



WELL-SUITED! *From top: The latest cover-up from ViX; A look from La Jolla's Sauvage Wear.*

THE SKINNY SoCal continues its reign of swimwear savvy, with everything from itty-bitty brights to country-club-worthy cover-ups. The locally based (and Rio-bred) ViX's answer to the sarong? A beach sari! >>> Catwalkers in this year's Swimsuit Edition of *Sports Illustrated* were plastered with fembot-like metallic bikinis from La Jolla's Sauvage Wear. The looks can be found at its white-on-white flagship boutique on Prospect St. >>> Adding some knit wit is La Jolla's Mallitas by Yessi, whose cutesy, crocheted bikinis are all the rage among the Bird Rock set. Paging Gidget! >>> In other cover girl news, Bar Refaeli (aka Leo's leading lady) is teaming up with Costa Mesa kingpin Hurley for a little black number she just "can't leave home without." So supermodels really *do* wander around half-naked all the time! vixswimwear.com, sauvagewear.com, mycrochetbikini.com, hurley.com. —MH



CULTURE VULTURE

POW WOW Modern dancers from Sushi Art square off at North Park's Bluefoot Bar.

Raising the Bar

So long, stripper poles and no thanks to the new JELL-O wrestling nights at Stingaree. San Diego's hotspots are taking a cue from art parties like Thursday Night Thing and Culture & Cocktails, adding a little highbrow to happy hour. The Ivy's al fresco rooftop, Eden, is going into culture shock with its ongoing Create art show, where cashmere rubs elbows with hipster plaid. Local artists Eric Wixon, James Tull and Zach Smith were standouts at a recent

rendezvous. Meanwhile, scoot over, Coyote Ugly wannabes—modern dance groups are slinking from the barre to the bar, with stints at North Park's sceney Bluefoot Bar (starring Bound Dance's 4X4 Performance Series) to an in-the-works cabaret spectacle at downtown's smoky, sexy jazz staple, Anthology. Dirty Martinis with some slightly dirty dancing? Sure beats the Electric Slide at In Cahoots. bluefootsd.com, anthologysd.com. —Kersten Webde and MH



STAR GAZING! *From left: Givenchy's new out-of-this-world fragrance, Pi Neo for men; lip gloss from Chanel's galactic Beauté Lumière Céleste collection.*

BEAUTY BEAT

SPACE CASE

Beauty's new "It" region isn't the peak of a Himalayan mountain or the bottom of the sea—it's rocket science. Chanel's brand-new Beauté Lumière Céleste collection features nail polish and lip glosses inspired by Coco Chanel's favorite constellations, including rosewood-hued "Nebula" and a "Silex" coral. (It seems Mademoiselle was an astronomy enthusiast; who knew?!) On the olfactory end, SoCal-based StrangeInvisiblePerfumes' Moon Garden parfum employs night-blooming flowers like jasmine and pikake; Givenchy's new Pi Neo for men tells the story of "an astronaut in the unknown world"; and Dita Von Teese's fab hatter Stephen Jones recently collaborated with Comme des Garçons for a juice capturing "a violet that's been hit by a meteor." >>> Meanwhile, Pharma-giant Allergan (of Botox fame) is thickening the lot of lash luses with its latest addition to the beauty bandwagon, Latisse, the first fringe booster approved by the FDA (and Brooke Shields). Peep it! —Chantal Gordon and MH