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Taste of Little Italy returns!



People came to North Park to celebrate small businesses reopening amid easing coronavirus restrictions.
(Photo by Stephanie Pelayo)

Business Improvement Districts face new future

By Kendra Sitton

Small business owners and their supporters gathered on a crowded street corner by the North Park sign waving green tulle and cell phone flashlights

to commemorate the reopening of businesses in the region as COVID-19 restrictions ease amid falling case numbers.
“The fact that people took time out of their day and evening to come to that and then with all

the lights and — it was very emotional to see the community come together for that cause, very emotional in the best way possible,” said Geraldine Ridaura

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San Diego’s first zero-waste grocery coming to North Park

By Kendra Sitton

Isabelle DeMillan wants environmentally-conscious San Diegans to have more purchasing options to avoid wasteful plastic packaging and other waste. Thanks to donors raising \$35,000 for her on Kickstarter, she will be opening the area’s first zero-waste grocery store The Mighty Bin in North Park at 2855 El Cajon Blvd. #4 at the end of June or early July. Ahead

of the unique store’s opening, editor Kendra Sitton discussed with DeMillan why she was inspired to bring this idea to life and how the unique store will work.

What inspired you to open a zero-waste grocery store?

There’s four main issues that the store’s built upon that I wanted to address. There’s limiting our plastic use, increasing



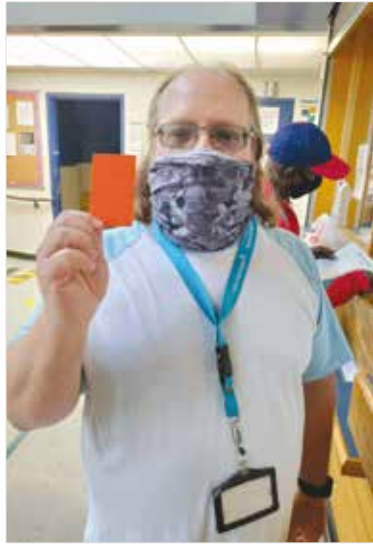
Isabelle DeMillan became interested in the zero-waste lifestyle two years ago. (Photo courtesy The Mighty Bin)

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Father Joe’s Day Center provides aid through the pandemic

By Vince Meehan

Father Joe’s Villages has been a fixture in San Diego for longer than most can remember. Over the years, the name has become synonymous with hope for San Diego’s homeless population. The village started out as a humble soup kitchen to provide a healthy meal for those living on the streets, but within the last decade has grown to become San Diego’s blue-ribbon facility in dealing with our homeless crisis.



Program Manager Paul Sheck displays the coveted “orange card”.
(Photo by Vince Meehan)

Paul Sheck is the program manager at the Father Joe’s Day Center and runs to day-to-day operations at the facility. The Center sits apart from the Village, a short distance up the street from Father Joe’s at 299 17th Street. Sheck is resourceful and street-savvy

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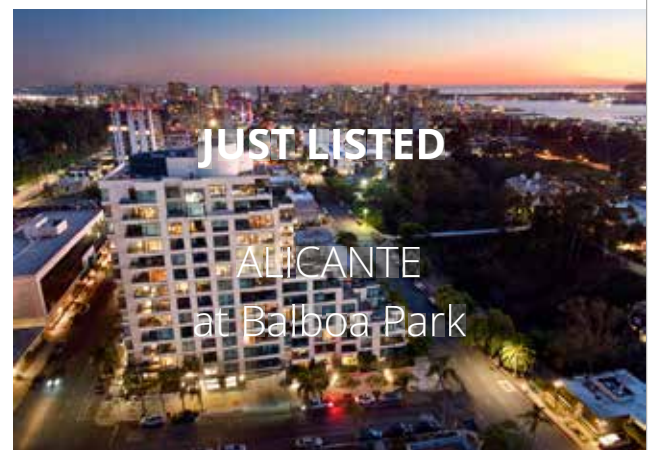
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University Heights dog stylist competes on “Pooch Perfect”

Fashion Files
By **DIANA CAVAGNARO**

“Pooch Perfect” is an ABC TV show that just aired on HULU. Ten professional dog stylists were picked to compete each week for a \$100,000 grand prize. The show was hosted by Rebel Wilson and the judges were former “Real Housewives” cast member Lisa Vanderpump, celebrity dog groomer Jorge Bendersky, and veterinarian Dr. Callie Harris. I had the opportunity to interview hometown contestants Gabriel Feitosa and his assistant Monse Barbosa. The team made it to the top three with their artistry. The process took one year of casting before they actually filmed this show in January and February of this year.

Feitosa began grooming dogs when he was only 12 years old in Brazil and went on to work for three years with the prestigious Hampton Court Kennels. He then went to work with the international awarded animal photographer Johnny Duarte preparing dogs for



Boitata-myth from the amazon forrest

over 35 campaigns. As time went on, he was offered a groomer and handling job by Paul Flores, one of the top Bichon-Frisé Breeders in the world and this is what brought him to the US. He met his husband Jeremy at this time and they moved to San Diego. In January of 2018, he opened GFG Grooming in University Heights which was a little hole-in-the-wall store. It has since grown into a Beauty Shoppe, a signature grooming shop, pet boutique and dog bakery.

Feitosa’s assistant Barbosa started out as a pet parent with a Shit-Tzu at the age of six. Eventually, she got a job as a Pooper Scooper Technician for Rough Doodie. Wanting to expand her knowledge and gain hands on grooming training, she approached Feitosa for a job. She said that she would do anything to have the opportunity to learn from him.

Some of Feitosa’s favorite challenges on the show were the holiday challenge with Santa’s helper, the elf. Next was the decade themed styling challenge with the timeless aesthetics of the 1780s. This dynamic team created beautiful pink bows with the dog hair along with a corset on the back of the dog. The grand fur-nale was out of this world with creativity. Feitosa and Barbosa decided to



Santa’s helper the elf

incorporate both of their personal stories. A hummingbird was skillfully fashioned out of the fur on the right side of the dog. This represented Barbosa’s heritage and how fearless she is flying now. On the left side of the dog a Koi fish was meticulously sculpted. Legends say that if the koi fish could swim against the tide to the tallest waterfall the gods would grant it a wish and transform the Koi into a dragon. Feitosa said that he felt like that dragon.

I asked Feitosa what was next for him and he said that in the future he would like to develop two grooming courses for young kids in under-developed countries. There aren’t enough education programs to learn grooming. One of the great outcomes of this show is that it demonstrated to the world what a craft dog grooming is. All of the contestants were amazing artists. He also plans to expand online stores and has



Finished challenge for Fur-nale which show the Koi fish and the dragon face

possible upcoming commercials. Barbosa plans to attend Rangel Kennels in Rialto to learn hand stripping and creative grooming. Stop by to see this adorable pet boutique and grooming salon at 4219 Park Blvd.

—Diana Cavagnaro is an internationally renowned Couture Milliner based in the San Diego. Learn more about our Hat Designer, Teacher & Blogger at DianaCavagnaro.com.



Gabriel Feitosa and Monse Barbosa



Feitosa and Babosa on stage at Fur-nale showing the side with the hummingbird (Photos courtesy of ABC and Gabriel Feitosa)

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Rainbow of colors for the Pride themed challenge



1780s decade challenge



Monse working on the Grand Fur-nale

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Gaslamp Landmarks

By SANDEE WILHOIT



The Steele Building or Block is significant not only because of its early development, but because of the notable personalities associated with the financing and construction on this parcel. There is evidence that a small wooden structure was on the property as early as 1824, even before the Horton era. Financier and merchant, George Hazzard and notable architects, William Lacey (I.O.O.F. Building and the Horton House Hotel) and Edmond Blachmann, architect of the

current structure, were later associated with the property.

In 1873, the first of three significant transactions involving Hazzard occurred when George Hazzard and his partner, James Gordon, purchased the property. The San Diego Union stated that the duo planned to build “a substantial edifice” to be divided into two store areas. The one-story brick structure was designed by William Lacey. The building was considered entirely fireproof and a fine store for general merchandise. The interior was also “first class” with elegant interior finishing. Both Hazzard and Gordon were involved in merchandising, real estate, mining and utilities

The Steele Building

(1908)

Southwest Corner of 6th and Market St.

Architect: Edmond Blachmann

Architectural Style: Victorian Commercial

(gas and water). They were both considered old and highly esteemed residents of San Diego.

In 1881, Hazzard and Gordon sold their business, but retained ownership of the property. Through a series of land transactions, Hazzard owned the entire parcel by 1885, and continued to lease the buildings on the property to various merchants.

The most significant date in this property’s history occurred on July 6, 1906, when George Hazzard sold the entirety of his property to Charles M. Steele. The very next day the San Diego Union announced that Steele, a Los Angeles businessman, planned on building a 5-story department store to be completed as soon as possible! Steele wanted the new structure to resemble another property owned by his company, Realty and Mercantile Company, located in Los Angeles. With this in mind, he hired architect Edmond Blachmann, and took him to Los Angeles to view the building he hoped to use as a model.

The building, completed in early 1908, was described as “along



The exterior of the Steele Building (Photos by Tim Trevaskis)

the lines” of the Los Angeles structure, and was a 4-story plus basement, 100 x 100 steel reinforced structure with fronts of double pressed brick. The bricks were imported from Los Angeles, and no explanation was given for the change in height. The other building materials were all furnished by local companies, with the exception being the Rockwood automatic sprinkler system brought from Seattle and the Otis elevator. W.P. Fuller provided the plate glass windows, the sashes and the brick doors with plate glass windows. The lumber was provided by both the San Diego and the Russ Lumber Companies, and Standard Iron Works provided the posts, beams and elevator plates. Brelin and Walker were subcontracted to do

the interior plastering. The building was additionally equipped with sidewalk lights. General contractor, Morris Trepte, was hired to oversee the project, and was paid the astronomical salary of \$40,000.

The square structure, influenced by the Chicago School of Architecture, had relatively minimal decoration. The facade was symmetrical and featured a centered entrance with an arch and framing motif, which swept upward from the first floor to the bottom of the third floor. Parapets with stringcourse molding separated the floors, adding a modest decorative touch. The ground floor featured large plate glass windows, with horizontal



The exterior of the Steele Building

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Quick tips to improve your home internet experience



As more households are working and learning from home these days, here are some easy tips to help improve your internet experience.

Use audio instead of video for virtual meetings. Video calls can be a strain on your service. Consider video for must-

see moments. Or turn the camera on only when you’re speaking.

Doorbell cameras and pet cams. When you’re home, lower the resolution on doorbell cams and pet cams. You can still effectively monitor the areas. And turn off pet cams if you’re at home.

Get a 360 View. Cox Panoramic Wifi gives you wall to wall coverage, including those dead zones in your home. If you have Cox Panoramic Wifi, use the Cox Panoramic Wifi app to:

- Manage devices on your home internet;
- Pause the wifi on other devices (like the kids’ iPad) when you’re on important video calls.

Computer Virus Protection. Computer viruses and malware can slow down your internet. Use the free Cox Security Suite Plus powered by McAfee to protect your home computer. Cox Panoramic Wifi customers can turn on Advanced Security in the Cox Panoramic Wifi app.

Secure your wifi. Password protect your home wifi to keep out unauthorized users.

Location, location, location. Your internet experience may be slowed down if your wifi router or modem is in a bad location. Remember to:

- Elevate your modem or router on a shelf or tall piece of furniture (wifi signals travel outward and downward);
- Avoid placing your router near a microwave, mirror or fish tank, which can affect the signal.

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Calif. Senate housing bills face votes this summer

Notes from Toni

By TONI G. ATKINS



That means many of the bills in the Senate's Housing Production package, which I've highlighted here before, have passed the Senate and will soon face critical votes in the Assembly.

I'm very pleased that one of those bills, my SB 7, was just signed into law by Governor Newsom on May 20. SB 7 extends California's effective AB 900 CEQA streamlining process, which lapsed last January, through the end of 2025. SB 7 also expands the process so it applies to much smaller housing projects, lowering the threshold to qualify to \$15 million.

SB 7 also requires that to be eligible, projects must have at least 15% lower-cost housing, be infill projects, and meet environmental and labor safeguards.

While we are working to add the housing units California desperately needs, we are also taking steps to protect the special characteristics that brought so many of us to our neighborhoods and communities in the first place. That's especially true when it comes to SB 9, my bill to build upon California's successful Accessory Dwelling Unit,

or "Granny Flat" law. This bill passed the Senate on a bipartisan 28-6 vote.

SB 9 streamlines the process for a homeowner to create a duplex or subdivide an existing lot. SB 9 also includes important protections many people asked for in a previous version of the bill, including the limitation that it would only allow up to four units. Any new housing created as a result of SB 9 must meet a specific list of qualifications that protects historic districts, preserve environmental quality and the look of communities,

and prevent tenants from being displaced.

To me, one of the most exciting things about SB 9 is the opportunities it provides for more homeowners to build intergenerational wealth—to create a duplex or add an ADU and then have a little something they can pass on to their kids and grandkids—the way my hardworking dad would have done if he'd had the chance.

—Toni G. Atkins represents the 39th District in the California Senate. Follow her on Twitter @SenToniAtkins.



Sen. Toni Atkins at the signing ceremony of housing bill SB 7 on May 20.

(Photo courtesy Office of Sen. Toni Atkins)

Ransomware: Don't let bad digital hygiene paralyze your computer

District Attorney News

By SUMMER STEPHAN



When hospitals or gasoline pipelines are kept from operating because hackers installed ransomware that forced a temporary shutdown, it's a good time to emphasize that everyone is at risk for falling prey to digital threats.

Technology is constantly evolving and our own reliance on that technology is intertwined on nearly every level of life. That's why it's vital to have good digital hygiene – which is cleaning up and maintaining your electronic information or assets and regularly updating them. As with most things, bad actors have found ways to exploit technology for their own gain. A day rarely goes by without a headline describing a recent hack or exploit utilizing ransomware.

Ransomware locks out the rightful user of a computer or computer network and holds it hostage until the victim pays a fee. Ransomware hackers also threaten to leak sensitive information to get victims to meet their demands. On a larger scale ransomware could prevent a hospital from providing

important medical services. On a smaller scale you could lose access to every family photo stored on your computer.

The most common ways ransomware can infect a computer include:

- Phishing emails that contain a malicious link or attachment.
- Intentionally downloading files from a website, which unknowingly contains the malware.
- "Drive-by" downloading, which can occur when a user visits an infected website, and the malware is installed without the user's knowledge.
- Through social media and web based instant message applications.
- Through browser security holes, which are used by bad actors when visiting a malicious website.
- Remote access to your system using compromised usernames and passwords.

While Benjamin Franklin couldn't have foreseen the technology we have today, his famous quote, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is great advice when it comes to cyber security. Often a user's data can be irretrievable if they fall prey to ransomware.

So, preventing these infections in the first place and planning are the best ways to keep your precious data safe. Keep your data safe by following these tips:

- Do not download attachments from unknown senders. Before clicking on an attachment think about whether it could be a malicious attachment.
- Do not click on links in emails from unknown senders. Bad actors often send emails that seem like they are from legitimate sources. Inspect the email closely to look for defects or clues that indicate it is not from a legitimate source.
- Use strong and unique passwords for each device or service you use. It should be 10 to 15 characters with lowercase and uppercase letters and include numbers and symbols.
- Backup your data regularly.
- Keep software updated on all devices – this includes updating the operating system of your computers and smartphones and the applications installed on those devices.
- Use two-factor authentication for online accounts, when applicable.
- Use the built-in anti-virus software on your computer or install trusted anti-virus software. Ensure the anti-virus

software is updated and scan your system regularly.

- Turn off the option to automatically download email attachments – to simplify the process of reading email, many applications include a feature to download attachments without user confirmation

If you fall victim to a ransomware attack, law enforcement does not advise paying a ransom, because it does not guarantee you will get your data back and may only serve to encourage the perpetrators. Instead, report the incident to your local law enforcement as quickly as possible.

As your District Attorney, I'm committed to increasing communication and accessibility between the DA's Office and the public. I hope these consumer and public safety tips have been helpful.

—District Attorney Summer Stephan has dedicated more than 28 years to serving justice and victims of crime as prosecutor. She is a national leader in fighting sex crimes and human trafficking and in creating smart and fair criminal justice solutions and restorative justice practices that treat the underlying causes of addiction and mental illness and that keep young people from being incarcerated.

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Taste of Little Italy is back!

Little Italy News
By **CHRISTOPHER GOMEZ**

We're so excited to bring back Taste of Little Italy this year on June 22 and 23 from 4 to 6 p.m., closer to a format you've all grown to know and love. As one of the top events in our beautiful neighborhood, it's a great feeling to be able to welcome everyone back, after the turbulent year we've had. For this year's *Taste* we currently have 31 participating restaurants, with more coming on-line, offering tastes ranging from delicious sangria, tasty tacos and gnocchi to mini gelato flights and craft beer, you just can't miss!

- DAY 1**
- Ballast Point | Grapefruit Sculpin Ceviche
 - Bencotto | Homemade Gnocchi in a Creamy Bell Pepper Sauce
 - Bobboi Natural Gelato (Kettner) | Gelato Sample of Six Flavors
 - Caffè Italia | Cappuccino, House Coffee or Nitro Cold Brew
 - Civico 1845 | Check Website for More Details
 - The Crack Shack | Judori Fire Nugs
 - Davanti Enoteca | Check Website for More Details
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 - Nolita Hall | Check Website for More Details
 - Pali Wine Co. | Braised Spanish Meatball
 - Puerto La Boca | Skirt Steak & Wine Sample
 - Queenstown Public House | Cat's Chili



Taste of Little Italy returns with more in person events. (Photo courtesy Little Italy Association)

- Ristorante Illando | Check Website for More Details
- Samsburgers | Chili Cheese Fries

- DAY 2**
- Allegro | Creamy Parmigiano & Truffle Infused Gnocchi
 - Bobboi Natural Gelato (Little Italy Food Hall) | Gelato Sample of Six Flavors
 - Born & Raised | Check Website for More Details
 - Buon Appetito | Melanzane All'Amalfitana
 - Craft & Commerce | Check Website for More Details
 - Farmer's Table | Beef Ragu Rigatoni
 - Filippi's Pizza Grotto | Various Pizza Slices
 - Frost Me Café & Bakery | Mini Key Lime Pie
 - Graze by Sam | Shrimp Udon Noodle Salad
 - M Winehouse | Sangria Samples
 - Isola Pizza Bar | Check Website for More Details
 - Monello | Homemade Shell-Shaped Pasta
 - Not Not Tacos | Mini Mashed Potato Tacos
 - Parakeet Café | Vegan Chocolate Chunk Cookie
 - Petrini's | Homemade Italian Sausage & Bell Pepper

People say the way to a man's heart is through food, so what a better way to continue the Father's Day celebration than with some tickets to *Taste*? Once you check-in at the Piazza della Famiglia, you'll receive a *Taste Passport*, provided to ticketholders as a guide, listing all participating restaurants, and menu offerings.

Tickets are priced at \$50 for advance purchase, plus a small service fee, and increase to \$55 on June 15. A portion of every ticket sold goes directly back to the participating restaurants to provide some financial relief from the hardships they have suffered due to COVID-19. For a full list of participating restaurants and to purchase your tickets to the 13th Annual Taste of Little Italy, visit tasteoflittleitaly.com. We can't wait to see you there!

For the latest updates on Little Italy, please visit us at LittleItalySD.com or follow us on Instagram @LittleItalySD, Twitter @LittleItalySD and Facebook @LittleItalySD.

—Christopher Gomez has been Little Italy's district manager since 2000. Reach him at chris@littleitaly.com.

Father Joe's

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which gives him the ability to resolve complex issues on the spot. This is key to maintaining a solid working relationship with his staff as well as the clients who show up on a daily basis.

"The San Diego Day Center for Homeless Adults is a place where you can come for a variety of things," Sheck said. "For the people living directly on the streets downtown, we provide basic humanitarian services. Things you can't get out on the street like mail, laundry and storage. An example is that we provide 30,000 showers a year, and that can be important if one of our clients has a job interview to go to."

The main function of the Day Center is to serve as square one to anyone who wants to take that first giant step of getting off the streets. The center accepts single adults only, with families being referred to Father Joe's Villages around the corner at 1501



(l to r) Melissa, Gustavo, Paul and Khaya run the Father Joe's Day Center. (Photo by Vince Meehan)

Imperial Avenue. The initial and crucial step for the clients is to get their info entered into the CES (Coordinated Entry System) and obtain the "orange card" which allows them access to the many services designed to assist clients to get off the street. It is also good for one meal a day at Father Joe's Villages. 1,300,000 meals were served at Father Joe's Villages last year.

In addition to showers and laundry, the Day Center also serves as a place where unsheltered people can store their belongings and charge their cell phones. It also provides a safe and secure location where people can get off the streets for a few peaceful moments while indulging in some bad '60s and '70s television shows. This

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Clients relax in the communal lobby of the Day Center. (Photo by Vince Meehan)

Father Joe's

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escape is priceless if you live on the streets because you can rest without worrying about watching your back 24/7.

Upon entering the center, clients are first assigned to a case manager who will assist the client when they come back.

"We call our case management voluntary for the client, but mandatory for the case manager," Sheck noted with a half-smile. "What I mean by that is with the clientele that we serve, it's not a given that they will come back to follow up. It's a really iffy thing, if they don't want to talk to you that day, then you don't get to talk to them."

The case manager will initiate the relationship with what Sheck calls a "diversion conversation" where a quick and easy option to resolve their homelessness may be found. The most common solution is reaching out to family members who may be able to offer housing. If that is possible, the San Diego Downtown Partnership may provide bus tickets to wherever the client needs to go. Many times this option is successful and the situation is resolved without further action. But more often, the client is entered into the system for a road to recovery.

The progress of the clients is tracked both to monitor the success of the program, and to aid in funding the center.

"The center is run by Father Joe's but funded by the San Diego Housing Commission. Our building belongs to the city and the property it is located on is owned by Caltrans. All services are tracked on a system called C-STAR, which tracks it right down to the second. I can tell you

that 8339 people in my last fiscal year came through that gate," noted Sheck while pointing to the entrance of the center. "Also, 100,000 services were provided by my staff. And that's not a hand count or an estimate; it's a fact."

Sheck used the C-STAR system to generate figures for July of 2020. This included 2400 showers, 313 loads of laundry, 3490 mail pick-ups and basic needs met for 3119 people. The Center also provides help with creating resumes and even performs mock job interviews to prepare their clients for employment. They have a clothing closet stocked with donated items that clients can access for appointments.

"If you do have an interview, and you don't have anything to wear, they'll take you in there and if there is something that fits you, then it's yours," Sheck said.

Sheck and the team at the Day Center go all in to provide whatever care they can but the clients must want the help too. Unfortunately, because of that, some people remain unhoused. But Sheck stays positive knowing that the majority of people who come through his doors receive absolutely critical aid and a path to getting off the streets.

"For a lot of the people that come here, they've been out on the streets for a long time. So they'll use our services, and what our job is — every one of us — is to build a rapport with the people, and eventually, get them into housing," Sheck added. "Sometimes, things don't go the way we'd like, but you know, it doesn't matter to us because we're all working towards a goal. We wish it would go faster, but in the end we wanna see everybody that comes here housed."

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organic agriculture, preventing food waste, and the need for simple non-toxic ingredients. I wanted to address those four issues in a grocery store, and at the same time, with my experimenting with the zero-waste lifestyle, it was really difficult to become zero waste and I wanted to make it easier for everyone to lower the waste and just live a little more sustainably.

I decided that creating one place that is committed to provide the community with a convenient way to purchase packaged-free, plastic-free, organic, non-toxic foods, personal care and household products would just make it easier for everyone to live more sustainably and feel like they're doing their part to help our planet.

How long have you individually been zero waste?

I'm definitely not zero waste, like no one truly is, but I started experimenting two years ago. I watched Bea Johnson's TED Talk, she's the queen of zero waste, and was just inspired by her. The change that she made in her life, it, it really helps with your mental and physical health to live more minimally and toxin free. I started purging everything and adopting different zero-waste practices around the house and daily life. It really did feel good. I felt those mental and physical improvements, but it was frustrating at

times because there were things that just were a lot of work and our society is built upon consumption. That really doesn't cater to a low-waste lifestyle so I just wanted to do something about it. That's where the Mighty Bin came in.

What is the inside of the Mighty Bin going to look like?

It's going to be a transition, so I really hope to make it easy for people to understand the layout and everything so the majority of products [are] going to be in gravity dispensers or bulk bins, and anything that isn't that will be in glass jars. People will be able to bring their own clean containers, anything they have that's clean, or their muslin totes they can bring to fill. If they don't have enough or they need some extras, they can buy containers and totes. The store will also be having a jar donation section so people can bring in their old clean pasta jars and will sanitize them and put them out for people to just take for free. Then we'll also be having a deposit container program so we'll be having, most likely metal, containers that people can use and bring back, and then also we'll be having

recycled paper bags in case people you know need to use those. We will also be having a click and collect program so our website's going to be connected to everything in our store so people can order groceries online and then we'll package those up in store and they can pick up in store.

Then, we'll be partnering with The Compost Group and we'll be having a drop off buckets at our stores so people can sign up for the compost groups membership online or in store and they'll be able to bring filled buckets of organic waste and drop them off in our



The Mighty Bin logo on a reusable bag
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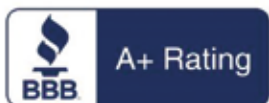


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We're going to be partnering with Fill Joy, which is a company that is geared towards zero-waste stores. Basically people will bring all their containers to the counter and staff will weigh all those containers, and there'll be this software fog that we put on each container that will record the weight of every container. Then you go and you fill up everything you have and then once you bring it back, we check out, we weigh your product, and it will automatically eliminate the weight of each container so you'll only be purchasing what's in the container.



Isabelle DeMillan and her dog (Photo courtesy The Mighty Bin)

What attracted you to having a North Park location?

I was trying to find a location that is progressive, especially with green initiatives. North Park — it's a great walking community and there are a lot of sustainability initiatives that they are adopting and it just seemed like the people that live there are usually young professionals, starter families, and they had that mindset of wanting to live more consciously and also healthy. I felt like it would meet the community's needs.

Amid coronavirus, I am interested in how you will be making sure that the store is clean and healthy?

Prior to the pandemic, that was a big concern of mine in general. I'm a very clean person and I really like things sanitized so I already was creating a store that was different from what I see currently at a lot of bulk bins that weren't maintained properly and scoops were found on the ground. It deterred me from wanting to use that and I just realized that it's just not a way to get people to adopt that way of shopping. But since that was an issue, I really wanted to have a lot of gravity dispensers in my store. It's a really great way

to prevent any contamination and also it does help a lot with keeping the product, fresh longer. Anything that has to be in bins, I will be instilling a single-use scoop protocols so we'll have a bin that has all clean, sanitized scoops and then a bin that has dirty scoops. Then we'll be sanitizing them in the back so that will also help prevent any contamination. We will have a deli case so most of the time, there won't be any non-dry goods that will be exposed to people.

How many staff members do you think you will bring on and what will their jobs look like?

In the beginning, I am just trying to gauge what it's going to be. It's just such a new concept. I'm hiring two people in the beginning and then the goal is that it will get bigger and I will have to hire more people. I'm really trying to make it more than just a minimum wage job. I'm trying to go above that and have more benefits, more of a living wage situation. I want them to grow with me.

You talked about this meeting a community need in North Park but do you think this will be a destination store for people in other parts of San Diego who want to live a zero-waste lifestyle?

I've been getting inquiries on 'are you going to open up in North County?' and 'can you open up here?' and that's the goal. I would love to expand throughout San Diego. I also really want to have a delivery program. Right now it's just the click and collect but as things progress, I would love to [deliver] so more people can live more zero waste.

Anything else you want to add?

I really want to make this store a community hub so education is really big with me. I think that's a great way for change is to educate people and so I really want this store to be different from your conventional grocery stores where you can't find anyone to help you and you know you're just kind of going out on your own. I want people to come in and learn about the process and know what's in their food. Also I'm going to be having sustainability workshops coming up, showing people how they can easily transition their lifestyle. I'd love to have a lot of collaborative events with local businesses. I really want to be a community store bringing everyone together.

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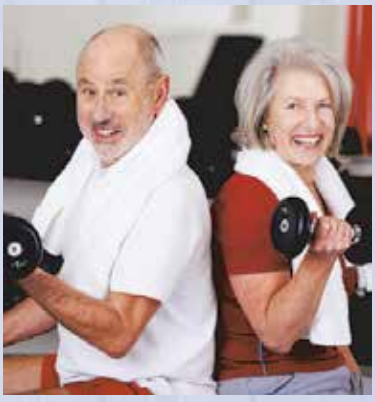
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bands of windows above them and across the exterior. The same window treatment was carried out from the second through the fourth floors. The 6th Avenue entrance was accentuated by two large granite pilasters.

The interior first floor had a loft-like gallery. Electric elevators, both passenger and freight, were featured, and the elevator house was located on the roof. The basement and the first and second stories served as quarters for the 6th Street Store, owned by Steele and his partner, Gholson, which offered dry goods and clothing. They additionally added a hairdressing and cosmetic salon managed by Ada M. Petrie. The two top floors housed a European style hotel.

Steele and Gholson remained until 1910, when George Hazzard and Elwyn B. Gould replaced the store with a hardware store. After 1913, the City Directory does not list any businesses, so it was assumed to be a warehouse. In 1930, the building briefly housed a secondhand furniture store, and in the late 1970s, the first floor was occupied by Krasne's Leather Goods and Guns, and the upper three floors housed the Alan John clothing factory. In the late 1980s, the building was purchased by the MLK Partnership and renovated into live-work lofts over retail. Throughout the '90s and early 21st century the ground level was occupied by a series of bars, all of which never lasted very long. The current bar, The Smoking Gun, is closed due to COVID, but the attached Smoking Gun Coffee House remains open for takeout and appears to do a brisk business.

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JOB ANALYSTS SEE IMPROVEMENT ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

San Diego’s labor market saw some further improvement in April as the region jumped two tiers from the prior month in California’s reopening process. Payroll numbers advanced moderately, but the jobless rate inched slightly higher after adjusting for seasonal trends. In a month when more people sat on the sidelines, companies scrambled to find workers.

Nonfarm employers in San Diego County added 5,200 jobs in April after adjusting for the usual hiring that occurs during this time of the year. This was about half the 9,800 advance reported before that allowance. Some of the month’s gain reflected the region’s rapid shift from the most restrictive “red” tier in early March to the second least restrictive “orange” tier in April when the latest numbers were tallied, according to Lynn Reaser,

Chief Economist for Point Loma Nazarene University.

Most businesses added jobs in April, highlighted by the 7,000 (unadjusted) surge in leisure and hospitality hiring. Restaurants and bars alone added 4,500 jobs.

San Diego’s job market still has a lot of ground to recover. As of April, the region’s employment was still 123,000 or 8.1% short of the pre-pandemic high reached in February 2020. This was similar to the State’s 8.0% shortfall but significantly more than the 5.4% nationwide gap.

Underscoring the uneven pace of recovery across industries, construction and utility jobs are above their pre-pandemic levels, but leisure and hospitality employment is only at 73% of that level. E-commerce has helped offset some of the losses in retail, but hotels and restaurants are still struggling to get back on their feet.

SAN DIEGO LEADS SOCIAL IN WAREHOUSE RENTS

Cushman & Wakefield has recently published its 2021 Global Logistics Outlook report that analyzes several key drivers affecting growth, global leasing dynamics and provides an outlook for the sector.

Specific to Southern California, according to the global report, as of Q4 2020 San Diego had the #13 most expensive warehouse rents (\$13.44 psf/year) worldwide, followed by Orange County at #14

(\$12.73 psf/year). Los Angeles was #18 at \$11.64 psf/year.

ALASKA AIRLINES BEGINS THREE NEW NONSTOP ROUTES FROM SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Alaska Airlines has begun began daily nonstop service from San Diego International Airport to New York via John F. Kennedy International Airport and seasonal nonstop service to Bozeman, Mont. via Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. The airline began seasonal nonstop service to Kalispell, Mont. via Glacier Park International Airport on May 21.

“Alaska Airlines’ new flights to JFK will provide San Diegans yet another option to access the greater New York area,” said Kimberly Becker, president and CEO of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. “We are excited to add more service to Montana, a state that has an abundance of outdoor recreation and is home to several national parks. I would like to thank Alaska Airlines for their continued investment in our community.”

Alaska Airlines will offer non-stop service to Bozeman and Kalispell through Sept. 7. On March 18, Alaska Airlines began year-round nonstop service to Missoula, Mont. With these additions, Alaska Airlines now offers nonstop service to 32 destinations from San Diego, more than any other carrier.

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- CLUES ACROSS**

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 - The Great Lakes State
 - Engage in a contest
 - Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
 - Manpower
 - Undivided
 - Strong, magnetic metal
 - People of Tanzania
 - Sorts
 - Cop car accessory
 - Trade
 - Sullen and ill-tempered
 - Distinctive practices
 - Motor vehicles
 - Electrodes
 - Polish river
 - Human feet
 - Make very hot
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- CLUES DOWN**

 - Expressions of approval
 - Replace the interior of
 - Not awake
 - Roman numeral 7
 - Sun up in New York
 - Institute legal proceedings against
 - Bugs homeowners don't want
 - Maltese-Italian composer
 - Very long period of time
 - Touchdown
 - Agents of downfall
 - Complacently or inane foolish
 - Argentina capital Buenos
 - County in New Mexico
 - An electrically charged atom
 - New Zealand conifer
 - Type of brandy
 - Comments to the audience
 - Tears down
 - Gifts for the poor
 - More painful
 - Good friend
 - Lying in the same plane
 - Line in a polygon
 - Clouds of gas and dust
 - Blackbird
 - One point west of due south
 - Large beer
 - Third stomachs
 - Rare Korean family name
 - Hectoliter
 - Aquatic invertebrate
 - Where we live
 - Poked holes in
 - Partner to ways
 - Ann
 - Norse god
 - Health care pro
 - Close tightly
 - One's holdings
 - Became less intense
 - Wilco frontman
 - Woman (French)
 - Expresses delight
 - TV channel (abbr.)
 - Beverage
 - Unit of work or energy
 - Cleaning accessory
 - Dorm worker

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Pride announces events, Spirit of Stonewall recipients

San Diego Pride yesterday announced the series of events, both virtual and in person, taking place during Pride week July 10-18.

Over 20 in-person and virtual events will help the LGBTQ+ community celebrate Pride all across San Diego County with this year's theme, Resilient.

San Diego Pride's board, staff, and year-round program volunteer leaders worked with community partners, sponsors, and small businesses to create unique Pride celebrations that honor the breadth of diversity with options that feel joyful and safe.

"This Pride will be different, but we will still gather, march, rally, mourn and celebrate. Some of us will feel safe enough to join crowds, some will celebrate with close friends and family at home, and some will tune in from around the world. Pride started as a riot against police violence. Pride is a protest, a celebration, a gasp for air. Pride is our resilient unshackled vibrance gathered, pursuing justice with joy," said Pride Executive Director Fernando López. "However you choose to celebrate Pride with us this year, thank you. Your strength, bravery, and fearless queer brilliance



Drag performer Gottmilk (Photo courtesy San Diego Pride)

carried you and us to brighter days. It is each of you who makes us collectively resilient."

In addition, Pride announced the this year's Spirit of Stonewall recipients who have contributed significantly to the LGBTQ community through their leadership, activism, and fundraising efforts. Awardees will be honored at the Spirit of Stonewall Rally and during our Pride Live 2021 livestream event.

This year's awards include the inaugural Larry T. Baza Arts & Culture Award. The award is named after San Diego Pride's first Latino co-chair, the late Larry T. Baza. Larry was known as an LGBTQ, art, and intersectional human rights advocate and activist. Baza was a mentor to countless people across generations. Our community lost Larry to COVID-19 earlier this year.

"Since Pride's first permitted march in 1975, we honor the origins of our movement at the Spirit of Stonewall Rally. Our annual rally weaves together our intergenerational intersectional movement by honoring those who are leading the way and calling our community to action," said López. "Our LGBTQ community is under attack across this country. Honoring our heroes and connecting ourselves to our history, reminds us all that we are still not equal under the law and drives us to pursue justice with joy."

Spirit of Stonewall recipients

Champion of Pride - Dwayne
Crenshaw

Community Grand Marshal - Moe
Girton

Stonewall Service Award - San
Diego Black LGBTQ Coalition

Inspirational Relationship - Jamie
Arangure & Franny Tuchman

Larry T. Baza Arts & Culture
Award - Matt Morrow

Stonewall Philanthropy Award -
The Burgess Family

Community Service - Ana Laura
Light of Pride - Strong Hearted
Native Women's Coalition

Friend of Pride - County of San
Diego Board of Supervisor Chair
Nathan Fletcher

The Department of the Navy Announces Virtual Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Navy Old Town Campus Revitalization



Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Navy prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with modernization of the Old Town Campus (OTC) to support Naval Information Warfare Systems Command's (NAVWAR) current and future operational readiness. Additionally, the public will have the opportunity to participate in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process. The 60 -day public comment period began on May 14, 2021 and ends on July 13, 2021.

SUBMIT COMMENTS:

- Online through the project website:
www.NAVWAR-revitalization.com
- By mail to:
Navy OTC Revitalization EIS
Project Manager
Attention: Ron Bochenek
750 Pacific Highway, Floor 12
San Diego, CA 92132-0058
- Verbal comments at the virtual public meetings

All comments must be postmarked by
July 13, 2021 to be considered in the Final EIS.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations:
contact the Navy OTC Revitalization EIS Project
Manager, Ron Bochenek at 888 -682-6289 or
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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS:

5:30 to 8 p.m. PDT
Tuesday June 8, 2021

Wednesday June 23, 2021

Information on accessing the
virtual public meetings is
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Pride: Together Again - Art
Exhibition: Friday, July 9, 2021 -
6:00 PM
San Diego Pride - 3620 30th St.,
San Diego, CA 92104

She Fest: July 10, 2021 - 1:00 PM
Hillcrest Pride Flag - 1500
University Ave, San Diego, CA
92103

Resilient Community March:
Sunday, July 11, 2021 - 11:00 AM
Balboa Park - Upas Street & 6th
Avenue

Light Up the Cathedral: 7pm, July
14, 2021 - 7:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral
- 2728 Sixth Ave San Diego, CA
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True Colors Revue: Thursday, July
15, 2021 - Sunday, July 18, 2021
- 7:00 PM
InsideOUT - 1642 University Ave
#100, San Diego, CA 92103

Spirit of Stonewall Rally: July 16,
2021 - 6:00 PM
Hillcrest Pride Flag - 1500
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Virtual Pride 5K: Friday, July 16 -
Monday, July 19, 2021

Pride Block Party: Friday, July
16 - Saturday, July 17, 2021 -
2:00 PM
Hillcrest Pride Flag - 1500
University Ave, San Diego, CA
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Pride Live: July 17, 2021 - 9:00 PM
Online streaming on Facebook and
YouTube

Pride Youth Picnic: Saturday, July
17, 2021 - 11:00 AM
Pioneer Park, Mission Hills - 1521
Washington Place Mission Hills

San Diego Black Pride: July 17,
2021 - 12:00 PM
Solamar Hotel - 435 Sixth Ave, San
Diego, CA 92101

Latinx at Mujeres Brew House:
Saturday, July 17, 2021 - 3:00 PM
Mujeres Brew - 1986 Julian Ave,
San Diego, CA 92113

Pride Military Pool Party:
Saturday, July 17, 2021 - 2:00 PM
Viejas Resort Allure Pool - 5000
Willows Rd, Alpine, CA 91901

Pride at The Hive: Saturday, July
17, 2021 - 4:00 PM
The Hive - 4428 Convoy St, San
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Pride Senior Coffee: Saturday,
July 17, 2021 - 9:30 AM
CoffeeNTalk - 1080 University Ave
H105, San Diego, CA 92103

Pride at Deja Brew: Sunday, July
18, 2021 - 11:00 AM
Deja Brew - 2528 University Ave,
San Diego, CA 92104

Pride Family Gathering: Sunday,
July 18, 2021 - 9:30 AM
San Diego Youth Services - 3845
Spring Dr, Spring Valley, CA 91977

San Diego Loyal - OUT at Event:
Saturday, July 24, 2021 - 7:30 PM
Torero Stadium - 5959 Alcala Park,
San Diego, CA 92110

BID contract

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Schumacher, owner of Holy Matcha, of the May 20 Lights on North Park Celebration.

The event was hosted by the North Park Business Improvement District (BID) headed by Angela Landsberg. Like small businesses themselves, many of the BIDs in San Diego have been struggling financially since the onset of the pandemic. Major fundraising events like Taste of North Park have been canceled, leading to layoffs. Landsberg said she currently does not have any employees.

The first BIDs began in the 1970s as a way for business owners to come together and improve their business districts by revitalizing older commercial areas, attracting new businesses, creating new jobs and supporting local businesses. According to the city, San Diego has the largest tenant-based program in the state. Currently, there are 18 City-designated BIDs representing 11,000 small businesses.

Eleven of those BIDs are inside City Council District 3. For this reason, the City Council member representing District 3 leads on policy matters regarding BIDs. At the May 18 City Council

meeting, City Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn introduced an amendment to the year-long BID contracts, making all of them have a six-month contract that will be renewed if new requirements are met, at the May 18 City Council meeting. It was unanimously adopted by other council members.

"My board and I were indeed surprised that our BID contract received only a six-month extension. We are now hopeful that complying with the additional accountability provisions will hasten the second six-month extension. We have always viewed our contract as a partnership between our nearly 500 Mission Hills business owners and the City of San Diego," said Susan McNeil Schreyer of the Mission Hills BID.

The conditions for the contract renewal are an annual review of the bylaws, a new anti-harassment and inclusivity policy signed by all board directors and employees as well as annual inclusivity training for directors and employees.

While BID managers interviewed for this piece were universally supportive of adding workplace protections, some were surprised by the lack of communication with the city council leading up to the vote and confused

by conflicting messages after the vote.

"The new provisions are simple and have been embraced by many of the BIDs. They're required to have workplace anti-harassment [and] inclusivity policies and annual trainings for employees and board members. The policy also requires an annual review of the organization's bylaws. That's it," Whitburn said.

The contract changing from one year to six months only came up in the final vote, not while it was in committee or in its first or second reading. The first time the BID managers knew about the changes was at the final vote.

"I just wish that being partners with the city we had gotten a heads up on this a month or two ago. It was no secret that this was coming to city council — it comes to city council every year," Landsberg said. "My big problem with this is that, as a partnership, we would want to work on this together and this doesn't feel like something we worked on together. It feels like we were blindsided and so now we're scrambling."

Initially, BID managers thought they would have six months to come up with the workplace policy and training for all the BIDs as well as to review the bylaws. In a phone call with all BID directors last week,



Angela Landsberg, manager of North Park's BID, smiles while celebrating small businesses. (Photos by Stephanie Pelayo)

there was stunning new information from the city's Economic Development Department that is in charge the BIDs: the directors had until June 11 to review the bylaws and come up with the policy and training materials in order for the first six-month contract to be approved. That deadline was just a few days away with a long weekend in between. The department also did not specify what they wanted in the bylaws so BIDs have to submit changes hoping they meet unknown standards.

Landsberg said when the BIDs looked for contractors willing to do an independent review of the bylaws on such short notice and a fast deadline, cost estimates began at \$20,000. In addition to the stress of the tight deadline and confusing messages, meeting it will be expensive too.

"The city, it kind of seems like they're rushing around a little bit when they could have been more deliberate about it because it's unclear. We're getting mixed messages," Benjamin Nicholls, manager of the Hillcrest BID, said.

In an email on June 2 from the Economic Development

Department, the goalposts moved again as two additional requirements emerged that were not discussed in front of the council. BID managers were instructed to find a way for board members, business owners and the general public to provide input on the performance of the BIDs annually. The BIDs must create a conflict of interest code that requires board members and managers fill out a Form 700, also known as a Statement of Economic Dealing.

In an effort in 2019 to make members of neighborhood planning groups fill out the Form 700, many people pushed back against making volunteers fill out the arduous form, face potential fees if they fail to submit it on time and force non-government employees to have their financial records made public. The city may face the same arguments here.

Whitburn said he faced a couple questions on the policy but the BIDs responded well and are implementing them. He said BIDs will work with the Economic Development Department on any changes.

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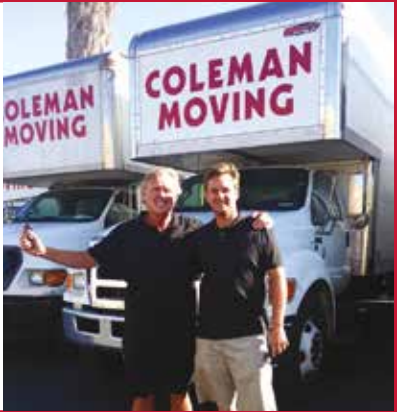
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