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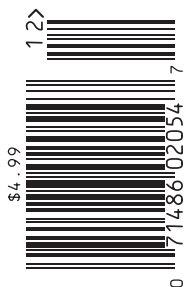


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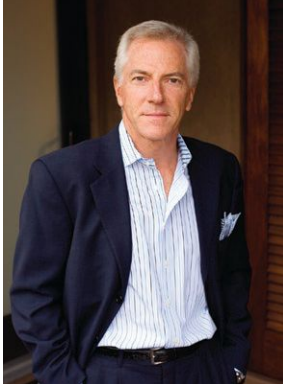
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Shaping our Community

Welcome to a very special issue of Newport Beach Magazine.

We are proud to present our first annual list of “Newport’s most influential” people. While these subjects make for compelling reading, they also create controversy (we are bracing for the letters to the editor, invariably starting with “How could you neglect to include ...” or “Why is he/she on the list?”).

We have selected these 15 people from your nominations because each has helped contribute to our community in different ways and have made Orange County a better place to live and work. Some are community builders in the literal sense, including Donald Bren and Henry Segerstrom, who have helped shape where we live and shop. Others are business leaders and philanthropists across a broad spectrum, including George Argyros (who also served us as the U.S. ambassador to Spain); Pimco bond king Mohammed El-Arian; skate guru and Element founder Johnny Schillereff; Broadcom founder Henry Samueli (who balances high tech with owning the Anaheim Ducks); Janet and Walkie Ray (lifelong residents, builders and supporters of numerous nonprofits); Hoag Hospital’s Dr. Richard Afable, who both keeps us healthy and is our largest private employer, and Marshall “Duffy” Duffield (whose electric boats are the de facto Newport Beach navy). As well, we recognize others’ talents and contributions, from local politics to sports to helping others—and even an explorer.

This issue of Newport Beach Magazine is also filled with coverage of the places, events and people that make our community special. Get a peek inside homes that represent Newport’s quintessential style, as well as profiling life on Balboa Island (another place where you can peek in the windows!). Holidays out on the town? We can help. Don’t miss our fashion shoot, featuring dresses fit for a gala or a lunch at the Ritz. On the other side of the coin, take a look at our newest feature on “street fashions” in Newport. Restaurants, galas, shopping and more—it’s all in this issue of Newport Beach Magazine.

Now, enjoy the issue—and let us know who should be on next year’s “most influential” list!

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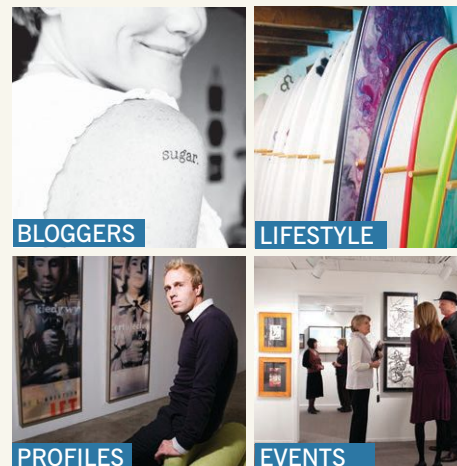
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Performing Arts

"AN AMERICAN IN PARIS & MORE"

Nov. 11, Segerstrom Hall

Celebrate Paris in the 1920s with Ute Lemper as she sings cabaret pieces from Gershwin's "An American in Paris" accompanied by the Pacific Symphony. (714-556-2121; scfta.org)

"LOVE, CHAOS AND DINNER"

Through December, Segerstrom Hall

Presented in a magical, century-old Belgian Spiegeltent, Teatro ZinZanni is a whirlwind of international cirque, comedy and cabaret. (714-556-2121; scfta.org)

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Nov. 24 – Dec. 24, South Coast Repertory

Get into the holiday spirit with this classic Christmas story, SCR's 33rd annual production of the beloved Dickens tale. (714-708-5555; scr.org)

"PLAID TIDINGS"

Nov. 27 – Dec. 23, Laguna Playhouse

The hilarious quartet Forever Plaid returns for its holiday show, performing seasonal classics in four-part harmonies. (949-497-2787; lagunaplayhouse.com)

"CHRISTMAS FANTASIA"

Nov. 29, Segerstrom Hall

Celebrate the holidays with a breathtaking and heartwarming performance by Vanguard University students. "Christmas Fantasia: An Evening of Celebration and Joy," features the 200-member choir and orchestra led by Dr. James Melton. (vanguard.edu/fantasia)

LIVE AT THE COACH HOUSE

Performances at this San Juan Capistrano mainstay include Asia, Nov. 11; Judy Collins, Nov. 15; Super Diamond, Nov. 17; The Blasters, Nov. 23; Al Stewart, Nov. 24; UFO,



"A Christmas Carol," South Coast Repertory

Nov. 28; Dana Carvey, Dec. 7; and many more. (949-496-8930; thecoachhouse.com)

Holiday Events & Activities

FARMERS MARKET

Sundays, The Great Park

Stock up on fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits, breads, flowers and other items made by local artisans at the weekly Farmers Market, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday through the fall at The Great Park in Irvine. (ocgp.org)

HOLIDAY ICE RINK

Nov. 1 – Feb. 18, Irvine Spectrum

The only outdoor ice rink in Orange County is

back this winter for guests to enjoy holiday festivities and to ice skate with friends and family. (949-748-8280; skatespectrum.com)

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Nov. 13 – 14, Fashion Island

Fashion Island kicks off the holiday season with the annual tree lighting ceremony, visits with Santa and Disney character performances. (949-721-2000; shopfashionisland.com)

SAWDUST WINTER FANTASY

Nov. 17 – Dec. 9, Sawdust Art Festival

This holiday season, see the Sawdust Festival in Laguna Beach transform into Winter Fantasy,



Balboa Island Holiday Home Walking Tour

where local artists showcase their jewelry, clothing, ceramics, paintings, sculptures and more. Enjoy crafts, live entertainment, and fine arts and crafts from more than 170 exhibitors in a festive atmosphere. (949-494-3030; sawdustartfestival.org)

CHILDREN'S GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, The Resort at Pelican Hill

Join Pelican Hill's pastry chefs as they offer lunch and a lesson in building a gingerbread masterpiece to take home. (949-467-6833; pelicanhill.com)

34TH ANNUAL CORONA DEL MAR CHRISTMAS WALK

Dec. 2, Corona del Mar

Experience the holiday community tradition as "The Walk" provides live music, charity events, kids' activities, food, prizes and more. (949-673-4050; cdmchamber.com)

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT SOUTH COAST PLAZA

Dec. 2 – Jan. 1, South Coast Plaza

South Coast Plaza hosts many holiday events for kids and families, including Santa's Village and Express Train, Reindeer Carousel, Santa's Village and The North Pole, outdoor entertainment from local churches and schools, and complimentary hot cider and cocoa each weekend in the Garden Terrace. (949-660-9112; southcoastplaza.com)

LIGHTING OF THE BAY

Dec. 7, Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort

Mingle with Santa and carolers, and enjoy toasty bites and beverages amid 50 illuminated trees on the bay at one of the best-loved holiday parties. (800-765-7661; newportdunes.com)

16TH ANNUAL BALBOA ISLAND HOLIDAY HOME WALKING TOUR

Dec. 9, Balboa Island

Commemorating Balboa's architectural beauty, guests of the holiday home walking tour can experience the art and glamour of the island. Some participating stores will offer refreshments, including Even Sisters, Island Home, Martha's Bookstore, Persimmon Tree and The Gift Box. (949-338-8918; balboa-island.net)

CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Dec. 19 – 23, Newport Harbor

This year's theme for the 104th Annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade is Surf, Sand and Santa. Watch as the harbor lights up with yachts, boats, kayaks and canoes in Newport's way of wishing the community happy holidays. (christmasboatparade.com)

Art

"EX-POSE: MACHA SUZUKI"

Nov. 4 – Jan. 20, Laguna Art Museum

Blending narratives and abstract forms, the

installations of Macha Suzuki combine materials such as clay, fluorescent lights, plastic and Bondo to tell the artist's life stories in a narrative that is both familiar yet strange at the same time. (949-494-8971; lagunaartmuseum.org)

"CUT! COSTUME AND THE CINEMA"

Dec. 15 – March 10, Bower's Museum

Uncover the art and intricacy of costume-making for cinema, as well as the essential role they play in period films. This exhibition at the Santa Ana museum features 43 costumes worn by 30 actors in 25 different films and will transport visitors to fairytale England, colonial Virginia, 18th-century England and beyond. (714-567-3600; bowers.org)

"OC COLLECTS"

Through Dec. 30, OCMA

In honor of the museum's 50th anniversary, this exhibit features modern and contemporary pieces from private collections in the Orange County community. Major pieces will include paintings, sculptures, photographs and more from both modern and emerging artists. (949-759-1122; ocma.net)

Charity Events

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Dec. 7, Segerstrom Hall

Enjoy a cocktail reception, elegant dinner and evening of dancing in support of the arts at Segerstrom Center for the Arts' annual Candlelight Concert. The event raises money to support the center and its artistic endeavors. (714-556-2121; scfta.org)

FRIENDS OF CASA

Dec. 7, Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

In the true spirit of holiday giving, CASA throws its annual holiday luncheon, featuring a fashion show luncheon, live entertainment and silent auction, with the purpose of raising funds for foster care kids and other at-risk children. (714-619-0641; casaoc.org)

CENTER CLUB GRAND RE-OPENING

Jan. 31, Center Club

Center Club in Costa Mesa celebrates its grand re-opening from 6 to 10 p.m., showcasing \$3 million in renovations and a Charity Classic Fundraiser benefitting three worthwhile charities. To sign up, call 714-662-3414 or visit clubcorpcharityclassic.com **NBM**



LASH OUT

Old Hollywood glamour is making a comeback in Newport Coast with the opening of Lashfully, a new beauty salon specializing in semi-permanent eyelash extensions. With more than 70 types of lashes varying in length, curvature and thickness, guests can customize their set according to their lifestyle and desired look. Or, choose from strip lashes inspired by starlets

like Marilyn Monroe. Owners Liv Contreras and Matana LePlae started Lashfully in San Francisco, and Newport Coast is their fourth location, decorated with girly touches such as black fleur-de-lis and pink pillows. "It's not a fad; it's here to stay," Matana says.

Liv and Matana recommend lash extensions for women looking to add a little drama to

their look, as well as busy women who want to wake up looking fabulous, since many of their customers ditch the mascara after having extensions applied. "We call it the 'gloss and go' look," Liv says. Lash extensions last about five to six weeks, with recommended touch-ups after two to three weeks. (949-494-5444; lashfully.com) —L.D.

SPREADING WELLNESS

Two of Orange County's largest hospitals are reinventing health care for the community. Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian and St. Joseph Health plan to unite to create a combined health care system, with the mission of providing more people with access to medical care that's both higher quality and less costly. Under the new umbrella, not yet named, will be the five St. Joseph Health hospitals, two Hoag hospitals, and additional health services developed by the two organizations. The affiliation is still seeking approval from the California Office of the Attorney General; a decision is expected by early 2013. —A.B.



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

The annual tree lighting at Fashion Island and Crystal Cove are part of many families' holiday traditions. This year, Fashion Island's ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 and 14 and features Mickey and his Disney pals followed by photos with Santa on the Atrium Lawn (Santa will be available through Dec. 24; shopfashionisland.com). Head to Crystal Cove for the 16th Annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony Dec. 1 at sunset, complete with Santa, warm beverages and carolers. The Historic District will be decked out in retro holiday décor throughout the season, and Dec. 1 and 2, shoppers can enjoy special activities and a Holiday Bazaar, with shopping proceeds from the holiday season benefitting the ongoing Crystal Cove Alliance restoration, conservation and education efforts (crystalcovebeachcottages.org; crystalcovestatepark.com). —M.M.



URBAN WINERY

Newport's own urban micro-winery, Orange Coast Winery, is celebrating its one-year anniversary under the direction of award-winning Southern California winemaker Doug Wiens and his wife Deborah Israel Wiens. The pair announced an exclusive partnership with "Endless Summer," so expect new bottles, movie screenings and more in the near future. The tasting room offers tastes of Orange Coast and Wiens wines, as well as microbrews for beer lovers and small-plate offerings. Through partnerships with 10-plus local restaurants, visitors can purchase bottles to enjoy over dinner with no corkage fee. Soon the winery will also sell beer from its own Wiens Brewing Company. To celebrate its first year in Newport, it hosted Oktoberfest celebrations, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the International Princess Project, a Costa Mesa nonprofit advocating for women enslaved in prostitution. Stop by for wine tasting Thursday – Friday from 4 – 9 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. (orangecoastwinery.com) —*M.M*



CUTTING-EDGE PLASTIC SURGERY

In October, Orange County Plastic Surgery (OCPS) expanded its practice with a new surgery center in Newport Beach. Headed by Dr. Juris Bunkis and Dr. Clay Forsberg, the office offers not only cutting-edge cosmetic surgery but also restorative procedures and surgical treatments for traumatic and cancer-related defects. Using the very first ThermiGen Radio Frequency Generator in Orange County, they can provide improved reliability and clinical outcomes for skin tightening and sculpting procedures. In addition to the new Newport center, the OCPS has offices in Rancho Santa Margarita and San Clemente. (949-888-9700; ocps.com) —*J.H.*



TONY FLOREZ

CHOC PLAYS DRESS UP

It's every little girl's dream to become a real-life Cinderella, from strutting in a shimmering dress to the magnificent application of makeup. Two 9-year-old princesses hailing from Newport Beach are helping to make that dream a reality for CHOC oncology patients. Alyssa Antoci and Brooke Besikof got the idea to start their nonprofit, Just a Little Cloth, in January 2012 because they wanted to inspire girls to see themselves in a different light. In mid-January, they will host an event at CHOC in which girls ages 4 - 18 can play dress-up to bring out their inner princess. Each girl will be given the opportunity to have her makeup done and pick out a dress. "I'm so proud that the idea we had to help other kids in need has turned into reality," Alyssa says. "It feels good to be connected to others from my heart and watch our idea come to life." What a truly wonderful way to give self-esteem back to these young women who may have lost hope. (justalittlecloth.com) —*B.T.*



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Grand Openings

TIP TOP TRENDS

British style authority Topshop comes to town with its recently opened women's department at Nordstrom South Coast Plaza, one of only two locations in Orange County to carry the retailer's full line. Featuring limited edition pieces created especially for Nordstrom, the new Topshop department offers clothing and accessories that range from dresses and jackets to fashionable maternity wear, petite apparel, boots, bags and more. (714-549-8300; nordstrom.com/topshop)

COASTAL COOL

Quiksilver brings its coastal heritage to Newport Beach with the brand's first OC boutique for women, opened at Fashion Island in October. Customers can find an assortment of apparel and select items from other brands, such as Ray-Ban sunglasses and 31 Bits jewelry, as well as an exclusive collection with a percentage of proceeds benefitting the Newport Bay Conservancy. (949-718-9792; quiksilver.com)

POUR HOMME

A newly renovated Ermenegildo Zegna was unveiled at South Coast Plaza this fall. The 2,421-square-foot store carries the full line of Ermenegildo Zegna

and Zegna Sport apparel and accessories, and features a video installation showing seasonal Milan runway collections. New to the store is the designer's Couture collection, which offers ready-to-wear handcrafted menswear. (714-444-1534; zegna.com)

FIT AND FAB

Located off East Coast Highway in Corona del Mar is the new Ivivva Athletica store for girls. A concept created by fitness retailer Lululemon, Ivivva Athletica carries dance gear, outerwear, yoga attire and other active wear. The Corona del Mar location also offers complimentary classes from local studio instructors. (949-723-0849; ivivva.com)

BE BEAUTIFUL

Beauty retailer Ulta plans to open its doors for makeup aficionados at Fashion Island this fall. Browse the store's selection of cosmetics, fragrances and hair care and skin care products, or stop by the full-service salon for a cut, color or skin treatment. (ulta.com)

SOUTH COAST CHIC

Haute couture continues to find its way to South Coast Plaza: Slated to open in November are two high-end retailers, M Missoni and REDValentino. Looking forward to 2013, Parisian fashion house Lanvin and Italian men's shoemaker Berluti also have plans to open at the luxury center. —A.H

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When it comes to turning “green,” Newport Beach bicyclists are getting the green light. Thanks to \$9.4 million in funding approved by the Orange County Transportation Authority—to be shared among OC’s cities—Newport, with matching funds, will receive a total of \$1,492,920 for bike lane improvements on San Joaquin Hills, Spy Glass Hill and Jamboree Roads and Eastbluff Drive. Expect to see new bike lanes and trails, bridges and crossings for cyclists, in addition to improved signs and bike racks. “Bicycles are an ideal way to get around Orange County and OCTA believes strongly in improving this mode of transportation,” says OCTA Chairman Paul Glaab. “This is a collaborative effort with cities throughout Orange County, and we look forward to providing a better ride for all cyclists.” —A.B.

SUPTHIN’ TO CELEBRATE

The world’s largest group paddle lesson graced the waters of Newport Dunes Marina on Aug. 19 at Paddle Party 2012, presented by Laguna Beach Paddle Boarding and Cal Coast Fitness. The event had 500 participants, breaking the previous record of 414 set by Stand Up for the Cure. According to Cal Coast Fitness trainer Jade Tully, they had two official timers at the event, a videotaping and two ways to count in order to break the world record. Throughout the day, paddlers of all ages enjoyed standup paddle yoga and fitness clinics, kids treasure hunts, scenic paddles, free paddles, a silent auction, food, music and more. The event raised awareness for Hailey’s House, an Orange County-based organization helping middle school-aged girls develop life skills and make good decisions, and assist the families of these girls set up a structured home environment to foster a harmonious family life. —L.D.

“BATMAN” STARS APPEAR IN NEWPORT

Two stars of Batman’s “The Dark Knight Rises” recently made a local appearance: The Sesto Elemento and Aventador LP 700-4, the film’s featured rides, were on display at the grand opening of Lamborghini Newport Beach. Built by Lamborghini’s Advanced Composites Research Center, the Sesto Elemento’s weight was brought down to just 2202 pounds; with a 570 horsepower V10, the AWD sports car accelerates from 0 – 62 mph in 2.5 seconds. The Aventador LP 700-4 boasts a 700 horsepower, 6.5-liter V12 engine and reaches 60 mph in 2.9 seconds with a top speed of 217 mph. As one of the strongest markets for the brand, Lamborghini president and CEO, Stephan Winkelmann, says he expects the new dealership to take off. (lambonb.com) —A.B.

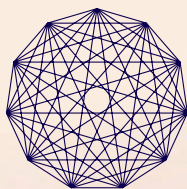
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The 104th Annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade returns to the harbor in all its beauty and color. This year’s theme, Surf, Sand and Santa, makes its rounds Dec. 19 – 23, and viewers will experience the parade of million-dollar yachts, boats and canoes—as they light up the harbor with holiday spirit. Named one of the top 10 holiday happenings in the nation, the parade is treasured by residents and visitors alike. The contest for best decorated house on the harbor also returns, and fireworks will close the event. (christmasboatparade.com) —L.Z. NBM



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PUTTING ON THE RITZ

Celebrate the holidays in style with these classic men's ensembles.



Silk tuxedo blazer, knit turtleneck, trousers and leather dress shoes with metal bar, all at Salvatore Ferragamo, South Coast Plaza.



Wool-angora double-breasted coat, wool slim-fit trouser, classic cotton shirt, wool-silk double-breasted vest with shawl collar, silk floral tie and velvet ankle boot, all at Canali, South Coast Plaza.



Night Parlour jacquard jacket, wool-silk wide pants, cashmere cardigan, patent leather moccasin and silk and velvet scarf, at Gucci, South Coast Plaza.



Wool and silk tuxedo jacket, silk bowtie, cotton tuxedo shirt and quilted dress shoe, at Ermenegildo Zegna, South Coast Plaza. NBM

OC Collects

OCMA celebrates its Golden Anniversary
with a much-anticipated exhibit.

BY PETER A. BALASKAS



Dan Cameron and Dennis Szakacs

JODY TIONGCO

Artists come in many sizes and forms. All have eclectic styles, including the talented Ed Ruscha, Mary Heilmann, John Altoon, Chaz Bojorquez and, especially, Andy Warhol. Individually, each possesses the creative, magical fire that draws patrons like honey seducing a grizzly bear. Experience the works of these artists and 45 others when Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA) presents this group of artistic diversity with their exhibit “OC Collects.” OCMA is also celebrating its 50th anniversary as one of the most celebrated museums in the country. Art connoisseurs will enter a world of potent imagination and innovative brilliance with “OC Collects.”

Two Heads are Better Than One

Although OCMA Director Dennis Szakacs and Chief Curator Dan Cameron worked together in New York many years ago, “OC Collects” is their first opportunity to act as collaborating curators. “The great thing about our relationship is that at our core, we have many of the same instincts about what is important in art,” Dennis says. “Dan has different observations than I would. And that ‘give and take’ is exciting because you end up learning from each other.” Mirroring Dennis’ sentiments, Dan adds: “We have this ... telepathic sort of way of working.”

This professional symbiosis has fueled their desire to make “OC Collects” one of the most significant exhibitions in the museum’s history. Featuring works by international and domestic artists, including those who live in Southern California, the show highlights both OCMA veterans and first-time exhibitors. When Dan was hired as chief curator in January, Dennis had the perfect opportunity to introduce his collaborator to the collector community in Orange County, to begin their search for the appropriate works that are featured as part of “OC Collects.”

Creating a Thematic Mosaic

Creating an exhibition is not as easy as it sounds. “The real meat and potatoes of the work is the research,” Dan says. “I was inside the homes and having a substantive art driven conversation with the most important collectors in Orange County.” For many months, Dennis and Dan visited the homes of some of the most prominent art collectors in Southern California, including

Anton D. Segerstrom and Mary and Dan Solomon. "It was only after we visited everybody and had the opportunity to digest and absorb what we had seen that we would really start thinking about the concept for the exhibition and how we would organize that," Dennis says. He notes that this "organic process" came from talking to people within the OC community who possess a deep love for art.

Dan points out that the theme of the exhibition really didn't come to fruition until they visited Gerald Buck, one of the most renowned collectors in Southern California. "The direction of the exhibition was unclear until Gerald Buck gave it its shape," he says. What helped, he continues, was Buck's passion for many artistic genres, spanning from the 1930s to the present. "OC Collects" also includes works by abstract expressionist Willem de Kooning, California-based artists George Herms and Richard Diebenkorn, and international talents such as Willie Doherty, Emily Jacir and Robin Rhode, who are making their debut in Orange County.

Discovering Hidden Treasures

Both curators agree that researching works of art for an exhibition does have some profound moments. One of their discoveries that will be included in the exhibition is an obscure painting by California modernist John McLaughlin. "It's a major work that apparently hasn't seen the light of day, one that I have never seen," Dan says. "I had one of those 'Oh my God' moments. That was exciting for me." Dennis' favorite includes a painting by Helen Frankenthaler (from the private collection of Joan and Don Beall), who died this past December. "[Her passing] makes the work all the more relevant and it reminds us what an important impact she had to the development of painting beginning in the 1950s and 1960s," he says.

While collecting these works, the one common factor both curators kept in mind was the mission of the exhibition: to help Southern California artists become internationally recognized and establish the area as a major cultural beacon for contemporary art in the world, as well as expanding the evolution of the art world from a western point-of-view to one that is multicultural. "That wasn't the case 40 years ago," Dennis says. He adds with a smile: "The art world is now a global phenomenon." NBM



CATCH "OC COLLECTS"
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Top: "Untitled" (All that Jazz) by John Altoon;
bottom: "Ode to Kathy Fiscus" by Edward Kienholz

DRESS UP THE HOLIDAYS

Newport designer Brittany Stiles offers festive, do-it-yourself design solutions.

BY SOMER FLAHERTY



BRITTANY STILES ALWAYS KNEW SHE WOULD DO something in a creative field, but it wasn't until she took her first interior design course in college that she realized it would be her career. Now at the helm of her own design company, named Brittany Stiles, she has been creating home interiors throughout Southern California, and each season transforms clients' abodes into dreamy holiday landscapes.

NBM: What holiday color combinations do you recommend?

BS: Don't be afraid to branch off from the standard red and green—try different color combinations, and don't forget about whites and neutrals that always make for a sophisticated aesthetic.

NBM: What are your tips for holiday lighting design?

BS: Create groupings of candles in a variety of sizes on a mantle or down the center of your dining table, and light them in the winter evenings. Groupings of any kind always make

a statement, and candles provide the perfect holiday ambiance.

NBM: How can you achieve classy holiday decor?

BS: Be festive, but not "theme-y." If you want to achieve a classy holiday look, I recommend staying away from Santa Claus-themed objects—unless you are decorating for young children.

NBM: Your holiday tabletop designs are beautiful—what's your method?

BS: It's easy to get off track when you add too many different elements to table design, so just remember to keep things simple. I recommend a festive floral arrangement in the center, a coordinating table runner or cloth, and then add a touch of whimsy with a sprig of holly berries or a glass ornament attached to the napkin or party favor.

NBM: What tips do you have for decorating the traditional holiday tree?

BS: Collect ornaments from your travels or

special life moments. I love when a tree tells a story.

NBM: What else can be added to the home during the season to make it warm and full of holiday cheer?

BS: Add familiar holiday smells to your home by cooking wassail on the stove or lighting holiday-scented candles. Lighting a fire in the fireplace, even in the warm climate of Newport Beach, will always add to the magic of the holiday season, and don't forget to turn up the holiday tunes!

NBM: What is the biggest challenge of decorating your own home?

BS: Finding time to decorate right after Thanksgiving so that I have sufficient time to enjoy all of the work that goes into decorating for the holidays. Some years I get so busy that before I know it, it's Dec. 15, and I have not done a thing! I get a little bummed out when I realize I only have 10 days to enjoy a festively decorated holiday home.

FESTIVE DECORATING

Shop for simple pieces to spruce up your home for the holidays.

BY SOMER FLAHERTY

THERE ARE FEW SPACES IN A HOME MORE APPEALING THAN an inviting living room. Beyond merely welcoming guests and providing a place to both rest and entertain, these spaces can be ripe with design. Make a sophisticated living room more fun than formal with the use of furniture and accessories to complement the space. Creative floor treatments can add personality and make an otherwise ordinary floor come to life. **NBM**



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COURTESY OF OAKLEY

SNOWBOARD STANDOUT

Chanelle Sladics went from weekend warrior to professional snowboarder.

BY SOMER FLAHERTY

NEWPORT NATIVE CHANELLE SLADICS DIDN'T set out to be a professional snowboarder. As a teenager, after a fluke fall from a roof, the athlete spent years in intensive therapy, recovering from an injury that almost forced doctors to amputate her arm. Once she was strong enough to play sports again, there was something different: This time, she was ready to try snowboarding, figuring that with her now recovered body she would start badly at any sport—familiar or not. At the same time, a local snowboard shop offered a package: lessons, a

ride to the mountains and rental equipment. With recent birthday money in hand, Chanelle bought the package, and by the third day on the mountain the shop had sponsored her in a competition—in which she placed second.

"I didn't know where snowboarding was going to take me, but my parents supported me and brought me to the mountain every Sunday," she says. That first year, she won a wild card to the nationals; the second year, she performed even better, and by the third she was on the junior national team. As a

last hurrah before sidelining the sport for college, Chanelle went to the junior world championships in New Zealand. But because of previous results, her expectations were low.

"I gave it everything and somehow managed to win the halfpipe competition," she says. "That created a shift in me—I thought, 'I live at the beach and I go snowboarding on Sundays, and I compete against people who live in the snow. I have some talent that I'm not totally tapping into.'"

Chanelle still left for college, but weeks in, MTV called and invited her to be part of a televised surf-skate-snow competition around the world with some of the biggest names in snowboarding—she went, and 10 years later, she is still professionally snowboarding.

NBM: Best mountains to ride in California?

CS: Mammoth, Squaw Valley and Big Bear—because it's Newport's backyard.

NBM: Outside of California, where are your favorite places to ride?

CS: Breckenridge (Colo.) has the best snowboard park in the world.

NBM: Off the mountain, what do you do?

CS: My family still lives in Newport, and we just started a reusable drinking straw company called Simply Straws. I do all the branding, outreach and art direction.

NBM: For new riders, what's the best way to start in the sport?

CS: Book a trip to Mammoth or Tahoe for the week and get a lesson the first day. It's really helpful to learn how to set up your stance and how to carve. Really take your time—and consider wrist guards.

NBM: What about riders who want to advance skills?

CS: If you're a woman, my favorite program is Oakley's Progression Sessions—you snowboard all day for two days with other women and professional women snowboarders, and you just get immersed in the environment.

NBM: What's the best way to keep in shape for the sport?

CS: Cross training is really important, and yoga has changed my life—I'm a certified teacher through YogaWorks.

NBM: What's next for the sport?

CS: They just added my discipline, Snowboard Slopestyle, in the 2014 Olympics. In Slopestyle, the goal is to perform the most difficult tricks while getting the highest amplitude off of jumps.



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When a Man Loves a Wench

BY SUGAR MAMA

This is a very special month for me, as it marks my 12th wedding anniversary, the highly coveted year of ... linen. I suppose if my husband decided to wrap me up a set of dinner napkins, I could always fashion them into a cat scratcher. But in all honesty, I haven't held on this long to a man who still wears tube socks for a couple of doilies to put in my lap. Nope, I'm holding on for our 60th, to get the diamond I never got.

Sorry, the proposal I never got.

You know when you've found The One, but he doesn't know that you're His One, despite the fact you've told him as many times as the areas you've waxed since meeting him? Well, such is our love story: Prince walks into a room; Prince takes Princess's breath away; Prince walks past Princess to grab a hamburger.

What the prince didn't realize, however, was that I was no princess. I was a wench who was used to hard work as well as wielding a tight blouse. This was before Googling people, mind you, when capturing an



address for nightly drive-bys was nearly impossible. No, I had to resort to good old-fashioned faking interest in All Things Joe to capture his attention—my “art museum” years I call them. That's a lie. They're actually called, “The Years My Legs Sprouted Varicose Veins.” Regardless, eventually he realized I was there to stay and that he was going to have to seal the deal or have me arrested.

He had the ring next to his bed in a drawer for weeks. (How I knew this is irrelevant.) Then one Monday morning before work, I stared at my left hand, as I knew everyone at work would be doing, and I just blurted it out.

“Why is my ring next to a bunch of rusty pennies and loose thumbtacks when it's supposed to be on my finger?”

“What ring?” he asked.

“The one that's been burning a hole in your drawer since May.”

Joe was crushed, of course, that I had stolen his moment. Or maybe he was lamenting his stolen future. Anyway, that Monday morning proposal to myself was the worst one I've ever received. As well as the only one I've ever received.

Joe promises to ask me to marry him when I least expect it. So every time he gets on one knee, my heart skips a beat. Sadly, it's only to pick up a sock or to rub a scratch off the floor.

People ask us all the time how we do it. “How do you keep your marriage healthy and happy?” they'll wonder. Joe says it's because we have something to look forward to.

I say it's because he has no idea what I do for a living.

Whatever the reason, happy anniversary to the guy who never asked. Not because you couldn't, but because you never had to.



VIDEO

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People come from all over the world to enjoy coastal Orange County and its many offerings. In addition to its innate beauty and playground appeal, OC is home to a keen, active and fun-loving citizenry. In other words, we like to keep busy and the fact is, there's no shortage of things to do around here. From the philanthropic to the hedonistic, the eclectic to the annual, OCinSite has the line on the gigs that other media entities just don't get. So check out our **CALENDAR** (OCinSite.com/calendar). Events and happenings are being added every day. Or sign up for The Weekly Lineup, and have the latest crop of affairs delivered right to your email inbox. **NBM**



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LAGUNA STYLE

1 Chantal Cloobek, Katherine Stony, Melissa Hudson, Samantha Matteson **2** Saks Fifth Avenue design **3** Rachel Jackson Smith, Leslie Chase, Casey Wirth **4** Kay Warriner, Herb Umphreyville **5** Susannah Fairbanks, Denise Russell, Gillian Burchill, Nancy McGlinn, Julie French, Lori Schneiderman, Cathy Brown **6** Mikimoto design **7** Max Mara design **8** La Perla design **9** Runway parade



JODY TONGCO & JIM COLLINS



SECOND ANNUAL LAGUNA STYLE EVENT AT MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH RAISES FUNDS FOR SCHOOLPOWER AND LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE

Ready-to-wear fashion rocked the runway on Oct. 13 at Montage Laguna Beach, when Firebrand Media Inc. hosted its second annual Laguna Style event, benefitting the Laguna Playhouse and SchoolPower, a nonprofit that supports public schools in Laguna Beach. Guests gathered at the courtyard entrance for a silent auction as well as to view informal modeling which showed off jewelry and clothing from South Coast Plaza's luxury retailers including Mikimoto and Max Mara. There was also a reception with appetizers by Montage Laguna Beach chefs. Cocktails from Altamar Brands were made to guests' whim and fancy, and wine was provided by The Wine Gallery. Afterward, guests enjoyed a runway show in the ballroom, starting with an elegant showcase of lingerie by La Perla followed by designs by Mikimoto, Max Mara and Saks Fifth Avenue. —A.T.

SOCIETY

FABRIC OF FREEDOM GALA

1 IPP Board: Summer Anderson, J Spencer, founder Shannon Keith, Brian Vellmure, Julie Wood, Bruce Bartolomeo, Chad Coltman, Kristin Osborn, Hollie Hajdukovic **2** Members from the Tarsadia Foundation **3** Keynote speaker John Richmond **4** Bob and Kim Miller



INTERNATIONAL PRINCESS PROJECT RAISES FUNDS TO HELP END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

More than 200 guests attended the 5th Annual Fabric of Freedom Gala, hosted by the International Princess Project (IPP) at the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach, Oct. 6. The evening's proceeds went to support IPP's work helping women formerly enslaved in prostitution. Master of Ceremonies Sally Cook of Dreamworks Animations, and keynote speaker John Richmond, former director of International Justice Mission in India, spoke about human trafficking. In his speech, John revealed, "There are more slaves today than were trafficked during all 400 years of the transatlantic slave trade." The night's festivities included henna tattooing, silent and live auctions, and a musical performance by AJ DeGrasse. —*F.N.*

BALBOA BEACH MUSIC FEST

1 Jordan Selva, Dominic and Shannon Graziano, Lindsey Burr **2** Sibel Konak, Aviva Alyeshmerni **3** Nick Passavanti, Lindsey Clanin **4** Jessica and Chris Humphries



BALBOA BEACH MUSIC FEST RAISES MORE THAN \$100,000 FOR HISTORIC THEATER

The first annual Balboa Beach Music Fest brought more than 2,000 people to Peninsula Park on Oct. 13 to enjoy performances from indie artists such as Matt Nathanson, Joshua Radin and A Fine Frenzy. The event raised more than \$100,000 to support the renovation of the historic Balboa Performing Arts Theater, a 300-seat concert venue dating back to 1928. The daylong festival featured a dozen musical acts on two stages, as well as food and beverage stands, a sports lounge and VIP cabanas. —*A.H.*

SOCIETY

DIAMOND & PEARL BALL

1 Mara and Keith Murray (front) with Lil Spitzer (left) and Eva LaRue **2** Nels, Pat and Dick Van Patten **3** Ryan O'Neal and Alana Stewart **4** Committee members Michael Hall and Oday Shakar



CARLA RHEA AND TONY LATIMORE



9TH ANNUAL DIAMOND & PEARL BALL RAISES \$1 MILLION-PLUS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

More than 440 guests gathered to celebrate the life of late actress Farrah Fawcett (who faced cancer) at the Beckstrand Cancer Foundation's 9th Annual Diamond & Pearl Ball on Oct. 13, themed An Evening in Russia. Upon entering the Hangar in the Orange County Fairgrounds, guests were transported to Moscow via a red ballroom filled with the sights and sounds of authentic Russian folk song and dance—and Russian vodka girls descending from the ceiling to pour Russian Standard vodka for guests. In addition to recognizing Farrah and Farrah Fawcett Foundation President Alana Stewart, the event raised more than \$1 million for Beckstrand. —K.P.

MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

1 Laura Khouri and Margaret Bayston of Laura's House, Amanda Fowler of Edwards Lifesciences **2** Karen and Wayne Pinnell **3** Shelley Hoss of the Orange County Community Foundation, Laura Khouri **4** Peter West, Anne MacPherson of Joe MacPherson Family Foundation



LAURA'S HOUSE GALA NETS \$150,000 FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

About 275 community members gathered at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa on Oct. 6 to raise money for Laura's House, an organization that supports those affected by domestic violence. The ball featured cocktails, silent and live auctions, dinner and music. Philanthropist Anne MacPherson was honored with the Crystal Heart Award for her generous contributions, and Edwards Lifesciences received the Corporate Crystal Heart Award. Laura's House CEO and Executive Director Margaret Bayston explained that one in four adult women and one in five high school students report physical and/or sexual abuse by a dating partner. Proceeds will fund programs provided to those impacted by domestic violence. —A.B.

SOCIETY

ROMANCE OF THE MISSION

1 Mission San Juan Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, Lula Halfacre **2** Janet and “Walkie” Ray, Madeline Swinden **3** Dinner at the mission **4** Mission Preservation Board President George O’Connell, Brady O’Connell



CARLA RHEA



MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO BENEFITS FROM ANNUAL GALA

Mission San Juan Capistrano’s Romance of the Mission on Sept. 14 began with cocktails in the garden, followed by a concert in the outdoor ruins of the Great Stone Church by acclaimed actor/singer Davis Gaines. Afterward guests enjoyed dinner in the main courtyard from The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel. The night was set aglow with candlelight, as guests further enjoyed live music, excellent table service and a continued open bar. Gala proceeds, estimated at just under \$200,000, will help fund the Gate House Preservation Project. An additional \$100,000 anonymous pledge will be made if that amount can be matched towards the project’s \$3.3 million budget within 60 days. —*M.M.*

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS AWARDS

1 David Palmer, Barbara Roberts, Elizabeth Turk, Gloria Zigner, Douglas Rankin, Jennifer Backhaus **2** Clockwise, from top left: Rick Smetanka, Nancy Warzer-Brady, Jonathan Burke, Karen Wood, Thuy Nguyen, Dominick Ietto, Oanh Nguyen **3** Clockwise, from top left: Dick Sim, Douglas Rankin, Mike Kerr, Thomas Nielsen; Leila Rankin; Ann Sim; Pamela Goldstein; Samuel Goldstein



NICK KOON

THE 13TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY ARTS AWARDS CELEBRATE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS

Artists and art lovers gathered on Sept. 18 to honor those who have enriched the cultural life of Orange County through the arts at the 13th Annual Orange County Arts Awards. With a reception and dinner held at Leatherby’s Cafe Rouge, and awards ceremonies held inside Samueli Theater, the night’s festivities were embellished with performances from Pacific Chorale’s John Alexander Singers, All-American Boys Chorus, Orange County Women’s Chorus and de Angelis Vocal Ensemble. Among the honorees, arts donor and board member of many OC arts organizations Barbara Roberts accepted a Helena Modjeska Cultural Legacy Award for herself and her late husband William’s contributions to the arts community. In her acceptance speech, Barbara recounted how the couple became involved in the arts. “It’s not how much money you have; it’s what your passions are,” she concluded. —*L.D.*

SOCIETY

OC COLLECTS

1 Jennifer and Anton D. Segerstrom, George Herms, Sue Henger **2** Sarah C. Bancroft, Greg Salmeri, Dan Cameron **3** Jennifer Van Bergh, Dennis Szakacs, Susan Etchandy **4** Diane Stovall, Craig W. Wells



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OCMA CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Art enthusiasts gathered at the Orange County Museum of Art on Oct. 5 to preview the new OC Collects exhibition, curated by OCMA Director Dennis Szakacs. The exhibition features modern and contemporary selections from more than a dozen private collections in the Orange County community. Artworks include paintings, sculptures, photographs and videos spanning classic modern works to art created by emerging artists of the present, with a focus on California artists. After perusing the museum, guests headed to South Coast Plaza for a Champagne reception at Cartier, followed by a dinner at Jewel Court, where dining tables surrounded the circular display outlining OCMA's history, an exhibit celebrating the museum's 50th anniversary. OC Collects will run through the end of December. —*L.D.*

RARE GALA

1 Nestor Serrano, Laura Perloe, RARE President Nicole Boice, Chris Mann, Jason George **2** Meagan Tandy, Gracie Van Brunt, Chris Mann, Katrina Parker, Elliott Yamin **3** Kristal, Chris and Katelynn Abner **4** Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Henri Termeer



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RARE GALA RAISES \$500,000-PLUS FOR GLOBAL GENES PROJECT

More than 450 supporters walked the blue carpet at the first annual Tribute to Champions of Hope gala at the Balboa Bay Club on Sept. 27, presented by Global Genes | RARE Project. The estimated \$500,000 raised at the event will help fund rare disease research and benefit programs that educate the community. Attendees enjoyed dinner, live music and special appearances by RARE Project advocates, including recording artist Elliott Yamin, actor Nestor Serrano and Olympic coach and gold medalist Troy Tanner. Chaired by founder Nicole Boice, the event also paid tribute to individuals who are leading the battle against rare diseases. Among those honored were Olympian Adam Nelson, Mauli Ola Foundation co-founder Charles Dunlop and biotechnology leader Henri Termeer. —*A.H.*

SOCIETY

FESTA DI FIRENZE

1 Pacific Symphony President John Forsythe, Michelle Forsythe, DeDe and Alex McKinnon **2** John and Ruth Ann Evans, Susan and Carl St. Clair. **3** Larry and Dee Highby, Betty and S.L. Huang. **4** Ellie and Mike Gordon



NICHOLAS KOON



PACIFIC SYMPHONY'S OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATION RAISES \$180,000 FOR PROGRAMS

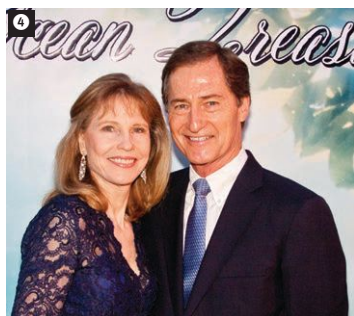
On Sept. 20, more than 250 guests attended Festa di Firenze, the opening night celebration for the Pacific Symphony. The evening began at the Westin South Coast Plaza, where guests enjoyed cocktails, dinner and live music. Attendees then walked to the Renee & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall for a symphony performance, including pianist Andre Watts. Gelato, Champagne and dancing followed at the Terrace Pavilion of the Westin South Coast Plaza. The event kicked off the 2012-13 Hal and Jeanette Segerstrom Family Foundation Classical series, and with presenting sponsor South Coast Plaza and retail partner Tourbillon and Omega, netted approximately \$180,000 for the symphony's programs. —M.M.

CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE GALA

1 Back row: Board members Gerald Scheck, Brad Hall, Harry Helling, Dave Rahn, Bill Baker, Laura Davick, Dan Gee; front row: Hilary Kaye, Mike Lefkowitz, Dr. Tammy Wong **2** James Irvine, Madeline Swinden, Kerry and Gavin Herbert **3** Tom and Molly Davin **4** Ed Oster and Donna Hanover



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CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE'S ANNUAL GALA HIGHLIGHTS MARINE CONSERVATION

On Sept. 22, 450 guests showed their passion for marine preservation at CCA's 10th annual gala at Crystal Cove State Park, where they enjoyed cocktails, a dinner prepared by executive chefs of the Resort at Pelican Hill, Montage Laguna Beach and The Beachcomber cafe, a fiery live auction and dancing. Proceeds support the historic district restoration project (now two-thirds completed) and ongoing education and public programs. "Our gala is a great way for those who love Crystal Cove to look back and celebrate the many incredible accomplishments we have been able to achieve together, while also looking toward a future of continued preservation and conservation," said Laura Davick, CCA founder. —A.B.

NEWPORT'S MOST INFLUENTIAL

Named this year's 15 most influential people by Newport Beach Magazine, this fascinating group of residents wants to protect, preserve and improve our fabulous city.

BY LISA MARIE HART

IN THE PAST CENTURY, NEWPORT BEACH—FROM ITS RENOWNED HARBOR AND bay to its discreet enclaves and individual communities—has progressed almost seemingly on its own. Behind the scenes—and, occasionally, right out in front—however, a group of powerful influencers contribute their lifeblood to its thriving success, its layered identities and its ever-changing yet classically beautiful face.

This year's most influential people, nominated by you, range from park preservers and conservationists to generous yet vigorously active advocates for the arts, technology, the city's fiscal foundation and the physical well being of its residents.

Of course, this impressive list of individuals represents just a small sampling of the amazing people that make Newport what it is today. Next year, Newport Beach Magazine will honor another group of noteworthy citizens (so have your nominations ready).





HENRY AND ELIZABETH SEGERSTROM

BEST KNOWN FOR: Business visionary and founding chairman of Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Henry Segerstrom is also managing partner of CJ Segerstrom & Sons Real Estate Development and Operation Firm. He opened South Coast Plaza in 1967, which was recently recognized as the first planned retail center in the world to reach \$1.5 billion in sales. Henry notes that a Dior representative has called it, “the finest retail center in the world.” Through his own land, generous gifts from family and private fundraising, Henry built Segerstrom Hall, the South Coast Repertory Theater and the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. Former national chairman of the Business Committee for the Arts, Henry received the Carnegie Hall Medal of Excellence in 2010 following the launch of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts bi-coastal partnership with Carnegie Hall. Most recently, The Dizzy Feet Foundation recognized his lifelong commitment to bringing the best of dance to Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Elizabeth Segerstrom, Henry’s wife and business and cultural partner for more than 12 years, helped to direct the opening of the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. A doctor of psychology, she oversees much of their charitable work benefitting the arts and education in Orange County.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS: Henry was knighted by the king and queen of Sweden when the royals visited South Coast Plaza. “And we haven’t spent a day apart in 13 years,” Elizabeth says.

WHAT THEY’D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN THEIR FIELD: Complete the new Orange County Museum of Art as part of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

FUTURE PLANS: In regards to South Coast Plaza, Henry says, “We’re No. 1, we’re proud of being No. 1, and we plan to stay No. 1.”

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—HENRY SEGERSTROM ON
SOUTH COAST PLAZA



GEORGE ARGYROS

BEST KNOWN FOR: As former chairman of the board of trustees at Chapman University for 26 years, George remains on the board where the business school bears his name. In 2011, George led the university’s Young Alumni Giving Challenge, matching program donations dollar for dollar up to \$50,000—just a year after donating \$5 million to UCI for the campus’ new eye institute. From 2001 to 2004, George proudly served as U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra. “It was for my country and during a vital time in history,” he says.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: “I’m just a guy who enjoys working, enjoys people and enjoys life,” George says. “And I feel we all have an obligation to give back if we can.”

WHAT HE’D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: Or rather, not change. “We’ve got a great place to live, so we need to keep it fresh, ready and aggressive in a positive way,” he says. “I think, for the most part, the city does a good job with that.”

WHAT HE’D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: “I’m a real estate developer primarily, and an investor. I don’t know if I want anything to change,” says George, the president of Arnel & Affiliates, a 40-year-old privately-owned development company. “But we need to make sure the economy is running properly and that Americans have opportunity.”

FUTURE PLANS: Enjoy life, take care of his family and watch his grandkids grow up. “We’ve got a lot to enjoy and be grateful for,” he says.



SCOTT SPORLEDER

ROBERT LYNN

BEST KNOWN FOR: A member of the 2000 Sydney Olympic team for water polo, Robert also served as an assistant coach in 2008 and 2012, becoming an integral part of winning a silver medal for the U.S. He coaches Newport Harbor High School's boys' water polo team and recently started the immensely successful Newport Beach Aquatics water polo and swim club, where he leads the club team, Newport Beach Water Polo. "My love for this sport drives me to dedicate myself to it in any way I can," he says. "I love developing athletes—not only as players, but as athletes of character and discipline, which spills over into their everyday lives."

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: Robert lived overseas for 13 years in Italy, Greece, Croatia and France while playing professional water polo after his college career at USC. "I had a very enriching experience exchanging ideas with all kinds of people. I tried to bring the best of it home and share it with my high school and club athletes."

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: The addition of another Olympic-class pool facility.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: For water polo to get the recognition that it deserves, "because it is a truly beautiful game," Robert says.

FUTURE PLANS: Win a championship with Newport Harbor High School and build one of the best aquatics programs in the nation with Newport Beach Aquatics club. "I would also like to create a professional league in America to provide an outlet and the inspiration needed for our young athletes."

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"The Center [for Public Policy at Concordia University] is working to change our culture of conflict and bring people together."

—KEITH CURRY

KEITH CURRY

BEST KNOWN FOR: A council member since 2006, Keith has initiated efforts to reform the city charter, prevent the abuse of eminent domain and create a memorial to the U.S. Marines in Castaways Park. During his mayorship in 2010, he introduced the Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Newport now has "the highest level of financial reserves in the city's 106-year history, AAA bond ratings, and a strong and improving local economy," says Keith, the current mayor pro tem. Keith led efforts to construct the Newport Coast Community Center and renovate the OASIS Senior Center and is president of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS: A major Jimmy Buffett fan and avid reader of political histories, Keith is the decedent of legislators from Virginia, Georgia and Alabama.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: "Overcome partisan gridlock and work with local officials to forge consensus and get things done," says Keith, the founder of the Center for Public Policy at Concordia University. "The center is working to change our culture of conflict and bring people together."

FUTURE PLANS: In his role as chairman of the Orange County Parks Commission, Keith anticipates three new city parks: Newport Center Park, Sunset Ridge Park and Marina Park.



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RICHARD AFABLE, M.D.

BEST KNOWN FOR: President and CEO of Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, celebrating its 60th anniversary. In his seven years there, Richard, who is board certified in internal medicine, has led Hoag to the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide for clinical quality and headed up a shift from being a hospital that takes care of the sick to one that focuses on health and well being. In 2011, readers of Modern Healthcare and Modern Physician voted Richard one of the 50 Most Influential Physician Executives.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: "After Hoag, health care and Newport Beach, my passion is music," Richard says. He played professionally and has seven guitars. His pride and joy is a spitting image of one he sold in 1975 when he was "forced to keep his guitar, or eat."

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: "Let's not beat ourselves up because we have so many prominent people here," Richard says. "That can be a point of leadership and it has been. Let's celebrate who we are, not be embarrassed by it."

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: On behalf of the largest employer in Newport Beach, Richard wants Hoag to be an integral part of daily life. "We are a not-for-profit community-based organization that exists for and by the community," he says. "We'd like to change their point of view into one of advocacy and ownership."

FUTURE PLANS: Building partnerships with patients, residents and business leaders to make Newport Beach "the healthiest community in the U.S."



DONALD BREN

BEST KNOWN FOR: As chairman of the Irvine Company, Donald was named one of Business Week's 50 most generous philanthropists in the nation in 2008 and topped Los Angeles Times' list of the 100 most influential people in Southern California in 2006. For more than 45 years, he has trail-blazed local real estate as a master planner, master builder and a long-term investor. On the board of trustees at Caltech, UC Irvine Foundation and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, he has also contributed more to endowed chairs than any other single donor in the University of California's history. A lauded conservationist, Donald has donated 50,000-plus acres of Orange County land for parks, greenways, recreation and wilderness preserves.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS: He fondly remembers childhood weekends rowing in Newport Harbor. Donald attended the University of Washington on an athletic scholarship for downhill skiing. A broken ankle ended his hopes to make the 1956 Olympic ski team. These days he skis near the family's Sun Valley, Idaho, ranch.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS: In a 2011 LA Times article, Rick Caruso, an Irvine Company board member, said, "In terms of great visionaries who have influenced Southern California, I'd put him up there with Walt Disney." As Irvine Company's sole shareholder, the 80-year-old has reportedly made plans for it to continue as a private company controlled by its board of directors.

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—RICHARD AFABLE



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LAURA DAVICK

BEST KNOWN FOR: Founding the nonprofit that rescued Crystal Cove from developers and transformed it into a historic district based on restoration, conservation and education. Laura single-handedly spearheaded efforts that derailed the luxury resort at Crystal Cove, one of her "most passionate moments." Crystal Cove's educational programs now impact 35,000 students, grades K - 12, annually. As president and founder of Crystal Cove Alliance, Laura asserts the rental cottages and Beachcomber cafe are only the tip of an iceberg that includes 6.2 miles of coastline, 2,400 acres of backcountry and 1,100 acres of underwater park.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS: Before adopting this all-encompassing endeavor, Laura was involved in real estate development. Tirelessly orchestrating a bright future for the cove, where her parents owned a cottage in the 1940s, she now wants to cultivate her personal life to incorporate more travel, more boating and less work. "Believe it or not, I do enjoy escaping occasionally from Crystal Cove to recharge," she laughs.

WHAT SHE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: Naturally, that the community becomes more engaged and actively involved at Crystal Cove. "The cove's legacy is an enormous undertaking, and we can't do it alone," Laura says. "This project takes the entire village, not just a few people."

WHAT SHE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HER FIELD: That all nonprofits find a way to create a sustainable future for their missions.

FUTURE PLANS: With 29 cottages completely restored, her goal is the challenging task of restoring the final 17 cottages, a \$20-million pursuit.

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—LAURA DAVICK

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—WALKIE RAY

JANET AND JAMES "WALKIE" RAY

BEST KNOWN FOR: Since their involvement in founding the Discovery Science Center, the Rays have become benefactors for Orange County School of the Arts, MIND Research Institute and MacGillivray Freeman Films Educational Foundation, among others. Janet is also vice chair of Arts Orange County and on the board of Pacific Symphony Youth Ensemble. Both are advocates of the Orange County Great Park, where Walkie is on the board of directors.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: The lifelong lovebirds met in Corona del Mar at the bus stop in third grade, yet attended local rival high schools before graduating from Stanford University.

WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: The renewal of the Peninsula, where they live. "The other end of Newport is receiving all kinds of attention with the new City Hall," Walkie says.

FUTURE PLANS: Construction projects including the Balboa Theater and the next phase of the Discovery Science Center, the most visited science center per square foot in the U.S. "It used to be a place for elementary kids, but with the 'Star Wars' exhibit last year and 'Indiana Jones' this year, it is growing up, and people of all ages are attending," Walkie says.

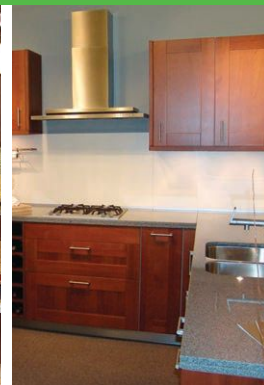


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SAMANTHA PAYNE

BEST KNOWN FOR: Helping to establish and develop the Performing Arts & Multimedia Academy (PAMA) at Corona del Mar High School, then spending countless hours to keep it vital, active and interesting. An English teacher for 11 years and a former department chair, Samantha led the program for five years, as it grew from a few students to more than 115. The "small learning community" has boosted participants' GPAs and in 2010, PAMA won a national competition from Hurley called Walk the Walk at the U.S. Open of Surfing, taking home the \$25,000 grand prize for its runway show that combined fashion, art, music and dance. In 2011, Samantha also implemented an anti-cyber bullying program among eighth graders.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: She struggled in high school. "That's why I can relate to the kids and help them overcome obstacles," Samantha says. "I have always been bright, but I cut corners and veered toward the rebellious side. The hard lessons I learned shaped who I am and made me a better person."

WHAT SHE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: People work collaboratively and embrace their differences.

WHAT SHE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HER FIELD: Smaller class sizes, more focus on the arts in education and a cessation to cutbacks and layoffs. "We are losing young and motivated teachers before they earn tenure," Samantha explains.

FUTURE PLANS: With her newly earned master's degree in administration at Pepperdine University, she dreams of becoming a principal or starting her own school.

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—SAMANTHA PAYNE

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—MARSHALL "DUFFY" DUFFIELD

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BEST KNOWN FOR: Innovating the Duffy electric boat since he converted his family's 20-foot gas boat to electric in 1968. Our harbor holds 2,400 of his watercraft; more than 10,000 are found across the globe. Known for saving the city hundreds of thousands of dollars with the Mooring Master Plan Subcommittee, he was a Newport Beach Harbor commissioner until 2012. "We tried to better the harbor and make it more user-friendly for visiting yachts and locals," he says.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: "I've raced on the best boats in the world and have applied that to the boats I make, designed to maximize both horsepower and stability," Duffy says.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: City enforcement of the Harbor Area Management Plan to support marine-related and commercial waterfront operations instead of increased residential sprawl. "The character of the harbor is in jeopardy," Duffy says.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: More American-built boats and materials made in the U.S.

FUTURE PLANS: Finish developing a harbor patrol/fire boat that runs on batteries but uses its engine in emergencies. "The technology is here, and I want to apply it ... to reduce the noise, pollution and damage typical patrol boats cause," he says. **NBM**



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JOHNNY SCHILLEREFF

BEST KNOWN FOR: A deep love for skateboarding that began before age 5 brought Johnny to found Element, a clothing, footwear and lifestyle brand born in 1992. Element has evolved along with skate culture, adding a full women's line, environmentally responsible clothing and the Elemental Awareness Foundation, an in-house nonprofit that educates and inspires young people through skateboard events, wilderness workshops and more. Even more than Element and outreach, Johnny values his relationships with his wife, Kori, and their children, which inspires him in all he does, from art to entrepreneurship. "At Element, I love our international amateur contest series finals, where skaters from around the world come together to experience nature and to compete at Element YMCA Skate Camp," he says. "And although it's not my own accomplishment, I'm very proud of Kori's accolades as a tennis champion and her entrepreneurial adventure as a tea brewer."

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: In addition to his love for breakdancing to a good beat, Johnny reveals he's a skier, not a snowboarder.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: "I love living [here], but there is so much structure," Johnny says. "Something that's close to home is remembering what it is to be a kid and allowing them freedom to discover, create and play."

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: The progression of the community's acceptance of skateboarding. "It has come a long way, and we are very proud of that," he says.

FUTURE PLANS: Get skateboarding in the Olympics.

"[The community's acceptance of skateboarding] has come a long way, and we are very proud of that."

—JOHNNY SCHILLEREFF



MOHAMED EL-ERIAN

BEST KNOWN FOR: Beyond his titles of CEO and co-CIO of PIMCO, Mohamed is author of the New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestseller "When Markets Collide," which was named a book of the year by The Economist and winner of the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs 2008 Business Book of the Year. Former roles include faculty member of Harvard Business School, managing director at Salomon Smith Barney/Citigroup in London and 15 years as an official at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C. Named to Foreign Policy's list of "Top 100 Global Thinkers" for 2009, 2010 and 2011, Mohamed publishes his market and global economy musings as a finance and business expert weekly in major news outlets from The Huffington Post, Newsweek and CNBC.com to Washington Post, Reuters, Bloomberg and the Financial Times.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS: Born to an Egyptian diplomat father and French mother, he spent much of his youth in New York and Cairo. Mohamed received most of his education in the U.K. before relocating to the U.S., and he is an enthusiastic fan of the New York Jets.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS: Widely rumored to take over PIMCO's top slot from Bill Gross one day. As reported by the New York Times in July, "Mohamed is my heir apparent," Bill said during a joint interview earlier this year at company headquarters.



HENRY AND SUSAN SAMUELI

BEST KNOWN FOR: Tech pioneer Henry Samueli co-founded Broadcom Corporation in 1991 and has since served as Chief Technical Officer (CTO). Widely recognized as one of the world's leading experts in the broadband communications field, Henry has been a professor in the electrical engineering department at UCLA since 1985, and since 2003 he has been a distinguished adjunct professor at UC Irvine. Henry and Susan generously support countless arts, education and health-related charities. In 2004 their donation founded the Sala and Aron Samueli Holocaust Memorial Library at Chapman University, named in honor of Henry's parents, both Holocaust survivors. In 2012 the couple joined The Giving Pledge, initiated by Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates, whose members pledge the majority of their wealth to philanthropy. Owners of the Anaheim Ducks since 2005, the Samuelis witnessed an exciting Stanley Cup championship win in 2007, the first in franchise history.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: In partnership with the Santa Ana Unified School District and the Anaheim Ducks Foundation, the couple's Samueli Foundation addresses the issues of childhood obesity, health and nutrition through the Health Thru Hockey initiative.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS: Continued philanthropy and growth of Broadcom, a Fortune 500 company that has also been named one of Fortune's 100 Fastest Growing Companies. According to Broadcom.com: "By 2020, the number of connected devices is expected to reach 50 billion—or six devices for every person on earth. Broadcom's role is to connect people to everything and everyone that matters."

"There are more than 100 million people with mobility disabilities living without a wheelchair, who cannot afford to buy one."

—DON SCHOENDORFER

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DON SCHOENDORFER

BEST KNOWN FOR: Founding the nonprofit Free Wheelchair Mission, which bestows the gift of mobility through sturdy, rugged wheelchairs for impoverished individuals in developing nations. Every \$71.88 turns into a wheelchair for someone in desperate need. Don created the organization in 2001, about two decades after he and his wife Laurie were vacationing in Morocco and saw a disabled woman struggling to drag herself across a dirt road. Since then, fellow Americans have partnered with his organization to give 660,000 wheelchairs to the disabled in developing countries.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: Don is self-described as a "humble engineer trying to serve God's kingdom." He also adds: "And I love to get my hands dirty."

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: He'd love to see Newport Beach adopt a poor community in a developing country.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: He hopes to see more engineers sharing their talents with those in need.

FUTURE PLANS: "There are more than 100 million people with mobility disabilities living without a wheelchair, who cannot afford to buy one," Don says. "My goal is to get them wheelchairs and help them know that they are loved by God." More short-term, he'd like to gift 1 million chairs by 2015.



RICH AND MASHA SKOLBURG

“I am a product of Newport and public schools from Mariners Elementary to Harbor High and UC Berkeley, and I give credit to school and my parents.”

—CHRIS WELSH

CHRIS WELSH

BEST KNOWN FOR: Co-founder/pilot, along with Sir Richard Branson, of Virgin Oceanic. Their team will explore the deepest part of each ocean via a one-person submarine on the upcoming Five Dives Expedition. An adventurer and entrepreneur, Chris has swum with great white sharks, traversed the country on a dirt bike and has flown his twin-engine plane and his helicopter across the continental U.S.—all while logging 25,000 miles of competitive sailing.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACT: “I work!” he insists. Chris also maintains his longstanding career in real estate investment. “I am a product of Newport and public schools from Mariners Elementary to Harbor High and UC Berkeley, and I give credit to school and my parents,” he says.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN NEWPORT BEACH: A return to the original cooperative, get-it-done approach on bay issues, starting with completing the Bay Club to Lido Village boardwalk.

WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN HIS FIELD: Cooperation to standardize the necessary hardware for deep-sea exploration, so that massive exploration becomes routine not extraordinary.

FUTURE PLANS: Inspiring “gumption” in kids. “For every thousand couch drivers with Nintendo machines, we need a few Indiana Joneses,” Chris says. “Diving deep and sharing what we find via documentaries is the immediate goal, but translating that into inspiration is the underlying push.” **NBM**



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BY VICKI HOGUE-DAVIES

NEWPORT BEACH BOASTS AN INTERESTING AND ECLECTIC MIX OF ARCHITECTURE AND HOME DESIGN STYLES WITHIN ITS MULTIPLE NEIGHBORHOODS. HERE, FIVE LOCAL INTERIOR AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNERS HIGHLIGHT ROOMS THEY HAVE DESIGNED IN THE CITY AND EXPLAIN WHAT MAKES THESE PARTICULAR SPACES SO QUINTESSENTIALLY NEWPORT.



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ELEGANT OUTDOOR LIVING

MARK SCOTT,
MARK SCOTT ASSOCIATES

"I like to tell my clients, 'You give me the ingredients, and I'll bake the cake,' " says landscape architect Mark Scott of Mark Scott Associates in Newport Beach. "I listen to what they say and then interpret it." For the Santa

Barbara-style Crystal Cove summer home of his clients, a Texas-based couple, Mark was challenged with creating a backyard outdoor space with different entertaining areas that incorporated the wife's desire for more formality and the husband's for something more "random and natural." The result was a terraced space that perfectly blends casual and formal aesthetics, and features several spots for entertaining and quiet relaxation. On the upper terrace is a covered pavilion, which encompasses a complete outdoor kitchen, bar and fireplace and is bounded by formal clipped hedges. A few steps down is the lowered pool terrace, which required the extensive removal of soil to create, Mark notes. It channels a tropical lagoon vibe with its palm trees—King palms were chosen for their narrower trunks that help maximize the view—lush plantings and a natural stone waterfall. Opposite the pavilion is an approximately 20-foot-by-30-foot synthetic turf lawn "that is like a green fuzzy patio," Mark says, adding that the couple can have functions there or just relax. "They have a good-sized movable day bed and chaises they bring out there," he says. "It is a very pleasant spot—you can see Irvine Cove."

A loggia off the house affords views up and down the coast and features a fire pit. Entering the house from the front, an inviting step-down courtyard with a fireplace brings more formality to the space. "It is a very pleasant place," Mark says. "When it is windy out, the courtyard is a nice place. ... You can entertain in that whole space very nicely."

And what makes this stunning entertainment space quintessential Newport? "I've given talks to the American Society of Outdoor Architects Landscape Architects about outdoor living rooms and kitchens and outdoor rooms," Mark says. "It is a typical [desire] now for every Newport Beach person—some variation of an outdoor [room]."

COUNTRY FRENCH BATHROOM

SHALA SHAMARDI, HAUTE DESIGN STUDIO

"In Newport Beach, you find all different styles and eras of home design," says Shala Shamardi, Haute Design Studio principal designer. "The difference is that Newport Beach clients have a very cultivated taste. As long as I can incorporate this upscale taste with practicality and comfort it makes the design quintessential to Newport Beach."

For her Corona del Mar clients, Shala designed a French country master bathroom that is both upscale and relaxed. True to the comfortable design style, the bathroom effortlessly mixes easy sophistication with Old World charm. It took two months to complete, from demolition of the original bathroom to placing the towels and accessories on the new cabinet shelves.

"The previous bathroom was dated and impractical," she says. "My clients wanted a bathroom in French country style that maximized the space. To achieve this goal, we rebuilt the new bathroom to include a lot of storage and plenty of style and practicality."

Her clients desired a black-and-white color

palette, which Shala explains are predominant colors in French country decorating. She incorporated soft green walls and various materials to create a one-of-a-kind design that is interesting and current. The Carrera marble shower enclosure and bathtub deck contrast elegantly with the dark granite bathroom countertop. The floor is made of natural stone.

"I designed a medallion for the shower enclosure to complement the tasteful sink and tub backsplash," she says. "The birch cabinets were custom-designed and are stained in a cool green with black overtones."

The color palette continues into the printed window treatments, which provide both privacy and European elegance. French wall prints and whimsical crystal lighting fixtures bring a feeling of big-city Parisian chic to the French-country-inspired space. Shala notes that black and white in decorating can often look very harsh. "This space is soft and light and looks very French," she says. "The use of soft greens and the lighting and accessories adds to that."



CHAZ METWIER





CHIC COASTAL-LIVING

OHARA DAVIES-GAETANO, BLISS DESIGN

Located near The Wedge, the coastal weekend retreat of Ohara Davies-Gaetano's clients takes its inspiration from its waterside surroundings. Ohara, the principal designer for Bliss Design, set out to create "a chic, sophisticated beach house" that was also approachable and comfortable.

"The rooms, including the living room, are not huge, so I wanted to make sure the furniture didn't overwhelm the space," she explains. "I focused the palette in neutral colors to make the living room feel larger and went practical when selecting fabrics, including using a lot of natural linens." For some of the key pieces of furniture, Ohara used slipcovers for easy cleaning.

She calls the living room "European-inspired meets Newport Beach" for its mix of styles and pieces. The Karen Robertson sea fan and seashell art piece over the sofa bring the ocean and its creatures inside, mirroring the vast ocean outside.

"I wanted something visually stimulating on the wall but not too colorful," Ohara says. "By incorporating the piece it allows for texture on the wall and a beautiful focal point."

The gray upholstered chairs by the fireplace, with their antique European style, would be perfectly at home in an elegant mountain chalet. In the home by The Wedge, the chairs juxtapose perfectly with the relaxed beach feel and seem

to say, "Come in and enjoy the sunshine and read a book," says Ohara, noting that they are her favorite pieces in the room.

A hand-loomed, vegetable-dyed area rug that Ohara had custom-made in Tibet anchors the living room's main seating space, which includes an oversized cocktail ottoman that allows you to put your legs up or have additional seating when entertaining, she says.

Indeed, no details have been overlooked in the room, which even features a custom-made Tempur-Pedic dog bed that blends perfectly into the decor and ensures that the owners' dog, Felicity, will also enjoy relaxing weekends at the beach.



ECLECTIC MODERN MASTER

MELISSA PALAZZO, PAL + SMITH

New and old blend, and bright color pops against soothing white in the 400-square-foot master bedroom suite of Melissa Palazzo's two-story home near the Back Bay. The principal designer and creative director at Costa Mesa-based Pal + Smith designed her entire home, following a complete remodel of the original 1950s-era house on the property, to incorporate her "eclectic modern" style. The result was a Newport Beach home and master bedroom that are both fashionable and comfortable.

"I think of Newport as being pretty casual," she says. "This master is a great casual yet stylish space."

Wanting a space that was soothing, Melissa incorporated white sheers behind the bed and at the slider, which kept the room very soft and allowed her to introduce pieces that were a little heavier, like the Edge Bed from Environment Furniture. "It is a modern-looking bed but very functional," Melissa explains. "You can put bedding in all the drawers and sit all the way around it on the extra-wide ledge."

White pendant lights from Wohler float over the space on either side of the bed for more airiness. A Rick Meoli white-framed horse photograph hanging above the bed is a dramatic focal point in the room.

"I grew up riding in Northern California," Melissa says. "I always think horses are peaceful, so it went with having a peaceful master bedroom. It is a very ethereal piece."

Her signature "color pop" is evidenced in the bright, geometric-patterned rug, the colorful retro telephone and rich green plants, all of which draw the eye while blending effortlessly into the whole. Also melding into the design is the Italian carved-wood chair from the 1830s, the only antique in the room.

"I love antiques, so every space in my home must have one signature piece," she says. "The chair is one of my favorite pieces."

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BEACH-STYLE KITCHEN & NOOK

DAWN ROSENMAYR, ROSENMAYR INTERIORS

"My client was completing the construction of his new home and wanted it to be comfortable for a couple," says Dawn Rosenmayr, principal of Rosenmayr Interiors. "He wanted an equal balance of masculine and feminine touches, but most importantly, he wanted the home to be warm and cozy. He was single at the time of the design but is now married."

Dawn achieved the goals of her client throughout the Newport Coast home's interior. In the kitchen and kitchen nook she balanced the hard lines and dark colors built into the 4,000-square-foot home's Tuscan architecture by using light and airy fabrics like linens and cottons on the furniture and window

treatments. She had a down sofa custom-made for the eat-in kitchen nook. The blue fabric on the sofa coordinates with the nook's window coverings.

"I loved the idea of two people eating there in the nook together comfortably," Dawn says. "The sofa is all down and comfortable and cozy so they can just melt into it. It is their favorite place to eat and fits them both perfectly," she says about the homeowners.

The nook's custom-made oval table is built of rustic walnut planks. It was designed to swivel in the small space to make it easier to walk around. The chairs, which feature upholstered seats, add another touch of softness to the

space. By the kitchen island, McGuire barstools provide casual seating.

The kitchen, nook and family room were designed as one large open space. The family room features custom-made oversized sofas and other pieces covered in linens and cottons. The stone coffee table is inlaid with shells for maximum beach ambience. Large glass doors from the room open up to let the outside in.

"To me, quintessential Newport style is a blend of traditional and coastal looks," Dawn says. "I wanted everything to be open and see-through and when the wind came in through the doors it would feel airy and breezy." **NBM**

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DESIGNERS TO OUR COASTAL COMMUNITY.

BY ALLISON HATA



Curaçao dress, Fall/Winter 1954
collection, from "Dior, 60th
Anniversary" (Assouline, 2012).

WHEN IT COMES TO FASHION, SOME MAY imagine that Orange County takes the backseat to its northern neighbor, Los Angeles—home to the iconic Rodeo Drive and celebrity-studded boutiques. Locals, however, won't be surprised to find that men and women of all ages enjoy a selection of unique shopping opportunities right in our own backyard—with some great ocean breezes to boot.

Newport Beach's burgeoning shopping scene made its first major strides nearly 50 years ago when South Coast Plaza opened its doors in nearby Costa Mesa in March 1967, followed shortly thereafter by Fashion Island in September. In the years since, the two centers have grown into retail meccas, offering up some of fashion's biggest names.

Although local malls are lauded for their upscale collections of designer stores, even more noteworthy are the shops offering locals and visitors an opportunity to browse the racks for hard-to-find items. Our coastal town is home to a number of stores exclusive to the West Coast or Southern California—meaning that even a drive up to LA won't yield the prized merchandise style-seekers can find at one of Newport's charming boutiques or shopping centers.

FASHIONABLE ISLAND

Located just a stone's throw from the Pacific Ocean, Fashion Island is a favorite of retailers from a different coast.

"Newport Beach has a sophisticated shopper who is well-traveled and appreciates unique stores and new concepts," says Dan Sheridan, president of Irvine Company Retail Properties, which owns Fashion Island.

In summer 2012, J. Christopher Burch's lifestyle brand C. Wonder debuted at Fashion Island, bringing its whimsical prints and vibrant colors to Newport in this West Coast exclusive store.

"This was a really important market to us," says Amy Shecter, president of C. Wonder. "The [Newport Beach] customer understands aesthetic, color and luxury."

Customization is the key to luxury at C. Wonder, with the store offering monogramming, embroidery and engraving for nearly all of its products. In addition to women's apparel, accessories and home decor, the store also provides a few fun surprises that include personalized products for dogs, pogo sticks and an array of unique tech accessories.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously," Amy adds. (cwonder.com)

On the north end of the center, Vineyard Vines



Clockwise, top:
Bardot; Joie;
C. Wonder



offers nautically inspired styles at its only West Coast location. Launched by its neckties emblazoned with icons of "the good life"—such as fishing and boating—the brand has expanded to offer clothing and accessories for men, women and children.

"The Vineyard Vines brand really lends itself to life on the coast—East or West," says Lindsey Worster, vice president of brand communications. (vineyardvines.com)

The coasts continue to collide at another new Fashion Island shop, Joie. Newport is a natural extension for the Southern California-inspired brand—although its flagship boutique is in New York City and its only other retail space is in Paris.

"It seemed natural that our first West Coast

boutique would be by the beach," says Serge Azria, CEO and creative director of Joie. "Orange County serves as the perfect backdrop for the collection, which is constantly inspired by Southern California and its casual yet sophisticated way of life."

Serge adds that for the upcoming year, the brand hopes to bring potential jewelry and accessory collaborations with local designers to its collections of apparel, handbags and shoes. (joie.com)

Another company inspired by coast-to-coast travels is Ella Moss, which offers local women and girls an exclusive retail location—the only one of its kind—for feminine and flirty fashion.

"The Newport Beach customer exemplifies the Ella Moss girl. She loves sunny days and the beach



TRICIA METTEREQUINOX PHOTOGRAPHY



Clockwise from
top left: Queen
B; personal stylist
Leslie Christen;
Roger Vivier;
Vineyard Vines

and knows how to dress up a T-shirt and dress down a dress,” says creative director Pamella Protzel-Scott.

Versatility is at the heart of Ella Moss, with dresses, signature prints, swimwear and more for females of all ages. Those who visit the Fashion Island boutique are treated to an array of merchandise only found in-store.

“I’ll create pieces in signature Ella Moss prints or silhouettes that aren’t available anywhere else,” Pamella says. “Many of our

Fashion Island customers are die-hard Ella Moss fans, and we like to give them something extra special.” (ellamoss.com)

SOUTH COAST SOPHISTICATES

Although its address says Costa Mesa, the ever-fashionable South Coast Plaza has a style that screams “Newport.” Home to the second-largest Cartier in the U.S., the three-story shopping mall also boasts an expansive collection of stores exclusive



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"More than ever, shoppers are incredibly smart and up-to-date on top-tier designers and brands, but they also seek special, hard-to-find items that aren't readily available everywhere," says Debra Gunn Downing, South Coast Plaza's executive director of marketing. "For example, a brand such as Roger Vivier, which opened its first and only West Coast flagship this year at South Coast Plaza, had a tremendous response."

Credited as the inventor of the stiletto, Roger Vivier's legacy lives on at South Coast Plaza. The designer's namesake boutique brought vintage yet modern Parisian flair to OC earlier this year with its signature heels and handbags.

"All of our boutiques around the world are inspired by the interiors of Monsieur Roger Vivier's very own Parisian apartment—[this] new boutique is no exception," says Sabine Brunner, the brand's general manager.

"We had women waiting for days and hours outside the store for the boutique to open," Debra adds. "There was one woman who bought 16 pairs the day Roger Vivier opened. There's that kind of obsessed devotion to a brand we see when it's that exclusive. It's amazing." (rogervivier.com)

Longchamp, another Parisian retailer, came to South Coast Plaza in 2010, with an assortment of lightweight luggage, bags, small leather goods and ready-to-wear items at its only SoCal location.

"Orange County residents understand and appreciate luxury in everything from the bags they



Ella Moss

carry to the spaces they dine and shop at," says Stephanie Disegni, CEO/president of Longchamp USA. Stephanie adds that in spring 2013, the store will debut the LM Cuir collection in new colors for spring as part of a special made-to-order program. (longchamp.com)

While customers won't find clothes at Assouline, those interested in the art of fashion

can visit the store for its selection of designer-inspired books and gifts. Paying homage to fashion's brightest stars, Assouline's popular table-topping titles at its only Southern California location include "Dior, 60th Anniversary" and "Louis Vuitton: 'Icons.'" (assouline.com)

"At South Coast Plaza, we've spent decades cultivating an edited collection of the world's best retailers and brands," Debra says. "Orange County is prime real estate for [these] major brands."

UNIQUE BOUTIQUES

Newport's large retail centers are fashion mainstays, but its charming one-of-a-kind shops make up the heart of the local shopping scene. With a finger on the pulse of OC style, personal shopper Leslie Christen of Leslie Christen Lifestyling knows all the best places around town.

She encourages locals and visitors alike to visit Bardot for its selection of Brigitte Bardot-inspired apparel, jewelry and accessories that you'll have a hard time finding outside of Newport, including custom-made statement piece jewelry from Noble House Designs, vintage dresses from GoldDust Dresses and specialty labels like Jeunesse and Suboo.

"We carry easy, feminine, yet sophisticated pieces from lines like Twelfth Street by Cynthia Vincent, A.L.C. and Haute Hippie that allow you to go from the beach to a night out on the town in style," says owner Dana Harmon. (949-515-2710)

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go-to store for the latest in contemporary trends. "At Queen B, think classic with an edge, like a simple black dress with cut-outs on the back or a cashmere sweater with studs," Leslie says. "You'll always make statement and everyone will want to know where you got it." (949-515-0233)

At Westerly in Corona del Mar, women will find fun clothing and accessories from designers not typically found in OC. "Westerly is my go-to gem for great labels, ones you don't see in the department stores," Leslie says. "I also love that they highlight local designers." (949-313-7111)

Also in Corona del Mar is the recently opened Ivivva Athletica—a concept created by fitness retailer Lululemon. Five showrooms across the U.S., including Corona del Mar as the only West Coast location, offer a selection of core items for girls between the ages of 6 and 12. Every week, the Ivivva store converts its space into an instant dance studio, offering customers complimentary classes from local studio instructors.

"The showroom is an opportunity for us to get to know the area and understand what girls are excited and passionate about," says Erin Hochstein, public relations specialist. "We really want to focus on what the community looks like for us." (949-723-0849)

Whether you're seeking haute couture from Fashion Island and South Coast Plaza, or a chic ensemble from a street-side boutique, Newport Beach is the place for a singular shopping experience that rivals anywhere else on the coast. **NBM**



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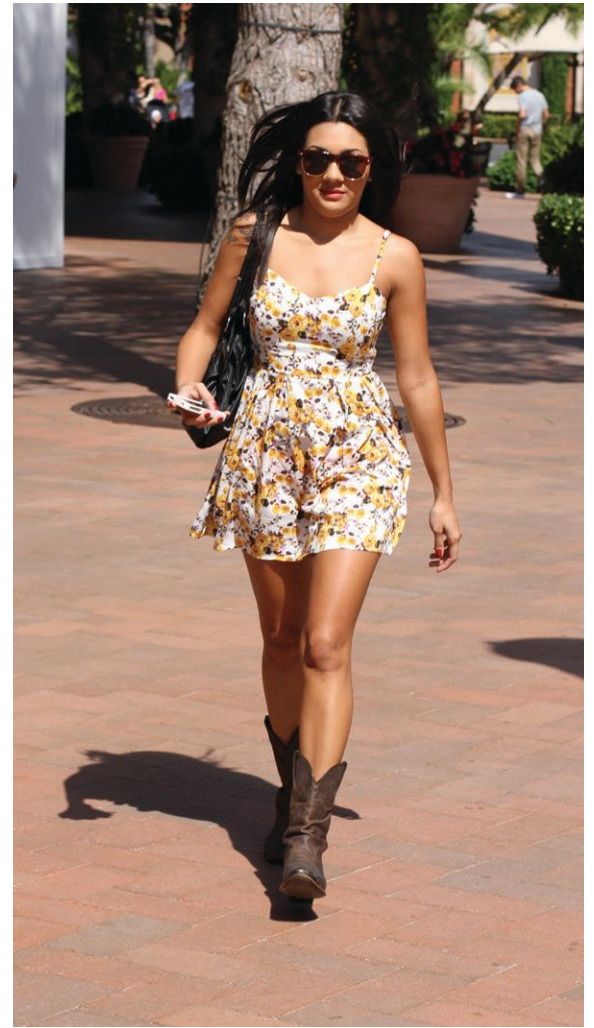
IN THE WAY OF FASHION TRENDS, FALL 2012 is going big (as you'll recall from Vogue's 1,000-page September issue—the largest in the publication's 120-year history). So big, in fact, that it seems hard to go sartorially wrong when such a diverse range of styles are "en vogue." Couture-clad models marched the Fashion Week runways showcasing everything from military-detailed duds and rock star heavy metals to soft winter whites and opulent brocades. Thread in leather and lace applique, fur (faux, of course!), bold graphic prints and a slew of textures, hues and silhouettes, and the possibilities still aren't close to covered.

Of course, how these trends translate from the New York, Paris, London and Milan catwalks to SoCal's coast is vastly different from what we'd see, say, in Manhattan, Boston or even San Francisco. Not only does our year-round balmy weather relieve us of the need for wool trench coats and ear muffs, but the relaxed, easy and carefree vibe that comes with living in a beach town also finds expression through our wardrobes.

Newport Beach Magazine consulted with the town's top stylists for a trend report and insider tips, and then took to the neighborhood streets—a la The New York Times' famous style photographer Bill Cunningham, save the bicycle and worn windbreaker—to capture how Southern Californians are putting their own spin on the top trends.

Street Style

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Modern Classics

"You can never go wrong with classic pieces," advises Leslie Christen, stylist to Newport's elite, and personal shopper at The St. Regis Monarch Beach. Chicly outfitted in cuffed skinny jeans, a plain white T-shirt and fitted military jacket, a camel leather Chloé bag over her arm, she adds, "Designer items are a good investment because you can wear them forever ... and cheaper 'classic' finds will still look more expensive."

The classics typically keep to neutral colors—navy blue, black, gray, browns and beiges, white—and are your go-to pieces that fit comfortably and make you feel confident. Think denim, soft cotton T-shirts and button-downs, cashmere sweaters, and tailored coats

for both men and women. Your most elegant little black dress, precious family jewels and most wearable pair of Louboutin pumps also fall into this category.

A few in-season items to add to your forever-staples, Leslie says, that are sure to be seen in Newport Beach are winter whites (a summer favorite in more textured fabrics), cropped coats, capes and peplum hems (which will weave in and out of style over the years), high-waisted and loose-fitting trousers (paired with a structured shirt) and leather equestrian boots. Accessorize with driving caps and fedoras, scarves and timeless jewelry. "I just bought a chunky gold cuff necklace," she reveals. "Jewelry is a great way to change your look and dress up





more [simplistic] clothes.”

The stylish men of Newport seem to be adopting a more preppy New England style as of late, donning casually-worn Oxford shirts, straight (not skinny) denim and Topsiders, all of which can be updated this fall and winter. For dressier occasions, Leslie says, skinny tailored suits are on-trend. “Classic three-piece suits with a narrow silhouette—those are great.”

Returning to the autumn It list for yet another season, military-inspired styles for both sexes have also become a classic that’s always in fashion. “I love the military trend for both men and women,” says OC-based fashion designer Lisa Rodarte. “Military styling and details are classic and easy to wear. I love military-inspired parkas, bags and boots.” Dare to think outside the barracks and also try on feminine military detailing like cargo pockets, brass buttons, buckles and patriotic patchwork adorning everything from skirts to ballet flats.

Right on Hue

While earth tones never fade out of style, a few colors boldly stand out this season: Bordeaux, orange, gold and a mix of heavy metals dominated the Fashion Week designers’ shows, and will likely be at the forefront of Newport fashion this fall.

We saw both leather and wine hues make their debut, and the two also poured together on everything from riding pants and quilted vests





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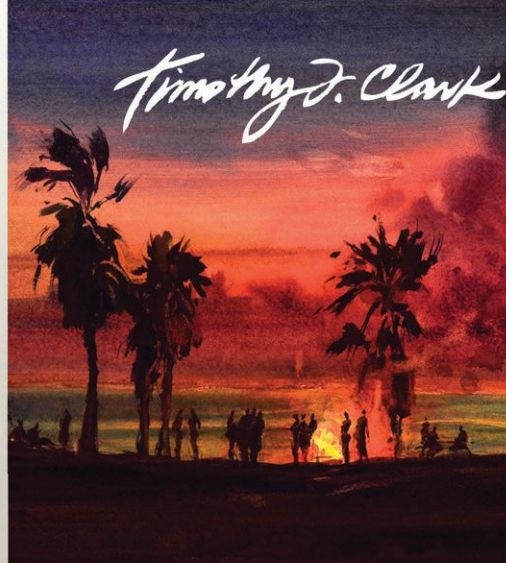
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to pencil skirts and peplum belts. From frocks to stockings, gold also glittered on the runway, along with sparkly midnight shades that can be rocked day or night, depending on how you pair them (opt for subtlety in the early hours—woven into a knit, for instance, and save more brilliant pieces for evening).

Colorful prints popped up in a variety of fashions, from retro 1970s geometric patterns to silver- and gold-threaded brocade (and even faux brocade—patterns printed on other materials like silk). “My favorite trend for fall 2012 is the printed trouser,” says Lisa. “I think it’s a great new way to bring back [this pant style] and I love all the different fits I’m seeing—flare, pencil, cropped and wide leg.”

If you thought bold bedazzling went out of fashion in the 1990s, never to make a comeback, think again: Everything from embellished scoop necklines to cigarette pants to chunky platforms

is making a statement this season (much more elegant than the bejeweled stonewashed denim from decades ago).

Also kicked up a notch this season is the return of the motorcycle (“moto”) boot and bootie. Beyond basic black, step into a variety of shades and textures—beiges, browns, reds—adorned with buckles, studs and other updated accents. “The bootie is the No. 1 shoe and must-have this season,” Leslie says. “My favorite are moto boots by Rag & Bone.”

When it comes to color, a rich and diverse palette invites you to explore and experiment with your wardrobe this fall.

Mix It Up

“Newport is more fashion-forward, so I think a lot of the season’s trends will translate well here,” says Leslie, who predicts what she calls “a mix of elements”—trends layered with beach-wear.





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“We’ll always have the beach vibe (and weather) here, so summer styles translate well into fall. We’ll see items from last season worn with what’s happening now. For example, a long floral dress roughened up with a motorcycle jacket and moto boots (she recommends Westerly Boutique and Bardot for stellar selections of styles). What we won’t see in Newport is full structure or straight-from-the-runway [ensembles].”

Lisa adds: “I like the fact that people in Newport don’t take fashion too seriously and always incorporate an easygoing beach aesthetic to their wardrobe. What I love most is that mix of casual and trendy.” Beyond the beach-y, Bohemian look, she thinks trends like the wide printed trouser will translate easily to casual Newport style, by pairing them with, say, a white T-shirt and flip-flops opposed to the tucked-in blouse and platforms that stomped the runways.

Newport-based stylist Channing O’Neill, who favors a bit of a Boho vibe and says she also loves mixing styles like floral prints with stripes, cautions not to go overboard: “Whatever trends you choose to mix, try not to overdo it,” she says. “To keep it balanced, keep it natural and not ‘done.’” Some of her favorite trends as of late are velvets, cable-knit sweaters, printed jeans, embellished sequined shorts (worn with a plain white T-shirt) and black booties.

“Although, the biggest excitement for me in the fall is finding a fun new handbag—that’s always my main splurge.” Channing is still searching for the perfect find.

For men, she’s fond of mixing trendier pieces like fitted blazers with surf clothing, which, she acknowledges, most men in Newport will also incorporate into their style.

When it comes to fall fashion on the Newport streets, the rules are—there are no rules. “It’s all about having fun with it,” Lisa says. Keep in mind a few simple tips, Leslie advises, like dressing in what’s most flattering on your figure and playing the proportions right—the smaller your size, the smaller the print; loose, flowing pieces on top or bottom but not both, go with something short or low-cut but not both, et cetera). So shop the local boutiques, try on a few fun trends and hit the streets. **NBM**





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A woman with blonde hair pulled back is sitting in a large, dark wood lounge chair. She is wearing a shimmering, beaded halter-neck dress and a matching bracelet. She is holding a large, light-colored, feathered clutch bag. The background is a bright blue ocean with whitecaps, and the foreground shows a light-colored stone patio.

Beaded dress, \$8,795, and
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BEST *of* the WEST

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR FOR
AN AMAZING ALPINE ADVENTURE.

BY DANA NICHOLS

READY TO REVEL IN EPIC DESCENTS AND DELUXE LODGES THIS WINTER? Western resorts are at the head of the biggest trends in skiing and snowboarding. This season it's all about pushing boundaries, on the slopes and off.

From the Rockies to the Wasatch Range, skiing off-trail or beyond boundaries is the latest on-snow trend. The classic green, blue and black lines of ski trail maps have expanded to be a medley of color, as resorts increasingly add and designate new types of terrain. Many now offer guided access to adjoining backcountry terrain, expansive snowboard parks, half-pipes as long as 500 feet, and even secret stashes for the under-10 set. Skiers and snowboarders are reading between the lines and loving it—and telling better stories around the fire.

WHY VISIT NOW:

Burton Snowboards is moving its 31st Annual U.S. Open, the longest-running competition in snowboarding, to Vail this year. The 22-foot pipe at Golden Peak will be the focus; Feb. 25 - March 3, 2013 (opensnowboarding.com).

Local tip: One of the best ways to tour the neighboring Beaver Creek Resort is the 45-minute tours led by a forest ranger every Monday afternoon.

More info: Opens Nov. 16; 800-805-2457; vail.com. Beaver Creek opens Nov. 21; 800-226-0355; beavercreek.com.

VAIL MOUNTAIN

Vail turns 50 this season, but with a temperament as youthful as ever, flaunting a high profile snowboard contest and a new Wi-Fi-enabled gondola for 2012-13. The sheer size of North America's largest ski resort, at 5,289 skiable acres, makes it hard to decide where to begin. A good starting place is the intermediate-to-advanced four-mile Riva Ridge—Vail's longest run—where snow is good throughout the day. Upper sections are steeper; lower sections are easier. For a healthy rush of adrenaline, Blue Sky Basin is a destination in itself and includes a run called Iron Mask, where one can launch off a cornice and finish valiantly with powdery turns for several beats. Because most of the lodging at Vail is at the upscale European base village, expect to feel surrounded by bliss every step of the way—including cuddling up under a fur blanket on the perimeter of an ice skating rink to rest up for tomorrow's ski day.



WHY VISIT NOW:

Glimpse skiers in training for the 2014 Winter Olympics, such as 2010 bronze moguls medalist Bryon Wilson, 24, who practices on the run aptly named Champion.

Local tip: No snowboarders means more fun for skiers.

More info: Opens Dec.8; 800-424-3337; deervalley.com.

DEER VALLEY RESORT

No trip to ski-happy Park City, Utah, is complete without visiting the area's most opulent ski area, Deer Valley. The resort has invested an average of \$6 million per year over the past six years in on-mountain improvements, plus some of the finest new hotels in the ski industry. An exciting upgrade this season is a new quad chairlift accessing the Jordanelle area, with its signature Deer Valley run, an especially nice place to spend a morning as it softens in the sun. This intermediate trail offers skiers a melodic fall line, sending them soaring softly over bridges and alongside slope-side homes, and rolling them cleanly over groomed perfection. Just one of the many reasons 70 - 75 percent of guests return annually.



CROSS-COUNTRY

Slide up, over, down and across snowbound fields, aside frosted-over backcountry lakes and quiet nature trails that become insulated in silence after a storm. Cross-country skiing isn't just for fast-moving athletes with quads of steel. Many resorts offer complete morning-to-night experiences: Imagine waking up in a snowbound cabin on the backside of Mammoth Mountain with a mellow downhill cross-country trail out your front door (tamaracklodge.com). Pack a picnic and spend all day exploring the huge network of 90 trails that climb as high as 7,538 feet on Lake Tahoe's Donner Summit at North America's largest cross-country ski center, Royal Gorge—now operated by Sugar Bowl (royalgorge.com or sugarbowl.com). Head to Whistler Olympic Park for a lesson in classic cross-country skiing, the heart-pumping version known as skate skiing, or test your ability to "ski fast, shoot straight" at the center's Discover Biathlon program (whistlerolympicpark.com).

WHY VISIT NOW:

Pack your party beanie because the resort turns 40 on Dec. 22. Northstar opened 170 new acres of Lake Tahoe backcountry terrain last winter, an advanced zone of gladed tree skiing that can be accessed with a guide or via snowcat. Its ski school is now called the Adventure Guiding and Learning Center and can include everything from a gate-accessed day on the Sawtooth Ridge to a week in the Burton Snowboard Academy.

Local tip: Refuel with a brisket grilled cheese sandwich and wash it down with a spicy Beefy Mary (a bloody mary that comes with a slice of beef jerky) at Zephyr Lodge.

More info: Opens Nov. 16; 800-466-6784; northstarattahoe.com.



COREY RICH

NORTHSTAR CALIFORNIA

Past the north shores of Lake Tahoe in a dense forested mountainside that was once a timber farm, Northstar holds the sorts of snowbound treasures that skiers and snowboarders dream up when they're far from snow: complex tree runs, deep stash powder turns and terrain parks with an infinity of varied obstacles and features. Pro snowboarder Shaun White co-designed the 22-foot halfpipe, which debuted in January 2012, and announced the resort as his primary training ground. "I pretty much have the opportunity to ride anywhere, and I chose to ride at Northstar California because it's all-time. The park's great and the pipe is always brand spankin' new," says the two-time Olympic gold medalist. Northstar has been Lake Tahoe's most ideal beginner and family resort for years because of gentle terrain in a nice spot under the gondola, and this year debuts a new Burton snowboard park targeted at 3- to 6-year-old mini-shredders.

UP IN THE AIR

For those who've always wanted to ski the out-of-bounds expanses of British Columbia's Selkirk Mountains, a new concept debuted last winter that accelerated the concept of heli-skiing: Bighorn at Revelstoke, an eight-room luxury chalet rental with its own helicopter pad in the backyard. After settling into the three-story timber framed lodge, a phone call will beckon one of Canada's premier tour operators to whisk you to the great snowy wide open of glaciers and pristine backcountry bowls that Canada is so well-known for (bighornrevelstoke.com). Have something closer in mind? Wasatch Powder Birds has been operating from a state-of-the-art heliport at Snowbird since 1973. Longevity is a good trait to trust when being dropped off on top of an unmarked, un-groomed, completely wild and free slope (powderbird.com).

SNOWBIRD/ALTA

It's nice to know you can travel to an expert-rated mountain without expecting a cold shoulder. Onthesnow.com readers voted the 'Bird "best overall resort" in 2012. "Customer service remains our No. 1 priority, and it seems to be working," says resort representative Emily Moench of Snowbird, where a serious 11,000-foot tram ride provides access to some of North America's steepest proving grounds, just 29 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport. "Our first day there, we stared at the giant map and an employee came over and asked if it was our first time there, our level of skiing and [told us], 'here is where you want to go in the morning versus the afternoon as the sun shifts positions.' He nailed it just right for us," says Rasa, a visitor from Novi, Mich. Don't miss Chip's Run—a scenery-rich top-to-bottom route that's suitable for beginner-to-intermediates who can link turns. Skiers can connect to Alta (snowboarders aren't permitted), where the 2012-13 season marks 75 years of schussing fine Wasatch powder in the Little Cottonwood Canyon.

WHY VISIT NOW:

One of the only resorts to construct a new lift this year, Snowbird debuts the new Little Cloud high-speed quad lift.

Local tip: Alta is part of the new "Mountain Collective," a four-resort access pass for the price of \$349—with Aspen, Jackson Hole and Squaw Valley.

More info: Opens Nov. 17; 800-232-9542; snowbird.com. Alta opens Nov. 17; 801-799-2263, alta.com.





PETER MORRIS

WHY VISIT NOW:

Mammoth Mountain beefs up its kids' tree zones this year: Narrow trails that zip and loop through snow-padded bumps and curves, spitting the pint-size skiers out onto a groomed trail, where, most likely, mom or dad is waiting. "They're fun little areas that kids have kind of self-developed, but now we go in and groom them," says resort spokeswoman Joani Lynch. "They're still kind of a secret, and kids like them as a secret. It's a place just for them where their parents don't necessarily want to go, and it's super fun for kids."

Local tip: The Night of Lights unifies visitors and locals who all gather to bundle up and watch fireworks light up the slopes for one brilliant (and brilliantly cold) night (Dec. 22).

More info: Opens Nov. 8.; 800-626-6684; mammothmountain.com.

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

Many Southern Californians have memories of learning to ski and snowboard on Mammoth Mountain, but there may be no better time to be a kid than right now, with a new kids club, Woolly's Adventure Summit tubing park that opened in 2011. Also new this season: a progression park for learning snowboard tricks on small rails and jumps. "Not everybody who comes here is super pro, and we want to give them an area to build their skill set," says resort spokesperson Joani Lynch. But plenty of storm-chasers skip the park entirely and plan their visits the day after a legendary Sierra snow dump. "The gondola line always has a crazy excitement and energy level on a bluebird powder day," says professional snowboarder Kimmy Fasani. "Everyone's smiling and giving high fives. Powder turns just give you the best feeling. My first couple laps are on the Paranoids and then to the backside for a secret stash of powder."

WHY VISIT NOW:

If you haven't visited Whistler since the 2010 Olympics, prepare to be impressed by infrastructure that includes 220 of the world's most powerful snowmaking guns. New this season are guided backcountry skiing clinics led by professional coaches that launch right off the top of the ski area summit into the 480,000-acre Garibaldi Provincial Park.

Local tip: Fuel up with a cup of Thunderbird dark roast by organic Spirit Bear Coffee Company, available throughout the resort. Whistler started serving this eco fair trade Vancouver-based company—which supports bear habitat—late last season.

More info: Opens Nov. 22.; 800-766-0449; whistlerblackcomb.com.



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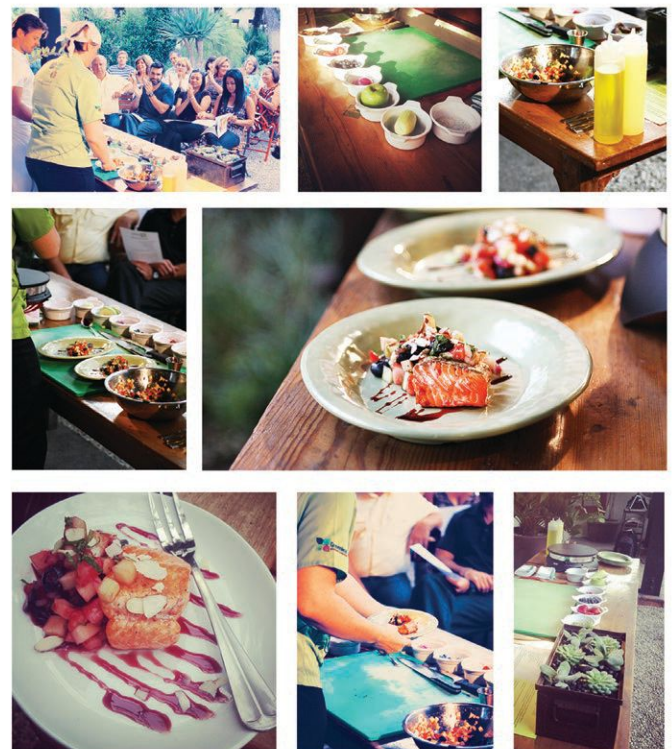
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NEWPORT'S HABITAT

BALBOA ISLAND

With a century's worth of history, Balboa Island continues to attract residents who fall in love with its beachside village charms.

BY JEAN HASTINGS ARDELL | PHOTOS BY JODY TIONGCO

MENTION "BALBOA ISLAND" TO A NATIVE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN, AND YOU often get an outpouring of happy memories about vacationing in one of Newport Beach's best-loved communities. Part of its charm is its history: In the early 1900s, William S. Collins began dredging operations, piling residue on a convenient mud flat. Thus was an island born. (Today there are three islands: Little Island off the east end of the main island and Collins Island off the west end.)

Early entrepreneurs often fell in love with the lots they were selling and became local fixtures. Joseph Allan Beek acquired a contract in 1919 to operate a ferry between the Island and Balboa Peninsula, which his family has run ever since. Connected to the mainland by a two-lane bridge adorned with seasonal decor on its north shore and by the Beeks' ferry on its south shore, Balboa Island remains a waterside village that continues to tug on residents' hearts.





FAMILY FACTS: James, Kelley, Patrick (24), Brennan (20), Blair (17) and Sean (10) Simpkins, and beagles Surfer Dude and Bailey.

DAY JOBS: James is the president of Meggitt Corporation, a British-owned aerospace manufacturing firm. Kelley is a stay-at-home mom.

SPACE: 2,451 square feet, four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, plus a shower-only room.

TIMELINE: Built in 1934, purchased in 2010, remodeled in 2010.

FABULOUS FEATURE: The upstairs wood-paneled man cave

FAMILY TIES

THE SIMPKINS HOME ON ONYX EXEMPLIFIES the feelings residents have for the island. Kelley spent childhood summers here, a tradition that continued after she married. For years, James and Kelley Simpkins and their four children rented here with friends every August. Kelley had always dreamed of owning a home on the Island, though. "It's a great location," she says. "Onyx is one of the streets where the original families from Pasadena settled, and it's still so neighborly." This particular house had a special pedigree. The Buffum family (of Southern California department store fame) had built the house and still owned it. Kelley had always appreciated old homes, and this one

was filled with the Buffums' family history and artifacts—antiques, literature, bookcases filled with books on California history, sailing, Catalina Island and magic. She loved it.

Only one obstacle stood in the way: The living room was walled off from the kitchen and dining room. The wall was structural, requiring the installation of a steel beam to open up the rooms. Upstairs, Kelley found a wood-paneled den, which immediately suggested a "man cave" for her husband and four sons. Most of the old wooden floors were refurbished, and the kitchens and bathrooms updated—excepting one bath, which kept its original green and yellow painted tile work.

Kelley also retained the original balconies, which wrap around three sides of the house upstairs and provide a sense of openness to the bedrooms. Kelley was able to purchase several of the home's antiques, including an armoire, hutch, four-poster bed and side tables. A book dating to the 1800s, given to the Simpkins family by the Buffums, sits in a place of honor in the man cave. Kelley also saved the brass doorknocker, inscribed "Dick Buffum," as a reminder of the past. The Simpkins are thrilled with their updated "old" home. They enjoy it on weekends, holidays and during the summer. Someday, Kelley and James vow, it will become their retirement home.



FAMILY FACTS: Geof Wickett, Norm Lessard, Brian Barber, and Pepper (an adopted Siberian husky), Smokey (a gray and white cat) and Bandit (a ginger cat). **DAY JOBS:** Geof owns a Del Taco franchise; Norm is an information technology consultant; Brian is a self-employed chauffeur. **SPACE:** 2,300 square feet, two bedrooms, two baths. **TIMELINES:** Built in 1931, remodeled in 1950, 1970 and 2009. **FABULOUS FEATURE:** The rose garden atop the carport and the rooftop garden, filled with fruit trees, vegetables, and orchids.

THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

GEOF WICKETT CANNOT REMEMBER A TIME when his home on Little Island's East Bayfront was not a part of his life. His grandfather bought the house in 1946 for Geof's parents, for about \$22,000. "Grandfather owned the house next door, and he put a door in the side of their house so there was access to my parents' carport. I remember the large parties they gave," Geof recalls. "Most of the parties included people from Fullerton Christian Church, [which] my great-grandfather started, and I remember the many hymns we sang before, during and after dinner." (Geof's great-grandfather was Charles Clark Chapman, the first mayor of Fullerton and a board member of California Christian College of Los Angeles. When the

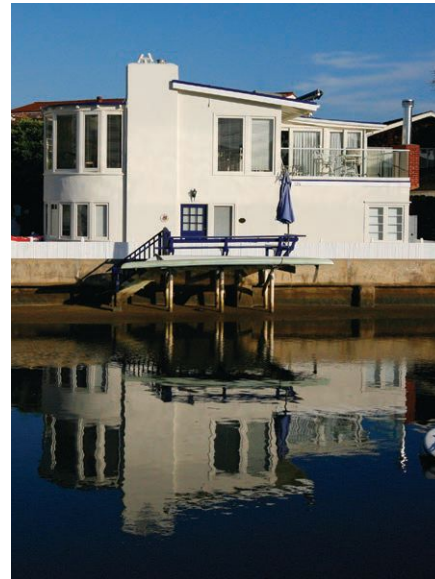
college moved to the city of Orange, the name was eventually changed to Chapman University.)

Built in 1931 as a three-story Spanish pueblo, the home was remodeled in 1950 by Geof's father, an architect, who installed picture windows across the front of the house. Geof, who grew up in Fullerton, spent his summers there and visited during the winter. "I swam and sailed in the Flight of the Snowbirds," he says. "The Snowbird—it's a thing of the past now—was a great little sailboat." (Geof still gets out on the bay these days in his kayak.)

Geof's parents had lived in the house since 1970. After his mother's death in 2007, Geof moved in. He waited for more than a year before making any changes to the house he now shares

with roommates Norm Lessard and Brian Barber. "I have approximately 30 different roses on the carport roof," he says. "And through a pop hatch in the ceiling of the second story, you will come into my happy place—my rooftop garden—where I have pots of trees ... three avocado, two lemon, one orange, one apple, one peach and one nectarine. ... During the summer I grow tomatoes, pineapples, cucumbers and orchids." Geof also uses his produce in his cooking (he renovated the kitchen in 2009).

Continuing the tradition of hospitality, Geof hosts his three grown sons and friends for weekly brunches and dinners. "And we still sing hymns around the table, just as we did when I was growing up."



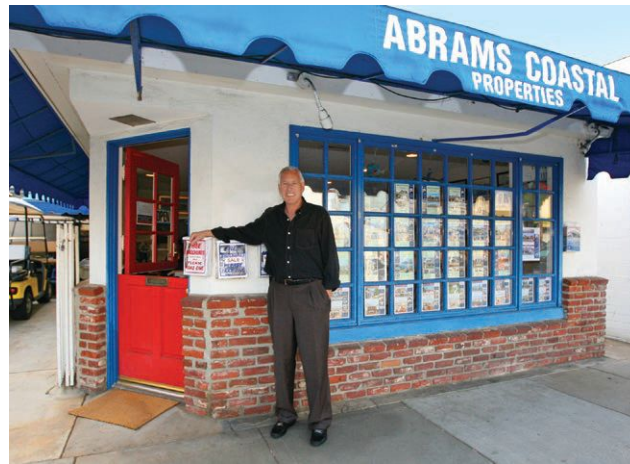
FAMILY FACTS:
Don, Gwenn and Benjamin (5) Abrams, and dogs Mason and Tora (Pulis)

DAY JOBS: Don is the owner of Abrams Coastal Properties; Gwenn is a stay-at-home mom.

SPACE: 1,900 square feet, four bedrooms, 3.5 baths.

TIMELINE: Built in 1937, purchased in 1992, remodeling is ongoing.

FABULOUS FEATURE: The upstairs deck with expansive views of Grand Canal and the bay.



DISCOVERING THE ISLAND

DON ABRAMS HAD LIVED IN NEWPORT BEACH for several years when a friend invited him for walk on the island. “I fell in love with it and decided I should move here from Harbor View Homes,” he says. Don took to running the island’s three-mile bay front sidewalks, always looking for a likely house for sale. “This one,” he says of the home he shares with his wife and son, “has 50 feet on the water (most lots are only 30 feet wide), and the canal was more affordable than the bay front.”

Since purchasing the house in 1992, Don has made many renovations. “It’s an upside down house,” he explains (the living area is upstairs). He expanded the kitchen, reclaimed a dining room from a former small deck that had been made into

a bedroom and replaced the fireplace in the sitting area. The result is a great room that takes advantage of the water views. Just outside the dining room is a deck, which used to be Don’s home office. Now a G-scale model railroad sits on its platform. Another O-scale model railroad sits in the living area, on a platform Don and Benjamin made last Father’s Day. The railroad motif began with Thomas the Train when Benjamin was younger.

As Don worked on the house, its mysteries were revealed. “One day a lady knocked on the door. I found out that her mother had built the house as a single story, with the structure to someday add a second story. After seeing her old photos, I decided to return the north façade to its original curved

shape. It’s a character house, and I’ve made the changes without interfering with that.”

Don still likes to walk or run the island—and he can walk to his real estate office on Marine Avenue. He appreciates the friendly neighbors and the cool breeze that always blows through the canal. “We have a dock with a kayak and paddleboard,” he says. “We play soccer on the sidewalk—if the ball goes in the water, it’s time to get on our bathing suits and go get it.”

“This is a true beach house,” he concludes, “with real wood—no fake products. And it’s still a work in progress. It suits me. Whenever I come down the hill and onto the bridge, I can see my house from there. It still feels so good.” NBM

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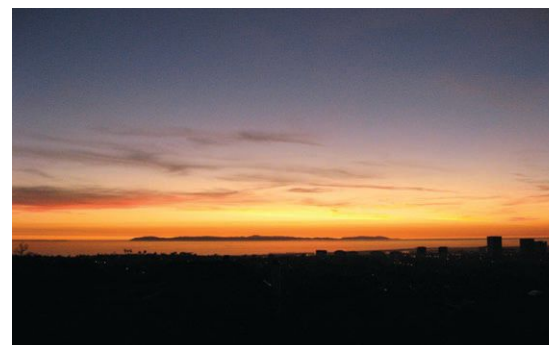
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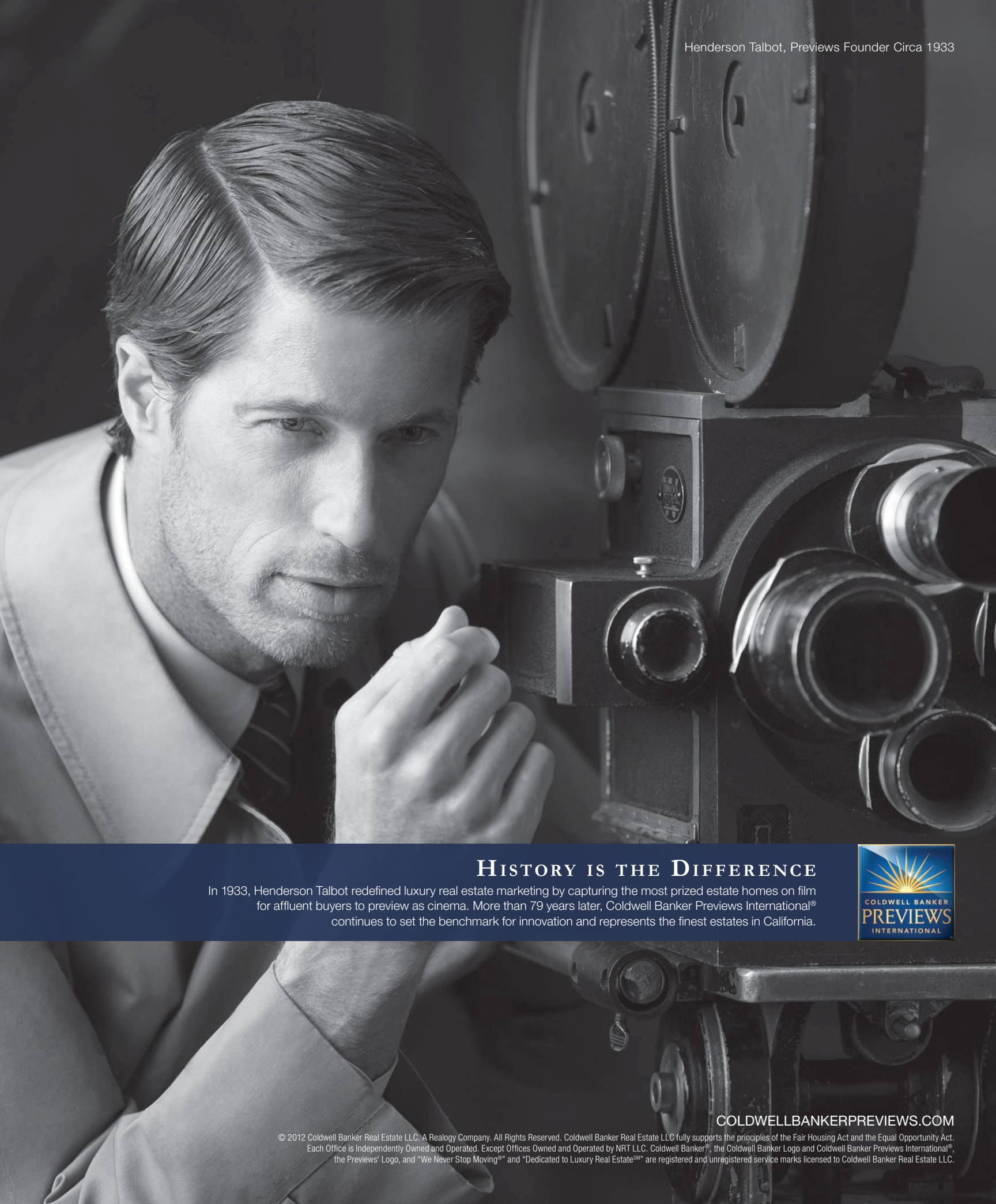


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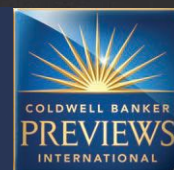

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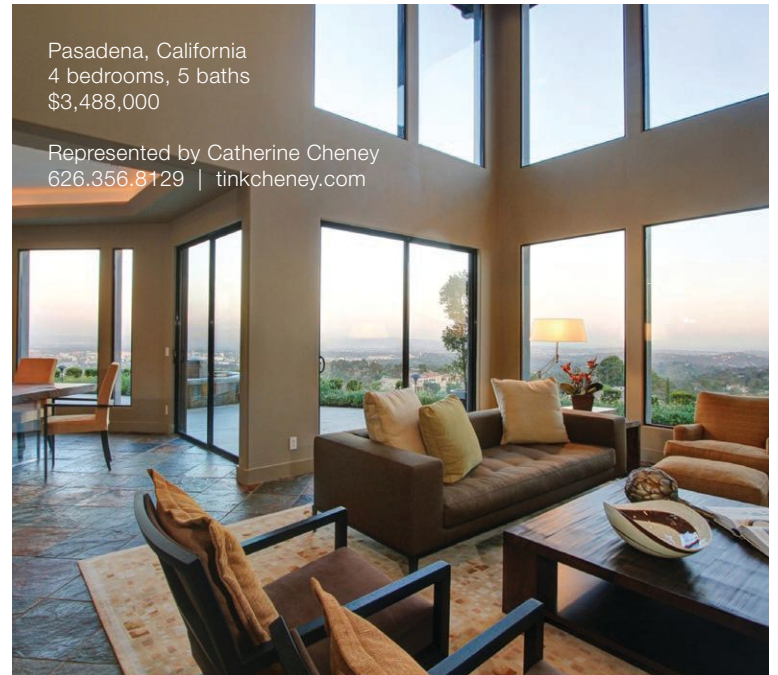
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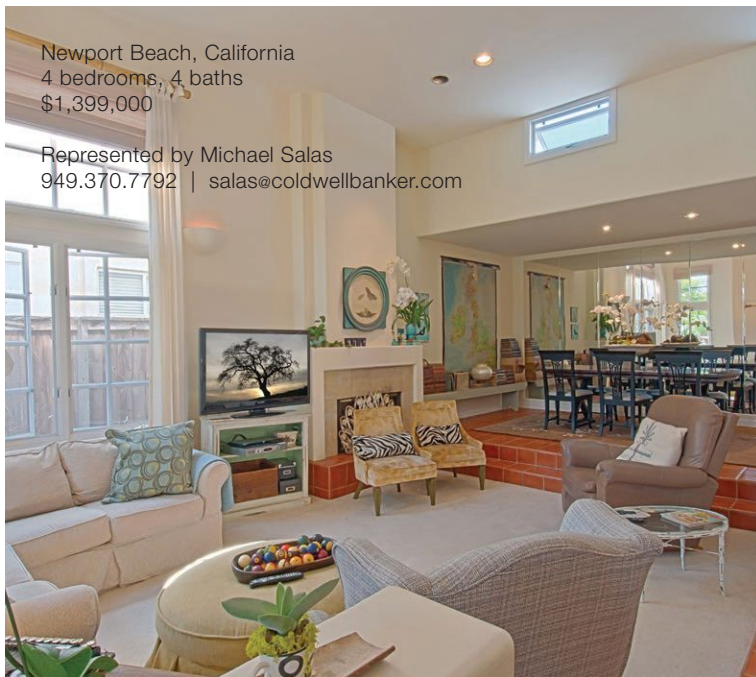
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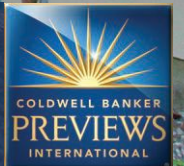


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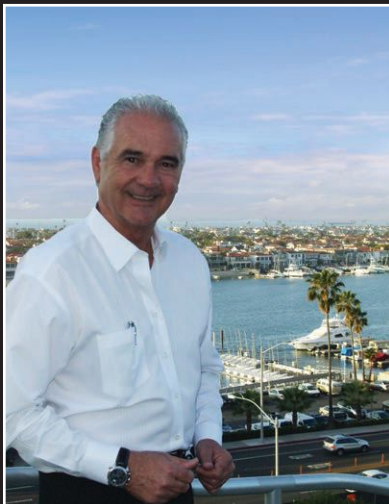
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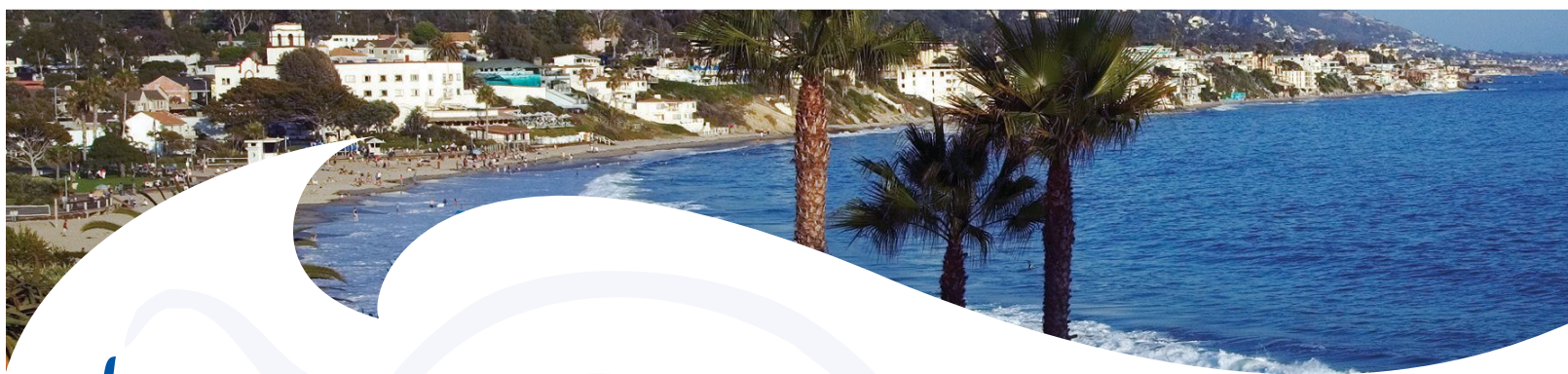
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A VILLAGE FAVORITE GETS A FRESH MAKEOVER

A favorite family restaurant and tavern on Balboa Island for more than 50 years, The Village Inn is getting a modern makeover, says owner Dan Miller. "We wanted to bring back the coastal feel while maintaining approachability," he says. For starters, a wall was knocked down and wood flooring installed to open up the space. Look for a fresh color palette and furniture in the near future. To freshen up the already-tasty bar food menu, they added appetizers like shrimp ceviche, crispy calamari and fresh hummus. Entrees like the locally-sourced filet mignon, sustainable salmon and Mary's Farm smoked chicken are some highlights on an updated menu that is both sustainable and seasonable. "Expect an ongoing change of dishes," Dan says. Entertainment has also been extended to seven nights a week too, with a comedy show on Mondays. (949-675-8300; the-village-inn.net) —A.B.



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French Casual

Brasserie Pascal at Fashion Island offers traditional French cuisine in a welcoming atmosphere.

BY MICAELA MYERS | PHOTOS BY JODY TIONGCO

ORANGE COUNTY'S OWN STAR FRENCH CHEF, Pascal Olhats, has been at the helm of several Newport Beach restaurants since the 1980s. While many loyal customers were sad to see Tradition by Pascal shutter its doors earlier this year, they will be happy to hear that some of those signature dishes are available on the Brasserie Pascal menu. Located in Fashion Island, Brasserie Pascal offers a taste of France, both in the traditional French cuisine and the brasserie atmosphere, which is warm and inviting, with shiny dark wood and black and red accents. What you won't find are tuxedo-clad waiters and white tablecloths; Brasserie Pascal is a friendly place, where you can have good food in a casual atmosphere with authentic French flavors, as Pascal himself describes it. "I like traditional," he notes. With Brasserie, he sought to maintain authenticity but in a non-intimidating atmosphere.

If you're dining at Brasserie for lunch, a

traditional French salad is a great place to start (or have as a meal). The Salade Maison features frisée and butter lettuce, poached egg and warm lardons served tableside with house vinaigrette. Or, opt for the duo of beets salad with lemon-flavored goat cheese, roasted hazelnuts and sherry vinaigrette. The mussels are also not-to-be-missed, prepared simply (and deliciously). Try the sauvignon blanc mussels made with white wine, leeks and herbs. Whatever you do, if you're a lover of meringues, make sure to order the Ile Flottante—light and absolutely mouth-watering, this meringue is house-made and cooked in milk.

On the dinner menu, you'll find tasty house specialties from the Tradition by Pascal menu, such as thyme-crusted sea bass, braised rabbit and rack of lamb, as well as a full Brasserie dinner menu. Pascal's special roasted bone marrow is from a family recipe, featuring beef marrow on the bone topped with garlic persillade and served with

toast points and Pascal's favorite condiments. Pascal recommends scraping the bone marrow off and mixing with the condiments—the way he enjoys it. While bone marrow is now somewhat of a trend in foodie circles, when Pascal first began serving it, no other restaurants were, and his preparation style remains singular. Another favorite on the Brasserie menu is the steak frites—a grilled, flat-iron steak served with roasted tomato and French fries.

Brasserie also offers an extensive and varied wine list, with about half of the wines from France, many at a good value. Happy hour, held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Brasserie is very popular and features sliders, small bites, Champagne cocktails, plus wine and beer. It even took home Best Happy Hour at the recent Golden Foodie Awards. The bar at Brasserie is elegant and welcoming—the perfect place to gather with friends at the end of the day. **NBM**

Brasserie Pascal, 327 Newport Center Dr.; 949-640-2700; pascalnbp.com

GOLDEN FOODIE AWARD WINNERS



Clockwise from top left: Golden Foodie Award's host Frances Dilorinzo; John Kukreja – Best Indian Food: Tamarind of London; Chef Gregory Moro – Best French Food: French75; chef Pascal Olhats, chef Susan Irby and guests; Wing Lam – Best Restaurant Branding: Wahoo's

The first ever Golden Foodie Awards celebration took place Sept. 30 at the Fairmont Newport Beach. Orange County restaurants, chefs, bloggers and mixologists were honored in 30 categories. Hosted by comedian Frances Dilorinzo, the lively awards show featured many celebrity presenters, and several of the Real Housewives of Orange County were present, complete with film crew. The statuette presented to each winner is made of solid pewter, covered in 14-karat gold and created by the manufacturers of the Golden Globe awards. The winners, as chosen by patrons and local foodies, included Best Indian Food in Orange County: Tamarind of London; Best French Food in Orange County: French 75 (which also took home Best Mixologist); Best Tacos in Orange County: SOL Cocina; and Best Happy Hour in Orange County: Brasserie Pascal, among many others. K'ya Bistro, House of Big Fish and Ice Cold Beer, Stonehill Tavern, Cucina Alessa and Sundried Tomato Cafe were also finalists, though they didn't bring home the win this year. For a complete list of winners, visit goldenfoodieawards.com. —M.M.

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An Irish Gem

Muldoon's brings the pub traditions of good food, great drinks and a fun atmosphere from across the pond.

BY LINDA DOMINGO | PHOTOS BY JODY TIONGCO

THE TRADITION OF THE PUB (SHORT FOR PUBLIC house) spans hundreds of years and is held dear by many countries. In an unlikely location for this Emerald Isle import, Muldoon's is situated across the street from Fashion Island and offers carefully crafted food, beer and Irish whiskey lists that would make a Dubliner proud, and best of all, authentic pub culture.

Ronald Schwartz opened Muldoon's in 1974 with the late Smyth brothers. After the brothers sold their interest in the pub, Ronald took over. Now, he and his wife Sindi keep the ovens warm and the beer flowing from the taps with the help of a passionate staff. That staff includes Dudley Tomasi, the food and beverage director who shares his extensive knowledge about beer and whiskey with a smile on his face, and Lisa Teixeira, the red-haired bartender who makes any guest feel like family.

Before jumping into the food menu, sampling

one (or more) of the beers, whiskeys or wines is a must. A local craft brew like the Loakal Red from The Bruery will satisfy, or stick to an Irish classic: Guinness. Whiskey fans can sip Tullamore Dew or Bushmills, or those wanting to indulge can order a shot of the limited-quantity Middleton Very Rare. Once you have something to cleanse your palate, share some appetizers like the smoked salmon with chive mascarpone on flat bread or the salt and pepper calamari and shrimp fry with spicy chile tartar sauce. Have a sip of your beer and move onto the entrees: The Irish influence is clear in dishes like the shepherd's pie and bangers and mash. Sandwiches such as the Dublin dip and burgers such as the Celtic are good bets, but on chilly nights, dive into the Black Bush stew, which comes with a shot of Black Bush whiskey. Of the shot, Sindi advises diners: "Pour half or whole into the stew, and good luck!" Vegetarians will love The Goddess Salad, served with peach,

olives, organic egg, pearl potatoes, smoked Gouda and Goddess dressing.

Leave room for dessert because Sindi Rae's dark chocolate pudding is a treat that is difficult to skip. "At about 8 o'clock at night you start hearing, 'clink clink clink' because [diners] are trying to get more out of that little cup," Sindi says. Pair it with an Irish coffee for a sweet nightcap.

Muldoon's features two pubs, which surround a large patio with plenty of outdoor seating. Drop in on Fridays or Saturdays between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. or Sundays between 2 and 4 p.m. for free concerts outside. The bars, restaurant and patio all make for a lively, yet intimate atmosphere. "We seat almost 250 people, but it kind of feels cozy and small," Sindi says. "You can come in on a date, or after work, or in your tennis garb, and you're going to eat beautiful food in a casual way." NBM

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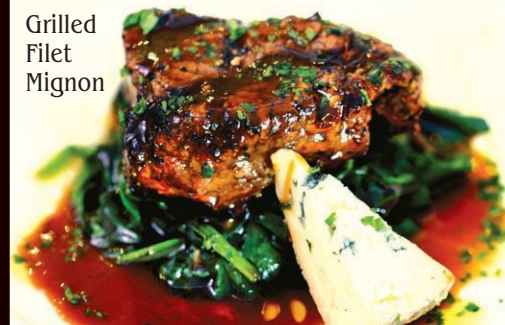
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Pandor Artisan Boulangerie & Café (Pandor means “golden bread”) now caters to Newport residents at its Westcliff Plaza location, opened this summer. Celebrating the true art of French baking with “sustainable ingredients, complex textures and global flavors,” the shop serves up artisan breads, Viennoiseries, pastries, tartines, paninis and salads, using sustainable, local and seasonal ingredients, complex textures and global flavors. (949-209-5099; pandorbakery.com)

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Alfred Prasad, executive chef of the original Tamarind in London, has jumped the pond to debut a new menu and assume similar duties at the Crystal Cove location. He will split time between London and Newport. Alfred has 10 Michelin stars to his name and will be the only Michelin-ranked chef actively working in an Orange County restaurant. He has designed a menu that will include more of the classic Indian flavors the London location has been recognized for. Known for his coconut-based curries and skillful wielding of delicate spices, Alfred brings a unique perspective to Tamarind, resulting in some of the best Indian cuisine around. Tamarind is now open for lunch six days a week. (949-715-8338; tamarindoflondon.com) —C.H.



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Fall brings a seasonally inspired menu and a new executive chef to Seasons 52: The South Coast Plaza restaurant recently announced the appointment of Hung Tram, previously the executive chef at La Creperie Café. He and his staff will prepare a fall-inspired menu through Dec. 20, including standouts such as cider-glazed grilled chicken skewers with fuji apple slaw, and entrees like the Piedmontese all-natural bone-in strip steak. For vegetarians, the autumn vegetarian tasting features a medley of grains, soft taco, chili relleno, vegetables, tofu, and mango chutney. The restaurant also offers a specially selected wine list for fall, including the Seasons 52-exclusive Vista Hills Orange pinot gris. Another reason to give these dishes a try: Seasons 52 promises nothing on the menu is over 475 calories. And yes, that includes dessert. (714-437-5252; seasons52.com) —L.D.

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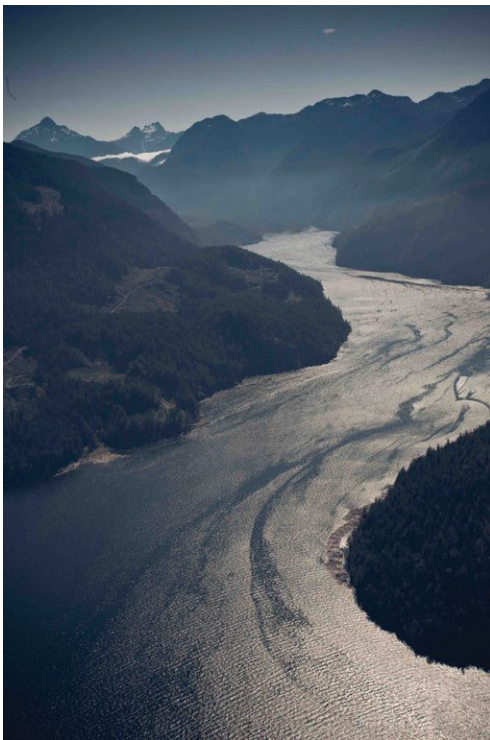
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CRAFT-RAISED SALMON

A trio of fine dining restaurants in and around Newport Beach are the first and only area restaurants to feature a new kind of sustainably farmed, craft-raised salmon on the menu: Five Crowns/SideDoor, Pelican Hill and Scott's Restaurant (Costa Mesa) now offer savory selections from Skuna Bay, a Vancouver Island-based business that delivers fresh-from-the-ocean fare in less than 48 hours, ensuring the freshest fish possible. Fed only natural and sustainable diets, the salmon are harvested in small batches in a pristine ocean environment under strict environmental methods, resulting in a "buttery, mild, tender and fresh" farm-to-table salmon. (skunasalmon.com) —A.B.

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Newport's all-star restaurants and resorts are cooking up holiday menus and festivities for patrons to indulge in epicurean delights. Many will offer reprieve from cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year, without deviating far from family favorites. Brasserie Pascal celebrates with crusted prime rib and thyme-lemon sea bass. At The Resort at Pelican Hill, Thanksgiving is an all-day event with a Ballroom Brunch and rustic Tuscan holiday menu with classical guitar accompaniment at Andrea Ristorante.

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Christmas Eve and Day can also be spent out on the town. Brasserie Pascal will showcase how the French do Christmas Eve dinner with such entree selections as the Duck Duo, a crispy duck leg confit and roasted duck breast, and filet mignon, with lobster medallion and black truffle risotto (\$55 per person). Christmas Day, The First Cabin has a notable seared Chilean sea bass and traditional yule log with pistachio creme anglaise for dessert (\$87.50 per adult). Pelican Hill will host a Ballroom Brunch with all the traditional offerings, as well as children's activities, including cupcake decorating and a puppet marionette show (\$98 per adult).

New Year's Eve, the last hurrah of the year, has just as much occasion to be around the dinner table. The First Cabin features live music, dancing and a midnight toast. Pelican Hill offers its patrons party cabanas at the Coliseum Pool.

With all the season's celebrations, Newport dining hardly leaves its locals wanting—and, many other establishments are yet to reveal their plans, so inquire with your favorite spots before making your holiday selections. (Brasserie Pascal 949-640-2700; pascalnbp.com. The Resort at Pelican Hill 949-467-6800; pelicanhill.com. First Cabin 888-445-7153; balboabayclub.com.) —F.V.

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PASSING ON THE CROWN



“To learn, to live, to love and to leave a legacy”—the mantra of Greg Harrison captures the wonder of his culinary endeavors as he takes the position of executive chef at CdM’s Five Crowns, a member of the Lawry’s family of restaurants, and at its sister restaurant, SideDoor. Chef Ryan O’Melveny Wilson passed the torch while he continues as the executive chef of Lawry’s Restaurants, Inc. Chef Greg brings with him more than a decade of crafting cuisine. Under Greg’s leadership, expect thoughtfully prepared fare, made from organic ingredients hand-picked from local farmers markets. Five Crowns and chef Greg also host the new Chef’s Supper, where the chef creates a one-of-a-kind culinary experience. (949-760-0331; thefivecrowns.com) —V.Y.

ANDREA INTRODUCES CHEF LUIGI FINEO

Italy native and Michelin-starred chef Luigi Fineo is the new head chef at Andrea Ristorante, The Resort at Pelican Hill’s restaurant that celebrates the cuisine of northern Italy. As he takes the reigns, Luigi will lead menu development, kitchen operations and mentorship of the culinary team. Former head chef at Andrea, chef Jean-Pierre Dubray, will remain at the resort as Pelican Hill’s executive chef. Guests can expect seasonally driven plates created from locally sourced ingredients and gluten-free pasta recipes on lunch and dinner menus. Andrea will continue to offer fresh pastas made in the temperature-controlled Pasta Room, artisan-style gelato and an extensive wine list.

Chef Luigi was born and raised in the town of Gioia del Colle and graduated from the Italian Culinary Institute in Bari, Italy. He has worked in both northern and southern Italy as well as at The French Laundry in Napa Valley and Bouchon in Beverly Hills. In 2008 and 2009, he earned Michelin star ratings as executive chef of La Botte Ristorante in Santa Monica. (949-467-6800; pelicanhill.com) —L.D.



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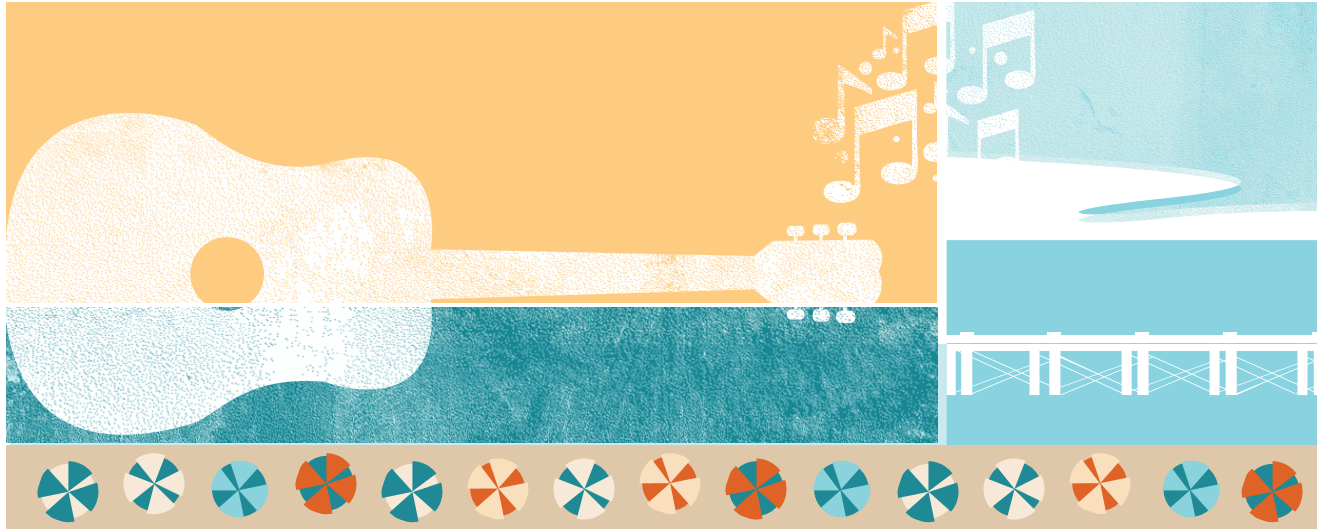
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WHY NOT IN NEWPORT?

Our guest columnist hopes to bring back the days of bands in the sand.

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This isn't LA or NYC. It isn't even Memphis, Austin or Seattle. No, this is Newport Beach, a city with a rich music culture of energizing sounds and a heritage as deep as some of the best. But, today, where's the love?

Communities up and down the California coast are embracing musical talent. Huntington Beach has the annual Pier Festival; Redondo Beach, the Lobster Festival; and Doheny State Beach has Doheny Days. Similarly, Long Beach has the Funk Fest. So, why not in Newport?

Music and art festivals bring the whole local community together, and these are major money generators as well. Everybody wins!

From the birth of this city, music has been an essential element. Not only did the modern surf industry spring out of this area, but also it's here that surf music came into its own. In the 1960s, it was as plentiful as the palm trees. The legendary Rendezvous Ballroom in Balboa set the stage, until its ultimate demise in 1966, showcasing talent like The Chantays, "King of the Surf Guitar" Dick Dale and the Deltones. Plus, the Rendezvous hosted Caesar and Cleopatra (Sonny and Cher), Jackie DeShannon and the Righteous Brothers, packing in as many as 4,000 crazed teens a night.

Five decades later in 2007, during the city's

centennial celebration, a massive stage was erected on the beach just south of Newport Pier. Homegrown favorites like Sugar Ray belted out tunes to a mob of suntanned fans.

Instead of once every blue moon, how about every summer on the beach? It isn't like Newport suffers from a lack of bonafide and diverse talent. Over the decades, Newport has been, and is still home to amazing groups like the Fabulous Nomads (performing since 1962). All four current band members reside around this OC beach community. Also, world-renowned DJ Steve Aoki is a graduate of Newport Harbor High School. Even Mark McGrath (of Sugar Ray) continues to reside locally.

Just a few decades back there were numerous establishments for bands and dancing. Back in the day, this town was jumping. Woefully, venues fell by the wayside either through city ordinances or permit requirements that the establishments couldn't obtain or comply with or from other issues. It was like something out of the movie "Footloose." In the early 1990s, beach clubs and bars like the The Warehouse, Thunderbird and Josh Slocum's rose to power, and then, one by one, collapsed. Live music at venues like Parker's Seafood Grill, Red Onion and Rumpelstiltskin's all came and went.

Even the vaunted Rendezvous Surf-Fest, where

legendary bands like The Chantays and The Surfaris jammed, doesn't have enough momentum to remain an annual event. Bob Spickard of The Chantays, and co-writer of the classic surf-tune "Pipeline" reminisces, "Live music has always been a mainstay of local musicians, and fans always love to dance. I'd love to see that situation return—especially in Newport."

Fortunately, Siena in Balboa, Blue Beet, Woody's Wharf and even American Legion Hall are still offering fantastic talent, albeit on a smaller scale.

The annual Taste Of Newport at Fashion Island, and Jazz Festival at the Hyatt (plus the former Fashion Island summer concert series) produce recognized musicians and big crowds. Alas, none feature youth-centric bands or oceanfront locales. The new Pacific Festival and the Balboa Beach Music Fest are coming in just shy of the mark.

OC is ready to see the rebirth of a truly diverse and progressive music festival on the sand. For this to happen, the city needs to reduce the red tape for obtaining permits and provide temporary waivers to restrictive ordinances. However, the long-term solution lies in changing the laws and regulations. If the business owners, event planners and residents make the case and push hard, this town just might sing a new tune. **NBM**

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