOLLOWING REGISTRANT(S): ENERGY PYRAMID INC. 5049 CASS ST. #3 SAN DIEGO, CA. 92109 The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 22, 2010 Issue date(s): JAN 06, 13, 20 AND 27, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-033942
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
KING RICHARDS HOME IMPROVEMENTS
located at: 3242 EICHENLAUB ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92117 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): RICHARD SOBLO This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: 02/07/06 The statement was filed with David L. Butler, County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 22, 2010 Issue date(s): JAN 06, 13, 20 AND 27, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-034370
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS: DIVINE CREATIVE DESIGN, DIVINE VIDEO DESIGN
located at: 528 CATALINA BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): USA A. CATLIN This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: 12/01/10 The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., Recorder / Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 29, 2010 Issue date(s): JAN 06, 13, 20 AND 27, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2011-000002

THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
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located at: 1451 1/2 HORNBLEND ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): KIRK LAUGHHEAD This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: 01/03/11 The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., Recorder / Clerk of San Diego County on: JAN 03, 2011 Issue date(s): JAN 06, 13, 20 & 27, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-033480
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
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located at: 215 BONAIR ST. #11 LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DAN BOCK This business is being conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The transaction of business began on: 12/26/10 The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., Recorder / County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 30, 2010 Issue date(s): JAN 13, 20, 27 & FEB 03, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-034038
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
THE PARLOR, A BOUTIQUE SALON
located at: 5544 LA JOLLA BLVD. LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): KENDRA L. STIGALL, RHONDA CONNORS This business is being conducted by: CO-PARTNERS The transaction of business began on: NOT YET STARTED The statement was filed with David L. Butler, Recorder / County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 23, 2010 ISSUE DATE(S): JAN 13, 20, 27 AND FEB 03, 2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
1350 Front St., Room 5056, San Diego, CA. 92101 (619) 525-4064, Filing Date: January 4, 2011 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: WINGS N THINGS INC The applicant listed above is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverage at: 3194 MIDWAY DR, SAN DIEGO, CA. 92110-4503 Type of license(s) applied for: 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE. Issue Date(s): JAN 13, 20 AND 27, 2011

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
1350 Front St., Room 5056, San Diego, CA. 92101 (619) 525-4064 Filing Date: January 4, 2011 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: WINGS N THINGS INC The applicant listed above is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 3904 CONVOY ST., STE 100, SAN DIEGO, CA. 92111-3747 Type of license(s) applied for: 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE. ISSUE DATE(S): JAN 13, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2010-034362
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS:
ADVANCED RETIREMENT CONCEPTS AND INSURANCE SERVICES
located at: 3550 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH STE 101 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LANCE PELKY AND ASSOCIATES, INC. This business is being conducted by: A CORPORATION LANCE PELKY

AND ASSOCIATES, INC. 3550 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH STE. 101 SAN DIEGO, CA. 92108 CALIFORNIA The transaction of business began on: 12/13/93 The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., Recorder / County Clerk of San Diego County on: DEC 29, 2010 ISSUE DATE(S): JAN 13, 20, 27 AND FEB 03, 2011

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, NORTH COUNTY
325 SOUTH MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA. 92081
CASE NO: 37-2011-00050132-CU-PT-NC
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY, Thomas DiPaolo / SBN 156779 DIPAOLO & ASSOCIATES, APC 9820 Willow Creek Road Suite 200 San Diego, CA. 92131 858-408-0621 HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THIS COURT FOR A DECREE CHANGING PETITIONERS NAME FROM KAY ALLGIRE-GAMER (aka BRENDA KAY ALLGIRE-GAMER) TO BRENDA KAY ALLGIRE. THE COURT ORDERS THAT all persons interested in this matter shall appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that indicates the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING TO BE HELD ON FEB 15, 2011 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 3 SAME AS NOTED ABOVE Issue date(s): JAN 13, 20, 27 AND FEB 03, 2011

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2011-000261
THE NAME(S) OF BUSINESS: DIPAOLO LAW
located at: 9820 WILLOW CREEK ROAD, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92131 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DIPAOLO & ASSOCIATES, APC This business is being conducted by: A CORPORATION DIPAOLO & ASSOCIATES, APC 9820 WILLOW CREEK ROAD, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA. 92131 CALIFORNIA The transaction of business began on: 01/01/11 The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., Recorder / County Clerk of San Diego County on: JAN 04, 2011 Issue date(s): JAN 13, 20, 27 & FEB 03, 2011

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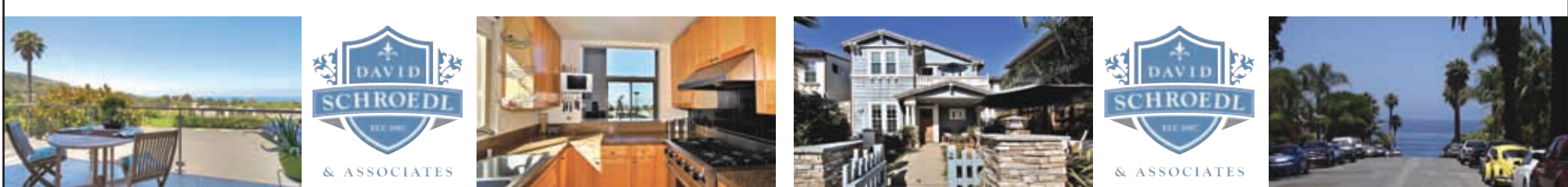


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