



DROPPING IN The Ritz-Carlton chases waves.

CHECKING IN

Suite Surf!

The Ritz-Carlton is known for many things, but surf is not one of them—until now. Perched above Salt Creek Beach, the Ritz in Laguna Niguel has teamed up with Irvine-based Billabong for yearlong surf camps, with plans to roll out lessons in body surfing and stand-up paddle (SUP continues its world takeover). “We have found that surfers are our target customers and that they enjoy traveling,” says Ritz spokeswoman Deanne French. Later this month, catch the second annual Holiday Surfboard Auction, where dozens of unique boards and memorabilia will be on display at the hotel. Proceeds will benefit Surfers Healing, a camp for children with autism. *Nov. 22-Dec. 31. The Ritz-Carlton, 1 Ritz-Carlton Dr., Dana Point, ritzcartern.com. —GF*

The Green Scene

IN THE LEED

Joining the ever-growing eco clique in Solana Beach is **Claire's on Cedros** nestled just across from the train station. It's the first Platinum LEED-certified café of its kind and totally animal-friendly, so your hirsute other half can enjoy scraps at Sunday brunch. “The actual structure is a sidebar to what we hope people will remember most: well-prepared, fresh California comfort food in cozy, green surroundings,” says owner Claire Allison. *246 N. Cedros Ave., clairesoncedros.com.*

CHAIN, CHAIN, CHANGE

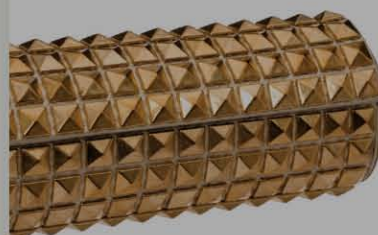
From 'Bucks to Big Macs, corporate kingpins are sidling up to LEED certification, tapping Solana-based **Kirei** for the materials. By next year, most Starbucks will sport Kirei's alt-wood product line and Kirei countertops are already hosting Venti Macchiatos at 'Bucks in Huntington and Manhattan Beach. *kireiusa.com.*

CAPTAIN PLANET!

Forget Humvees—the ultimate fossil fuel hog is getting a Prius-like makeover and parking it in the S.D. marina. The **U.S. Navy** is getting onboard the enviro-agenda with the world's first hybrid amphibious assault ship, Makin Island. During its maiden voyage alone, the 847-foot vessel saved more than 900,000 gallons of gas. How's that for smooth sailing?



ECO CHIC! Claire's on Cedros



Shine Of the Times

Body, meet sole! From tinsel-like zigzags to glitter by the gallon, Jimmy Choo is churning out the sexiest skyscrapers this season. And what would the perfect holiday ensemble be without an “It” clutch? The gold and leather Cosma is a gilded pleasure, while the Cecile is designed with the hardware whore in mind. For an extra dash of 'tis-the-season, Choo's limited-edition Project PEP capsule collection, dropping this month, touts accoutrements with an oh-so-'90s print we adore, and 25 percent of proceeds go straight to the Elton John AIDS Foundation. *jimmychoo.com.*

GOING CLUTCH

Cosma clutch, \$1765, Kase clutch, \$3595, Cecile clutch, \$2995, Karina heel, \$1295, all available at Jimmy Choo, Fashion Valley.