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Award-Winning Documentary "After Innocence" to be Shown March 19 at Central Library

The Library will screen Jessica Sanders' documentary film "After Innocence" on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

This film was a special jury prize winner at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. The screening will take place "After Innocence" tells the dramatic and compelling story of the exonerated - innocent men wrongfully imprisoned for decades and then released after DNA evidence proved their innocence.

The film focuses on the gripping story of seven men and their emotional journey back into society and efforts to rebuild their lives. Included are a police officer, an army sergeant and a young father sent to prison and even death row for decades for crimes they did not commit.



Wilton Dedge was wrongly convicted in 1982 and put on death row. He was finally released in 2004.

The men are thrust back into society with little or no support from the system that put them behind bars. While the public views exonerations as success stories - wrongs that have been righted - "After Innocence" shows that the human toll of wrongful imprisonment can last far longer than the sentences served. The film raises

basic questions about human rights and society's moral obligation to the exonerated and places a spotlight on the flaws in our criminal justice system that lead to wrongful conviction of the innocent.

"After Innocence" will be facilitated by **Alan Mobley**, Ph.D., a criminal justice professor at San Diego State University; and **Jeff Chinn**, assistant director of the California Innocence Project.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

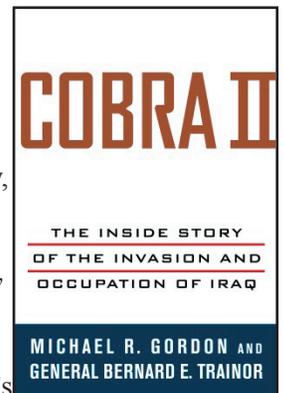


In 1982, Calvin Willis was convicted of aggravated rape. After serving 22 years for a crime he didn't commit, Calvin was released from Louisiana State Penitentiary on Sept. 19, 2003, after DNA exonerated him. He is one of several wrongly convicted men featured in the film "After Innocence."

Journalist and Author Michael Gordon to Discuss New Book About Iraq War March 22 Event Part of Great American Writers Series

Michael R. Gordon, award-winning reporter for *The New York Times*, will discuss his new book "Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq," on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m., as part of the Great American Writers Series. Co-presented by the Library and the City Club of San Diego, the event will be held at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, located at 3701 Voltaire St.

Gordon has served as chief military correspondent for *The New York Times* since September 2000. Prior to this, Gordon served four years in Moscow as the newspaper's correspondent and bureau chief. He is the co-author, along with retired Gen. Bernard E. Trainor, of "The Generals' War: The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf," an account of the Persian Gulf War, published



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Libraries Closed for Cesar Chavez Day

All City libraries will be closed on Friday, March 31, in observation of Cesar Chavez Day. Book drops at all libraries will remain open to return books and other materials.



Book Series Looks at "The Bluest Eye"

The Library's book discussion series, "Reconceptualizing Blackness: The Black Arts Movement and Beyond," will conclude with a focus on "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. Camille Forbes, Ph.D., a professor of African American Literature at UCSD, will facilitate. The event will take place March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, 820 E St. Participants who need copies of the book may pick them up in the Literature Section of the Central Library, or call 619-236-5816 to have copies sent to a library branch.

Two Events for Read Across America Day

Each year the National Education Association celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 as "Read Across America" Day. The nationwide initiative celebrates and promotes the joy of reading. As part of the celebration, the Library will host two special events that day. At 10:30 a.m., storyteller Terry Zukowski will read to children in grades K-3. At 3 p.m., Nancy McQuillan will host a fun crafts event. The activities are free



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and will take place in the second floor Children's Room of the Central Library, 820 E St. For more information, call 619-236-5838.

Free Sessions for Small Business Owners

The Library will host a free counseling session for small businesses with SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business) on March 1, 15 and 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Each session provides an opportunity to discuss various business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing, business expansion, and other issues.

Participants meet one-on-one with a SCORE counselor. These counselors have received high marks from those who have already attended a session. The sessions take place in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E St. Call or email to reserve seating. Walk-ins are welcome. To register or for more information, please contact the Business Resources & Technology Link at the Social Sciences section of the Central Library at 619-238-6630, email businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Irish Music and Dancing at March 10 Event

As part of the Library's continuing "Entre Nous Showcase," a special pre-St. Patrick's Day event will be held March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave.

The musical group **Raggle Taggle** as well as the **Irish Step Dancers** will perform. The Showcase series spotlights the hidden talents of staff members of the San Diego Public Library each month through July 2006. Donations are accepted and will go toward youth programs at libraries.



Chamber Music Concerts Scheduled in March

As part of the Library's Winter/Spring Concert Series, two performances will be held in March at in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. The **Piano Trio** – featuring Emma Rubenstein, violin; Thomas Stauffer, cello; and Cynthia Darby, piano – will perform works by Haydn and Mendelssohn on March 12 at 2:30 p.m. Also, the **Gennaro Trio** – featuring Mary Lindblom, viola; Ronald Goldman, violin; and Ilana Mysior, piano – will perform works by Mozart, Bridge and Dvorak on March 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Search Periodicals through Computer Database

An upcoming computer class will show participants effective ways to search periodicals. The class will take place March 18 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab of the Central Library, 820 E St. The basic research training session will focus on the MasterFILE Premier, a multidisciplinary database that will meet most of subject research needs. Periodicals searched within this database include mainstream as well as academic journal titles. Reservations are required. Sign-up on or after March 1. Classes are limited to 17 participants. For more information, call 619-238-6621.

Filmmaker to Screen “Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela”

The Library and award-winning documentary filmmaker Thomas Allen Harris will screen his latest film, “The Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela,” on Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

“The Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela” is based on the story of the first wave of South African exiles who left Bloemfontein in 1960 to keep the anti-apartheid movement alive from East Africa, Europe, America and Cuba. In their heroic journey, this group of 12 – and the thousands of young South African freedom fighters that would follow them – helped to create a global seismic shift that ultimately toppled the apartheid system in South Africa. One of the Disciples, Pule Benjamin Leinaeng, was the filmmaker’s father. “The Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela” is ultimately a story about family and displacement – a son’s relationship to a father, and a father’s relationship to a fatherland.

Director and filmmaker **Thomas Allen Harris** will be present at the screening to discuss his film and the journey of reconciliation he embarked when confronted with the death of his stepfather who raised him as son but whom he could never call “father.” B. Pule Leinaeng (“Lee”) was an African National Congress (ANC) foot soldier, who sacrificed his life for the freedom of his country. As part of



South African exiles burn their passports in a scene from the film “The Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela” that will be shown at the Central Library on March 5.

the first wave of South African exiles, Lee and his 11 comrades left their home in Bloemfontein in 1960 to broadcast to the world the brutality of the apartheid system and to raise support for the ANC and its leaders, Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo.

Drawing upon the memories of the surviving disciples and their families, young South African actors portray the harrowing events of the exodus and exile and in so doing, forge their own reconciliation between the generations.

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Works by Local Artist Flavia Gilmore Now on Exhibit through April 2

Artist’s Talk Scheduled for March 11

Works by Flavia Gilmore, a San Diego-area artist regarded as one of the region’s most gifted practitioners of assemblage, are featured in “Flavia Gilmore: Recent Work” presented by the Library’s Visual Arts Program. The exhibition, which runs through April 2 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, includes more than 30 assemblages and “collage paintings” created within the past five years and never previously shown.

Gilmore’s innate ability to assemble and transform found objects into complex, expressive and unusual works of art is a progression from her early interest in collage. The dark, fetishistic quality of her oeuvre is particularly fascinating; eccentric in spirit, yet classically resolved in terms of line, composition, form and color. Over the years, Gilmore’s art has been acclaimed by critics and acquired by a number of astute collectors, attesting to her reputation as a master of the genre. Now 75 years old, the artist is at the height of her creative powers.

As part of the exhibit, Gilmore will discuss her work on March 11 at 1 p.m., at the library. The event is free and open to the public.

In mid-March 2006, an in-depth interview with Gilmore



“Convolutions” (2005), one of more than 30 works by Flavia Gilmore on display at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library through April 2.

will begin airing on CityTV 24 as part of the “San Diego Profiles” series. This will be the latest in an ongoing series of television interviews with prominent San Diego artists conducted by the library curator as part of the Visual Arts Program.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch, which houses the library system’s flagship gallery, is located at 4275 Cass St. The Library can be reached at 858-581-9934.

Event and Exhibit Dig into Ocean Beach's Past

March 16, 7:30 p.m. The San Diego Archaeological Center and the Library celebrate Women's History Month by inviting the public to travel to the past and learn about Blanche Wright, an Ocean Beach resident from 1940-55. Center staff will present this free program hosted by the Ocean Beach Historical Society. Also, the Center has installed an interpretive exhibit at the Ocean Beach Branch entitled "10,000 Years of San Diego History" that will be on display through March 31. The artifacts in the exhibit were excavated during construction of condominiums on the site of Blanche Wright's former home.

Opera Preview of "Carmen" to be Held March 21

March 21, 2 p.m. Special free preview presentations about productions of the 2006 San Diego Opera season are hosted by the Library. Opera preview lectures help you prepare for each of the San Diego Opera's productions and integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire into presentations that are both entertaining and illuminating. The lectures will be held in the third floor auditorium. Dr. Ron Shaheen, a music instructor at the University of San Diego, will lead the presentations.

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in 1995. In 1989, Gordon was awarded the George Polk Award for International Reporting for his joint work with *Times* correspondent Stephen Engelberg on the proliferation of chemical weapons.

Gordon's new book, again co-written with Trainor, is "Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq." The book offers a galvanizing account of the strategy, the personalities, the battles, the diplomacy, the adversary and the occupation.

Gordon had unparalleled access to top military brass and was in the war room with Tommy Franks, Donald Rumsfeld and the field generals who were key in the formulation and execution of the war strategy. He has interviewed an extraordinary range of officials, including Franks, Condoleezza Rice, Steve Hadley, Paul Wolfowitz, Marc Grossman (the third ranking State Department official), Jerry Bremer, Gen. Richard Meyers (chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), as well as virtually every general, regimental commander and brigade commander involved in the conflict. He has had access to classified military and diplomatic documents, military archives and internal after-action reports and oral histories not meant for public consumption.

The cost of the event is \$5 per person. Copies of "Cobra II" will be available for purchase and signing by the author. To make a reservation, contact the City Club of San Diego at 619-687-3580 or cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net.

Harpist to Perform at College-Rolando Library

Carmen Elena Barreiro will perform on her Venezuelan harp, accompanied by her brother Gabrielle on acoustic bass, on March 4 at 1 p.m. at the College-Rolando Branch Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. Coming off the successful release of her first solo CD, "Solo Arpa: Traditional Music from Venezuela and Beyond," Barreiro showcases her innovative style, using traditional rhythms and sophisticated harmonies creating a unique sound. Her repertoire varies from classical, romantic, Celtic, African and Latin American music. For information, call the branch library at 619-533-3902.



Spring Film Series Continues at Central Library

The Library, in association with the San Diego Women Film Foundation, is presenting a "Spring Film Series" in the third floor auditorium. The next scheduled film, "Maid in America," will be shown March 8 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. The documentary is an intimate, eye-opening look at the lives of domestic workers as seen through the eyes of three Latina immigrants. Filmmaker Anayansi Prado will be present to discuss the film. Other films in the series will include "Women on Death Row," on April 12; and "Nadine in Dateland," on May 10.

Teen Films to Debut at Latino Film Festival

Four films produced by local teenagers will premiere at the 13th annual San Diego Latino Film Festival. The short films were created as part of the Teen Producers Project and Barrio Logan Project: "Youth Visions," presented by Media Arts Center of San Diego and the City of San Diego Public Library. The films will be shown March 15 at 6 p.m. at UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas Hazard Center, located at 7510 Hazard Center Drive.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

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