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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, host on E! TV, a correspondent on the syndicated show Extra, and a commentator on the KTLA Morning News. He moved to Montecito nine years ago.

Happy Hundredth

Longtime Montecito resident and legendary actor **Kirk Douglas** is already making plans for his 100th birthday, which he celebrates on December 9, according to his Oscar-winning son, **Michael**, a former habitué of our rarefied enclave.

Michael, 72, is in charge of the former *Spartacus* star's centennial celebrations and suggested a lunch, but it seems Kirk has other ideas.

"He doesn't like to watch people eat, so we're down to a tea," says the *Wall Street* actor. "We're just trying to get the details worked out, but it's turning out to be a major function."

Kirk was born Issur Danielovitch Demsky to Russian immigrants in New York in 1916, going on to become a wrestling champion and finding tremendous success as an actor, with 91 credits to his name, according to the Internet Movie Database, starting with *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers* in 1946.

His most recent appearance was in a 2008 TV film titled *Empire State Building Murders*.

And the veteran actor, who has been married to his German-born, 97-year-old wife **Anne** for 62 years, has been reliving his old memories in a series of memoirs.

Michael says Kirk is now working on his 11th book, telling a British TV



Kirk Douglas and son Michael make plans for 100th birthday bash

show: "He's a great literary writer. It's a lost art. He's got a history of letters he and his wife (wrote to each other).

"My stepmother Anne, she's been my stepmother for 65 years; I've noticed they're working on a book together. So he's quite content, quite satisfied, he's just an extraordinary guy."

As for the birthday bash, Michael says: "I'll probably wish him 101... He is rocking. I can easily see him going on."

Meanwhile, he says his much younger wife, Welsh actress **Catherine Zeta-Jones**, 47, is making plans for when he is in a wheelchair.

"She said, 'I'm going to be wheeling you around and you're going to be saying, 'Where are we going?' and

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Oprah was so taken with the modern television's sleek design, noting that "whatever you're binge-watching looks better on this truly elegant smart TV."

She also has plenty of sweets and treats on the lengthy list, though the price may set you back. A set of three cans from the Farmshop Holiday Cookie Collection goes for \$65 for 24 cookies, but Oprah insists the all-natural treats are "really, really good."

Although she clearly has a sweet tooth, she is also a devoted follower of the Weight Watchers program. Keeping with her healthy lifestyle, she has also included plenty of cooking items on this year's gift guide.

Unsurprisingly, the \$400 Dyson Supersonic hair dryer also made the list after its highly anticipated debut earlier this year – and Oprah insists it "gets the job done super-fast and is worth every penny."

Bisse Bodies

Santa Barbara Magazine hosted a sunset soirée for 150 guests at the Bacara spa's swimming pool to celebrate the introduction of the Barcelona-based company, Natura Bisse's products at the tony hostelry, which also supplies the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills and the Mandarin Oriental in Washington.

The company also erected an oxy-

gen bubble tent, wherein guests feeling the knead could receive a massage with 99.5 percent purified air from a former Elite model.

I couldn't resist the urge for a breath of fresh air and returned the next day for an hour of hedonistic pleasure.

Among those not quite making a splash were editor **Gina Tolleson**, **Anne Elcon**, **Karna Hughes**, Doug and Marni Margerum, **Robert** and **Robin Fell**, and **Sarahbina Ratioula**.

Pores for thought, indeed.



Christina Rottman and Kathy Nicolson (photo by Savannah Johns-Pedrocchi, SJP Photography)

Dream Team

The cavernous ballroom of the Bacara was socially gridlocked with 400 glamorously garbed guests when the popular charity, the Dream Foundation, hosted its 15th annual gala, Dreamland.

The venue, spectacularly decorated by creative Montecito event planner extraordinaire **Merryl Brown**, honored special guests, Dreamers **Jonathan White**, 36, a Brooklyn, N.Y., a woodworker who crafts his own acoustic guitars, and **Daniella Dominic Enriquez**, 21, who was flown from Tennessee to California to visit her family, probably for the last time.

The bustling bash, chaired by **Daryl Stegall**, also included a one-of-a-kind performance by Quixotic, an act combining live music, technology, and contemporary dance, and an interactive live auction hosted by the ubiquitous **Andrew Firestone** and his bubbly wife, **Ivana**, which featured extravagant vacations in Portugal, Spain, Morocco, Buenos Aires, Chile, and Costa Rica.

A silent auction, with more than 60 items up for grabs, included Hollywood Bowl box seats and a trip to South Africa's Zulu Nyala game reserve.

Highlighting the celebration was

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Executives from the Spanish company Natura Bisse at the party (photo by Savannah Johns-Pedrocchi, SJP Photography)



The Bacara spa pool festooned with lights for the beauty bash (photo by Savannah Johns-Pedrocchi, SJP Photography)

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Grammy Award-winning London-born artist **Estelle**, who founded All of Me, an organization that focuses on educating and expanding horizons of young people through college scholarships and volunteer opportunities abroad.

Among the stellar wave of guests at the beano, which was expected to raise around \$1 million for the charity, which has helped achieve more than 25,000 dreams for adults suffering from terminal disease since its founding by **Thomas Rollerson** in 1993,



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Celebrating the Dream Foundation's gala at the Bacara Resort and Spa are: Hayley Firestone Jessup, Arthur Coppola, Bronze sponsor; Suzanne McCafferty, Ella Brittingham, Ivana Firestone, honorary committee; Peter Smillie, Stephanie Smillie, Christian Heyer, Mary Morouse, Frank Foster, Kate Coppla, honorary committee; and Andrew Firestone, honorary committee and auctioneer extraordinaire (photo by Priscilla)

were **Bill and Sandi Nicholson, Jeff and Hollye Jacobs, TV judge Nigel Lythgoe, Bob and Holly Murphy, Kenny and Elizabeth Slaughter, Jon and Brandis Deitelbaum, Tristan Layton, Dewey and Stephanie Nicks, Justine Roddick, Ricardo and Dinah Calderon, Christina Rottman, Mary Ellen Tiffany, Steve and Caroline Thompson, Corinna Gordon,** and executive director **Kisa Heyer.**

Ben There

It was an afternoon of pure bliss when the Music Academy of the West's Hahn Hall was packed for a UCSB Arts & Lectures concert by academy alumnus and tenor **Ben Bliss.**

Bliss, considered one of the hottest young singers in the nation, received a 2016 Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Award for his work at New York's Metropolitan Opera.

Performing just prior to his debut at Manhattan's Carnegie Hall, Bliss sang an eclectic program of arias and other works by Britten, Mozart, Bellini, Respighi, and Donizetti.

An evening of considerable note.

By George

Star Wars creator **George Lucas,** who has a sprawling beachside home in Carpinteria, is planning to build

two new futuristic art galleries despite being blocked from developing one in Chicago, as I have chronicled in this illustrious organ.

The futuristic-looking structures will house the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art which will feature works from history and those taken from his movies.

Both the museums look, appropriately enough, as if they have arrived from outer space and have been designed by award-winning designer **Ma Yansong** of Mad Architects.

One of the buildings will be developed in Los Angeles, while the other is planned for San Francisco. A museum overlooking Lake Michigan in Chicago was blocked following a bitter and protracted planning row.

According to the foundation behind the plans: "The non-profit museum, which features a bold new architectural design, will be a one-of-a-kind gathering place to experience collections, films, and exhibitions dedicated to the power of visual storytelling and the evolution of art and moving images.

"The museum will present original work by world-renowned and emerging artists, cutting-edge digital technologies, and daily film screenings in state-of-the-art theaters, as well as

extraordinary educational opportunities for students of all ages."

Lucas, 72, is willing to fund the development as a non-profit corporation and will feature public lectures, workshops, and after-school programs.

Admission will be free, says the foundation.

The museum, wherever it ends up, will showcase popular art Lucas has collected since college, including illustrations by Norman Rockwell, Maxfield Parrish, and N.C. Wyeth, as well as works by Lucas's visual effects company, Industrial Light and Magic.

It will also feature digital media arts and film industry art, including props, costumes, and set pieces.

All in Fund

Brandon Mowery is the new director of development at the Lobero Theatre Foundation.

Mowery spent the last 15 years in a variety of lead development roles at UCSB raising millions of dollars for the annual fund, regional office, and departments of science and the college of engineering.

Besides establishing innovative fundraising ideas for the foundation, he can be found on the sidelines of many of his two children's sports teams, including the Boys and Girls Club and the Page Youth Center.

Mowery's predecessor, **Jim Dougherty,** will remain on the Lobero's staff, serving as director of planned giving for the upcoming heritage campaign, which will build a significant endowment for the theatre, ensuring its long-term fiscal vitality.

Birthday in Bloom

Santa Barbara warbler **Katy Perry,** who celebrated her 30th birthday with an exotic bash in Marrakesh, Morocco,

stayed closer to home for her 32nd celebration with a 1950- theme sock hop with her British actor beau, **Orlando Bloom,** and a slew of other stars.

The extravagant Los Angeles shindig, which even featured a giant game of Twister and lookalikes of Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, and The Supremes, took place at Hudson High, a nod to the former Dos Pueblos High School student's birth name, Kathryn Hudson.

The "Rise" singer rocked with a big blonde updo, while Bloom, 39, just back from filming his latest film *Smart Chase: Fire and Earth* in China, sported brief basketball shorts, popular in the period, and a red-letter jacket.

The beano also featured pinball machines, an antique jukebox, a hula hooping dance-off and a pie-eating contest, all of which Katy chronicled on Instagram.

Other guests at the CoverGirl-sponsored party included Rolling Stone **Mick Jagger's** daughter, **Georgia May,** model **Cara Delevingne,** **Jessica Chastain,** **Jessica Alba,** and actor **Tobey Maguire's** estranged wife, **Jennifer Meyer.**

Sightings: Former *Charlie's Angels* actress **Jaelyn Smith** walking her dog on Summerland Beach...Actor **Josh Holloway** noshing at Olio e Limone... Oscar winner **Michael Keaton** grabbing his Java jolt at Pierre Lafond.

Pip! Pip!

Readers with tips, sightings, and other amusing items for Richard's column should email him at richardmineards@verizon.net or send invitations or other correspondence to the *Journal.*

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