

STREET PEOPLE: Multitasking master



Name: Gillian Flynn

Who: "I am editor in chief of *Riviera* magazine and the new *Riviera Interiors*, which just launched last month, with four issues hitting stands next year. I am also wine editor for *Modern Luxury*, our on-the-move publishing company with lifestyle publications in L.A., S.F., D.C., Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Hawaii and Miami ... deftly proving we are the new city mag. While *Riviera* is monthly, our Hot List e-blast is doling out weekly updates of what's new and stylish on the scene. (Sign up at www.modernluxury.com.)"

Age: 34

Hangs out: "Solana and Cardiff (no Del Martians!). Mornings begin with coffee at Pipes, a great mix of locals and East Coast expats with a few South Africans tossed in for good measure. When it comes to sushi, it's a tie: Matsuo for serious nigiri and Station for people-watching. The staff is Brazilian, offering up a decidedly South American vibe with a license to linger. Oh, and the countdown is on for Zenbu in Cardiff."

Best place for lunch: "I eat at my desk every day, but if I had to do a three-hour deal, I'd opt for La Valencia. Last time I was there, Morley Safer sat next to me, and it's one of the few places that offers Sancerre by the glass."



Favorite bands: "I listen to endless Chet Baker and other straight-ahead jazz. Other than that, it's one-syllable Brit bands from the '80s for pure nostalgia: James, Yaz, Squeeze, Wham!, and the Boys & Girls Club pool where I swim in Solana plays Led Zeppelin on Saturdays!"

Last song you downloaded?

"Embarrassingly, I have never downloaded a song, but my nightlife editor is forever trying to hip up my iPod with Spoon and Scissor Sisters, both of whom I now like. It's hard work keeping

up with the cool kids. ..."

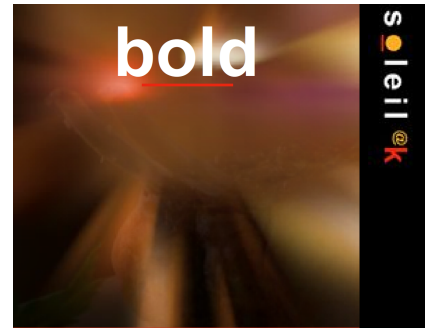
Clicks: "Having done serious time at family-owned newspapers back East, and the Associated Press, I firmly believe in getting info from actual newspapers. I am downright romantic when it comes to the feel of newsprint, inky fingers and all. My one go-to wordsmith site: www.rhymezone.com."

Plays: "When John Madden football came out in high school, I didn't see my boyfriend for weeks. I still despise Madden ... and video games."

Watches: "I don't own a TV. I watch the four DVDs I own over and over again on my laptop: 'Casablanca,' 'Gilda,' 'There's a Girl in My Soup' (for its '70s Carnaby Street fashion) and 'Elvira Madigan,' a '60s Swedish film about a tightrope walker who flees the circus for her AWOL soldier, and they exist on berries in the woods until ... well, I don't want to give away endings."

Reads: "Anything Tom Wolfe. I just finished 'From Bauhaus to Our House,' and, while I don't necessarily agree with all the points, I enjoy social criticism. And who doesn't dig his white three-piece suits? (Collectively, he and I could finish casual Fridays once and for all!) And 'The Pump House Gang' was about the famed Windansea Beach."

Loves: "The fact that San Diego has real-deal architecture, from a 1920s Schindler in La Jolla (which is more celebrated than ever) to new, modern gems that are finally getting 'outdoor living.' Hands down, the Solana Beach train station by Quigley is my favorite building. And there's no better feeling than opening *The New York Times* to spreads on homegrown architects like Jennifer Luce and Wally Cunningham. People in San Diego are particularly house-proud, thus the fuel for *Riviera*



Interiors. So, who's building the next Egg house (from 'The Great Gatsby,' for those of you who don't know)? That's the real question!"

Hates: "USA Today, midlife-crisis bicycle geeks in spandex, the lack of vision for S.D.'s waterfront, the absence of formal dinner parties (entertaining is a lost art!), people who give me 'knuckles,' that SoCal cadence (I am so, like, over that), unnecessary abbreviation, Labradoodles, palm trees, ending sentences with 'at,' *Maxim* readers on airplanes, the excessive number of salons in San Diego (moratorium, please!), beige-on-beige decor (there are other colors than taupe), and people who think Scarsdale is in upstate N.Y."

Gillian Flynn tells us the 10 songs she'd put on her perfect mix CD:

1. "Cow Cow Boogie," Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong ("I wish duets would come back.")
2. "Chan Chan," Buena Vista Social Club
3. "You Need to Be with Me," Susan Tedeschi
4. "Lady Is a Tramp," Frank Sinatra
5. "Sometimes," James
6. "Only You," Yaz
7. "The Lemon Song," Led Zeppelin
8. "As Good as You've Been to This World," Janis Joplin
9. "Hey Big Spender," "Sweet Charity" soundtrack
10. "I Fall in Love Too Easily," Chet Baker



Gillian Flynn describes her perfect San Diego weekend:

"Not getting in my car. On so many weekends, I have work events that lure me downtown, La Jolla and beyond, but when I can stay put in North County, it's pavement-pounding. I shop European-style and walk to Seaside Market. I hit up SoLo in Solana Beach for its selection of architectural books. Oh, and mark calendars for Feb. 9-10. It's the Sevens rugby tourney, which is coming to Petco for the next three years.

I practically grew up on the sidelines of a rugby field as my father played, and this is a rare international gathering (16 countries!). Perhaps rugger Russell Crowe will grace us? Hmmm ... I should have filed that under the 'love' section."

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