

HAMPTONS REAL ESTATE SHOWCASE

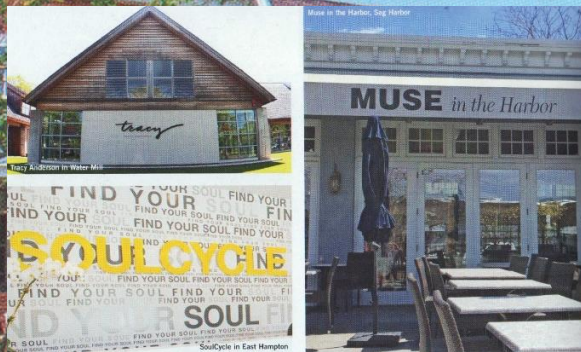
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SPOTLIGHT

REVOLVING DOORS

NEWCOMERS & SURVIVORS WELCOME ANOTHER SEASON BY HEATHER BRYCE



In a land where we play an annual game of musical shops and restaurants each new season, it's always fun to see which businesses have survived, which have bitten the proverbial dust, and which brave new souls are willing to risk our beloved South Fork's seasonal fluctuations and high rents in order to stake a claim to the reams of summer money and bragging rights to a Hamptons location.

East Hampton

In East Hampton, the turnover was not as great as in other years according to commercial real estate guru Hal Zwick of **Town and Country**. Renters last year took long leases making for "more stability and less availability." However, he confirms that several have gone including **Coach**, **Kate Spade**, **Lieb Cellars**, **Lord & Guy** and **C. Wonder**.

C. Wonder will also be gone from the Southampton location as, alas, the clothing and home goods chain founded by billionaire and **Tory Burch** ex, **Chris Burch**, declared bankruptcy this winter, closing all stores

nationwide. Luckily we still have our comfy pullover.

The biggest news is an incoming fitness studio (as if we need another), which will be moving into 30 Park Place. Wellness entrepreneur **Tracy Anderson** and her partners **Gwyneth Paltrow** (no intro needed) and **Maria Baum** are developing the 3,000 square-foot space scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend, to include food and retail options. Did we mention that it will be open year round? Anderson's studio in Water Mill will remain.

Highway Diner in Wainscott is coming back, sort of. Last season the spot was rented out to **Shuko** as a pop-up, now the space will morph into the **Highway Restaurant & Bar**. Without the diner moniker we suspect prices will rise. Same ownership sold last April to a group in the city, local group sold a year later.

After three decades, **Nichol's** has been shuttered. **Winston's Bar and Grill**, run by former East Hampton Grill chef and Jamaica native, **Winston Lyons**, will offer seafood, steak and a fare much

needed in these parts -- Caribbean.

Manhattan celebrity boite **Philippe** which has played host to such stars as **Rihanna**, **Matt Damon**, **Oprah** and **Anna Wintour**, will take over the Three Mile Harbor Road spot formerly occupied by **Donatella Arpaia's Sienna**, offering dinner prepped by Philippe Chow and a deejay-fueled nightclub. **The Club at Philippe** will also provide an al fresco sushi bar on two back patios.

Miami's **Momi Ramen**, where noodles are made fresh daily and served with 18-hour simmered pork bone broth, is slated to open year round in the place of East Hampton's former Turtle Crossing.

After many years as a lively nightclub, **Georgica** held its last shindig last summer, but the space overlooking a finger of Georgica Pond will be taken over by **Osteria Salina**, which has been holding fort at 95 School Street in Bridgehampton. A bistro will take Osteria's place according to the *New York Post*.

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