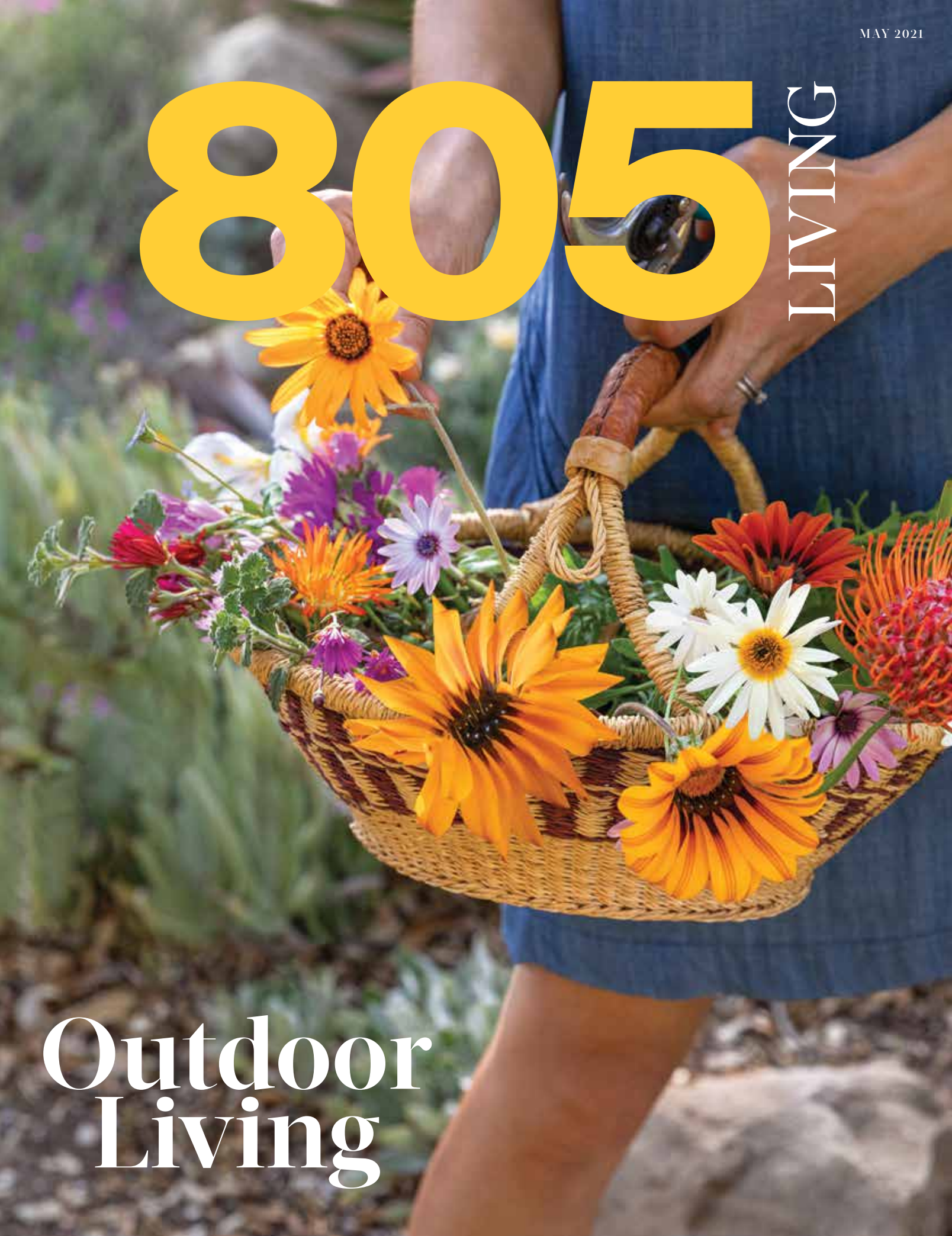


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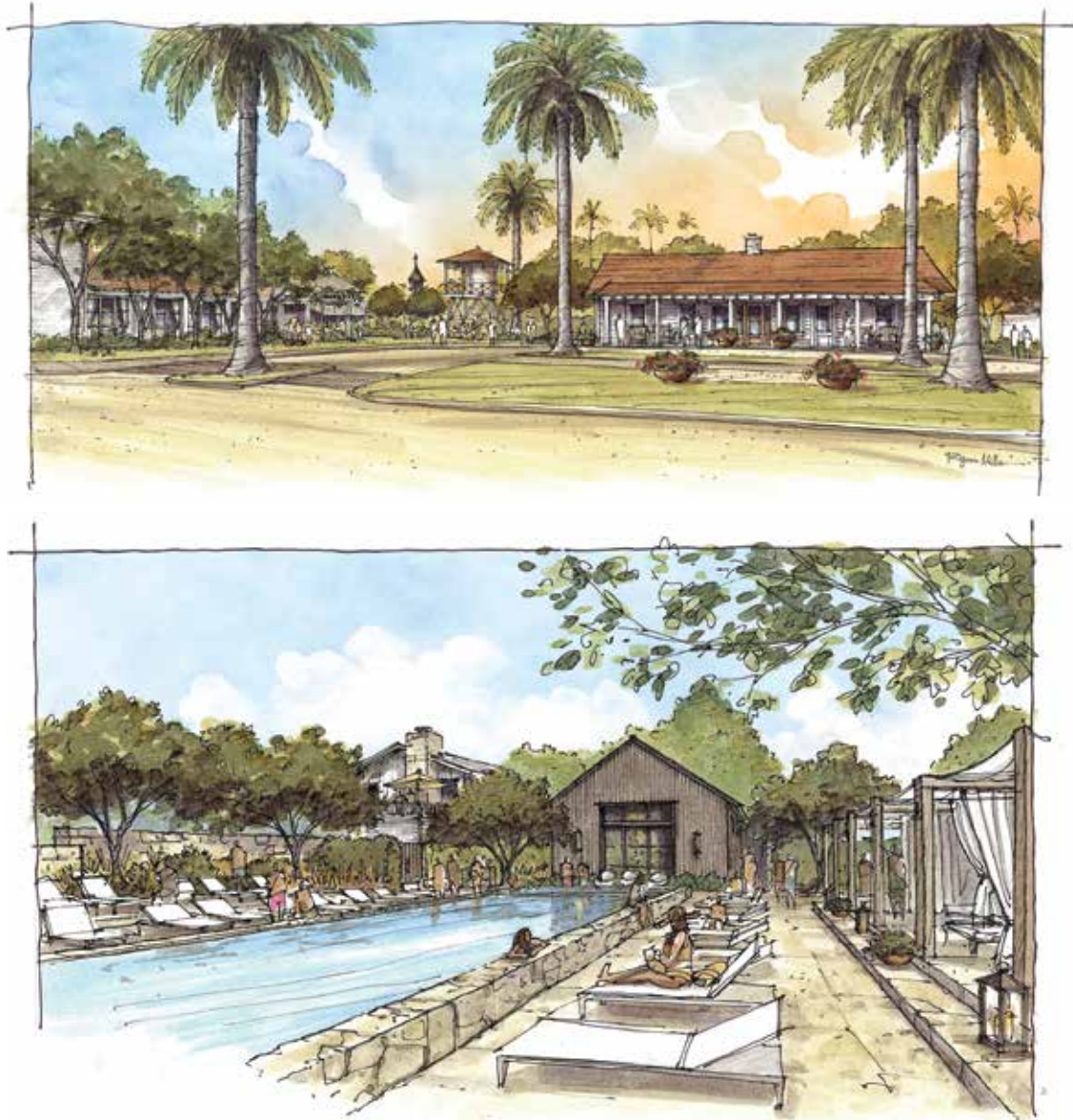
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TRACKING THE BEAT OF THE 805



Renderings depict plans for this year's transformation of Los Olivos' one-time stagecoach stop, The Inn at Mattei's Tavern, into an Auberge Resort.

A HISTORIC REAWAKENING AHEAD IN LOS OLIVOS

Built in 1886 as a stagecoach stop in Los Olivos, **The Inn at Mattei's Tavern** (aubegeresorts.com/matteistavern) is set to reopen at the end of this year as an Auberge Resort with 67 cottage-style rooms and membership opportunities for locals. "What makes it so special is the history," says general manager Dave Elcon. "It's always been a place where people meet, create memories, and break bread, so it's really cherished in the community."

Owned by Brian and Shamra Strange of Strange Family Vineyards in Lompoc, the property features a mix of historic restoration and new construction and encompasses stand-alone suites along Alamo Pintado Creek and an event barn. A pool is framed by mature olive trees, and a new deck off the tavern offers outdoor dining. —Erin Rottman



A GROWTH EXPERIENCE

Gather Garden Co. (gathergardenco.com) is the new name of the retailer previously known as Gather Urban Agriculture in Paso Market Walk in Paso Robles. Owner Laura Morgan continues to share her passion for plants with an expansion of her outdoor nursery into the shopping and dining destination's indoor space.

Inside, behind expansive glass doors, Morgan offers houseplants, air plants, succulents, terrariums, fairy gardens, cut flowers, vases and vessels, wall gardens, seeds, herbs, and hand tools. An arrangement bar for create-your-own cactus and succulent gardens, fairy gardens, cut flowers, and terrariums is offered on a rotating basis, along with classes. "My hope is that our plants and product offerings in both our outdoor nursery and now the indoor space inspire visitors to take a part of the Paso Market Walk's garden experience home to their own gardens and personal spaces," says Morgan. —Nancy Ransohoff

NEW NATURE TO NURTURE

Getting back to nature in the 805 area recently got even easier with the establishment of **Harmon Canyon** (venturalandtrust.org), a new 2,100-plus-acre preserve owned by the Ventura Land Trust. "Harmon Canyon offers beautiful scenery, spectacular views, and a trail system for both hiking and biking found nowhere else," says Ventura Land Trust executive director Derek Poultney. "And it's available to the public for free in Ventura."

State grants combined with a generous donation from the previous landowners funded the purchase of the Walker-Hearne Ranch for the preserve, which features hills and canyons, oak groves, streams, and vistas of the coastline and Channel Islands National Park.

"Community contributions allow the Ventura Land Trust to manage and provide public access to the property, restore wildlife habitat, and support our popular environmental education programs: Ventura Wild and Once Upon a Watershed," says Poultney. Dogs on leashes are also welcome.

—Leslie Dinaberg



Hikers hit the trail at the new Harmon Canyon preserve.



TRAVELING OVERSEAS

There's a new way to fly over water. A recent innovation in water sports that carries riders above the surface, a Fliteboard is a half-sized surfboard mounted atop a mini hydrofoil powered by an electric motor. "The most exciting thing about this sport is the weightless feeling of flight above water," says Danny "Rad" Farahirad, founder of **Just Ride Los Angeles** (justridela.com), which offers Fliteboard lessons at Point Dume State Beach.

"No previous experience is required," Farahirad says. "We've gotten people as young as 13 and as old as 77 flying during their first session. It's much easier and safer than it looks." A private lesson includes use of a board, helmet, and a life vest. —L.D.

Just Ride Los Angeles founder Danny Farahirad (above, right) offers Fliteboard lessons at Point Dume State Beach.





FINE FASHION POPS UP IN MONTECITO

High fashion resort wear hits the beach in Montecito this summer with the debut of the Dior brand's first pop-up in the U.S., **Dioriviera** (dior.com/en_us/womens-fashion/dioriviera), featuring a capsule collection by Italian designer Maria Grazia Chiuri at **Rosewood Miramar Beach** (rosewoodhotels.com/en/miramar-beach-montecito) resort.

Plays on the fashion company's signature patterns—from toile de Jouy to the Dior oblique motif—embellish the line of women's ready-to-wear garments, leather goods, shoes, and accessories in punchy chartreuse and raspberry, says resort manager Rick Fidel. "A parasol, a hammock, beach games, and fans," are also available, he says, "alongside a series of decorative objects, stationery, cushions, and placemats."

The pop-up runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. "We are thrilled to partner with a like-minded and esteemed brand to bring this special experience to Montecito this summer," says Fidel. —L.D.

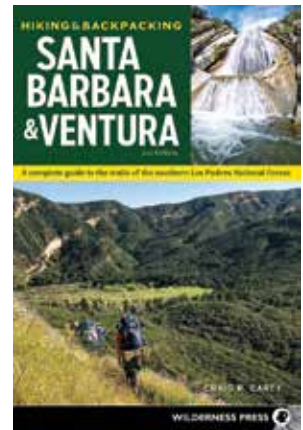
Watch for a pop-up Dior store on the grounds of Rosewood Miramar Beach this summer offering signature garments, gear, and accessories.



ON THE TRAILS

In his updated guide to **Hiking & Backpacking Santa Barbara & Ventura** (Wilderness Press, 2021, wildernesspress.com) Craig R. Carey provides nearly 100 of his personally tested routes for day trips, weekend excursions, and backcountry treks on the lush trails of the Los Padres National Forest. The forest "has always been a place for me to hit that reset button," says the Ventura County native.

In addition to the routes, Carey's book includes maps, GPS coordinates, descriptions of terrain, flora, and fauna, attractions, and charts detailing the distances and dog- and child-friendliness of each trail. —L.D.





Sales of Ace Rivington clothing store owner Beau Lawrence's SB Monster Tour Tee benefit Santa Barbara-area restaurants and bars.

GRATUITEEES

Looking for a way to support Santa Barbara bars and restaurants, Beau Lawrence, owner of **Ace Rivington** (acerivington.com) clothing store, created the SB Monster Tour Tee, a 100 percent-cotton t-shirt with an illustration of a monster printed on the front and a list of the date-night hot spots in the city that Lawrence and his wife Yasmin have enjoyed on the back. For each t-shirt sold, Lawrence will donate \$10 to what he considers a tip-sharing pool that will be divided among the establishments on the list.

"The idea is that the monster is waking up as things are opening up, and it's time to have some fun and come alive again," says Lawrence. "It's also about wanting to come up with a creative way of supporting local bars and restaurants."

Recognizing longtime favorites, such as The Andersen's Danish Bakery & Restaurant and Harry's Plaza Cafe, as well as newer venues, like Venus in Furs bar and bottle shop and Yona Redz taqueria, the tees are available at the Ace Rivington website and store in Santa Barbara's historic La Arcada Plaza. ♦

—L.D.



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