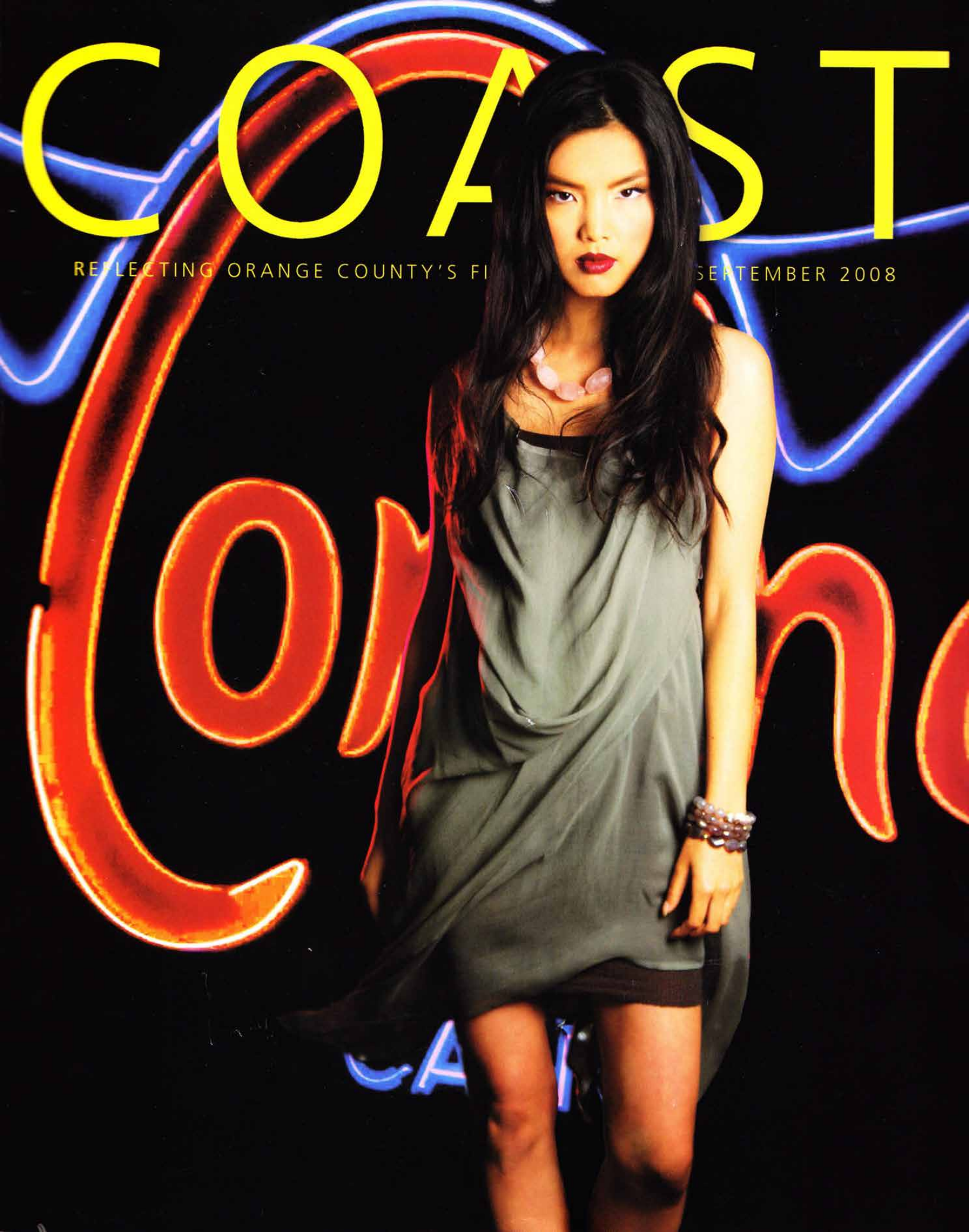


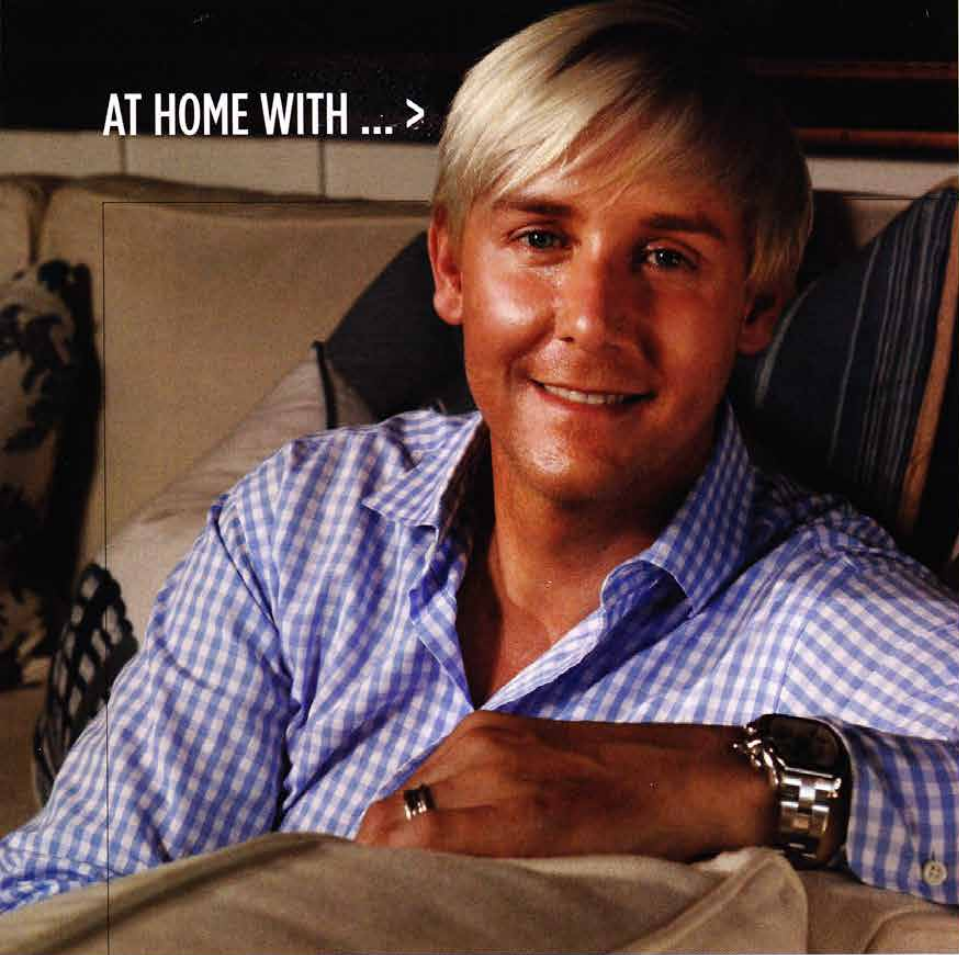
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Barclay Butera

This year is turning out to be a spectacular one for Newport Beach-based designer Barclay Butera. In the summer, Butera joined an exclusive coterie of top style-setters – luminaries that include Kelly Wearstler, Jonathan Adler and the granddaddy of them all, Philippe Starck – who have designed or renovated the interiors of hotels and resorts. L'Auberge del Mar, less than an hour's drive south from Orange County, debuted a posh but super-comfy beach makeover by Butera.

It's a look he knows all too well, as the designer's own home in Newport Beach is ocean-influenced.

In August, he introduced a line of scented candles that draws inspiration from the locations of his previous homes, such as Park City and Los Angeles.

This month, he launches his first coffee-table book by Assouline, *Barclay Butera: Living in Style*, a compilation of his best work. Here, Butera talks to *Coast* about what it's like to truly live in style.

Aesthetic sensibility of the home

Casual elegance and indoor/outdoor living. I love to be able to open the French doors from the

great room and the dining room and create the ultimate beach community experience.

Style of furniture at home

Clean tailored, comfortable pieces. Everything has exposed legs, nothing has a flounce. This way everything is open – you can see the area rugs and the hardwood floors – and it gives a sense of space to the house.

Favorite room

The great room because that is where we gather. It's the kitchen and family room combined.

Best place to think and imagine at home

My living room. It's a retreat from the great room, and it has a view to the outside garden. It allows you to just sit and take a breath.

Favorite chair

My Somerset tufted chair with ebony legs and nickel casters, in oyster Belgium linen. It represents my signature clean, tailored look.

The one thing he can't live without at home

My dogs. I was always told that you live longer and healthier with pets. So when I come home, they provide a great consistency of love every day that makes you smile when you walk in the door.

Bedroom sheets and linens are by

Ralph Lauren

On his bedside table

An Hermès change tray and two seashells

Flowers for décor

White roses, tightly wrapped bouquets

Wine or cocktails for entertaining

Wine, and usually it's Italian, especially from the regions Barbera and Barbaresco.

Intimate gatherings vs. big parties

Intimate gatherings, because they give me a chance to have meaningful conversations.

If the house had a signature soundtrack, the song would be

One of my favorite bands is Coldplay, but for this house, I'd probably go with classic Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon."

Fall at home

Cool nights, wine and friends in the Jacuzzi, enjoying the outdoor fireplace. The changing of colors in my garden. And "American Idol."

Lifestyle lessons from home that he brought to L'Auberge del Mar

Casual elegance and a color scheme that is both surprising and comforting for a boutique hotel. Also I set up the lobby in numerous seating groups to encourage gatherings of good friends and conversation. ☺