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IRVINE REAL ESTATE BLOG

Rich and single? Welcome to Irvine

Put aside, if you will, those widespread notions of Irvine as a staid suburb, a destination for well-heeled dads and soccer moms seeking safety and superior schools for their children.

Would you believe ... Irvine as a draw for rich singles?

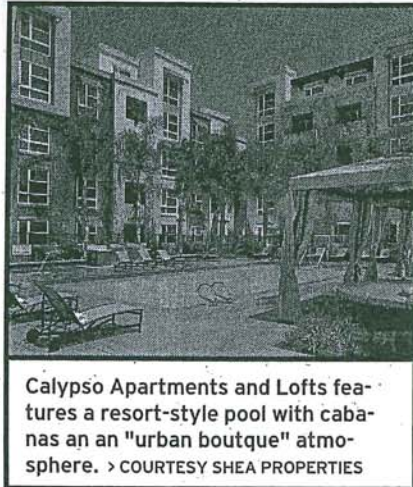


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That's what Money Magazine says, naming Irvine No. 9 on a list of America's Best Places for the Rich and Single. "Seeking a sugar daddy (or sugar-mama)?" the magazine asks. "Follow the money to these towns and cities, where

affluent young professionals are abundant."

According to Money, 33 percent of Irvine's population is single, and the median family income is \$107,821. Still skeptical? Here's more of Money's reasoning: "You might find a young engi-



Calypso Apartments and Lofts features a resort-style pool with cabanas and an "urban boutique" atmosphere. > COURTESY SHEA PROPERTIES

neer who works for Samsung, Mazda, or any number of tech startups living in Irvine's orderly streets. Take your date to the movies or to see an improv comedy show. At the end of the night, take a romantic spin on the Ferris wheel at the Irvine Spectrum shopping center. Or flirt with local singles at the city's many restaurants, bars and lounges."

To see how other Southern California cities fared and take a poll on Irvine as a

singles destination, visit the blog.

APARTMENTS ENTER FINAL LEASING PHASE • Calypso Apartments and Lofts is entering its final leasing phase, according to owner Shea Properties, with just a handful of new units remaining. The complex has 177 units and is billed as an "urban boutique apartment and loft community." It is located off Jamboree Road and Alton Parkway, directly across the street from the even newer Avalon Irvine complex. Both Calypso and Avalon are a short stroll to the uber-popular Diamond Jamboree shopping center, and within a half-mile of The District.

Calypso offers studios, one- and two-bedroom units, and a few lofts. Square footage ranges from 605 to 1,448 square feet, and rental rates range from \$1,505 to \$2,280.

The units were originally designed as for-sale condominiums by Shea Homes, said Steve Gilmore, senior vice president at Shea Properties. That "makes living at Calypso even more like owning a home," he said.

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