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AUTHOR



### The Tease...

**Oyster & Caviar**  
cauliflower chaud-froid

### The Ice Breaker | Choice of...

**Harry's Berries Strawberry Salad**  
Arugula, chicory, pickled green  
strawberries, pomegranate arils,  
cashew candy, Ewephoria gouda,  
lemon dressing

**Duck Prosciutto**  
Brûlée Ricotta, pistachio, maple-  
whole-grain mustard, watercress,  
tomato, aged balsamic

**Cauliflower Soup**  
Crispy Prosciutto,  
truffle Honey

### The Commitment | Choice of...

**Dungeness Crab Risotto | \$65**  
Chanterelle mushroom, leeks,  
preserved lemon, tarragon pistou

**Prime 12oz. New York Strip | \$75**  
Pommes aligot, roasted carrot,  
confit shallot, petite onion ring

**Seared Local Halibut | \$70**  
Caramelized cauliflower, caper,  
horseradish, arugula, kabocha  
squash velouté

**Winters Harvest Vegetables | \$50**  
Cauliflower, grilled endive, shaved  
Brussels sprouts, glazed carrot, scallion  
nage, pistachio, sesame spice

### "Life Is Like a Box" of...

**Lovers Treats**  
French macaron | Chocolate  
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Chocolate eclair

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# MONTECITO MISCELLANY



by Richard Mineards

Richard covered the Royal Family for Britain's Daily Mirror and Daily Mail, and was an editor on New York Magazine. He was also a national anchor on CBS, a commentator on ABC Network News, gossip on The Joan Rivers Show and Geraldo Rivera, host on E! TV, a correspondent on the syndicated show Extra, a commentator on the KTLA Morning News and Entertainment Tonight. He moved to Montecito 11 years ago.

## Oprah's Birthday Equation

Montecito's most famous resident TV titan **Oprah Winfrey** celebrated her Medicare moment on the Caribbean island of St. Barts.

The 65-year-old and her best friend, CBS Morning News anchor **Gayle King**, were guests on the imposing mega yacht of entertainment mogul **David Geffen**.

Also joining the tony triumvirate on board the \$300 million 454-ft. *Rising Sun* was King's son, **Will Bumpus Jr.**

It was a brief trip for the group who spent two days docked in Gustavia before leaving for St. Martin and jetting to Fort Lauderdale for Oprah's Girls Getaway cruise with her *O Magazine* staffers.

To mark the occasion, **Aziz Inan**, a professor in electrical engineering at



Mathematical whiz Aziz Inan

the University of Portland, Oregon, has used his mathematical expertise to prepare a number of curiosities in Oprah's honor.

"Winfrey's 65th birthday expressed as 01/29/2019 is numerically special because it's left and right halves,

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Dear 11-year-old me,

Imagine you are now 14. Pretty much the same girl, just taller. You started high school, are playing volleyball, and love your friends and family.

And, you're a cancer survivor. It's not going to always be easy. But three years from now, after a bunch of car trips to Cottage with mom and dad, to see the best nurses and doctors you could ask for, your gorgeous curls will have grown back. And life is going to be...well...life.

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namely 1029 and 2019, contain the same digits 0,1,2, and 9 in different order," observes Inan. "Additionally, if 2019 is split into its alternating digits as 21 and 09, 21 times the reverse of 09, namely 90, equals the difference of 0129 and 2019.

"Further, twice 65 minus 1 yields 0129, Winfrey's birthdate, January 29. Moreover, the difference of the digits of 65 equals 1, the month number of Winfrey's birthday, and their product minus 1 yields 29, her birthday's day number.

"Also, the sum of the squares of the digits of 65 result in 61 and 61 is the 18th prime number and 18 equals the product of the digits of 1/29, the day Winfrey was born. Also, the prime factors of 65, namely 5 and 13, add up to 18. Note also that the reverse of 61, namely 16, corresponds to the number of letters in Oprah Gail Winfrey."

If that wasn't enough, Inan continues: "The reverse of 1/29, namely 921, equals three times 307 and 3 and 307 are the second and 63rd prime numbers. Interestingly, the sum of 2 and 63 equals 65. Furthermore, 2 times 63 equals 126, the reverse of 126 is 621, the 621st prime number is 4591, and the reverse of 4591 is 1954, the year Winfrey was born."

All too calculating for words.

*A Royal Flush*

Montecito residents **Eric and Nina Phillips**, longtime Dream Foundation supporters, hosted 33-year-old Trezevant, Tennessee, resident **Zachary Butler** in Las Vegas.

Zach, who has suffered from Friedrich's Ataxia from an early age and was completely disabled by his teens, had always dreamed of meeting Canadian professional poker player **Daniel Negreanu**, winner of six World Series of Poker and the second biggest live tournament winner of all time, accumulating \$39,500,000, and spent three hours with him and fellow poker player **Jennifer Harman**, over several hands of the game at the Flamingo.

After the special afternoon, Eric, a



Nina Phillips, Zachary Butler, and professional poker player Daniel Negreanu

board member of the Granada and the film festival, as well as the Santa Barbara Police Foundation Board, and Nina treated Zach, his mother, **Cindy Mayberry**, and caretaker, **Barbara Jean**, to a steak dinner.

"It's a day I'll cherish and never forget," says Zach, whose life expectancy is now six months.

*Works in Progress*

State Street Ballet hosted its annual Evenings event at the Gail Towbes Center for Dance giving the company's talented dancers the opportunity to create their own dance works and experiment with new movement,



State Street Ballet's Cecily MacDougall with Rodney Gustafson and Leila Drake (photo by Priscilla)



Professional dancers Amara Galloway and Francois Llorente with Tanner Blee, Saori Yamashita, and Noam Tsivkin performing an Arabesque lift (photo by Priscilla)



James Folsom with dancers Victor Jarvis, Kate Gonzales, Ahna Lipchik, Saori Yamashita, and Emma Matthews (photo by Priscilla)

themes, music, and styles.

This year's event featured eight short world premieres performed in the rehearsal space followed by a question and answer session with the choreographers, including **Tanner Blee, Anna Carnes, Jimmy Folsom, Courtney Hanaway, Arianna Hartanov, John Piel, Cecily Stewart, and Nickolas Topete.**

Balletomanes including **Martin Gore** and wife **Kerrilee, Ron and Jill Dexter, Andre Yew, and Robert and Patti Reid.** A fun behind the scenes peek at works in progress.

*Soirée for Saunders*

**Leslie Bhutani** opened the doors of her stunning Montecito aerie to host

a dinner for Texan novelist **George Saunders**, a *New York Times* best selling writer and Man Booker Prize winner, before he spoke at Campbell Hall, part of the UCSB Arts & Lectures series.

Saunders, whose books include *Lincoln in the Bardo, Pastoralia, CivilWarLand in Bad Decline,* and *Tenth of December,* was interviewed on stage by fellow Old Etonian author **Pico Iyer**, who studied at Oxford and Harvard and is now Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University, whose books have been translated into 23 languages.

Among the guests were **Rich and Luci Janssen, John and Patty**



Bob Marshall and Leslie Bhutani with author George Saunders (center) (photo by Isaac Hernandez)

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Pico Iyer with Dori and Chris Carter (photo by Isaac Hernandez)



George Saunders with Luci and Rich Janssen (photo by Isaac Hernandez)

MacFarlane, Jeff and Nancy Gates, Chris and Dori Carter, and Bill and Jill Shanbrom.

*Friend Raiser*  
As the 34th annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival kicked off

across the road at the Arlington, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) hosted a "friend raiser" for 80 guests at Villa & Vine with a public service

announcement Start a Conversation being shown before the main feature

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features a wrap-around walk-in closet, a double vanity, tub, and separate shower. The guest bedroom opens to a patio and offers a walk-in closet.

Amenities at Montecito Shores, much like Bonnymede, include 24-hour guard-gated community, pool, tennis, and beach access. Additionally, this complex is located within the Montecito Union School District.

**1045 Cold Spring Road: \$4,750,000**

This is a newer listing that we just toured for the first time last week. The home is substantial, offering 5 bedrooms and 5+ bathrooms, and the property is mostly surrounded by multi-million dollar properties (the home across the street is on the market for over \$13 million for instance and one just down the street sold recently for \$10 million).



This home is in the Tuscan Country style and the scene is set as you enter through the handcrafted wrought iron gates into the gracious motor court. The main level includes living room, formal dining room, spacious kitchen with adjoining family room and guest bedroom.

Enjoy ocean and garden views and mature oaks, olive, and other native plantings. This home is located within the Cold Spring School District.

**1636 Moore Road: \$4,800,000**

This sprawling, single-story contemporary-style home blends strong, disciplined lines with the soft and organic beauty of its 1.7-acre mountain view setting. The 3 bedroom, 5+ bathroom home is approximately 4,665 sq ft in size and offers exterior spaces that help to create the indoor-outdoor lifestyle.



Off the great room, a den with fireplace and en-suite bath can be an additional bedroom. The mountain view master suite, preceded by a luxe family-media room, features 2 bathrooms and 3 walk-in closets. An additional bedroom w/ exterior access is ideal for staff/gym.

Live oaks, serene grounds, a pool, and mountain views on this quiet lane in the heart of Montecito make this a special offering. Located above East Valley Road and near the Upper Village, homes on Moore Road are within the Montecito Union School District.

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Jayne Avendano, Drew Adams, Cyndi Silverman, Brianna Moffitt, and Hannah Rael at the Anti-Defamation League "friend raiser" (photo by Priscilla)



ADL guests and board members Steve Lyons, Patty Mullins, Ernesto Paredes, Susan Kass, David Edelman, and Steve Grant (photo by Priscilla)



SBIFF Chairman Jeff Barbakow and his wife, Margo (photo by Priscilla)

*Diving Deep: The Life and Times of Mike deGruy* – who died in a helicopter crash in Australia in 2012 while filming for director **James Cameron** – directed by his widow, **Mimi**.

It was also announced the ADL Stand Up award had been given to *Campeones*, a Spanish film about a developmentally disabled basketball team and their journey to being champions.

Among the guests were **Jeff and Margo Barbakow, David Edelman, Dan and Amy Meisel, and Mark and Zoe Silverberg.**

*Trocks en Pointe*

It was a delightful night of high camp when Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo performed a hilarious program at the packed Granada, part of the of the popular UCSB Arts & Lectures series.

Music by Chopin, Verdi, Glazunov accompanied the balletic high jinx.

Having seen the 45-year-old company a number of times in New York and our Eden by the Beach, the Trocks, as they are affectionately known, are justifiably acclaimed as a major dance phenomenon that shows that men can



Event sponsors Mandy and Daniel Hochman with members of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo (photo by Grace Kathryn)

indeed dance en pointe without falling flat on their faces.

It was all tu-tu much...

*The Hills are Alive*

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *The Sound of Music* never fails to delight.

The American Theatre Guild's production at the sold-out Granada was an absolute cracker with stand out performances from **Lauren Kidwell** as the abbess, **Jill-Christine Wiley** as Maria, and **Mike McLean** as Captain von Trapp, as well as a wonderful supporting cast.

In due course we'll also get *Evita*, *Legally Blonde*, *the Musical*, and *Rent*.

A terrific lineup...

*New Digs*

TV talk show host **Ellen DeGeneres**, 60, and her actress wife, **Portia de Rossi**, have splashed out \$27 million on a stunning new home in our rarefied enclave.

The Balinese-style property on East Valley Road, which was originally priced at \$40 million, has 8,188 sq. ft. on 8.24 acres.

Built in 2011, the house has five bedrooms and ten bathrooms. There is also a guest house with two en-suite bedrooms, a detached office, and an infinity pool.

The tony twosome also have a 5,979 sq. ft. \$18.6 million beach house in Carpinteria, near mega producer **George Lucas** and Oscar winner **Kevin Costner**.

*Snow Suit*

Montecito actress **Gwyneth Paltrow** is being sued by a Utah doctor after he was seriously injured during a crash on the slopes at a Park City ski resort three years ago.

**Terry Sanderson** said the Oscar winner was skiing out of control and knocked him out, leaving him with a brain injury and four broken ribs.

The alleged incident occurred in February, 2016, on a beginners run at

the Deer Valley Resort.

He claims that after the collision, Paltrow got up, turned and skied away.

It's all downhill from there...

*Talkin about Food*

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County head honcho **Erik Talkin** has begun his fourth Food Security Challenge.

For one month in alternate years, the executive spends on food only what he can afford using the maximum CalFresh – food stamps – benefit for a household of one: \$194 a month.

This year for the first three weeks, Erik will draw attention to the experience of furloughed federal employees during the government shutdown, local veterans and local college students respectively.

During the last week of the challenge, he will eat only foods contained in a Foodbank Disaster food box to highlight the reality that in cases of natural disaster, many more of us with ample financial resources could face



Erik Talkin gives food for thought

hunger.

"What we've learned in the last year is that hunger is a risk for all of us under certain circumstances, whether due to natural disaster or unexpected loss of income like a government shutdown," notes Erik, who was in Washington, D.C. for President **Donald Trump's** State of the Union Address as a guest of congressman **Salud Carabajal**. "And that is beyond even the much larger demographic that only manages to put food on the table until there's a car repair or illness with doctor's bill."

The public can follow the challenge as it unfolds on his blog at [FoodSecurityChallenge.com](http://FoodSecurityChallenge.com).

*Here's my Number, Call me Maybe*

Carpinteria actor **Ashton Kutcher** wants you to text him.

The 40-year-old tweeted his cell phone number, with the message: "I miss having a connection with real people. My community. From now on you can just text me."

He added that he wouldn't be able to respond to everyone, "but at least we can be real with each other and I can share the latest and greatest in my world."

*New MAW Directors*



Terry Valeski joins the Music Academy of the West's board

**Terry Valeski** and **Pamela Strobel** are new board directors at the Music Academy of the West.

Terry will also serve as co-chair of the academy's marketing committee, with Pamela serving on the education and outreach committee.

He served as president and managing director of Pacific Bell, while she is the director of Domtar Corporation, Illinois Tool Works Inc. and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

*Lost and Found*

TV talk show host Dr. **Phil McGraw** has been instrumental in

reuniting **Oprah Winfrey's** longtime beau, **Stedman Graham**, with his passport – two years after he lost it in Florida.

McGraw, who got his start on Oprah's Chicago-based talk show two decades ago, recounted the bizarre circumstances on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, when a stranger approached him in a Las Vegas casino in December.

The unnamed man said he'd found the passport two years ago, but hadn't "known what to do with it until I found you," says McGraw, who recovered it there and then.

As for Stedman, he tells the *New York Post's* Page Six: "I think I dropped it in Miami during my travels.

"I have more than three million miles on one airline, so I travel a lot and sometimes things get lost.

"I appreciate getting it back. I am thankful to the gentleman who returned it and also to Dr. Phil for making sure I got it."

*Fountain of Youth*

Montecito actor **Rob Lowe** credits diet and exercise for his seemingly eternal good looks at 54.

Rob says when he looks in a mirror he sees the man looking back at him when he was aged 28, explaining: "I feel like that guy. And I see him."

Embracing the outdoor lifestyle, a strict diet, and fitness regimen are the key, he tells *Men's Health* magazine.

"I'm vain as f---!" he tells the glossy.

*Rest in Peace*

On a personal note, I mark the passing of the irrepressible Countess **Maya Von Schoenburg**, who just died at her home in Munich, Germany, aged 60.

Maya, sister of an old friend, Princess **Gloria von Thurn und Taxis**, and ex wife of Mercedes Benz heir **Mick Flick**, was a true party animal and squeezed in one more bash at Oktoberfest with **Bill** and **Hillary Clinton**, Prince **Michael of Kent**, actress **Demi Moore**, and designer **Diane von Furstenberg**.

She separated from Flick in 1993 and owned a sprawling home on the edge of Windsor Great Park.

Sightings: **Oprah Winfrey** checking out Jeannine's... Film fest director **Roger Durling** noshing at Lucky's... Political pundit **Dennis Miller** taking an early morning stroll near Birnam Wood

Pip! Pip!

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