

THE BUZZ

DESERT DESIGN An award-winning home remodel by architect Anders Lasater.

MODERN MAN Laguna starchitect **Anders Lasater** incorporates old-school green ideas and materials in his contemporary homes, including a system that uses radiant heat and forced air that's been used in schools since the '60s (airfloor.com); an easy, self-contained way to reuse sink and shower water in landscaping

(waterwisegroup.com); and furniture from a company that searches SoCal for trees that have fallen or been cut down, often very old eucalyptus or oaks (sdurbantimber.com). "They mill the wood and use a solar kiln to dry it before crafting it into some really lovely furniture. It's a clever use of what would otherwise be headed for the landfill."

CONSIGNMENT CHIC!

"My secret spot for amazing finds is **Cannery Exchange** (canneryexchange.com), a consignment store in Newport Beach," says Corona del Mar-based interior designer **Natalie Umbert**. At her atelier natalie umbert firm, the jet-setting, Peruvian-born designer is known for her mixtures of pop culture influences with ethnic touches and bright colors, which create unexpected, modern rooms. "You never know what you'll find, the owners have a wonderful eye for interesting pieces that you won't see anywhere else. It's the perfect spot for me since I love to mix styles, periods and textures."

**HIGH-STYLE SPACE** Natalie Umbert on her favorite Barclay Butera sofa in her Corona del Mar bungalow.**SITTING PRETTY**

Bulthaup is at it again. Just when you thought the stylish kitchen showroom couldn't get any cooler, it's added a line of fine wood-crafted furniture from world-renowned **Craissievig** to its repertoire. Our favorite find? The Ole chair (\$1,868, bulthaup.com). The ultra-modern oak cutout is the most original we've seen yet. And chairs aren't the only new thing to hit Bulthaup. This fall, the S.D. store owner/hostess **Aleka Kim** continues her popular dinner series with a lesson in molecular gastronomy: cooking with liquid nitrogen.