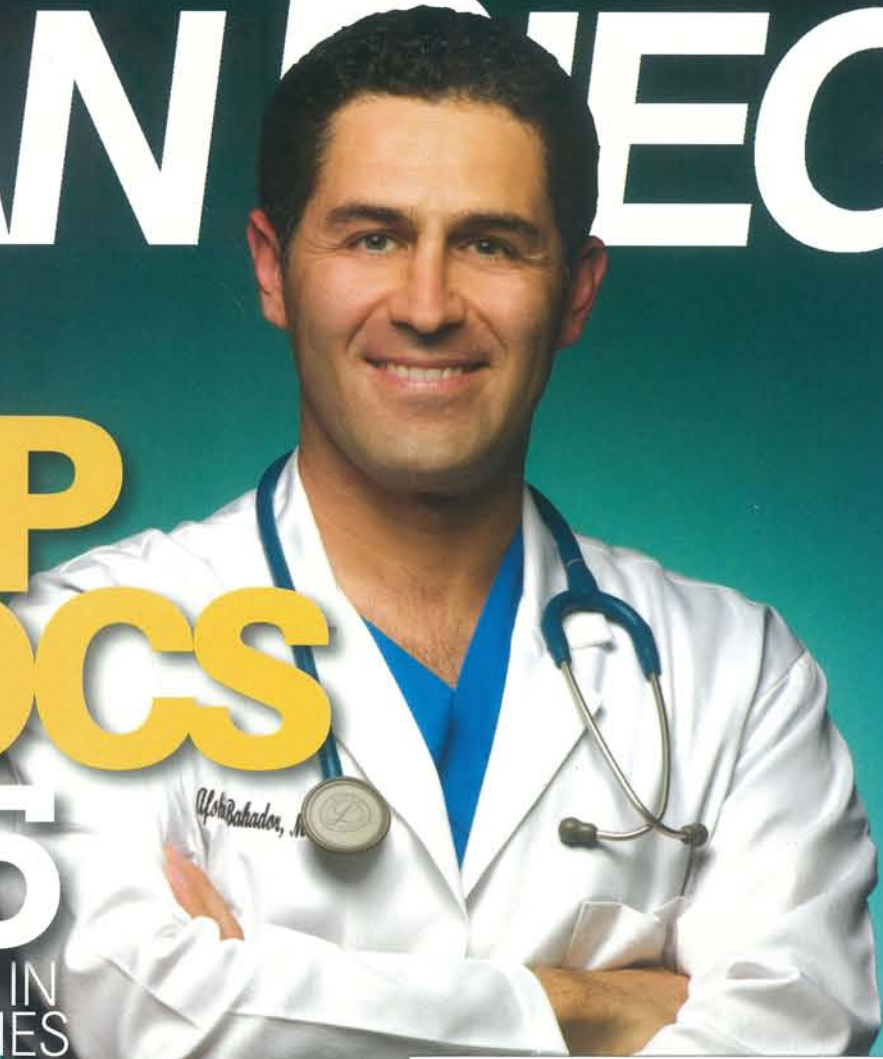


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LEEDing the way

SAN DIEGO now lays claim to one of the greenest restaurants in the country, thanks to the recent opening of Claire's on Cedros in Solana Beach. The family-friendly, wholesome-food eatery is the first freestanding restaurant in the United States to receive the Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification—the highest recognition of environmental sustainability and energy efficiency by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Every aspect of the design—by local firm JLC Architecture—and construction process was considerate of environmental impact and waste reduction. Recycled blue jeans are used as insulation, and nearly all of the interior finishes are reclaimed, made of recycled material or harvested from renewable sources. There are designated parking spots for carpoolers and hybrid cars, and 90 percent of the landscaping is edible (organic herbs and salad greens are grown onsite). Claire's is also a member of the Green Restaurant Association.

Proprietors Terrie Boley and Claire Allison say going green was a given when creating their homey bistro café, a stone's throw from the Solana Beach train station (proximity to public transportation garners green points). "The environmental part of this project is an extension of the way we both live," says Boley, an entrepreneur and software engineer behind many successful start-up ventures.

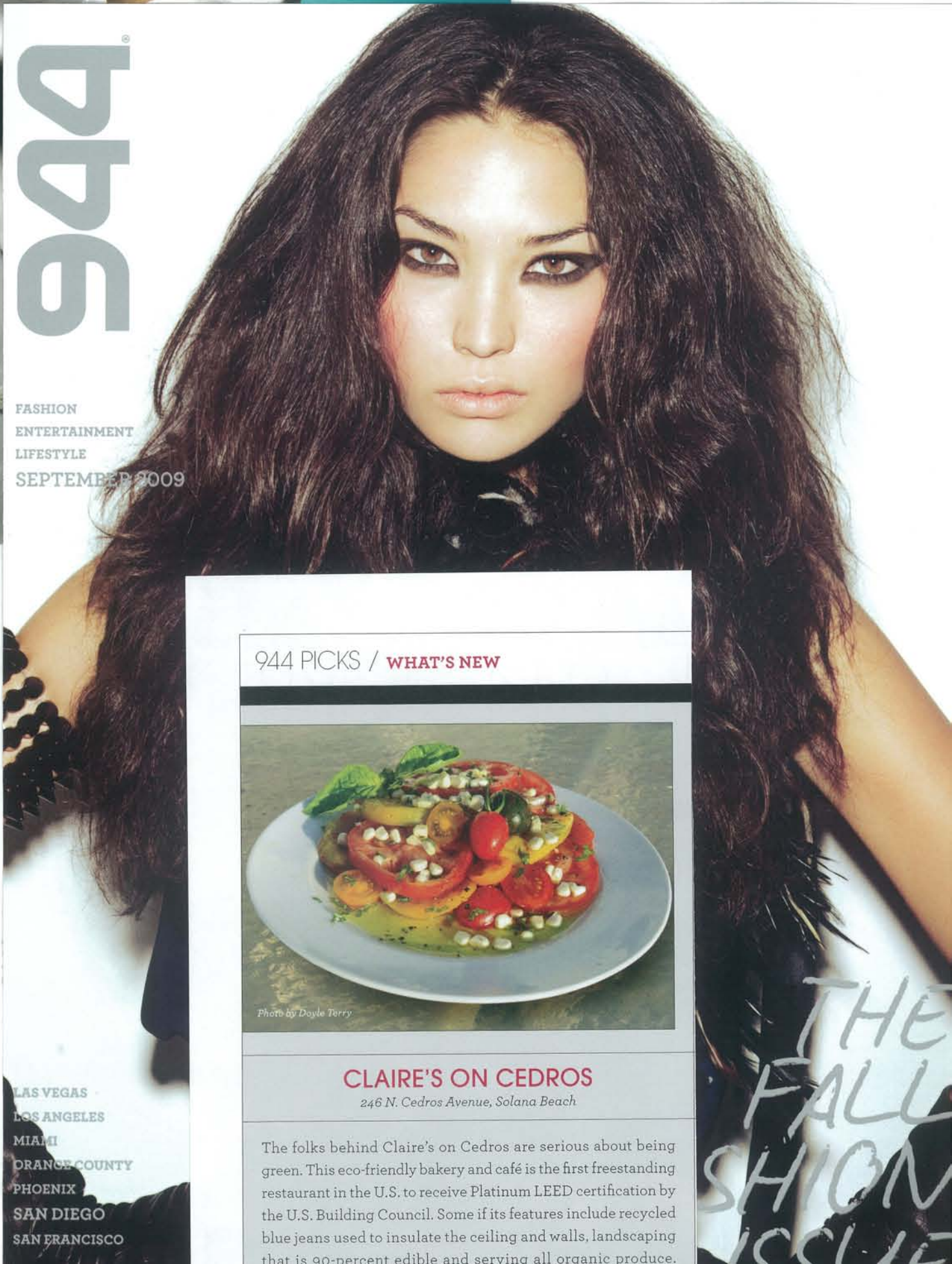
Allison, the culinary mind of the pair, is an industry veteran who years ago crafted the original recipe for the hugely popular Milton's Delicatessen multigrain bread. Her dishes are prepared from scratch utilizing locally farmed organic produce. Claire's even has an in-house bakery—with energy-efficient appliances, of course.

More information: clairesoncedros.com or 858-259-8597. — JULIA BEESON POLLORENO



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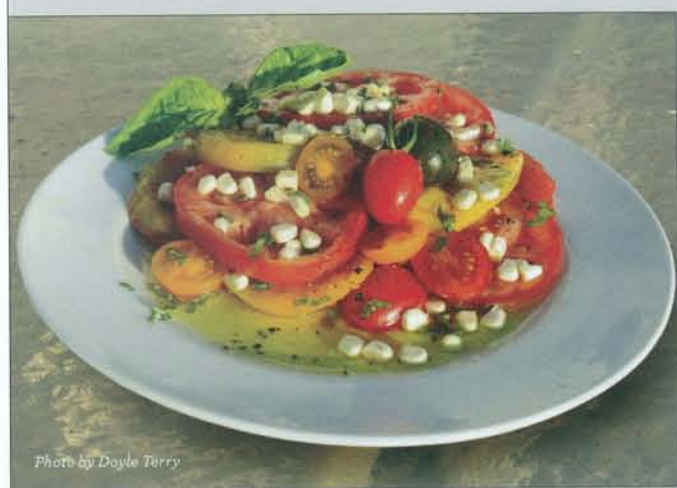


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CLAIRE'S ON CEDROS

246 N. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach

The folks behind Claire's on Cedros are serious about being green. This eco-friendly bakery and café is the first freestanding restaurant in the U.S. to receive Platinum LEED certification by the U.S. Building Council. Some of its features include recycled blue jeans used to insulate the ceiling and walls, landscaping that is 90-percent edible and serving all organic produce.

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