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Editor's Note



 Fashion has always held a special place in my household. My dad, who has made a career in the industry, started the tradition off beautifully: by designing my mom's wedding dress. Many years of walking with my dad around South Coast Plaza (his second home) while he was dressed in his usual cleanly-pressed suits and perfectly-polished Oxfords garnished many compliments: "Your dad is so *stylish!*" "He's such a *fashionable* man!" This led me to wonder something—what's the difference between 'stylish' and 'fashionable?' Well, a quick Google search would tell you that the difference between the two terms is that being fashionable is having a knowledge of trends while being stylish is having elegance and class. But I thought it would be more fun to show the difference with an entire magazine.

No matter what definition you prefer—being on-trend, being effortless or even a mix of the two—this magazine was created with you in mind. We'll be introducing you to some local **Shoppe Experts** (pg. 67) who are making names for themselves with their incredible, handcrafted goods, and you'll also get to meet some amazing women who are making underprivileged high school girls' prom dress dreams a reality in our Humanitarian Spotlight (pg. 112). Then we'll be taking you for a tour of some

of our favorite places to shop in OC, SD, LA and Greater Palm Springs in our Shoppe Guide (pg. 85).

From there, we're fueling up with a delectable spicy chicken sandwich from Craft House in Meals Deconstructed (pg. 134) and taking an inside look at the incredible wine selection The Hobbit has in its famous wine cellar (pg. 132). We'll then look into what it takes to perfect our golf swing at UGP (pg. 148) and take a look under the hood of KARMA Automotives' Revero (pg. 144). But, if that wasn't enough of an adventure for you, we've rounded up some Sin City locals to give you all their tips and tricks for getting the most out of Las Vegas (pg. 165).

The cherry on top of this magazine for me was being able to meet with cover star Christen Dominique to learn about how a shy girl from Houston accumulated a huge YouTube following and then launched her own cosmetic line. I may be a little biased because I'm such a fan, but there truly isn't a better person to be the face of an issue that celebrates all the hard work, expression and soul behind fashion and style (besides my dad, of course).

I hope you enjoy exploring this issue's pages as much as I enjoyed helping to create them. Thank you, Orange County! ■




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