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H Barracks – More Homeless Schemes That Make No Sense

By Patty Ducey-Brooks



This past February 26, hundreds of residents who reside in Point Loma and surrounding communities attended a town hall meeting to review the current mayor's plans to bring upwards of 1,000 homeless individuals to the site of H-Barracks. The location is right next to the San Diego International Airport, across the street from Spanish Landing, next door to hotels and in close proximity to Liberty Station.

The current mayor's plan is to house individuals in tents with varying degrees of issues, including those with mental health challenges, individuals with alcohol and drug addiction, criminals who prey on others, and families and individuals who are experiencing financial hardships.

If this isn't a crisis management 101 test, I don't know what is. Those who are told of this proposal immediately ask the question, "Why in the world does the mayor thinks this makes sense: housing that many people on a site that is extremely small, with no existing services, and filled with environmental waste?"

There is nothing humanitarian about this concept. And it's extremely dangerous to the surrounding communities, saying nothing of the individuals that are housed there in tents.

The United Nations (UN) recently gave a report on the acceptable living conditions for refugee camps. It specifies 376 square feet per person. Barracks H with the 1,000 safe parking tents/sites would be more than double the UN recommended density for refugee camps. It would be considerably less than 168 square feet per person.

Additionally, due to its proximity to the airport, hotels and Liberty Station, the people living at this site are likely to visit the surrounding establishments. What's to stop them?

This means putting additional strain on the airport personnel, hotel personnel and the streets and neighborhoods closest to the H Barracks site.

In other words, let's create total chaos with no logical or rational reason for the H Barracks site to house a portion of San Diego's homeless population.



Mayoral candidate, Larry Turner (right) recently spoke with a representative from KPBS on the H Barracks site.

Which by the way, is only a small portion of those currently experiencing homelessness. The number is rising daily and is probably close to exceeding 8,000.

This is another band aid approach of the current mayor who lacks vision and the expertise to truly understand the problem and ways to address it.

The Point Loma leaders who held the recent town hall meeting are encouraging others from San Diego to get involved and learn more about what is occurring in their community by visiting ProtectPointLoma.org.

Dirty Politics Continues from City Hall

By Patty Ducey-Brooks

If you haven't seen the recent malfeasance being initiated by Mayor Todd Gloria's appointed officials, here's what you should know.

There are three guys who appear to be a part of a team effort to create chaos by targeting communities with false campaign literature, coercing family members to initiate lawsuits, and wastefully funding these efforts.

It reeks of immaturity and lack of professionalism which is directed back to the person who chose these individuals to function in high-ranking official capacities. When I review their qualifications, I ask, "Why were they chosen?"

Well now it's obvious, to be the mayor's henchmen, evil doers, minions.

The three people I am referring to were also recently identified by the OB Rag and UT for their unscrupulous antics. They are Shawn VanDiver whose mother, Helen, filed a lawsuit against mayoral candidate Larry Turner. VanDiver sits on the San Diego Convention Center Board and was appointed to the mayor's San Diego Military Advisory Council.

Next is Guillermo "Gil" Cabrera. He set up a political action committee called New San Diego. He was appointed to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority by Gloria and also runs a charity that solicits donations to support the mayor. The evidence in the lawsuit against Larry Turner was collected by a private investigator paid for by New San Diego. Cabrera also was responsible for sending out attack fliers against fellow Democrat Lori Saldana for Gloria back in 2022 and was reprimanded for his actions by the court.

The third guy is Ryan Clumpner, a political consultant who also serves as vice chair of the San Diego Housing Commission. He was the guy who hired the private investigator who surveilled mayoral candidate Larry Turner, according to a New San Diego campaign disclosure. The investigator was paid for by the committee.

At last review, New San Diego has paid about \$200,000 on their fraudulent campaign literature to promote someone who has identified as Republican. However, she is not endorsed by the Republican Party. There are allegations that she was encouraged to run by said group when no other Republican candidates came forward.

Do you not find it odd and alarming that these three Todd Gloria associates, who definitely should know better, are acting like grade



City Hall in downtown San Diego.

school age children?

It appears that this is the new norm in the city of San Diego under the reign of the current mayor. Rather than letting the voters decide which candidates should run in November's election, the Mayor's henchmen are tampering with democracy and trying to determine who the Mayor's opponent will be. Without such election interference, who knows if the incumbent would even make it into the top two candidates for the November run off?

Personally, I am embarrassed for the city that this type of childish action is happening.

Why do Clumpner, Cabrera and VanDiver think that their actions aren't going to impact their future careers and official positions?

Anyone with any common sense and values would agree. They need to lose their positions on the boards and commissions due to their unprofessional and dishonest actions, better known as malfeasance.

Shame on each of them and anyone who encourages or even tolerates this type of unethical behavior and attitude!

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Amy Reichert, chairwoman of Restore San Diego, is exposing deceptive mailers to the Federal Election Committee.

Amy Reichert, a lifelong resident of San Diego, holds the position of Chairwoman at Restore San Diego. Leading a coalition of citizens from diverse backgrounds, she champions government accountability, transparency, and a community-first approach.

The hand and voice of a 91-year-old woman shook as she showed me a deceptive political mailer she received at her home from a Pro-Mayor Todd Gloria Political Action Committee. Regrettably, she fell victim to a scheme to manipulate the Mayor's election orchestrated by New San Diego, a dark money group spearheaded by local attorney Gil Cabrera. Cabrera, who was also appointed by Mayor Todd Gloria to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, has faced scrutiny from the California Fair Political Practices Commission for actions violating the California Political Reform Act.

New San Diego has financial backing from diverse sources, including wealthy Democrats, labor unions, and developers invested in city affairs. The group's deceptive tactics and disinformation campaign totaling \$233,696.83 so far extended to sending multiple mailers to Republican households, cleverly disguised to appear as though they originated from Republicans. Orchestrated by Todd Gloria political appointee Gil Cabrera, New San Diego employed these misleading mailers to bolster the candidacy of Jane Glasson, diverting votes from Independent candidate Larry Turner, a former US Marine and current San Diego Police Officer. Mayor Todd Gloria is facing negative approval ratings because of his handling of the storm drain crisis, homelessness and worsening of the \$1 Billion dollar deficit.

If you really want to know the inside baseball of dirty politics and how special interests manipulate voters keep reading.

In the mail piece it reads "Republican Voter Alert." It uses a stock image to look like the back of Jane Glasson's head. It also uses a quote from the chair of the California Republican Party to give the appearance of an endorsement.

There is no endorsed Republican in the San Diego Mayor's race. There is a candidate, Jane Glasson, who is a marginal candidate who has raised no money, has no name recognition and is not even endorsed by her own party.

It gets worse, on the back of the mailer it says, "Team MAGA" giving the impression that the obscure candidate Jane Glasson who has not been endorsed by the local Republican party or the State GOP is somehow on a slate with none other than Donald Trump and Steve Garvey.

Sadly, it is not against the law to send false and misleading political mailers. But the bad news for New San Diego is that the political mailer may have violated Federal Election Commission laws.

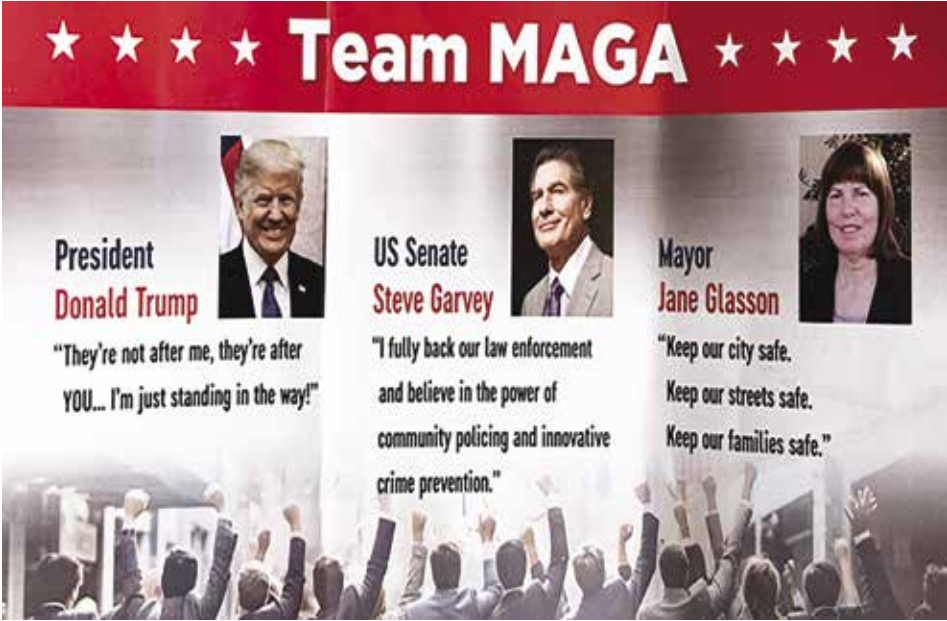
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a notarized letter of complaint to Federal Elections Commission exposing deceptive mailers from Pro Todd Gloria dark money on the grounds of impermissible use of funds and improper disclaimer.

We must not let dark money and its oversized influence manipulate voters like my 91 year-old friend who is devastated because she already cast her vote because she trusted the wrong people. Please remain skeptical and vigilant of every political mailer, political text and television commercial you receive. Always check the back of every political mailer to see who is paying for it and never take any political advertisement at face value. Let's let the people decide who will be our next mayor, not greedy special interests.



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SEO Scams Can Lead You Astray

By Rick Brooks



As if there wasn't enough to worry about online, another scam has become increasingly common and a growing concern for financial institutions. SEO scams hijack your search results and take you to websites that look like familiar (especially financial institutions) sites but aren't.

For example, Charles Schwab recently notified advisors who work with them that they have seen an increase in Google search results pointing to fraudulent websites that mimicked Schwab's website. The problem is that these are often the top search results, so people using search websites to get to their financial institutions may not realize they're being misdirected to fraudsters. That's why these are called "SEO search scams": the fraudsters are using the same kinds of Search Engine Optimization settings that marketers use to target customers.

What is Search Engine Optimization? In a nutshell, when website designers want people to find their websites, they try to build in things that search engines look for. This helps their websites rise to the top of search results and makes it easier for people to find the products or content they're trying to deliver.

What the scammers have started to do is to build their fake websites in such a way that it tricks the search engines into putting their fraudulent websites at or near the top search results. Sometimes it may even be as simple as the fraudster paying search engines to put their fake website first ("sponsored" results). For example, a search for just "Fidelity" could lead to a website link that looks like Fidelity Investments but isn't their real website.

There are few things you can do to limit the possibility of being misdirected like this. The first is before you click on a link, hover your mouse over the link. On a Windows PC, the REAL website address that you're being directed to will appear in the bottom left corner of your screen. I see this in email SPAM a lot where the link says something like "Docusign" or

"BofA" but actually points to something else entirely. I illustrate how this should work in this image.

Instead of starting with the search bar, you can type the web address in your browser's address bar. If you type "www.schwab.com", you're much more likely to get the real website than if you only use one or two words.

One thing I've done is to save the websites I visit frequently as favorites. That way I know I'm going to the right website every time. Most browsers allow you to create a toolbar with your favorites so that those websites are just a single click for added convenience.

What the fraudsters are looking for is your login credentials so that they can log into your accounts and steal your money. Their fake website will collect your user ID and password, then tell you that there was an error logging in. The fake website will also provide a fake toll-free number to call for help, which will just leave you talking with the fraudster. If you feel like you've been tricked like this, or you're having trouble logging into a website, don't call the phone number on the website! Find a statement from the financial institution and call the phone number on the statement.

Finally, you can still prevent access to your accounts even if someone manages to steal your login credentials by setting up two factor authentication. Two factor authentication may be as simple as getting a code by text message or phone call that you have to enter, or more complicated using an authentication app on your cell phone. It's an extra step to log into the website, but this extra layer of security is highly recommended in today's increasingly internet-based economy.

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The ACLU Opposes Proposition 1 Due to False Promises

The ACLU across California envisions a world in which all people have access to the care and housing they require to live fully and equally in their communities, free from coercion, deprivation, and fear. We affirm that housing and health care are human rights, and affordable housing with voluntary, robust and accessible services is the solution to our state's houselessness crisis.

Decades of disinvestment have left California's affordable housing and community mental health systems in shambles, unable to come close to making this dream a reality. Instead of replenishing our system of care, voters are being asked in the March primary to consider Proposition 1 – a wrongheaded approach with disastrous consequences.

Proposition 1 claims to fix our broken system of care. Instead, it:

- Would cause thousands of Californians to lose access to life-saving community mental health care by taking funding away from effective, voluntary programs to fund a small number of housing opportunities for unsheltered Californians.

- Is NOT a solution to houselessness. It would provide housing for only about three percent of the total number of Californians who are unhoused on any given day – while a separate, upcoming housing measure with a similar price tag would provide 20 times that amount.

- Relies on a false and harmful narrative that the only way to solve houselessness is to take money away from other critical community-based services, when we know California has the resources to invest in the housing California needs.

- Would impose a new \$6.4 billion bond to primarily fund forced treatment and institutionalization – which are the most expensive and least effective forms of mental health treatment, in addition to being coercive, traumatizing, and a violation of civil rights.

We must demand the public investments needed to create a healthy and vibrant state in which everyone is treated with dignity, and no one is left behind – not false promises. Demand real solutions to guarantee housing and healthcare for all. Vote NO on Proposition 1.

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Mountain Lion Hit by Car Recovers at San Diego Humane Society

A young male mountain lion has a second chance at life after being hit by a vehicle the night before Thanksgiving and found on the side of a road in Simi Valley. Local animal services alerted California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), who quickly transported the cub to Santa Clarita where veterinarians provided initial medical support overnight. The five-month-old cub was then transported to San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Wildlife Center for care by its Project Wildlife team early the next morning, Thanksgiving Day — Nov. 23, 2023.

X-rays on Nov. 24, 2023, showed the mountain lion had a severely fractured hind leg. He was treated for dehydration, malnourishment and given a temporary splint to support his broken bones. Then, on Nov. 27, 2023, the veterinary team carefully repaired the animal's left tibia, using a metal plate and 10 screws to realign the bones. For the next three weeks, the mountain lion was monitored via cameras in an indoor hospital enclosure, limiting human interaction and movement that could risk damage to the surgery site. On Dec. 1, 2023, veterinarians performed a second surgery to replace the screws for shorter screws. The cub's prognosis remained guarded until his third sedated surgery recheck, on Dec. 18, 2023, when veterinarians decided he was ready to move to an outdoor enclosure for continued rehabilitation.

The outdoor enclosure is covered with vegetation, rocky outcroppings and areas for the cub to explore and regain his strength. "It's important he has minimal contact with the rehab specialists to ensure he does not get used to human presence," said Andy Blue, campus director at San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Wildlife Center. "We monitor him with cameras daily and are pleased to see he is self-limiting his activities while healing from his injury."

During a sedated recheck on Jan. 26, 2024, wildlife veterinarians confirmed the fracture is healing well and the mountain lion is gaining weight, now weighing 25.2 lbs. Treatment of this animal has been a collaboration between San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife veterinarians and shelter veterinarians. Mountain lions are apex predators, so it is crucial for this cub to be fully recovered and able to survive and hunt on his own. In the wild, mountain lion cubs may stay with their mothers up to 26 months, but usually separate after about 15 months.

San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife team is working closely under guidance from CDFW to determine next steps for the mountain lion. If he is releasable to the wild, he will be outfitted with a satellite GPS collar



The young male mountain lion is recovering from a severely fractured hind leg. Photo is courtesy of the San Diego Humane Society.

for tracking to help ensure his future health and wellbeing.

Rescuing and rehabilitating this mountain lion takes a village. From CDFW, to Dr. Rachel Sachar of Twin Oaks Equine and Exotics Service, and Dr. Stephen Klause of Veterinary Wildlife and Exotics who provided initial medical support overnight in Santa Clarita, to San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife Program.

San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife program is the primary resource for wild animal rehabilitation and conservation education in San Diego County. Each year, SDHS gives more than 10,000 injured, orphaned and sick wild animals a second chance. At the Ramona Campus, which they have been operating since 2020, SDHS specializes in caring for native apex predators and birds of prey, including hawks, owls, eagles, coyotes, bears, bobcats and, under special case-by-case authorization, mountain lions.

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Khaleesi is currently residing at the San Diego Campus, located at 5500 Gaines Street. For information, call 619-299-7012 or at info@sdhumane.org.

This is Spunky, an eight-year-old domestic short hair that came to us from a household with several other cats and is more accustomed to the company of kitty counterparts than that of humans. Spunky is the ideal cat for a tranquil home without young children and is on the lookout for a space where she can form connections with another cat to help her ease into her new home. She may take longer than your average cat to feel comfortable, but patience and compassion will be greatly appreciated by this adorable kitty. If you're seeking a mellow and gentle companion, consider opening your heart to Spunky and watch her bloom into the wonderful cat that she's meant to be!

Spunky is currently available for adoption and living in a foster home. To arrange an introduction, please give us a call at 619-299-7012.

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Meet Your Neighbors

By Ginny Ollis

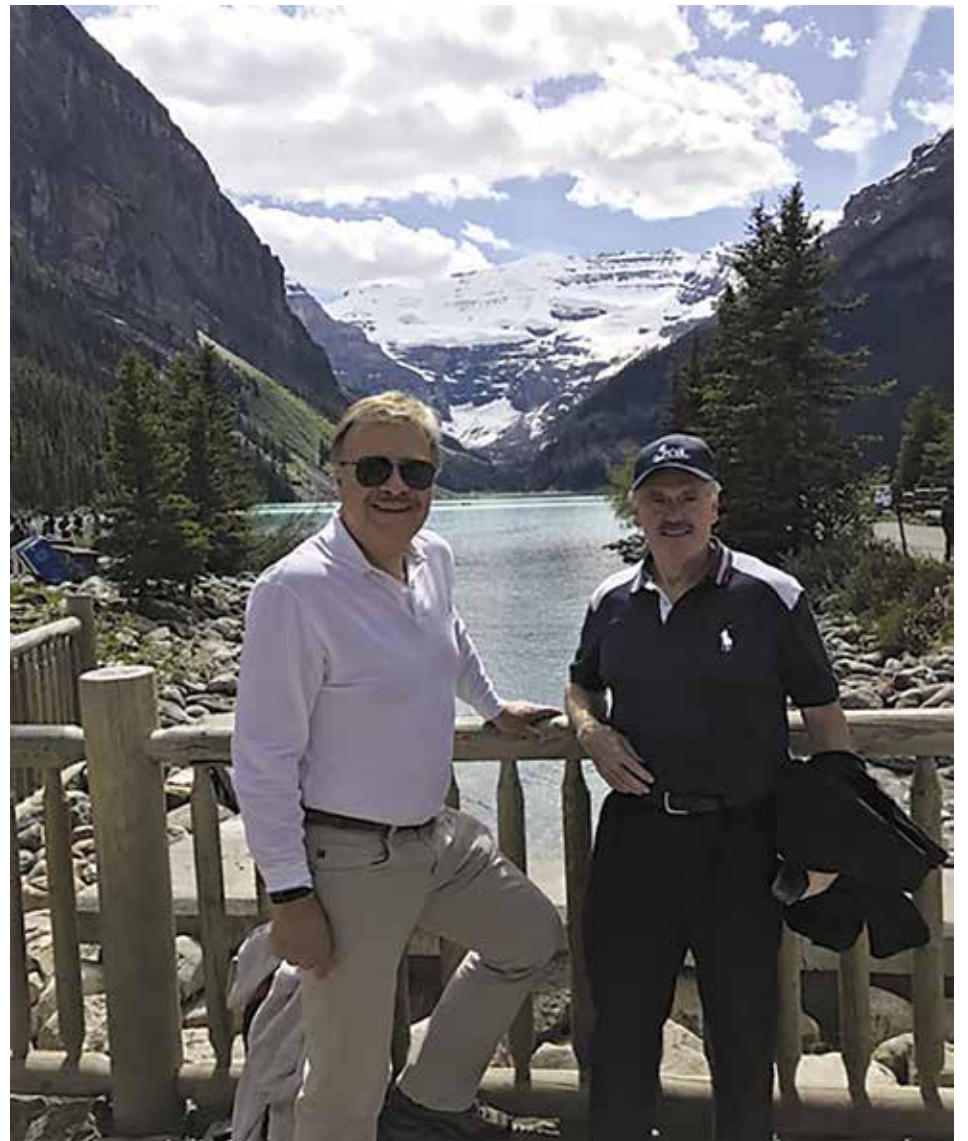
So many of the people who share our community are gifts to us and to our world. Steve McIntee and Bob Meinzer live in a Mission Hills home with a spectacular view, which seems to me to radiate their perspective on living ... looking beyond and appreciating all that life offers.

Born into a small working-class family in New Mexico, Meinzer's early life was different from McIntee's background, but not entirely. Steve grew up in urban poverty as part of a large Irish Catholic family in the New York City area. Both sets of parents were totally devoted to their children. The kids quickly learned that being short of money did not eliminate heart, intention, and success.

I originally met McIntee when we were both new realtors and one of my clients happened to be his friend. McIntee received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame followed by a master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University. In real estate, McIntee immediately distinguished himself as among those 10 percent of agents who focus primarily on the care of clients rather than commissions. When he and Meinzer met, their parallel childhoods and similar family values clicked, as well as the shared intentions to make a difference in our world. He and Meinzer began to invest in real estate resulting in a total of 58 projects thus far. Their zeal to succeed was obviously ingrained during childhood.

Meinzer's career path, having graduated in mechanical engineering from New Mexico State University, began with an engineering job at SDG&E focused on large power plant project management. Later, armed with an MBA from National University, in 1980 he moved from SDG&E to be general manager of Gencom San Diego, a Texas based paging, mobile telephone and telephone answering service company. With the dawn of cellular telephony in the early 1980s, Meinzer led the building of the first non-wireline cellular system in San Diego, with Pac Bell being the wireline competitor. Remember those huge cellular phones we initially had in our cars? That was Meinzer's business. In 1986 he moved to Seattle, Washington to lead U.S. West Paging, a division of one of the seven "Baby Bells" resulting from the split up of AT&T. While CEO of US West Paging, Meinzer led, with the backing of Merrill Lynch Capital Partners, the successful purchase of that subsidiary from US West. He and McIntee sold the company in 1996.

Asking them what is important in their lives they both responded in unison, "Gratitude." Because of their devotion to purpose beyond just their personal success they have become a source of support and fundraising for many prominent progressive leaders, hosting events that included Michelle Obama, Kamala Harris, Howard Dean, and many other national politicians. In addition, they helped by raising funds for groups as diverse as SLDN (the organization that led the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell"), Ocean Discovery Institute, San Diego Foundation for Change, Casa De Los Pobres in Tijuana and as well as numerous others. In one period of less than 18 months Steve and Bob hosted over 30 such gatherings. Yet their biggest gift is what they give everyone: trust and support.



Steve McIntee (right) and Bob Meinzer (left) during one of their numerous international travels.

Beyond the joy of giving and making a difference, Meinzer and McIntee enjoy entertaining, walking and biking through England, France, Spain, and Italy, reading, and of course the simple pleasure of time with family and close friends.

During their almost 43 years together, they have lived in 18 homes in various areas of San Diego. But, in 2002, they built their current and forever home in Mission Hills.

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Featuring Activist, Author, and Founder of the ‘me too.’ Movement, Tarana Burke

San Diegans will have the opportunity to hear activist, author, and founder of the ‘me too.’ Movement, Tarana Burke speak on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Center for Community Solutions’ 25th Annual Tea & Tonic. CCS’ signature fundraising event brings together business and corporate supporters, community and philanthropic leaders, donors, and committed volunteers to raise critical funds to support survivors of relationship and sexual violence and prevent assault.

“The tremendous support shown for survivors at Tea & Tonic is truly inspiring. I look forward to seeing you there this year,” offered Cori Austin, CEO of Center of Community Solutions. This year’s event will be held at the luxurious Park Hyatt Aviara in Carlsbad. In addition to a brief program featuring Tarana Burke, the event also features a silent and live auction, live music, and plenty of opportunities to network and build community with others in the movement to end sexual violence. For more information and to purchase tickets, tables, and sponsorships, please visit ccssd.org/tea-tonic.

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activist, advocate, and author Tarana J. Burke has worked at the intersection of sexual violence and racial justice. Fueled by commitments to interrupt sexual

violence and other systemic inequalities disproportionately impacting marginalized people, particularly Black women and girls, Burke has created and led various

campaigns focused on increasing access to resources and support for impacted communities, including the ‘me too.’ Movement, which has galvanized millions of survivors and allies around the world, and me too. International nonprofit organization, founded in 2018. Her New York Times bestselling books *You Are Your Best Thing* and *Unbound* have illuminated the power of healing, vulnerability, and storytelling in the movement to end sexual violence.

CCS offers Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) quarterly, catering to both volunteers and community professionals. At present, CCS is actively seeking volunteers to lend support on the 24/7 confidential crisis hotline and provide assistance to survivors during forensic exams. If you’re interested in volunteering with CCS and want to learn more, visit ccssd.org/volunteer today.

Center for Community Solutions (CCS) is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization dedicated to ending relationship and sexual violence. Since 1969, CCS has been providing trauma-informed, wrap-around services to empower survivors as they heal and recover from trauma. For more information, visit ccssd.org.



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March in Mission Hills

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March is a favorite month for me. Not only is it my birthday, it is also my son's birthday and he will be turning five. If you are a parent, you know having a five-year-old means tee ball games and play dates that put a big dent in the family calendar.

And, in Mission Hills there is no shortage of big screens and great spaces to enjoy March Madness from Selection on March 17, the First Four on March 19 through March 20, the First Round on March 21 through March 22, Second Round on March 23 through March 24, Sweet 16 on March 28 through March 29, Elite Eight on March 30 through March 31 and into April for the Final Four on Saturday, April 6 and the NCAA championship game on Monday, April 8. I love basketball so come up and say "Hi" if you see me in front of one of the neighborhoods' big screens.

Also, on March 23 the Mission Hills 5K is happening. The Mission Hills 5k donates 100 percent of its proceeds to support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programs at Grant TK-8 School. Donations are tax deductible. For more information visit <https://missionhills5k.com/>.

Some other noteworthy March events and ways to support Mission Hills businesses and their owners, include: National Women's History Month a great month-long opportunity to support Mission Hills female owned businesses and learn more about this day at the Mission Hills library; Chocolate Chip Cookie Week from Sunday, March 3 through Saturday, March 9 and where better to go for yours than Mission Hills own Lazy Acres. A reminder clocks jump forward for Daylight Savings on Sunday, March 10; Saint Patrick's Da on Sunday, March 17, is a time when everyone may be Irish for the day; First Day of Spring on Tuesday, March 19, the start of colorful and fragrant florals and a great time to buy a ticket to the Mission Hills Garden Walk; National Puppy Day and Cuddly Kitten Day are on Saturday, March 23 where your four legged family member may be treated to grooming or a treat at Barkhouse, Bestie's, and Howlistic; Wear a Hat Day is on Tuesday, March 26 and where better than The Village Hat Shop on India Street to buy an ordinary to extraordinary hat?; for Easter on Sunday, March 31, worship options are plentiful in Mission Hills and remember florals for a perfect table, chocolates, eggs, bunnies, and going out to brunch too; and, Cesar Chavez Day on Sunday, March 31 is a perfect time to perform acts of service in our community.

The Mission Hills BID's partnership with the San Diego County Fair community banner program continues. Last month business owners, their staff and families took part in the partnership the BID has with the San Diego County Fair and its professional banner photo session in Mission Hills. Thank you to Troy Curnett, broker and owner of One Mission Realty for providing space for the photo shoot. From mid-May through the end of the Fair in July, be on the look-out for your favorite business owners flying high on lamp posts throughout the Mission Hills BID. This year's theme is "Let's Go Retro!" with a focus on fun and nostalgia. Some of the photo participants will



Sonya's Design Studio is the site of the next mixer for the Mission Hills BID.



Moon & Sun provides spring gifts and Easter clothing for the younger members of your family.

be dressed in period attire. In the words of the Fair, "The 2024 Fair will give our yesteryears another moment in the San Diego sun. Bop your way around the happy days of the '50s. Twist, shout, and shake it into the bewitching '60s. Move and groove through the disco nights of the '70s. Moonwalk it back to the gnarly age of big hair, shoulder pads, and parachute pants of the '80s. And enjoy the era of flannel and floppy drives of the '90s."

Thank you to those of you who have joined the Mission Hills BID for its Quarterly Mixers hosted by a local business owner. On Wednesday, March 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the evening, Sonya Wardwell owner of Sonya's Design Studio, 1530 W. Lewis Street, will be hosting our next Mixer. This should be another fun one, so please join us for mixing, mingling and a robust raffle.

If you hold a business license within the boundaries of the Mission Hills Business Improvement District, I invite you to join me in becoming more involved with the promotions, economic development, design and parking and transportation issues in our neighborhood by attending our monthly meetings. You will learn a lot about "how to get stuff done" and, over time, you might discover your involvement is rewarding and vie for a seat on the board like I did. As president of the Mission Hills BID it is always a reaffirming experience to hear how and why each business owner chose to open their business in our neighborhood. Our meetings take place at the Mission Hills library, in the Community Room, at 215 West Washington Street and occur on the second and third Wednesdays of each month starting at 3 p.m. Currently, two-hour free parking is available below the library building.

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Mission Hills Art Show and Sale Seeks Participants



Until Covid shut down the annual Mission Hills Arts Show, about 35 to 40 skilled artists of all kinds of creative skills participated in an event the first Saturday of November at the United Church of Christ main hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers loved it, artists were very price-fair, and the range of items from jewelry to paintings, to plants to clothing, to handmade creations and more were so engaging. Those who have coordinated the event are hoping to reestablish it again this year. The site has already been reserved.

If you are an artist and would like to participate, please contact the event organizer, Ginny Ollis at 619-295-3904 or ginnyollis@gmail.com. She is happy to answer any questions and sign you up. The cost is \$25 per artist, which does not cover the cost of the site and insurance. As the event organizer, Ollis has offered to cover the additional costs and provide lunch for the artists.

Artists are invited to share and offer their work for sale during the annual Mission Hills Art Show and Sale.

Old Town San Diego Celebrates Antonio Garra Day

The Pala Band of Mission Indians and the First San Diego Courthouse Museum are proud to announce the 2024 Antonio Garra Day, a commemorative event honoring the life and legacy of a true Native American patriot, Antonio Garra. This special celebration will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street.

Antonio Garra was a significant figure in the fight for the rights and sovereignty of Southern California and Northern Baja tribes. Despite being illegally executed in 1852 amidst anti-Native American hysteria, Garra's legacy as a leader and advocate for his people endures. This event seeks to celebrate his contributions and the continued resilience of the California Indian communities.

A respected leader, Antonio Garra valiantly fought for the rights of Southern California and Northern Baja tribes. His execution in 1852 marked a dark chapter in the history of Native American struggles during the early statehood of California. Garra's final words, "Gentlemen, I ask your pardon for all my offenses and expect yours in return," reflect his enduring dignity and resilience.

Antonio Garra Day is a family-friendly event that is free and open to the public. We invite everyone to join us in honoring the memory of Antonio Garra and celebrating the enduring spirit of Native American communities. Event highlights for the day, include the following.

Experience the enchanting melodies of traditional bird singing, a vital aspect of Native American culture performed by local Native American bird singers.

Listen to powerful speeches that delve into the historical and contemporary significance of Antonio Garra's life.

Discover the rich history and vibrant culture of the local Native American communities through interactive demonstrations and informative exhibits.

This event is supported by an array of groups and individuals dedicated to preserving and promoting Native American heritage, including the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, Cahuilla Band of Indians, Dr. Stan Rodriguez, Pala Cultural Resources Committee, Phillips Books, CSUSM Sovereignty Center, Pala Environmental Department, Pala Language Revitalization Program, Sycuan Band Of The Kumeyaay Nation, and more.



The gravesite of Antonio Garra is at the Old Town San Diego Cemetery.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with San Diego's Native American history through a day filled with music, speeches, and cultural exhibits. Let us come together to remember a hero who fought valiantly for the rights and sovereignty of his people.

Join us in commemorating a pivotal figure in California's history and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Native American communities.

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Grossmont College Theatre Presents “Lost Girl”

The award-winning Stagehouse Theatre at Grossmont College proudly presents “Lost Girl” by Kimberly Belflower, directed by Shana Wride, which runs from Wednesday March 13 through Saturday, March 23, 2024.

What became of Wendy Darling in the years following her adventures with Peter Pan in Neverland? An exploration of love, loss, identity, and magic, “Lost Girl” continues the story of J.M. Barrie’s beloved character – the girl who had to grow up.

Long after her return from the enchanting Neverland, Wendy Darling embarks on a quest to find Peter Pan, reclaim her kiss, find closure, and move forward. Along the way, she encounters Lost Boys, well-meaning grown-ups, and other young women who help her discover that she is not alone in her experiences. This compelling production delves into the realms of first love and lasting loss, offering audiences a poignant and extraordinary journey.

“‘Lost Girl’ is a magical story about the very real journey of growing up,” says Director Shana Wride, “That path is paved with many rites of passage, and few of them are easy. Navigating our first heartbreak, grieving friends leaving, realizing our parents are human beings, and gathering the courage to finally be honest with ourselves can be scary, and there are many growing pains along the way. It takes courage, it takes time, and, yes, a little bit of magic. Finally, Wendy Darling is about to go on her very own adventure, whether she is ready for it or not!”

The talented cast includes Blake Brown (Nibs/Detective), Em Danque (Wendy), Georgia Famelis (Curly/doctor), Layla Galloway (actor B/Callie), Tori Mitchell (actor C/Krista), Jocorey Mitchell (Peter), Angie Rodriguez (actor A/Cora), Aiden Ruston (Slightly), Aubrey Schreier (Nina), Starr Spencer (Toddle/therapist), Timothy Webb (boy), and Lina Zavala (mother).



The cast of “Lost Girl.”

The performance schedule is Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 pm. Tickets are available online at www.Stagehousetheatre.com or by phone at (619) 644-7234. Ticket prices are \$18 for the general public, \$14 for seniors, military personnel, and educators, and \$10 for students.

The Theatre Arts Department at Grossmont College is renowned for its critically acclaimed productions at the Stagehouse Theatre. It provides a professional entry to practice their craft both on stage and behind the scenes and has instructors with credits at prestigious theaters such as La Jolla Playhouse, The Old Globe, and original Broadway productions, including the Tony Award-winning “Come from Away.”

Guests can enter the Stagehouse Theatre through the Performing and Visual Arts Center at Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020. Guest parking is free until further notice.

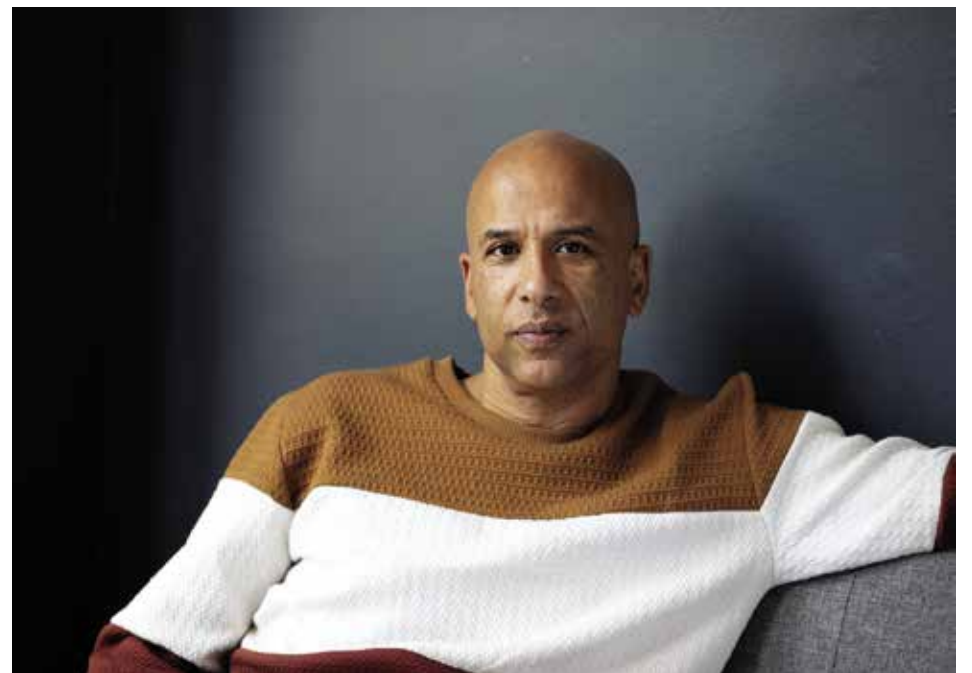
The Old Globe Presents “King James”

The Old Globe is pleased to announce the full cast and creative team for “King James.” The play is written by Pulitzer Prize finalist and Obie Award winner Rajiv Joseph (Broadway’s “Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo,” Off Broadway’s “Guards at the Taj”) and is directed by Justin Emeka (Pittsburgh Public Theater’s “Sweat” and “American Son”).

“King James” plays at the Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, part of the Globe’s Conrad Prebys Theatre Center, from Saturday, March 9 through Sunday, March 31, 2024, with the official opening night on Thursday, March 14. Tickets are now on sale at www.TheOldGlobe.org.

The breathtaking career of NBA icon LeBron James is the backdrop for this energetic and funny play. Shawn is Black and Matt is White, and they couldn’t be more different—except for their love of the Cleveland Cavaliers. The friendship that develops between them, at turns contentious and compassionate, becomes something as enduring and profound as James’s legacy itself. Interwoven with moments of camaraderie, laughter, and poignancy, “King James” dives into the heart of basketball fandom and highlights the profound connections that sports can cultivate.

“Rajiv Joseph’s play is a beautifully written study of friendship, a subject that’s explored all too rarely on the stage,” said Erna Finci Viterbi Artistic Director Barry Edelstein. “It’s also about the way that sports transcend differences and bring people together regardless of their backgrounds. The brilliant and spectacular career of LeBron James and the gorgeous game of



“King James” is directed by Justin Emeka.

basketball hover in the background and give shape to this funny and touching story of two guys in Cleveland and the ups and downs of their lives. In the hands of the wonderful director Justin Emeka, making his Globe debut, “King James” is a memorable and completely beguiling evening of theatre.”

The cast for “King James” includes Joshua Echebiri as Shawn (The Old Globe’s Globe for All Tour production of Henry V, Off Broadway’s Partnership, Apple TV+’s “Dear Edward”) and Caleb Foote as Matt (CBS’s “The Kids Are Alright,” San Diego Repertory Theatre’s Hand to God).

Also, joining Joseph and Emeka as part of the creative team for the Globe’s production of “King James” are Lawrence E. Moten III (scenic design), Sarita Fellows (costume design), Abigail Hoke-Brady (lighting design), Lindsay Jones (sound design), Caparelliottis Casting (casting), and Sam Allen (production stage manager).

Tickets are available at www.TheOldGlobe.org, by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE (234-5623), and in person at The Old Globe’s Box Office in Balboa Park (1363 Old Globe Way). Visit www.TheOldGlobe.org for a full schedule and additional information.

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The countdown is on for the Gaslamp Quarter's magical transformation into an Irish wonderland! The air is already buzzing with anticipation, filled with the sweet aroma of delicious eats, the cheerful clinking of glasses, and the sounds of joy and merriment. Get ready for an unforgettable celebration at the 28th Annual ShamROCK Music + Beer Festival, taking place from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, March 16. This event promises to drench the streets in vibrant shades of green, offering a grand salute to Irish culture through an exquisite selection of craft beers, green beer aplenty, and the lively beats of Celtic music. As San Diego's longest-running St. Paddy's Day party, ShamROCK stands as a beacon of Irish joy, combining top-notch entertainment with a feast for the senses.

Beyond the fun, ShamROCK serves a greater purpose by supporting the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation (GQHF), dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of the Gaslamp Quarter. This one-day St. Patrick's Day affair funds the year-long programs and museum operations for the Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, the oldest building in Downtown San Diego.

No need for a trip to Ireland when ShamROCK brings the essence of Irish cuisine right to you! Prepare for a culinary journey with a mix of traditional Irish dishes and flavors from around the world, ready to make your taste buds dance with delight.

- Enjoy authentic Irish delights, from savory meat pies to Scotch eggs, and sweet treats like turnovers.
- Devour artisanal sausages, including bangers and mash, and sausage fries, perfectly paired



Irish music will be plentiful throughout the day.

with refreshing lemonade.

- Sample a unique blend of Southern Vietnamese and Irish cuisine, featuring corned beef and cabbage sliders, banh mi sandwiches, and matcha-flavored desserts.
- Grab skewers of sausage, chicken, or steak on the go, complete with sides and sauces for a flavor-packed meal.

Embrace the Irish tradition of good cheer with an extensive selection of craft beer, Irish beer, whiskey cocktails, and an endless flow of green beer. Premium and VIP ticket holders will be able to cash in their complimentary drink tickets at any bar

and enjoy sipping from their 32oz keepsake commemorative stein. Raise a glass and don't forget to say "sláinte" for a traditional Irish "cheers!"

This year's ShamROCK is your golden ticket to exclusive drink specials at neighboring Gaslamp venues. Each participating bar will be offering their own unique spin on classic favorites featuring sponsored liquors and beers. Show your ShamROCK pass for discounts on sponsored beverages during and after the festival.

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Lazy Acres Natural Market Announces Launch of EBT SNAP Acceptance Same-Day Delivery and Pickup Via Instacart Is Offered

Community grocer Lazy Acres Natural Market announced today that it will now accept Electronic Benefits Transfer Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (EBT SNAP) online for same-day delivery and pickup via Instacart. With this program, EBT SNAP participants will now be able to use their benefits to shop for local and organic produce and groceries online for delivery or pickup from six locations throughout Southern California.

This launch follows the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service’s recent approval of Lazy Acres to accept EBT SNAP payments online via Instacart. With transportation often serving as a barrier to the grocery store, Lazy Acres hopes to increase access to organic and natural food throughout the community by enabling online grocery shopping and delivery.

“We are always looking at how we can expand our offerings to the community and make shopping for local, organic products easier. Working with Instacart to now accept EBT SNAP payment online is a great next step to offering additional options to our customers so we can meet them however and wherever they wish to shop with us.” said Andrew Krysiak, Senior Director of Digital for Lazy Acres Natural Market.

EBT SNAP participants can now shop from Lazy Acres via Instacart’s website and mobile app. Once an Instacart customer profile is created, customers can enter their EBT information as a form of payment in their profile. Customers will



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need a secondary form of payment for non-food items such as taxes, tips and fees, per federal SNAP guidelines. Customers can then enter their zip code to determine if they are near a participating retailer and begin shopping and selecting items from the retailers’ SNAPeligible products. Once items are added to their cart, customers will be

able to select the amount of their benefits they would like to allocate to the order at checkout. Orders can be placed by customers for delivery or pickup in as fast as an hour or scheduled several days in advance.

Delivery is offered throughout Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Hermosa Beach, Los Feliz, Encinitas, and the Mission Hills neighborhoods. For more information about EBT SNAP on Instacart, visit: <https://www.instacart.com/ebt-snap>.

Lazy Acres Natural Market believes in a natural approach to optimal health and wellness. From organic and seasonal produce and products steeped in tradition, to functional supplements and body care, they are here to support you in mind, body and soul. Founded in 1991 in Santa Barbara, Lazy Acres quickly became a trusted resource within the community. Now with five more Southern California locations, their friendly, informative, and passionate team members remain committed to providing exceptional service and wellness tips to the community and accommodating the needs of their customers. Lazy Acres believes that collective actions can and will contribute to a healthier planet. They are dedicated to local communities and strive to provide a marketplace for anyone who loves to live healthy and eat well. To learn more, visit, www.lazyacres.com.

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Women’s History Month Celebrates Entrepreneurs

Since the 1980s, March has been recognized and celebrated as Women’s History Month. On a local scale, it serves as an amazing opportunity to shed light on the hardworking women and their entrepreneurial spirit that reside in the community by supporting their businesses. In the Little Italy neighborhood alone, there are several shops, cafes, and businesses visitors can show some extra

love to throughout Women’s History Month and beyond!

Originally from Philadelphia, contemporary fine artist Stephanie Bales set out to San Diego to pursue her passion for the arts. After graduating with a BFA and master’s degree, her time working with students with neuropsychological disorders inspired her to explore the visual representation of human consciousness which is evident in her most recent works of art. Now, Stefanie is working full-time as an artist and is active in the local arts community, facilitating creative entrepreneurial networks and co-leading the San Diego chapter of the Yellow Collective. Check out some of her work at her art gallery at 1504 India Street in Little Italy or visit stephaniebales.com.

Brianna, the owner of L.Y.M. (Love You More) Salon, located at 1550 Front Street, has over a decade of experience as a hairstylist. Inspired by a cherished memory of her late grandmother saying “love you more,” the salon became not just a business, but a passion project as well. Constantly looking to strengthen her skills and enhance her passion for styling, Brianna, along with her team, strive to go above and beyond to enhance the beauty that sits in each chair. The ultimate goal at L.Y.M. Salon is to make sure each client leaves the salon looking good but, more importantly, feeling fantastic.

Founder of Remedy Holistic Pharmacy, located at 320 W. Cedar Street, Suite 103 in Little Italy, Dr. April Segal has extensive experience in a wide range of pharmacy settings including retail pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, and ambulatory care pharmacy. Dr. Segal established Remedy out of a desire to re-think medication use and the pharmacy experience overall. She wanted to create a community space where people can get answers about their medications, where natural approaches are welcomed, and where people are treated with respect and compassion.



Stephanie Bales is a full-time artist and is active in the local arts community



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Inspired by her desire to help those in need, Dr. Segal created Remedy Holistic Pharmacy to transform the traditional views of a pharmacy and offer personalized and integrative medicine and advancing for those who come by. To learn more, visit remedyrx.com.

Today, Frost Me Bakery and Cafe, located at 555 West State Street, Suite A, is a staple bakery and coffee house in the Piazza Della Famiglia in Little Italy, however, the road to getting there was quite the challenge. Owner Audrey Hermes was slowly growing Frost Me till she was asked to compete in the famous show, Cupcake Wars. After winning and taking the championship back to San Diego, Audrey made her dreams a reality by opening her first full-service bakery in 2018. Now guests can enjoy freshly made pastries, desserts, and light bites in addition to their range of brews and lattes.

Make sure to support local female entrepreneurs this month of March and beyond.

SOHO Receives Prestigious Governor's Historic Preservation Award

The preservation group Save Our Heritage Organisation, SOHO, has received a prestigious 2023 Governor's Historic Preservation Award.

The awards, announced on December 29, recognize SOHO and five other organizations and projects for outstanding achievements in preserving and celebrating California's richly diverse heritage.

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards are California's only state sponsored awards program of its kind. It recognizes both major and community-centered, often grass-roots historic and cultural preservation efforts throughout California.

The Governor's award to SOHO honors its more than half a century of diverse, ground-breaking and successful advocacy since its founding in an artist's living room on January 1, 1969 to save one Victorian house. The countywide group is now nationally renowned for saving and ensuring the restoration or revitalization of dozens of prominent historic buildings and places, and the protection of hundreds of homes that embody San Diego's authentic character and multicultural history. These iconic historic resources include the Santa Fe Depot, Hotel del Coronado, Ballpark District, Warehouse Thematic Historic District, Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park's historic core, Temple Beth Israel, Santa Ysabel Store, North Park and South Park historic districts, and many more.

SOHO actively engages and educates the public in the work and mission of historic preservation. SOHO's annual People in Preservation Awards, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2023, has honored exceptional preservation efforts by over 400 individuals, businesses and groups throughout San Diego County. Its campaign to establish neighborhood preservation organizations has led to the formation of five active groups.

SOHO's Sherlock Homes Historic Homeowners Consultation Program, Old House Resource Directory, and Adobe University all promote awareness and skills regarding the region's historic architecture and cultural heritage and inspire the public to engage in preservation efforts. Current preservation news and advocacy updates reach nearly 4,000 subscribers via the bimonthly Our Heritage eNews, a part of SOHO's publishing arm that has released more than two dozen architecture and history guides and several books.

"We are deeply honored to receive this prestigious recognition," said SOHO president David Goldberg. "For 55 years, SOHO has been dedicated to serving the community, enriching the lives of all San Diegans through the preservation of our invaluable and irreplaceable historic places, and making San Diego a better place to live and work."

Bruce Coons, SOHO's executive director, added, "This award holds



SOHO has had an important role in recognizing, saving, and preserving historical properties throughout the region

great significance for us. It symbolizes the collective efforts of our board of directors and staff, and the countless devoted individuals who have generously contributed their knowledge, energy, and personal resources to safeguard our region's historic treasures for both current and future generations."

SOHO has received four previous Governor's Awards for specific achievements. In 1995, a dual recognition for the repair and restoration of Saint Francis Chapel in Warner Springs and for special efforts to protect our state's heritage and projects demonstrating an outstanding commitment to excellence; in 2007, a special commendation for the outstanding around-the-clock response monitoring during that year's massive Witch Creek Fire that resulted in saving multiple historic sites by helping to inform the public and first responders. In 2010, a Governor's Award recognized SOHO's documentary film, Four Decades of Historic Preservation in San Diego; and in 2016, a fourth award lauded the period restoration of the 19th-century Santa Ysabel Store and adjacent Hoover Barn.

In addition to SOHO, the 2023 honorees include the Ah-Ha Mut-ti' e Traditional Cultural Landscape Evaluation Report, which SOHO saluted in May with a 2023 People in Preservation Award; California Garden and Landscape History Society; Historic Shipyard at Pier 70, San Francisco; Palm Springs Preservation Foundation; and Rooted in Richmond Tour App.

The awards will be presented at a date to be announced in Sacramento under the sponsorship of the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and California State Parks.

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Celebrate the Return of the Padres at the 12th Annual East Village Block Party on Opening Weekend

Though the East Village Block Party on Opening Weekend is often recognized as solely a celebration of the Padres and the return of baseball – this year it is much more. Aiming to shed light on the growing and devoted East Village business district, this year’s block party has home field advantage. With local business owner, Justin Navalle, and East Village resident and community member, Robyn Spencer, leading the party planning, the 2024 celebration will be a home run for the local community and spotlight neighborhood business like never before. Now, with event planning on home turf, this iconic neighborhood celebration, happening from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, March 30, 2024, will truly honor the vibrant community that is home to Petco Park.

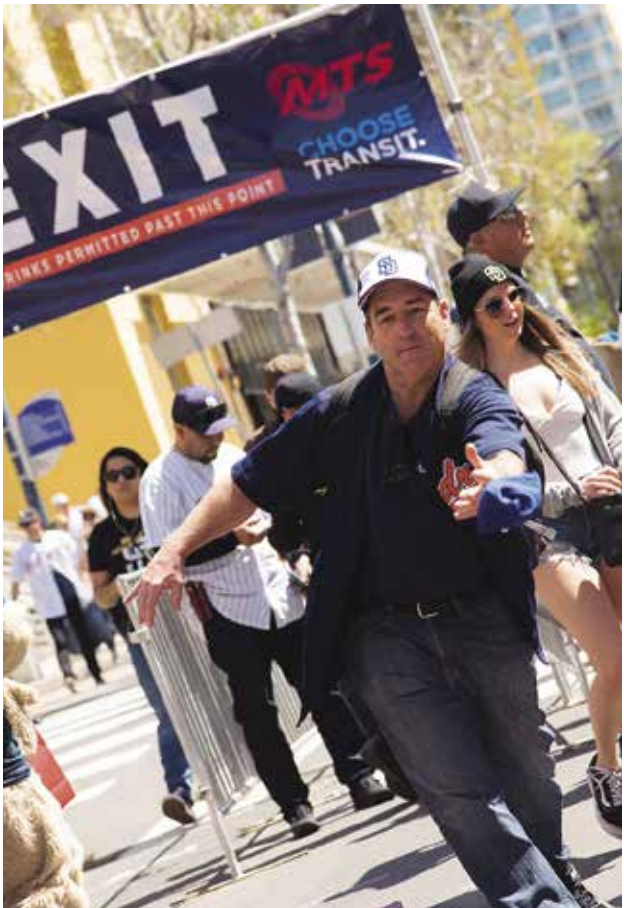
Justin Navalle first became connected with the East Village community when his events planning firm, It’s Far Out, partnered with Quartyard in 2017. Now as the owner of the bustling event venue, offering everything from a full-service beer garden and outdoor concerts at night, to art and local coffee by day, Justin has helped to shape East Village into a buzzing, vibrant district. Serving on the East Village Association (EVA) board of directors for five years, Navalle wishes to extend his involvement beyond his local partners and pave the way for other businesses to thrive. His first move was growing the acclaimed Quartyard Oktoberfest celebration into the streets of East Village, through a partnership with the EVA in 2023. A grand success, growing from 500 to 3,000 people, the Oktoberfest celebration was a testament to how partnering with the thriving local businesses in the neighborhood is



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able to draw crowds, and he plans to implement this same philosophy with the East Village Block Party on Opening Weekend.

Similarly, planning events is no foreign concept to Robyn Spencer. In December 2016, Spencer first brought her event sales prowess to East Village Tavern+Bowl, the original East Village entertainment venue which opened in 2007. She dove right into the event scene, partnering with EVA by donating food for volunteers, and



Games and other recreational activities are planned for this outdoor event.

connecting spirits and sponsors for signature events. After moving to one of the premier East Village high rises in 2019, she spun off to create an event sales and production company, known as The Mob Squad. Since then, she has assisted with the production and planning of multiple business events in the neighborhood as well as become an active member in the local community, serving on the EVA board of directors since 2018 and on the East Village Residents Group (EVRG) board which focuses on fostering a true sense of community and fellowship for more than 15,000 residents in East Village.

Both with deep roots within the East Village community and aptitude for event planning, Navalle and Spencer bring their expertise to the upcoming East Village Block Party on Opening Weekend. To them, the block party is so much more than just a celebration of the Padres; it is a chance to illuminate the history of East Village and celebrate all of the local business owners and creatives who have made it into the bustling district it is today.

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