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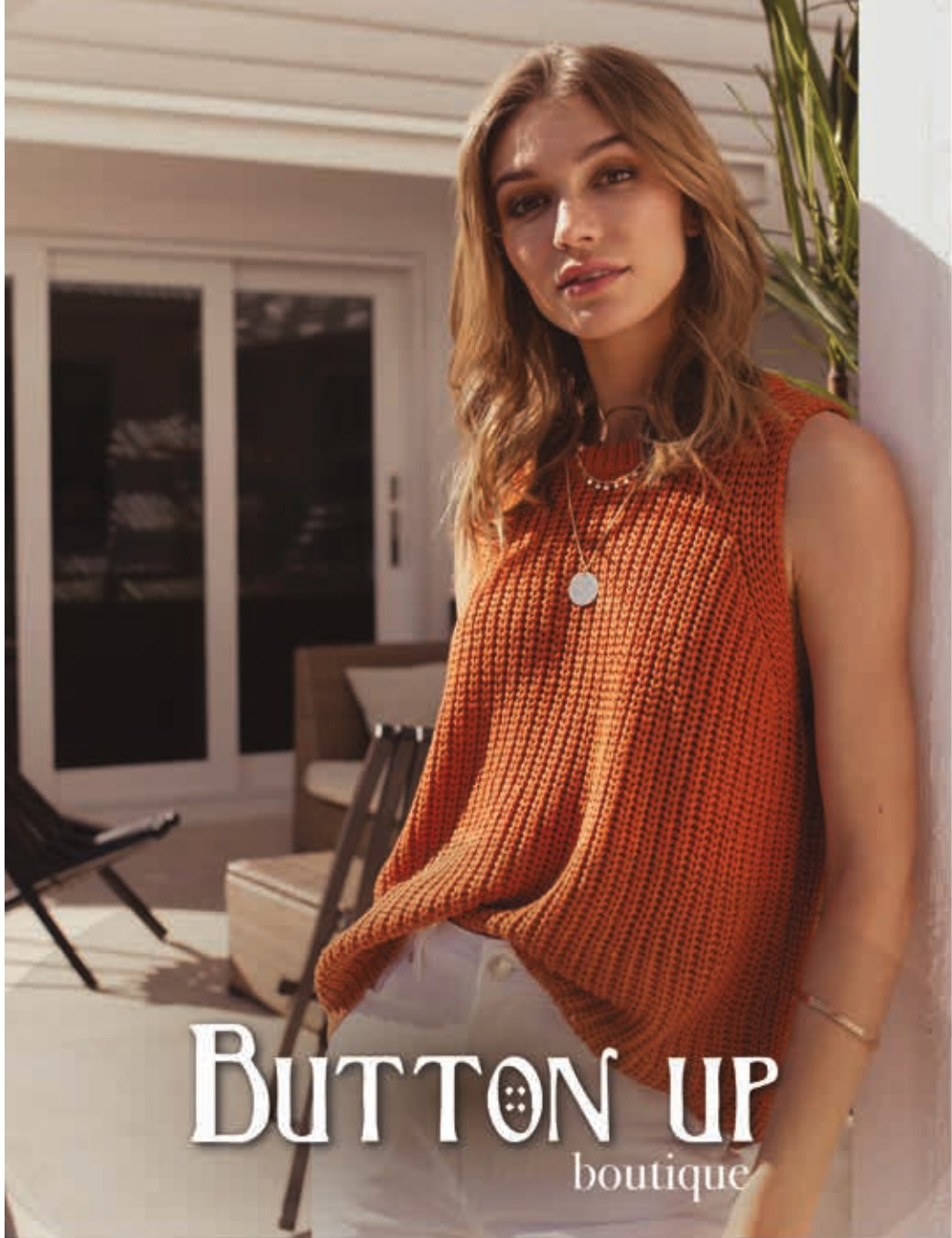
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Hello, Serrano,

are seeing more sunshine and warmer California-like weather.

I must say it has been a very long winter for us wimpy Californians! As I write this note, I am hoping that by April we

With that said, while Scott and I, along with Jody and Greg Soria, were in Jamaica for 10 days in February, we met many folks from Michigan, Massachu-

setts, Canada and New York who were escaping -140-degree wind-chills. Those are some rough and tumble people! They made us feel like kindergarten school girls for complaining about our weather this year. These are people who hunt for their food, shovel snow, ice fish and all sorts of things we can't even imagine. My hat goes off to them!

I am not going to list our features this month, so read on and be pleasantly surprised. We ALWAYS have great articles written by your neighbors and friends. THL is at the place where we are having to push content down the issue “conveyor belt” because we have so much support from the Serrano and EDH community...what a great problem to have!

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There are a few more exciting things going on here at THL. I have hired a new Social Media Director to post, not only for the magazine, but also for my advertising clients. So look for your business to be tagged on Facebook and Instagram. Also, I have hired a young whipper snapper to build my website so it stays current and has some additional features. We will have a sponsor page where visitors can click and go directly to your website. I am also looking at selling the current and past issues on the THL website. [www.thehillslivingmag.com](http://www.thehillslivingmag.com). So, stay tuned for these exciting changes.



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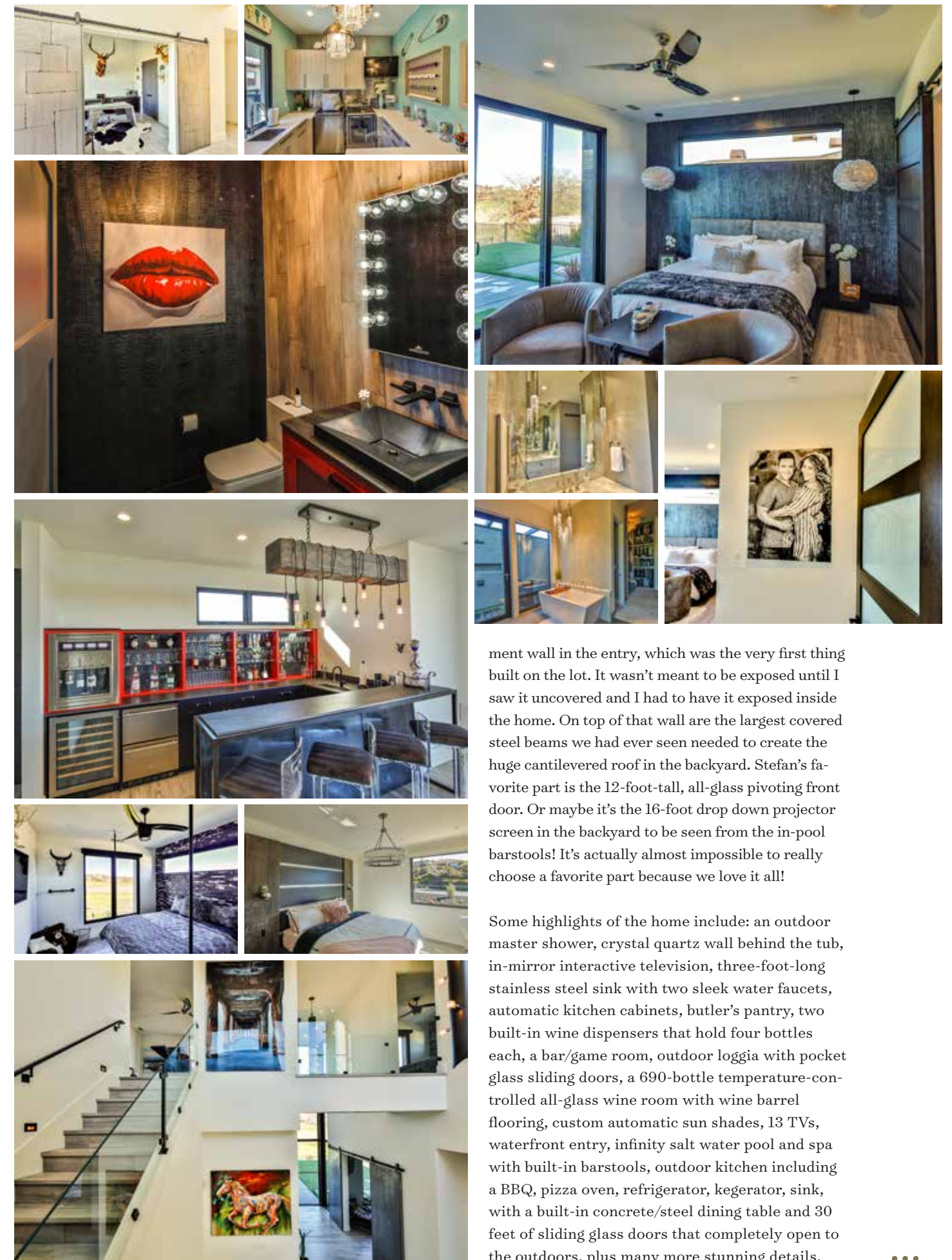
Resident...  
**Tanisha Leer**

## living spaces

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Three years ago, Stefan and I bought the best golf course lot available in Serrano and began the process of building our dream home. The design and style of the house has been years in the making from when we lived in Manhattan Beach. We fell in love with the contemporary-modern style of the beach homes in Southern California and wanted something similar. We are drawn toward clean, simple lines, flat roofs and lots of glass, but also wanted the inside to be warm and inviting. We already had a design plan when we came to Donald Joseph, architect, but it needed to be scaled down and refined. Donald was able to give us what we were looking for pretty quickly once he took over the project. The inside of the house is modern meets rustic meets industrial. We were able to put all of those elements together to create that warmth and the comfort that was important to us.

Our home is approximately 4,600 square feet, two stories, four bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, a powder bath and a pool bath, laundry/craft room and an office. The lighting is probably my favorite part about the house because I had so much fun searching for different yet beautiful pieces that stand out. My other favorite part of the house is the exposed ce-



ment wall in the entry, which was the very first thing built on the lot. It wasn't meant to be exposed until I saw it uncovered and I had to have it exposed inside the home. On top of that wall are the largest covered steel beams we had ever seen needed to create the huge cantilevered roof in the backyard. Stefan's favorite part is the 12-foot-tall, all-glass pivoting front door. Or maybe it's the 16-foot drop down projector screen in the backyard to be seen from the in-pool barstools! It's actually almost impossible to really choose a favorite part because we love it all!

Some highlights of the home include: an outdoor master shower, crystal quartz wall behind the tub, in-mirror interactive television, three-foot-long stainless steel sink with two sleek water faucets, automatic kitchen cabinets, butler's pantry, two built-in wine dispensers that hold four bottles each, a bar/game room, outdoor loggia with pocket glass sliding doors, a 690-bottle temperature-controlled all-glass wine room with wine barrel flooring, custom automatic sun shades, 13 TVs, waterfront entry, infinity salt water pool and spa with built-in barstools, outdoor kitchen including a BBQ, pizza oven, refrigerator, kegerator, sink, with a built-in concrete/steel dining table and 30 feet of sliding glass doors that completely open to the outdoors, plus many more stunning details.

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One exceptionally warm October afternoon, overlooking the Amador County vineyards and just barely making it before sunset, Matt and Mary Young said “I do” in front of their friends and family. Mary always jokes that she would have been just fine with 10 people on a beach in Maui, but the truth is that this wedding cemented the Youngs’ beginning in the Sierra Foothills. On a family-owned property, with flowers arranged by the mother of the groom, a custom iTunes playlist and Audrey, the youngest flower girl and 18-month-old daughter of the bride and groom, the evening rep-

resented everything that the Youngs hold dear—family, love and joy. Exactly one month later, the Youngs would close escrow on their first home in El Dorado Hills. Almost 10 years later, they are every bit in love with the “Hills Living” life that they hoped to build for their family.

Matt and Mary both grew up in the Bay Area and met working at a country club in Palo Alto. Matt, the assistant golf pro, and Mary, the wedding and event coordinator, hit it off immediately. They shared a passion for food, dancing, sports and laughing...a live Dave Chapelle show in San Francisco was their first official date! Matt had family living in El Dorado Hills, a town neither of them had heard of until they stopped on the way home from South Lake Tahoe one evening. Matt and Mary would visit EDH many more times and, when they decided to move out of the Bay Area, immediately chose this small town as their new home.

After relocating, Matt remained in the golf business, working at Haggin Oaks in Sacramento before making a career change and going to work for Cisco Systems. He remains a lover of golf, though he much prefers to do it for “fun.” Mary went to work for Sienna Restaurant in EDH for over five years, first as the event coordinator and finally as general manager, before deciding to stay home with the couple’s two kids: Audrey (10) and Ethan (6). She is currently serving as PTA President at William Brooks Elementary and looks forward to more opportunities to volunteer in the community.

Audrey is in fifth grade and loves school, her favorite subjects being math and art. She is also active in her school’s leadership club and enjoys helping others. Outside of school, Audrey enjoys gymnastics and is getting ready for her fifth year of competing. During the fall, the Young family can be found traveling to gyms all over Northern California to cheer her on. She can do more pull-ups than anyone else in the family and trains like a beast. Audrey also enjoys baking, painting and hanging with friends. She has a warm, compassionate heart and infectious laugh, and is a great role model to her little brother.

Ethan is in first grade and loves reading and math, as well as PE. He is a true “try anything” kid, with activities as well as food. Ethan has dabbled in golf, tennis, karate and hip-hop dance, but his



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favorite pastimes are basketball, baseball and soccer. His competitive nature carries over into his other favorite activities: mini golf, video games and family game night (which he usually wins in epic fashion, complete with a celebration dance). Ethan consistently reminds the family to slow down, laugh and enjoy life.

When the Youngs aren't driving to or from a sports practice or game, they can usually be found exercising together—family yoga, neighborhood runs and Ninja Warrior events are some of their favorites. They also enjoy cooking together, visiting wineries to reminisce about their wedding day, and spending time with friends and family. The Youngs love to stay immersed in the community and take every opportunity to support local businesses. They are excited about their upcoming 10-year anniversary as a married couple and EDH residents and are proud to be a part of this thriving town.



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My name is Sophia Barden. I am a 17-year-old at Oak Ridge High School with a 4.2 GPA. I play competitive soccer and compete in baton twirling at both national and international levels.



My mom, who is my biggest role model and inspiration, twirled when she was younger and introduced me to the sport at 5 years old. For baton twirling, I have traveled to over 10 different states and to four different countries. Last July, I competed in Florida and won the gold medal for the National Championships. In the summer of 2017, I competed in Croatia for the International Cup Championships and won the silver medal in 2-baton and the bronze medal in dance twirl, competing against the top athletes from over 15 different countries. I am also the captain of my national level baton team and led them to qualify for the World Championships in France this summer.



of my high school varsity soccer team and have been a starter since freshman year. I play center and outside back for both teams. As a freshman on

the varsity team in 2015, I won the All-League Sierra Foothills second team defender award, and as a junior in 2018, I won both the All-League Sierra Foothills first team defender award and Players Choice Award for most valuable player.

I am also extremely focused on academics. In the classroom I like to be an active participant, sharing my curiosity, thoughts and opinions with my classmates. My curiosity prompted me to take courses like AP Biology and AP Psychology, in which I was able to pose and solve my own questions about the science of the human brain biological processes. I hope to delve into neurobiology and behavior programs of study at college. Outside of the classroom, while I'm not playing sports, I volunteer for Hands4Hope and through my local church, completing over 50 hours of community service this past year. I am a member of the National Honor Society and Teen Court & Counsel.



With baton, soccer and homework virtually every day, I learned to be exceedingly effective at time management. My sports have taught me valuable life skills that I will use in college, work and beyond. I've learned to lead and motivate people, be compassionate and understanding, and work hard to help myself and those around me achieve success.

I am extremely thankful for my parents unending support and my teammates for constantly pushing me to better myself. I wouldn't be the person I am today without them.





# Robert Gilbert

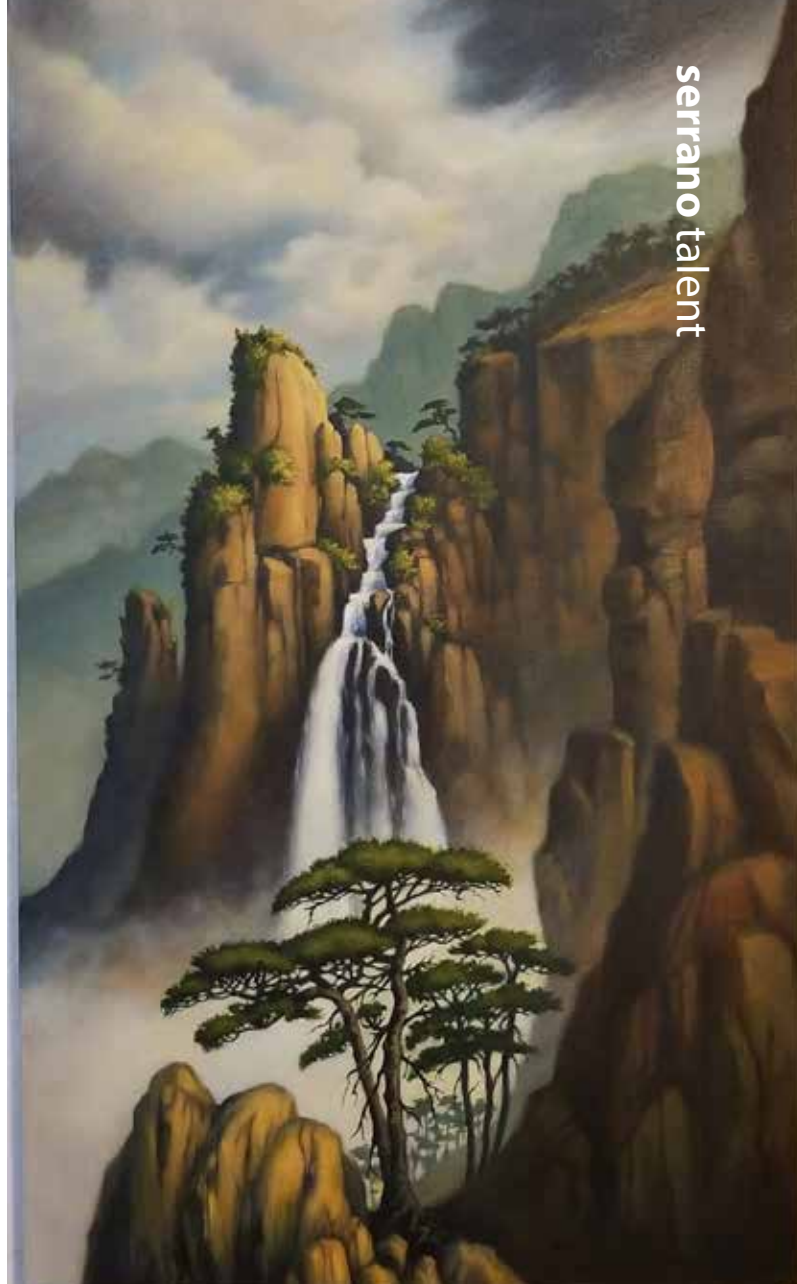
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My art has been a part of my life since I was a boy and it persists in me as an adult. Nature and its landscape surround us. As an artist, I'm inspired by it and wish to create something of beauty so that it can be appreciated by those who view it. Every painting, every drawing is an adventure for me as I explore the places I want to share with the viewer. No one has to feel what I feel, but I hope looking at my work brings a feeling and a smile.

As well, I have a love of food, wine, cocktails and take pride in serving it all to the best of my ability. I've been doing that for many years, from waiting tables as a captain, assistant maitre'd in four-star establishments, preparing food tableside and serving at several country clubs, which includes Serrano. Seems to me a good mix rounding out my life as I have my days free to paint.

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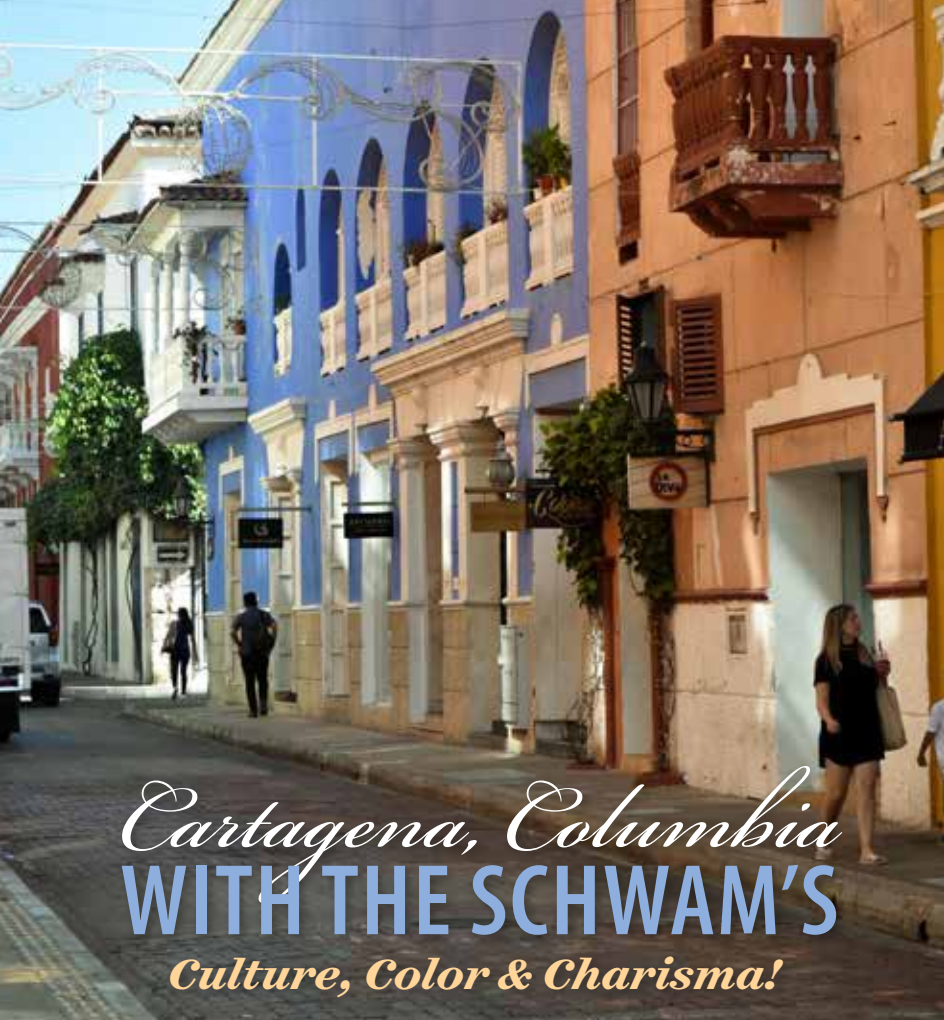
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On our first full day, we had a private guide show us around the city. He talked about their history—from Spanish explorers to the slave trade to the six-month invasion and plundering by Sir Francis Drake. It's a very rich history and fascinating to hear from the perspective of a local. After our tour, we had lunch at La Cevicheria, once reviewed by Anthony Bourdain. The ceviche in this city is outstanding and is most definitely their signature dish. That said, you can find fresh fish in every restaurant.



The next day, our same guide picked us up and we ventured to the locals market that was the size of a small city! Although not advisable, we took the camera...it's one of my appendages. The market is loud, busy, hot and an olfactory overload! After the market, we went to our guide's beach hut to cook the food. While the food was good, it was really the experience of local life we were after. It was an experience of a lifetime!



Our last couple of days were as wonderful as the first. I think we covered every street in the walled city. We found more great doors to photograph, lots of art and jewelry shops, and more awesome restaurants and bars as

well. One of the unexpected highlights was tasting some street food. We found that a certain street vendor was slammed with people every evening. So, my husband suggested that we do as the locals were doing and spend our happy hour at the cart. The ladies were making arepas, which are basically stone ground cornmeal lightly fried and then cut at the top, where they put in an egg or an egg with ground beef and fry it yet again. We were standing on a hot street, fighting

our way through the crowd to get our arepas. I had one and David had two, and our grand happy hour total was \$2.25!

What an amazing discovery Cartagena was...a photographer's dream. It has wonderful architecture, lovely people, amazing history and was an incredible adventure into another reality. We met and engaged with amazing people who made our trip so memorable. Cartagena, you are a little haven in South America.

Resident...  
**Christina Schwamm**

**travel mania**

Cartagena, Colombia, is among our favorite new discoveries! It's a Barcelona meets Antigua, Guatemala with a subtle New Orleans twist. It's colonial, beautiful, historic, colorful and has plenty of doors for me to photograph. What else could I ask for? Well, a friendly, welcoming culture, luxury accommodations, amazing food and cocktails and walking distance to anything and everything.

The accommodations within the walled city of Cartagena are numerous, and each one is more beautiful and luxurious than the next. While Cartagena was previously a backpacker's paradise with many hostels to choose from, there is a new wave of tourist accommodations. The beautiful private homes of its colonial days are being converted into small boutique hotels, most of which have rooftop pools with views of the beautiful Caribbean Sea.



When we first arrived in Cartagena, we walked and explored all evening, excited by everything we found. The city comes to life in the evening and the streets are packed with locals and tourists alike, leisurely strolling along. The architecture is exquisite and, cou-

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- 1 cup half & half
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter 13x9x2-inch glass baking dish. Sauté sausage in medium non-stick skillet over medium heat until browned and cooked, breaking up into small pieces, about 10 minutes. Add shallots and garlic and sauté for about 3 minutes. Add sun-dried tomatoes and 2 tablespoons parsley, stir it up. Spread the mixture in a glass baking dish.

Whisk eggs, yolks, half & half, cream, 1-1/2 cups cheese, and salt in a large bowl. Pour eggs over sausage mixture. Sprinkle the remaining 1/2 cup cheese and 2 tablespoons parsley over the eggs. Bake until the top is golden brown and knife comes out clean, 30 minutes or so. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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The Halau (Polynesian dance school) is open to all ages and skill levels. Students learn all styles of Polynesian dance hula, Tahitian, costuming, language, and can choose if they want to perform for community events. Each year the Halau hosts an annual Hoi'ke (performance) open to the public and donates a large portion of the proceeds to St. Jude's Children's Hospital as a way of giving back and sharing their Aloha. The Halau also participates in performing at the annual Aloha Festival in Sacramento at Cal Expo. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience the Hawaiian culture and view live performances from

many Halau's in California. The Aloha Festival also offers workshops, live music, food and has many craft vendors. This event takes place on the first weekend of October and is free to attend.

Aloha Dancers has performed hundreds of shows for many types of venues including the Sacramento Kings vs. Lakers, Startup World Cup of San Francisco, Bleacher Reports, The California Museum, Martis Camp, Red Hawk Casino, Harris Casino, Sacramento State, many schools, weddings, luaus, wineries, graduations and much more. Aloha Dancers is rated #1 Northern CA Hawaiian Entertainment group by GigMasters. The Hawaiian band consists of three talented musicians: Mel Tau'a, Steve Chipp and Andy Ene. Each of them has an extensive background playing and singing Hawaiian music.

Classes are held in two locations, Shingle Springs and Folsom. Choose from six classes or a combination of classes depending on age and skill level. Be prepared to make new friends and enjoy getting a workout. The class schedule is posted at alohadancer-scameronpark.com. Follow us on FB and IG @alohadancersca.



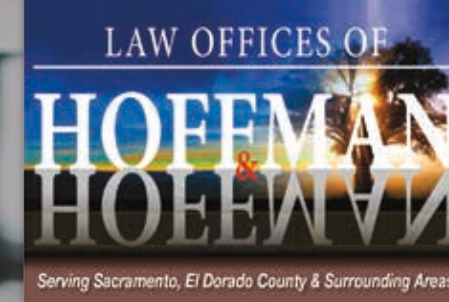
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If you're feeling that the computer in the den is running slow, you have a few options — upgrade it, clean it up or buy a new one. For this article, I'll focus on upgrades or new PC spec recommendations.

Upgrading an existing Windows PC is not for the faint of heart and is generally limited to techies who understand what to change and have the knowledge to perform the research on what upgrades to buy, how to install them, test them and address anything that goes wrong. If you're confident that you can do this, then here are my suggestions. There are four key parts of a computer that control performance: 1) the CPU, the storage consisting of 2) the hard disk, and 3) Random Access Memory or RAM, and finally 4) graphics processing or GPU, and I'll share them in the order of performance impact.

In my experience, the part of the computer that causes performance problems for most consumers is not the CPU, graphics or RAM, but rather the hard disk. Most inexpensive Windows PCs sold by Dell, HP or Lenovo, the top three brands worldwide today, use hard disks that are like fast record players, in that there is a magnetic disk that spins and a head that moves across the disk to read and

write the data. These mechanical disks have been surpassed by vastly faster and more reliable alternatives called solid-state drives or SSDs, which have no moving parts, and are only slightly costlier. The biggest bang for your performance buck is to get the biggest solid-state drive your budget allows. Upgrading a drive is a major undertaking, since you need to reinstall the Windows OS on the new drive and copy your files from the old drive, but in most cases, that effort will make a three to four-year-old PC work like a brand new one.

Your second-best bet is to increase the amount of RAM in the PC. Most PCs are sold with only a portion of the RAM sockets filled, so based on your PC, you may be able to add more RAM, which will speed up your PC if you are using several programs at the same time. I suggest 8 GB to 12 GB RAM minimum.

If you are a gamer and play graphically intensive games, or especially VR, or virtual reality games, upgrading your GPU or Graphics Processing Unit may increase the quality of your gameplay. If your PC came with on-board graphics, then adding a compatible card from NVIDIA or AMD can be just the trick (and can get very costly).

The last thing I would suggest to upgrade would be the CPU, since, in my opinion, even three to four-year-old CPUs are plenty fast for most applications, and are seldom the cause of sluggish performance compared to the hard disk, RAM or GPU. I have a 10-year-old PC that still runs fast because when I bought it, I made sure it had solid-state storage, 12 GB of RAM and an NVIDIA GPU card installed. The CPU was the best available at the time, and the fact that I've not had to upgrade or retire that computer in that time made it well worth the extra cost in that I've has no issues and never needed to replace it due to poor performance. In short, don't buy the cheapest PC model; you'll just want to replace it in one to two years.

Buying a new PC — what to look for. If you are thinking of a new PC or laptop, here's my recommended specs for a good,

but not an exotic device. Any new Windows PC will include Windows 10, which works much like Windows 7 but more feature-rich. Choose a solid-state hard drive (at least 256 GB if you only browse the Internet, check email, work on documents and do light photo editing. If you store music, get 500 GB, and if you store video, 1 TB or more. Avoid mechanical HDDs, and especially not "5400 rpm" ones, which will seem slow in under a year of ownership. "7200 rpm" are better, but will seem slow eventually. Get at least 8 GB of RAM, and an Intel Core i5 or i7 CPU, or AMD Ryzen 3 or faster Ryzen 5. This config should cost between \$500 and \$1,000 and last for at least fast years of fatrouble-freefree computing.

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Sara graduated from Oak Ridge High School where she earned a 3.69 GPA. She was on the high school golf team and was the goalie of the lacrosse team. Sara has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento for four years. She has dedicated over 140 hours volunteering for The First Tee. She is at Eagle level in life skills and has been a great life skills teacher. In 2015, Sara

was also honored with the Jr Tour Core Value Award. She is attending Chico State, majoring in business marketing.



#### Antone Cruz

Antone graduated from Cosumnes Oaks High School where he earned a 4.62 GPA and was ranked sixth in his graduating class. Antone received the high honor of National Merit Finalist. He has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramen-

to for nine years. During this time, he has worked diligently through the life skills curriculum to become Ace level. During high school, Antone was on the daily school news broadcast and a member of the Mathletes Club. Antone is attending Stanford University and majoring in chemical engineering.



#### Ari Samuel

Ari recently graduated from Pleasant Grove High School where she earned a 3.15 GPA. She has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento for eleven years. Ari was the 2017 recipient of the Jr Tour Core Value Award and last year was selected to attend The First Tee Perfect

Sense Unified Challenge in Washington, DC. Ari is also a committed volunteer, giving over 115 hours of her time volunteering for The First Tee. She is at Eagle level in her life skills. Ari is attending and playing golf at the University of West Georgia. She has aspirations of studying sports communication and in the future wants to continue to work on or around the golf course.



#### Brayden Johnk

Brayden graduated from Granite Bay High School earning a 4.44 GPA. He has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento for four years. In 2017, Brayden was honored with Jr Tour's Core Value Award. Brayden has been a lead life skills teacher

with our chapter and is at Eagle level in life skills. In school, Brayden was a part of the National Honor Society and was Co-Editor in Chief for the high school newspaper. He is attending Colorado School of Mines where he will major in environmental engineering and pursue his career ambition of preserving and protecting our environment and our natural resources.



#### Courtney Krause

Courtney graduated from Christians Brothers, receiving a 3.61 GPA. In school, she is a Lasillian Student Ambassador and a member of the golf team. Courtney has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento for eight years and has dedicated her

time being a lead U.S. Kids volunteer. She has also given over 150 hours of being a core team leader at her church. Courtney is playing golf at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, and majoring in business administration.



#### Natalie Pietromonaco

Natalie graduated from Placer High School earning a 3.8 GPA. At school, she is in the Leo club, which services the community, and in the French club. She has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento for 10 years. During this time, she has

been named 2016 Player of the Year and was recently selected to represent our chapter at the Nor Cal Leadership Academy. Natalie is Eagle level in life skills. She is attending Regis University in Denver, Colorado, and majoring in computer science.



#### Sean Woods

While attending Folsom High School, Sean earned a 3.56 GPA. He has been a member of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento since he was 5 years old. Sean has volunteered with our chapter as a junior coach with our junior camps and with the

California Eagles program. In addition, Sean has been an active volunteer in his community. In 2016, Sean raised over \$40,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student of the Year Campaign. Sean is attending the professional golf management program at New Mexico State University.

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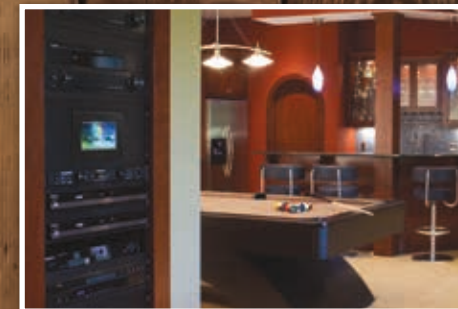
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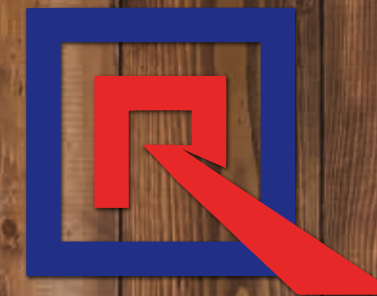
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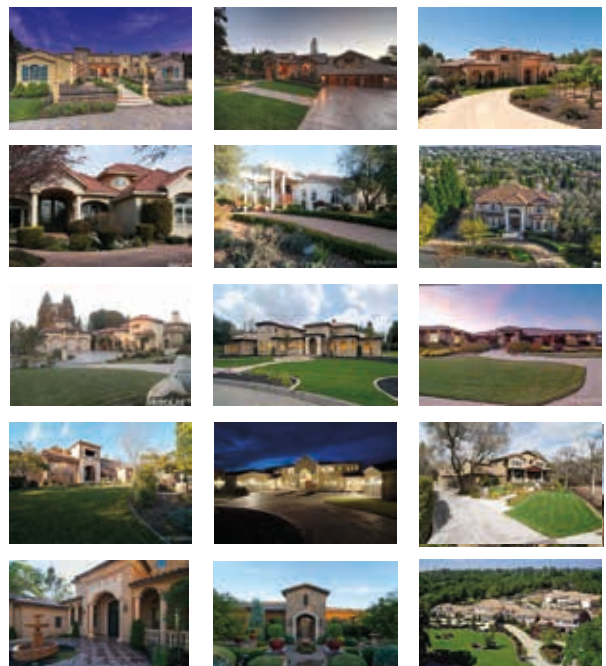


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