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In 2020 the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce partnered with the City of Carlsbad, the Carlsbad Village Association and Visit Carlsbad to promote a program referred to as *Gift Carlsbad*. It was a gift card program that allowed, you, the general public, to purchase gift



BRET SCHANZENBACH PRESIDENT & CEO CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

cards to our local restaurants and merchants and receive bonus gift cards for doing SO. While the program had some limitations and chal-

lenges, it was still successful and brought nearly \$90,000 of economic activity to our local businesses at a time when they needed the money badly.

For the 2021 holiday season, we are bringing back a new and improved *GiftCarlsbad* program to creatively incentivize you to shop local this holiday season. *GiftCarlsbad 2.0* is a similar program to what we had last year, but it is much more user-friendly to the consumers, and also much easier to implement for the merchants.

How Does It Work for Consumers?

This new community gift card program is much more flexible for you, the consumer. Just like last year, you will be able to purchase gift

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Giving back locally and regionally

When **Girls Scouts San Diego** CEO Carol Dedrich heard her organization's name as the winner of a *CBAD Award* in the *Community Impact Regional* category, she couldn't hide

her excitement. "I was thrilled! To be selected out of this very deserving group of businesses and

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thrilled! To be selected out of this very deserving group of businesses and organizations was humbling, especially given the incredibly challenging circumstances we have all been facing," remembers Dedrich. The 2021 CBAD Awards Luncheon, held last gathered month,

leaders from different businesses and organizations. Dedrich couldn't wait to share the news with those in her staff who were not present. "We immediately sent a group message to our team to let them know we were selected for this honor, and the chatter back was heart filling!"

At another table, **Snyder Art & Design** community artist, Bryan Snyder, had just heard his name called as well, but for the *Community Impact Local* category. "I've spent the last 15 years helping encourage the development of an artistic and creative culture here in Carlsbad. Without the continued support from residents, local businesses and organizations, this award would not have been possible. It's something we have done together; I dedicate it to the local community!"

True to form, this Carlsbad local, headed to a restaurant in the Village to honor the occasion. "My family and I celebrated the award with a nice dinner at **Gregorio's** that night. Since then, the community has been



Bryan Snyder is looking to inspire young artist through his latest project: Alley Art Wall

"I've lived in Carlsbad nearly my entire life. My best friends live here, own businesses here and raise their families here. We all try to make Carlsbad the best place on earth and creating culture and community based on creativity is how I do my part." — Bryan Snyder

reaching out to me with amazing words of encouragement and support."

While November and December are two months particularly known as a time to give back, both Girls Scouts San Diego and Snyder Art & Design, have community impact as part of their core mission all year long.

Snyder has been promoting arts in Carlsbad for many years and currently serves as a mem-

ber of the City of Carlsbad Arts Commission. His murals can be seen all over Carlsbad Village and even at some local schools. "I've lived in Carlsbad nearly me entire life. My best friends live here, own businesses here and raise their families here. We all try to make Carlsbad the best place on earth and creating culture and community based on creativity is how I do my part."

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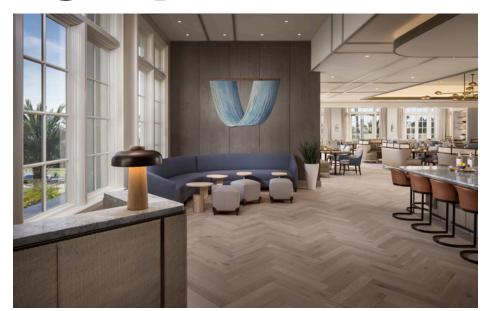
A new dining experience

Make time to reconnect together at **Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa** – Carlsbad's only Forbes Five Star resort. Fresh from a \$50 million transformation and offering brand new guestrooms, suites and several new dining experiences, one of which is Ponto Lago.

Featuring stunning Carlsbad sunsets the refined modern setting features Baja-inspired cuisine and specialty cocktails composed of mescal and tequila. The restaurant's not-to-be-missed signature open kitchen pulls this unique menu to be center stage of the dining experience.

The design of Ponto Lago was inspired by the Southern California lifestyle and derived from two words. "Ponto" is the beach that connects into the Batiquitos Lagoon and "Lago" is the Spanish word meaning "lagoon" or "lake." The menu takes inspiration from the waters that have historically brought the bounties of

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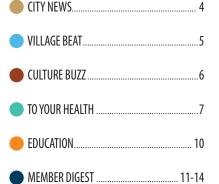
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Best business of the year

On Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce held the 2021 Carlsbad Business, Achievement, & Distinction (CBAD) Awards luncheon at the Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa. The theme for this year's CBAD Awards was "Resilience" with Vice-President Resort Operations of **LEGOLAND California Resort**, Frank Idris, as the keynote speaker.



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Bret Schanzenbach, President and CEO of the Carlsbad Chamber said, "It is time to take a step back and honor those companies, organizations and individuals who made a positive impact in our community through their resilience."

The turnout was beyond expectations, so thank you to all who showed up to support and honor these incredible companies in our community.

The morning of the awards luncheon had a special energy, a sense of joy, connection and dare I say hope. You might say it was... "Bitchin"

Bitchin' Inc. is the name of the last business presented as a finalist for Business of the Year. That name will catch your eye and obviously it's catching on everywhere. My first encounter was at a BBQ in Las Vegas while visiting my niece. I couldn't help but notice the very cool throwback design on the little tub of sauce. More importantly, I couldn't forget how unique and delicious it was. Within a week or so, it started showing up in my fridge as my husband developed a taste for Cilantro Chili and now it's becoming a phenomenon.



Bitchin' Inc. Chief of Staff of Staff Amanda Miles and CEO John Hommeyer receive the Best Business Of The Year CBAD Award from Grand Pacific Resorts presenter, Diane Proulx.

One of the highlights of the CBAD Awards was Diane Proulx of Grand Pacific Resorts presenting the Business of the Year award to John Hommeyer, Chief Executive Officer of Bitchin' Sauce. The business of the year is the whole package. This is an overall category that showcases companies that experienced success in the past 12 months. Success is based on business growth, growth in profit, growth in staffing levels, company culture, innovation, and community impact.

It is especially heartwarming to witness a small business come up from the local farmers markets with \$200 and a blender to achieve substantial success. What's even more remarkable is that in 11 years they have gone from sauce slinging, song writing nomads, to distributing their Bitchin' Sauce at nearly 7,000 stores nationwide.

Actions speak louder than words and onsite childcare speaks volumes to their commitment to their team members. John Hommeyer highlighted in their award video that their growth has been driven by it's a commitment to quality and creating a product that people love. They have a commitment to caring for their people and doing

their part to participate in the community. Every Friday they allow their employees to take time off to give back to the community. To think that all this was inspired by a 16-year-old Starr Edwards - founder of the company - experimenting with a raw vegan diet. Only in Carlsbad.

On a different note, the time has come for me to say goodbye as your Chair of the Board. It has been an honor to serve as your Chairwoman and I will always remember this once in lifetime experience. It was a year of change, growth, innovation and adapting to support the needs of our businesses and our local community. As we moved from virtual to hybrid events and meetings, it was great to see our community come together. We are stronger as a Chamber and community because of you. I was able to experience firsthand all the hard work Bret Schanzenbach, and the Chamber team does to keep our Chamber vibrant. I would like to thank all our Board Members for their time and commitment to serving on our board. I look forward to seeing what the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce and its members can accomplish in 2022. "Stay Bitchin' Carlsbad!"

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Dedrich says serving never stops at Girls Scouts San Diego. "Throughout San Diego and Imperial counties, nearly 2,000 Girl Scout troops pursue community improvement projects that are important to each unique group of girls. These projects range in scope and size, such as caring for our beaches, deserts, parks, and mountains; educating others on health issues like cancer and dementia; and serving the elderly, and homeless. At the same time, individual girls are taking on leadership roles at their schools, religious communities, and throughout our two counties to serve, develop, and make an impact."

While Snyder is continuously working on several projects, there is one in particular that he is excited about because of how it may positively impact youth in our area. "I've been working on a very large project over the past many months titled the Alley Art Wall. Along with being Carlsbad's largest collaboration mural consisting of 17 artists, it will also include Carlsbad's first recreation mural space for the youth. For the first time, young artists of all skill levels will have a place to practice and nurture their growing passion." Luckily, people may be able to enjoy a part of the Carlsbad Alley Wall very soon. "The youth section of the wall will be ready for the holidays... a gift from me, the Boys and Girls Club and the many local business and resident sponsors."

While the community benefits greatly from Snyder's art, his passion and dedication also contributes to Carlsbad's local economy. "The number of diverse mural styles has become an attraction for Village visitors. Local businesses are seeing the benefits of the mural culture."



are not just for the holidays. The Girls Scouts Cookie Program allows girls to discover their inner entrepreneur.

Dedrich, who grew up as a Girl Scout, says she is always looking forward for opportunities to give back. "Among them is our beloved Entrepreneur program, AKA the Girl Scouts Cookie Program, which taps into the girls' creative energy and builds within them a wealth of skills, confidence, and experience."

Her deep passion for lifting up women and girls, drives her to highlight other women leaders in the community. "I am also pumped about our 22nd annual Cool Women celebration when we will honor five outstanding female leaders and celebrate our high school Girl Scout Emerging Leaders. We are accepting nominations of phenomenal women in this community now, and will celebrate on Mar. 24, 2022."

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Salute veterans, recruit veterans

When you think of a veteran, you probably imagine someone with a strong sense of duty, drive, and diligence. You wouldn't be wrong. These characteristics are inherent among the men and women in our military.



MATT SANFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Not so surprisingly, these traits translate well into the workplace. And recent studies make an even stronger business case for hiring veterans.

Findings show that veteran hires tend to be more productive and have higher retention

rates, according to a Syracuse University brief that synthesizes several academic studies.

Here in our region, we're especially lucky to have an abundance of veteran talent. The San Diego area, in fact, is home to the nation's largest concentration of veterans. With more than 240,500 local veterans, they account for about 13 percent of the population in San Diego County.

And consider this: every year, more than



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15,000 active duty service members transition back into civilian life right here in our own back yard. That's a steady, highly-desirable crop of job candidates.

It's worth noting that many of these veterans have highly-technical skill sets, which are

especially valuable in a region with growing sectors in cybersecurity and defense.

If you're not already taking advantage of this local, highly-qualified candidate pool, I implore you to do it, and soon. And in celebration of Veteran's Day, now feels like the prime time to spotlight some of the many ways you can start tapping in to this veteran talent pipeline:

- Blue Star Families empowers veterans and their families by connecting them with their local communities, including job opportunities
- Hiring Our Heroes connects veterans and their families with employers through events, fellowships and job boards
- Operation Connect is locally founded and provides a business environment for transitioning service members to connect with job opportunities.

In addition, the US Department of Labor also has Regional Veterans' Employment Coordinators (RVECs) who engage with local, regional, and national employers to facilitate veteran hiring. You can reach our local representative at Forbes. Tony. D@dol.gov. And of course, you can always contact me at Matt. Sanford@carlsbadca.gov for more help.

And most importantly, as you celebrate those who have served this Veterans Day, I hope you will be inspired to proactively recruit the thousands of job-seeking veterans in our community.



 ${\it Premier Carlsbad\ has\ expanded\ by\ acquiring\ two\ more\ dealerships.}$

Enjoy the festivities with a new ride

The holidays are upon us here in San Diego and we're getting ready to celebrate. Our Premier Carlsbad family of dealers has expanded with two new dealerships! **Premier Cadillac** and **Premier GMC/Buick** of Carlsbad are the newest members of our Carlsbad family of dealerships. They join **Premier Chevrolet** and **Premier Kia** of Carlsbad making the Carlsbad THE place to buy your next Chevrolet/Cadillac/Buick/GMC or KIA!

After a fantastic season of Padres Baseball, we're proud to continue our partnership with superstar "no hitter" starting pitcher: Joe Musgrove! We're serious about being your hometown dealerships and are committed to making sure you receive the finest sales, inventory, and service and by partnering with the best, we're striving to be the best. As the newest members of the Carlsbad automotive dealer community, we're working hard every day to be your choice when it comes to your next car or truck purchase. Thanks to you, our neighbors, we've been growing by leaps and bounds!

Our Premier Chevrolet of Carlsbad store is stocked with tons of new and preowned Chevrolets. Stop in and visit with our customer service professionals who are waiting to help you find your new Chevrolet. Plus, with winter approaching, be sure to have your Chevrolet rain-ready by visiting our service and parts department.

If you're in the market for a new KIA, then be sure to visit us at Premier KIA of Carlsbad. We have a huge inventory of new KIA's that've just arrived! You can shop online or in person to find the perfect KIA at the price you'll love. Plus, with KIA's incredible 10 year, 100,000 mile warranty, you'll be covered for years to come.

Premier Cadillac and Premier Buick/GMC are ready to help you get into a new luxury vehicle. Shop online or stop in and experience what Cadillac, Buick and GMC have to offer. We're sure you'll love the new Cadillac Escalade, GMC Yukon and Buick Envision.

We're always looking to buy quality preowned vehicles and we pay top dollar! If you're ever interested in selling your car, stop in anytime or call us so we can make you a fantastic offer.

Tommy Morgan, Executive Manager of the Premier Carlsbad family of dealers comes to Premier with over 20 years of automotive dealership experience. Tommy prides himself in being a part of the communities he works in and has partnered with Giving HOPE to help distribute groceries to the needy, hungry and food insecure in our San Diego communities all year long.

Stop by any of our four Carlsbad locations and say hello, the coffee's always on and we'd love to meet our neighbors. We're located in the Carlsbad Auto Mall at Premier Chevrolet of Carlsbad, Premier Cadillac of Carlsbad, Premier Buick/GMC of Carlsbad and Premier KIA of Carlsbad.

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cards and receive bonus cards for your purchase. However, this year, you will be able to purchase a gift card in general, and then use it at ANY of the participating restaurants and merchants. Last year you had to purchase it for a specific company and that was the only place you could use it. Now, you could make a purchase, receive your bonus, and use it for any participating company. Think of the gifting possibilities...You could purchase these for employees, volunteers, family members, and more. You can literally give "Carlsbad" to all of those on your list this year. This works just like any other online gift card program. The whole program is based on a MasterCard platform, to make it easier for both consumers and merchants. By the way, in case you were wondering, you can not redeem our gift cards or our bonus cards anywhere but with participating merchants (in other words, you can't spend the bonus cards on Amazon, etc. they won't work...nice try though).

Bonuses Are Back

If giving Carlsbad to your team and loved ones isn't enough of an incentive, we have bonus dollars to incentivize you. If you make a \$40 gift card purchase, you receive a \$10 bonus card. If you purchase a \$75 gift card, you will receive a \$25 bonus gift card – that's a 33% bonus! And if you purchase a \$100 gift card, you will receive a \$40 bonus gift card – 40% bonus. The bonus gifts are only good until the bonus funds run out, so don't delay.

Bonus Expiration Dates and Limitations

Gift cards in the State of California never expire. That's a beautiful part of this program. You can buy today and redeem anytime in the future that is convenient for your or your recipient (that's why these make great gifts). The bonus cards, however, do have an expiration date - specifically 90 days from when they are issued. You might be asking, why did we do that? The reason is simple. Unlike last year's program, with this type of promotion, the merchants themselves don't receive any financial benefit until you redeem the cards. Last year, when the gift cards were merchant-specific, the merchant was paid whether you redeemed the cards or not. Not so with a community-wide card that can be applied to any participating company. Our participating businesses will only receive financial benefits when you and I redeem the gift cards. To encourage you to use these cards so our merchants can get paid, you have 90 days to spend your bonus money or it will expire, be reabsorbed into the program and giv-



en to someone else. So don't purchase these and sit on them, use them. And I should mention that each individual can receive up to two bonus cards, just to spread out the love in our community. Lastly, in full disclosure, there is a transaction fee when you make these gift card purchases – not as steep as you find in the store when you purchase a Visa or other gift card – but there is a fee. But your bonus gift card will more than make up for your fees.

How Does It Work for Merchants?

As stated previously, this entire program is based on a MasterCard platform. So, if you are a business owner/operator and can accept MasterCard payments over the phone, or via a web portal, etc. you can participate in this program. To prepare your point-of-service system to accept these payments, you need to run an authorizing code that we provide you (so contact our office or Carlsbad Village Association and we will guide you). It is really that simple. You run the access code that we provide you from any payment terminal, and then that terminal is ready to process GiftCarlsbad gift cards. When you run the code, you will be listed on our GiftCarlsbad website and you are ready to go. There is no setup involved, no fees, no costs...just run our Activation Code and you are set.

Where Do I Start?

For consumers, the best place to get started is on our *GiftCarlsbad* website: *www.giftcarlsbad.com* There you will see all the companies who have already become a part of the program. Please check back regularly as this program evolves. We anticipate over 100 businesses will be part of it once it is fully rolled out. Consumers can make purchases right on the *GiftCarlsbad* portal and you will receive your gift cards and bonus cards via email.

If you are a business, contact the Chamber or the Village Association and we will get the Activation Code to you ASAP.

It is time to GIFT CARLSBAD!

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Shop 'til you drop, local

Black Friday (and Cyber Monday) began with one goal in mind: to help businesses maximize profits. Small Business Saturday, on the other hand, is about more than just the money. Small Business Saturday, the day after Black Friday, is a day dedicated to local par-

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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ticipation and elevates the awareness of the good local businesses bring to the community.

Small Business
Saturday started as a
campaign launched
by American Express on Nov. 27,
2010, to help small
businesses gain
exposure and to inspire consumers to

shop within their own communities during the holiday season. The day became official in 2011 and in 2012 American Express amplified the campaign by helping small business owners promote their businesses.

Today, most Americans know what *Small Business Saturday* is and, of those who participate, nearly all recognize how important the holiday is to their communities. Around 75 percent of Americans say they feel more compelled to support small business as a result of the pandemic, according to a survey from Ware2Go, a UPS-owned company which helps businesses scale their production. And over half of those surveyed say their main reason for shopping small is the benefit to the local economy.

The **Carlsbad Village Association** (CVA) is gearing up for a spectacular *Small Business Saturday* celebration in the Village on Nov. 27. Come experience the Village



Small Business Saturday started as a campaign launched by American Express on Nov. 27, 2010, to help small businesses gain exposure and to inspire consumers to shop within their own communities during the holiday season.

like never before with live music throughout the day while shopping *Small Business Saturday* specials. Participate in the free gift card giveaway (no purchase necessary) hosted by the Carlsbad Village Association for a chance to win one of over 40 different gift cards to downtown restaurants, Carlsbad wineries and tap rooms. Over \$2,500 in gift cards will be given away. You can also count on a bit of local swag to be handed out as well.

The **Carlsbad High School** Jazz Ensemble will be debuting their holiday musical program with a concert outside the Carlsbad Village Music store. For several years the CHS Jazz Ensemble has helped the downtown businesses kick off the holiday season with their amazing vocals and musical talent and this year they have something special planned for us.



On Saturday, Dec. 4, just one week following *Small Business Saturday*, the Carlsbad Village Association is hosting its annual *Makers Market Holiday Showcase* celebrating handcrafted artwork and seasonal products from local artisans, just in time for holiday shopping. Clothing for children and adults, homemade sweets, bath products, canine accessories, plants, ceramics, jewelry, handbags, leather goods, and more. Listen to live, local music on the beach view campus of

St. Michaels-by-the-Sea Church, while finding the most unique and thoughtful holiday gifts imaginable.

For more details on Small Business Saturday and the Makers Market Holiday Showcase, two events designed to support small businesses in Carlsbad, visit www.carlsbad-village.com. And be sure to subscribe to our eNewsletter to be kept up to date on all Carlsbad Village Association events.



Ponto Lago brings the kitchen into the dining room, inviting diners to become a part of the culinary experience with a stunning show kitchen.

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the region to our tables. The experience itself is characterized by the spirit of the open flame hearth and views of the Pacific coast that capture the essence of our destination.

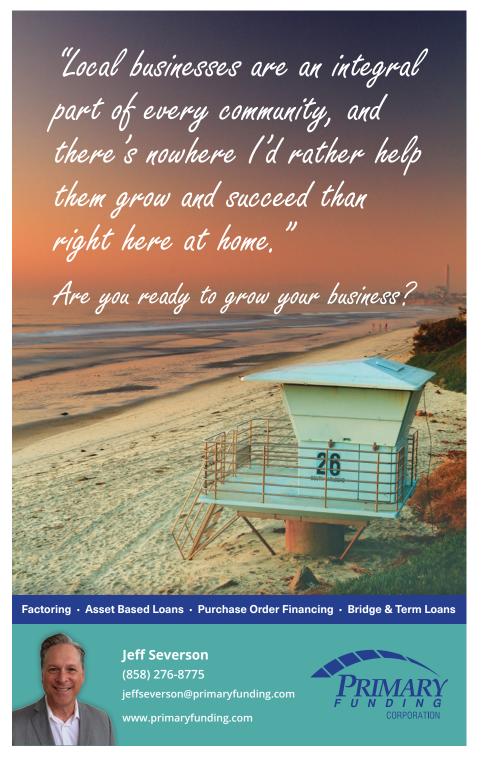
"Park Hyatt Aviara stands amongst a collection of luxury Southern California resort destinations with unique amenities, and we are honored to continue to reinvent this resort," said Geoff Gray, General Manager of Park Hyatt Aviara. "We are proud to usher in this iconic and exceptional resort's next chapter and a new level of understated luxury in Southern California."

Ponto Lago brings the kitchen into the dining room, inviting diners to become a part of the culinary experience with a stunning show kitchen. A unique Chef's Table offers an upfront intimate dining experience with a special curated menu that will im-

merse you in the operations of the kitchen Guests can also enjoy the two spacious private dining rooms for up to 14 guests and 24 guests that are ideal for family celebrations, weddings, or corporate events. Both spaces feature large windows and natural light for the perfect setting.

Brunch enthusiasts should not miss this incredible menu featuring Conchas French Toast, Shredded Beef Birria Benedict and cold press juices. Meanwhile, the dinner menu features fresh Ceviche and Oyster Tours, an impressive selection of tequila and mescal and a wildly unique sushi and tequila bar featuring Baja-inspired Mango Tango and Cabo Hand Rolls. Enhancing the ambience, live music takes place every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. featuring a talented duo of Flamenco guitarists.

For more details and to book dining reservations please contact the resort at 760-448-1234 or visit pontolago.com



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Carlsbad designates new creative sector and arts district

Playwright David Ives wrote a charming collection of one-act vignettes titled *All in the Timing*. As the title suggests, "timing is everything" in human conversation, relationships, and in life itself. It's by more than a mere coincidence that the City of Carlsbad



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masterfully timed the unanimous acceptance of a staff recommendation to create a creative sector and cultural arts district in the Village and Barrio on October 12, which just happened to occur during National Arts & Humanities

Month. Now that's timing!

The City Council directed city staff to start the process of designating Carlsbad's Village and Barrio areas as a special district promoting creativity, arts and culture. Establishing the district won't alter any planning regulations in the area but will recognize the city's historic center as a creative and cultural hub, furthering the goals of the city's overall Arts & Culture Master Plan which was approved in 2018. This effort also recognizes the city's historic center for its creative contributions and carry out the intent of the City Council's direction by making a clear statement of the city's support for innovation, ingenuity and the arts.

The concept was sparked by a minute



The City of Carlsbad will be establishing a creative sector and cultural arts district in the Village and Barrio, to promote creativity, arts and culture.

motion by former District 1 Council member Cori Schumacher who suggested an arts focus on State Street. That idea prompted more dialogue amongst city staff and led to a broader, more inclusive approach. Staff's subsequent research found that arts and cultural establishments are spread

widely throughout the Village and Barrio areas, not only on State Street. Some of those sectors include culinary arts (restaurants), design, music, publishing, architecture, film and video, visual and performing arts, fashion, crafts, media, literature and computer games. When reviewing that array of busi-

nesses and organizations already housed in the area, it was clear that creativity is at the heart of so many. This realization led to that a-ha moment!

The next step was an exploration of the California Cultural Districts Program, sponsored by the California Arts Council. The program was launched in 2017 to help support the creation of 14 new arts and culture districts statewide but has been put on hold because of the pandemic. Currently three cultural districts exist in San Diego County including Balboa Park, Barrio Logan and Oceanside. Carlsbad is hoping to be the fourth!

The city's Arts & Culture Master Plan recognizes the goal for the city to "strategize with arts allies in the business community to take a leadership role in the development of the arts and culture sector." Launching the proposed district would also help carry out two of the plan's four primary goals, to "promote Carlsbad as a vital cultural destination" and "Establish relationships that support a creative and thriving local arts and culture ecosystem." The Village & Barrio Master plan is currently under revision and will incorporate new language to identify the Village and Barrio as a creative sector and arts district. Through each plan's priorities, initiatives and ideas, the two plans have set the stage for this new designation.

By utilizing spot-on timing and igniting the momentum, the Village and Barrio now embody creativity at the heart of Carlsbad.





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Are dietary supplements necessary for my health?

6 things to know about dietary supplements before taking them

Walk down the vitamin and mineral aisle of your local drugstore. You'll see rows of capsules, liquids and powders listed as di-



etary supplements. Their labels claim they can help improve your health and well-being. But are dietary supplements necessary for your health?

It depends. Supplements contain nutrients but they cannot treat or cure disease. Some can be beneficial to

your health and for managing some health conditions. But some can put you at risk if you take too many, or if you mix them with medication.

"Not everyone needs supplements. But if you're thinking of taking them, do your homework," says Immanuel Hausig, DO, a family medicine physician at **Scripps Coastal Medical Center Carlsbad.** "Learn how safe and effective they are first."

The supplement industry is a \$40 billion industry and growing. There are thousands of dietary supplements available on store shelves ready for purchase without a prescription. "Which is why you want to be cautious," says Dr. Hausig.

With so many choices, it's important to know how to read product labels and claims before buying. And if you want to read beyond the label, it's important to know where to get reliable information.

"You can check with your health care provider," Dr. Hausig says. "Your doctor can tell you what conditions supplements can help with and which ones, if any, are right for you."

Here are six facts about supplements to consider before taking them:

1. Dietary supplements are not regulated like drugs

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates dietary supplements. But it does not regulate them as drugs that can be used to treat or cure a disease. They are regulated as foods, but not conventional foods.

The FDA does not approve safety or effectiveness of dietary supplements before they go to market. It leaves that up to the makers of the supplements. The FDA can remove any supplement product from the market if it's found not to be safe. It can also take action if claims on the products are false or misleading.

2. Dietary supplement makers can make limited health claims

Supplement makers by law cannot claim their product treats or cures a disease or health condition. Only an FDA-approved drug can make such a claim.

However, they can make health claims on how a nutrient or ingredient can help reduce the risk of a disease or health condition. They can claim, for example:

- Getting enough calcium as part of a healthy diet and lifestyle can reduce the risk of osteoporosis
- Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oils might help some people with heart disease.

There are two types of health claims that can be found on labels, qualified and authorized. Authorized claims have been reviewed by the FDA and have significant



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scientific agreement. Qualified claims have scientific evidence in support but not significant scientific agreement and must be accompanied by a disclaimer.

3. Supplement makers can make claims about effects on body structure and function

In addition to health claims, supplement makers can make structure-function claims. These are claims on how a nutrient or a dietary ingredient affects the structure or function of the human body.

Supplement makers can say, for example:

- Calcium builds strong bones
- Fiber maintains bowel regularity
- Antioxidants maintain cell integrity

4. Supplements can't replace a healthy, balanced diet

Supplements should not be a substitute for a healthy, balanced diet. Make sure you're eating a variety of foods and that they are healthy foods.

"If you're thinking of taking a dietary supplement, ask yourself if you can get these nutrients from the foods you're eating," Dr. Hausig says. "Most of the time you can. You can even find fortified foods that carry extra nutrients at your grocery store."

But not everybody eats as well as they should. In other cases, people have nutritional deficiencies for health or other reasons. Supplements can be used to fill in nutritional gaps in many instances. Folic acid, for example, decreases the risk of certain birth defects.

Dr. Hausig cautions not to take more supplements than you need because of the risk of side effects. Taking too much vitamin A, for example, can cause headaches and liver damage, reduce bone strength and cause birth defects, according to the FDA.

5. Some supplements can interact with medications or affect medical conditions

Before taking supplements, read the label and check with your doctor to see how they might interact with any medication you might be taking and any potential side effects

Certain supplements may interact with certain medications and reduce their effectiveness. They may also increase the risk of side effects from those medications.

According to the FDA:

- Vitamin K can reduce the ability of a blood thinner to prevent blood from clotting
- St. John's wort can speed the breakdown of many drugs and reduce their effectiveness
- Antioxidant supplements, like vitamins C

and E, might reduce the effectiveness of some types of cancer chemotherapy

6. Use reliable resources to check quality of supplements

In addition to your doctor, you can get reliable information about dietary supplements from some non-commercial sources.

The US Office of Dietary Supplements is a resource for information about dietary supplements and their ingredients.

The US Pharmacopeia (USP) maintains a dietary supplement verification program. The USP Verified Mark on a dietary supplement indicates that the product meets the following:

- Contains ingredients listed in declared potency and amounts
- Does not contain harmful levels of specified contaminants
- Will break down and release into the body within specified amount of time
- Were made according to Good Manufacturing Practices for dietary supplements. These practices were set by the FDA in 2007 to help improve quality control.

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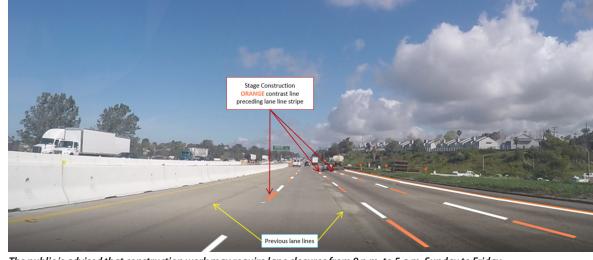
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Keep San Diego Moving

Caltrans and SANDAG Build NCC crews are reaching a new milestone that marks the continuation of the first phase of the North Coast Corridor Program, Build NCC, along Interstate 5 (I-5). This Fall, crews break ground on four miles of new Carpool/ High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes – one in each direction on I-5 from Palomar Airport Road in the City of Carlsbad to State Route 78 (SR 78) in the City of Oceanside.

As part of the Carlsbad to Oceanside Carpool/HOV extension project, Caltrans District 11 will be piloting temporary orange lane striping within the construction zone. Highly visible orange lane striping is used to enhance construction work zone awareness and distinguish the proper travel path for motorists, especially when they enter and exit a construction work zone on the highway. Most notably, this color contrast will increase safety for both drivers and crews, by alerting oncoming traffic of the construction zone and reduced 55 mph speed limit. Safety is of utmost importance for Caltrans and SANDAG as crews begin to work on the highway, within feet of fast-moving traffic.

The public is advised that construction work may require lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday to Friday. Motorists can expect to see temporary concrete barriers along the inner shoulder since most construction activity will occur in the median area of the freeway. The concrete barriers, or k-rail, allow construction crews to operate safely.

In addition, the Carlsbad to Oceanside Carpool/HOV extension project includes multiple community enhancements to increase connectivity of our region, a key component of Build NCC. The Build NCC project features the addition of the seven-mile North Coast Bike Trail and safer pedestrian and cyclist crossings at San Elijo Lagoon, Chesterfield Drive and the I-5 interchanges at Encinitas Boulevard and Santa Fe Drive.

Build NCC is an example of projects proposed in the 2021 Regional Plan. The draft 2021 Regional Plan outlines the key strategies, projects, and priorities being explored to enhance the region's transportation, equity, and climate action goals through a more connected transportation network for all San Diegans.

For further information, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC.



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Safety remains a priority for Carlsbad Carpool/HOV Extension

Caltrans and SANDAG Build NCC are kicking off a new segment of construction: the Carlsbad to Oceanside Carpool/HOV Extension Project. This work will extend one Carpool/HOV Lane in each direction on I-5 from Palomar Airport Road to SR 78.

Look out for brand new **temporary orange** lane striping on the highway in work zones. By alerting drivers to the construction zone and reduced speed limit, the orange lane striping provides enhanced safety for drivers and Build NCC crews.



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MiraCosta College selected as preferred provider of healthcare talent

MiraCosta College has been named a Preferred Provider of Healthcare Talent by the Advancing San Diego (ASD) program. Advancing San Diego is a collaborative

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effort to address skilled talent shortages and increase diversity in highgrowth, high-demand jobs in the local economy.

MiraCosta College is one of three community colleges in the San Diego region selected as a Preferred Provider of Healthcare

Talent. Selected through a competitive application process, preferred providers are colleges, universities, and certificate programs recognized by local employers for training the next generation of medical administrative professionals in San Diego. Eligible students of these programs are invited to apply for an ASD-funded internship in small companies in San Diego.

MiraCosta College Medical Administrative Professional Certificate

MiraCosta College's Medical Administrative Professional Program offers training in procedures used in medical offices, clinics, and hospital settings, as well as HIPAA compliance. The program prepares a variety of students—fresh out of high school in preparation for entry-level positions, as well as older adults furthering their careers, job transitioning, or reentering the workforce—for career opportunities in outpatient settings, such as a doctor's office, urgent care centers, specialty clinics, and some hospital-level positions.



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Students go from learning to earning in as little as one year with MiraCosta College's Medical Administrative Professional certificate program. Providing essential training for the high-demand and secure healthcare industry, it prepares students for careers as a medical biller, medical coder, medical front office assistant, medical receptionist, medical records clerk, and medical scheduler.

Rich Dicker, faculty lead for the program, explains that students take a curriculum of coursework ranging from an introduction into the broad range of career options to technical skills including electronic health

records, insurance billing and coding, patient advocacy, medical terminology, and basic human anatomy and physiology.

"The completion of this program can lead to industry credentials in billing and coding and national certification as a medical administrative assistant," Dicker explains. "To further bolster the program, we are now in our third year of offering a certificate in clinical Medical Assisting, which medical administrative students can transition into for additional credentials and employment opportunities."

Dicker notes, "Many previous students are currently employed with organizations such

as Kaiser Permanente, **Scripps**, and numerous specialty and private practices in the San Diego County region. The education, coupled with industry credential opportunities, has allowed previous students to gain employment throughout the country, with recent graduates working in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Washington."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment in healthcare occupations will grow 18 percent from 2020 to 2030 with 104,400 openings for medical assistants each year for the next decade. The BLS states, "The growth of the aging baby-boom population will continue to increase demand for preventive medical services, which are often provided by physicians. As a result, physicians will hire more assistants, allowing the physicians to see more patients. An increasing number of group practices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities will also need support workers, particularly medical assistants, to complete both administrative and clinical duties." The average wage for medical assistants in the San Diego region ranges from \$37,000 to almost \$54,000 annually.

Sandy Comstock, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, comments, "Our population is growing and getting older. The Medical Administrative Program helps the medical industry meet the growing need for well-trained workers. This program is perfect for someone who wants to work in a challenging, exciting environment, and who wants to help people."

California residents pay \$46 per unit for classes and with the MiraCosta College Promise, all first-time college students, who enroll full-time (12+ units) qualify to receive two-years of college free. The remaining cost of the certificate program is approximately \$1,500 for tuition and books.

The SOCAL Initiative for career exploration

Carlsbad Unified is excited to be a part of the development of an innovative avenue for students to explore future careers.

Investigating future careers is a truly daunting undertaking for a young person.



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for a young person. But a new collaboration called the SO-CAL Initiative -- Student Opportunities for Career Awareness and Learning -- is helping students with this important process. The group's goal is to create a series of high-quality 3-minute videos that will introduce students to the local

job market by highlighting local workers at their workplaces, demonstrating their work and discussing their careers. These videos will be shown in Career Technical Education (CTE) classrooms and also will be available in school counselors' offices across the North County.

Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO Bret Schanzenbach
has always had an interest in providing
real-world career Information for students
as they make tough decisions about their
futures. So in the past he supported activities such as guest speakers, field trips,
and internships. As the pandemic made
these experiences less feasible, he and his
colleagues looked for new and sustainable
ways to share information about the local



Eric Holmberg of Erickson Hall Construction participates in one of the videos for the SOCAL Initiative at Kelly Elementary School.

job market with young people in the community. They came up with a plan to offer students virtual visits to local companies to observe the work of professionals and tradespeople via videos.

This community-based effort will focus on local job market needs, and will use local talent to expand knowledge of and interest in jobs available here in the North County. The career videos will specifically target a range of good jobs, from those requiring a community college certificate or vocational training program to those demanding college or advanced degrees. **ViaSat**, **Solatube**, **TriCity Medical Center**, and

Erickson-Hall are just some of the local companies to be featured. Students watching the videos will be able to relate to the local North County scene, with views of recognizable landmarks such as the Carlsbad sign and the Oceanside pier.

SOCAL Initiative partners include the Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista Chambers of Commerce, the **San Diego North Economic Development Council**, and representatives from **TriCity Medical Center**, Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista Unified School Districts' CTE programs, and the **Carlsbad Educational Foundation**.

The Initiative has received a grant from



Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bret Schanzenbach with Chris Ryan of Ryan Video Productions, interviewing Matt Riley of Erickson Hall Construction.

San Diego County to fund the first phase of the project.

Phase I of the Initiative is building a web portal, due to roll out on Dec. 15, that will host 30 career videos. Each video will feature information about an in-demand career, and the essential skills and education that an applicant needs to get hired. It will be searchable by industry, company, or profession/job, and will also provide links that will guide interested students to high school and community college resources, and possible local internships. An additional 30 videos will be developed in Phase

The SOCAL Initiative is another powerful example of the support our schools receive from our local business and industry community. These videos will connect Carlsbad students with additional tools to help them navigate today's workplace. And they will provide our students with valuable opportunities to learn about local careers.





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The value of an award



VP OF MEMBER RELATIONS

Chamber of Commerce has held award events for decades. Though name may have changed a couple times, the awards event is a wonderful time to get together and celebrate those that are making achievegreat ments in and for our

Carlsbad community.

The vast majority of award winners begin as self-nominators. There is nothing wrong with that! As we know, people spend 95% of their time thinking about themselves. The same goes for business. However, the majority of businesses are not aware that it is expected and normal that they will self-nominate. It's not weird nor selfish! Our award winners must stand up and voice how they are amazing, so others can recognize that and be inspired.

We at the Chamber are constantly looking to hear what is going on within businesses, nonprofits, the city, and schools to learn about their practices, products, services and people. We need to hear from you so we can find the best ways to celebrate you - spread your name, grow your brand awareness. This applies to every step of the award process including the award announcements of nominations, finalists, and winners.

Who decides on the winners? Outsiders. Those not from this community are designated to learn about the nominee via their nomination form describing what they have achieved for an award category. Judgments are unbiased by location or prior knowledge. It is up to the nominating party to communicate what/how/why the award belongs to the nominee.

Being promoted through the Chamber's event, marketing before and after the event, and using our event graphics as a finalist or award winner improves brand awareness and promotes your organization throughout the community. Winning an award opens doors to new business and new contacts. Additionally, employees feel proud, motivated, and joyous to be part of and award-winning organization, especially now when talent recruitment is tough.

Keep your eyes open for the 2022 CBAD Awards nomination information. The nomination process will begin likely mid-end of Q1. We look forward to learning more about our amazing people in the community and celebrating achievements!

Go to page (12-13) to meet the winners of the 2021 CBAD Awards.





Congratulations to our September 2021 Rising Stars of the Month:

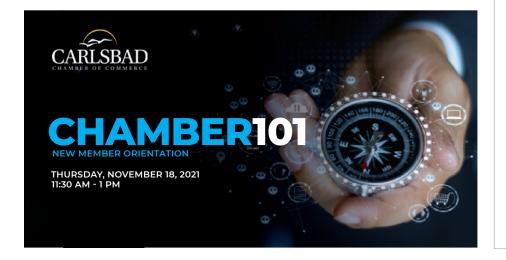
Wendy Savalza - Carlsbad High School Olivia Pacheco - La Costa Canyon High School Capri Suarez - Sage Creek High School



Congratulations to our October 2021 Rising Stars of the Month:

Mia Humphrey - Sage Creek High School Nina Finch - La Costa Canyon High School Zarif Khan - Army and Navy Academy Riley Knudsen - Carlsbad High School

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Snyder Art and Design Bryan Snyder



From left to right: Mike Hull, Bryan Snyder, Carey Lyn Hermanns, Justi



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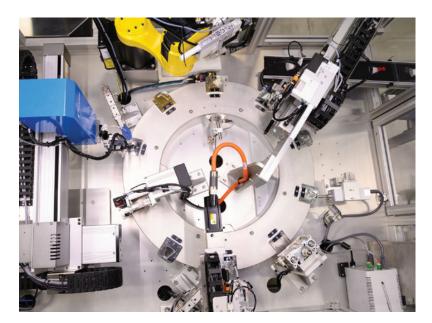


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Residents enjoy spacious private apartment homes that are beautifully appointed. Expansive indoor and outdoor common spaces cater to every whim whether curling up with a book in the library, enjoying an award-winning film in the movie theater or indulging in wellness services at the beauty salon and day spa.

Santianna offers a multitude of options for leading a healthy and active lifestyle. Outdoor amenities include pickleball and bocce ball courts as well as a swimming pool, walking trails and a pet park. Residents can indulge their green thumbs in on-site garden beds, enjoy a variety of fitness classes or pursue favorite pastimes like bridge and

Dining is a highlight at Santianna thanks to an exceptional culinary program created by talented executive chefs. Delicious entrees, fresh salads and indulgent desserts are made with the freshest seasonal ingredients. Dining venues include a bar and lounge, elegant restaurant and outdoor patio.

Customized care services ensure that Santianna meets the individual needs of each resident. Assistance with personal care, medication management and physical therapy are just some of the services available as needed. A concierge medicine program allows access to same day and next day medical care too



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If you or a loved one are considering retirement living options, we encourage you to experience Santianna: the community you've imagined, the lifestyle you deserve. Santianna is now taking reservations.

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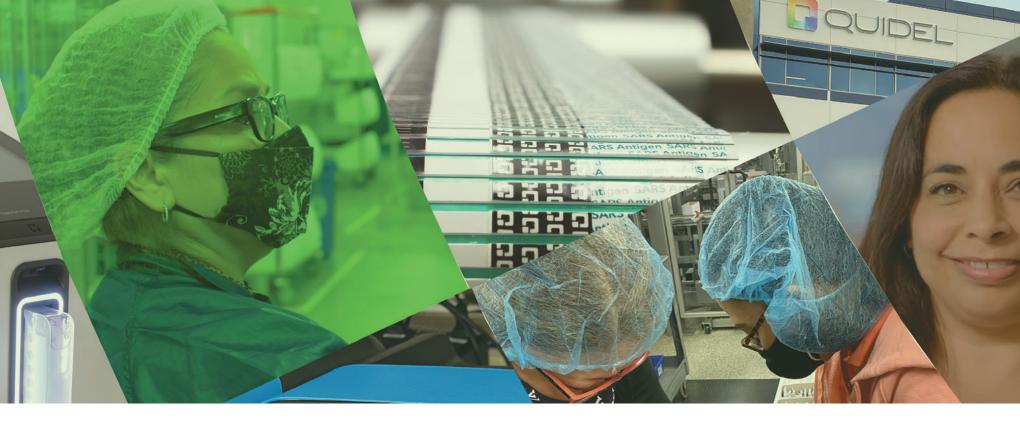
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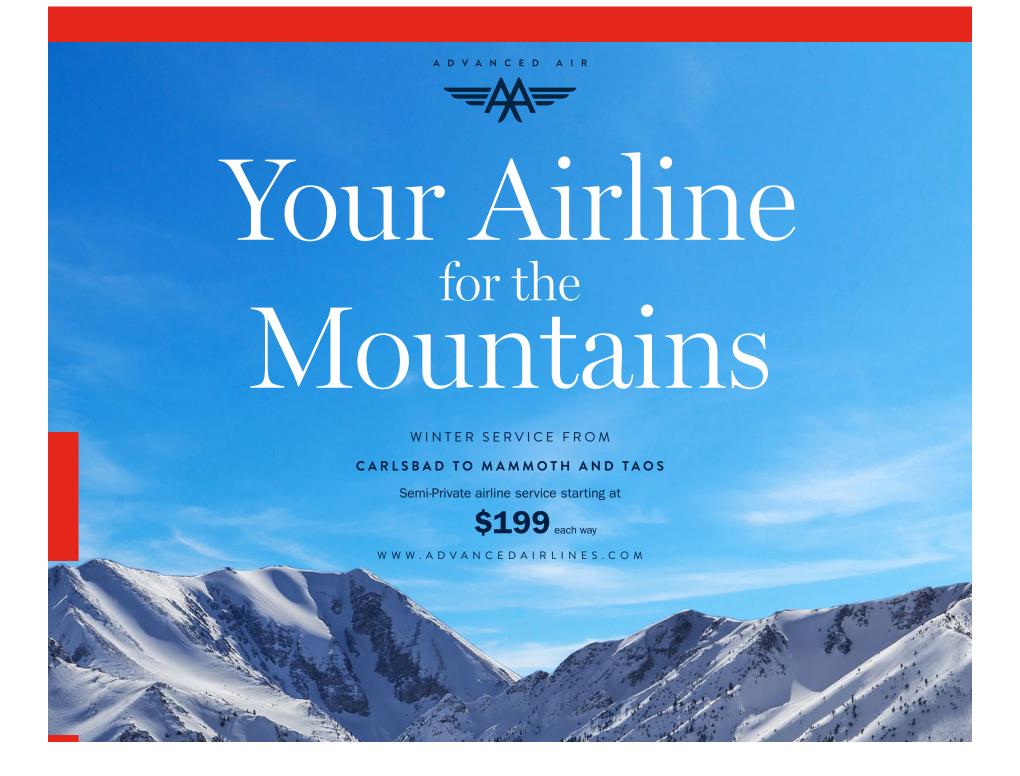
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Do good, give good, feel good!

BY KOUNTINYA SAI CO-FOUNDER HARMONEY.AI

I retired from a sales role after 20 years in 2019 which involved a lot of travel to spend quality time with my wife Vidya and our daughter Mitra, who had gone from being a tiny bundle of energy into a beautiful teen in the blink of an eye.

When Mitra turned 13 and wanted a Venmo account last summer, we felt the financial journey for a teen should start with saving and earning rather than spending, which can build negative habits when it comes to handling their personal finances in the future

This actually set Vidya and I thinking about creating something that would motivate teens to become change agents and at the same time make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for them

And thus, Harmoney was born, a gamified digital wallet that nudges and rewards teens to self-care, practice healthy habits, invest time in their

own mental wellbeing, staying the course when it comes to academics, completing their daily tasks and chores and thereby automatically helping to make the world a better place by contributing to charities around the world.

The trick is in making being good and doing good a habit. Then getting good and feeling good is a natural result. We call it the Law of Harmoney. And it works. We are living proof of this simple universal law!

Running for Asha for Education played a key role in the inception of Harmoney. Asha is a non-profit that helps people train to run long distances and helps convert their miles into smiles by educating under-privileged children in India.

They say, it takes a village to raise a kid. And Harmoney is a digital version of exactly that. Children, parents, schools, local communities, neighbourhood shops, restaurants, partner brands, social organizations... Everyone is in this together.

That's planet Harmoney.

Over a thousand families and their teen children have been using Harmoney under invite only closed beta for over a year giving Vidya and her team rich feedback of their user behavior. Vidya is working with a team of UX and gamification experts and engineers to prepare Harmoney for a commercial launch in December for the holidays.

The good news is the doing good part of the app works just great and Harmoney can help communities, businesses, schools raise awareness around fitness and mental wellness by helping them to run a fun fund raiser.

Please contact me at kount@harmoney.ai/415-497-7490 to have a chat to discuss how harmoney can help you achieve your fund raising goals.

It's been hard work building harmoney but we are waking up every morning feeling so good about what we are doing, so we must be doing something right -Kount and Vidya.



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Celebrate America Recycles Day by recycling right

America Recycles Day is November 15. Join the **City of Carlsbad** and **Waste Management** to celebrate this day by making a commitment to recycle right and to purchase more products made from recycled materials. In 2020, Carlsbad residents and businesses recycled about 24,000 tons of

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recyclable material! This is significant because these materials were kept out of landfill and ended up as new products. We encourage you to look for items with the highest amount of post-consumer recycled content shopping. when Buying products

made from recycled materials is a simple way to help the environment and close the loop in the recycling process. Recycling and buying recycled products is not only good for the environment but it affects your bottom line. Recycling reduces global greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing energy consumed and natural resources. Did you know that when we recycle one ton of paper, we save 17 trees who are playing a vital role in protecting our planet! Your decision to recycle is a good way to build a reputation with your employees and customers, as they will be happy to know that your company cares about the environment.

Now that you know the importance of recycling. Let's discuss the importance of Recycling Right! Did you know around 20% of what is put in the recycling bins is not recyclable? By eliminating materials that don't belong, you'll help ensure recyclables remain valuable, are actually recycled and don't create a hazard for workers or machinery at the recycling facility.

Recycle Right by knowing how to recycle as well as what to recycle:

Recycling Right means your items are:

- **EMPTY.** No or very little food residue remaining.
- **DRY.** No liquids remaining. Liquids can ruin paper, cardboard and other materials, making them unrecyclable.
- **LOOSE.** Do not bag your recyclables; place them loose in the recycling bin.

Recycling Right means you are including these items in your recycling container:

- **Metal** food and beverage cans
- Plastic bottles and containersGlass bottles and containers
- · Paper
- · Cardboard

Recycling Right means you are keeping these items out of your recycling container:

- **Plastic Bags** Return single use bags to participating grocers or retail outlets.
- Batteries, Fluorescent Tubes/CFL's, or Electronics – these items can be recycled by contacting a recycling company specializing in these materials.
- **Green Waste** Landscaping materials are recycled separately and can be turned into compost or mulch.
- Clothing, Furniture and Carpet Gently used items can have a second life when donated to those in need.
- Food Waste Turn this material into enriched soil by composting

Solid waste and recycling regulations impacting businesses

As a business in Carlsbad, you should be aware of these solid waste regulations passed by The State of California that impact your business.

Assembly Bill (AB) 341 – Supports the statewide goal of 75% solid waste diversion by 2020 and requires all businesses and multifamily complexes to have a recycling program.

AB 1826 – Requires all businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of solid

waste to recycle organic waste.

AB 827 – A companion Bill to AB341 and AB1826 that requires restaurants and other establishments provide organic and recycling containers for customer use, for waste generated on premises.

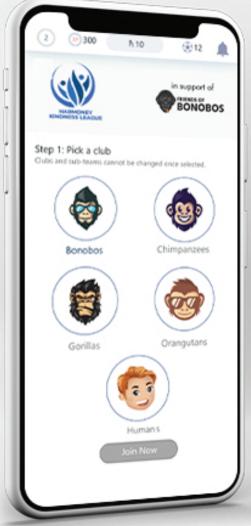
Senate Bill (SB) 1383 – Sets target goals of greenhouse gas emission reductions along with 75% organic diversion and 20% edible food rescue by 2025.

To find more information on recycling, including local and state mandates, useful tips on reducing waste, composting food and additional resources, visit the city's Sustainable Materials Management Division at www.carlsbadca.gov/recycling.

And remember, as the nation celebrates America Recycles Day on November 15, make your pledge to Be on the Right Side of Recycling.









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