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Allegra Pitt And Hunter Hawkins Tie The Knot In San Antonio

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108. DEEP IN THE HEART

Jennifer McCord And Landon Anderson Wed In Houston

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120. A SONG OF LOVE

The Wedding Of Paige Pursley And Rob Cavender In Fort Worth

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130. EVERLASTING LOVE

Brittany Franklin And Brian Shimansky Wed In Dripping Springs

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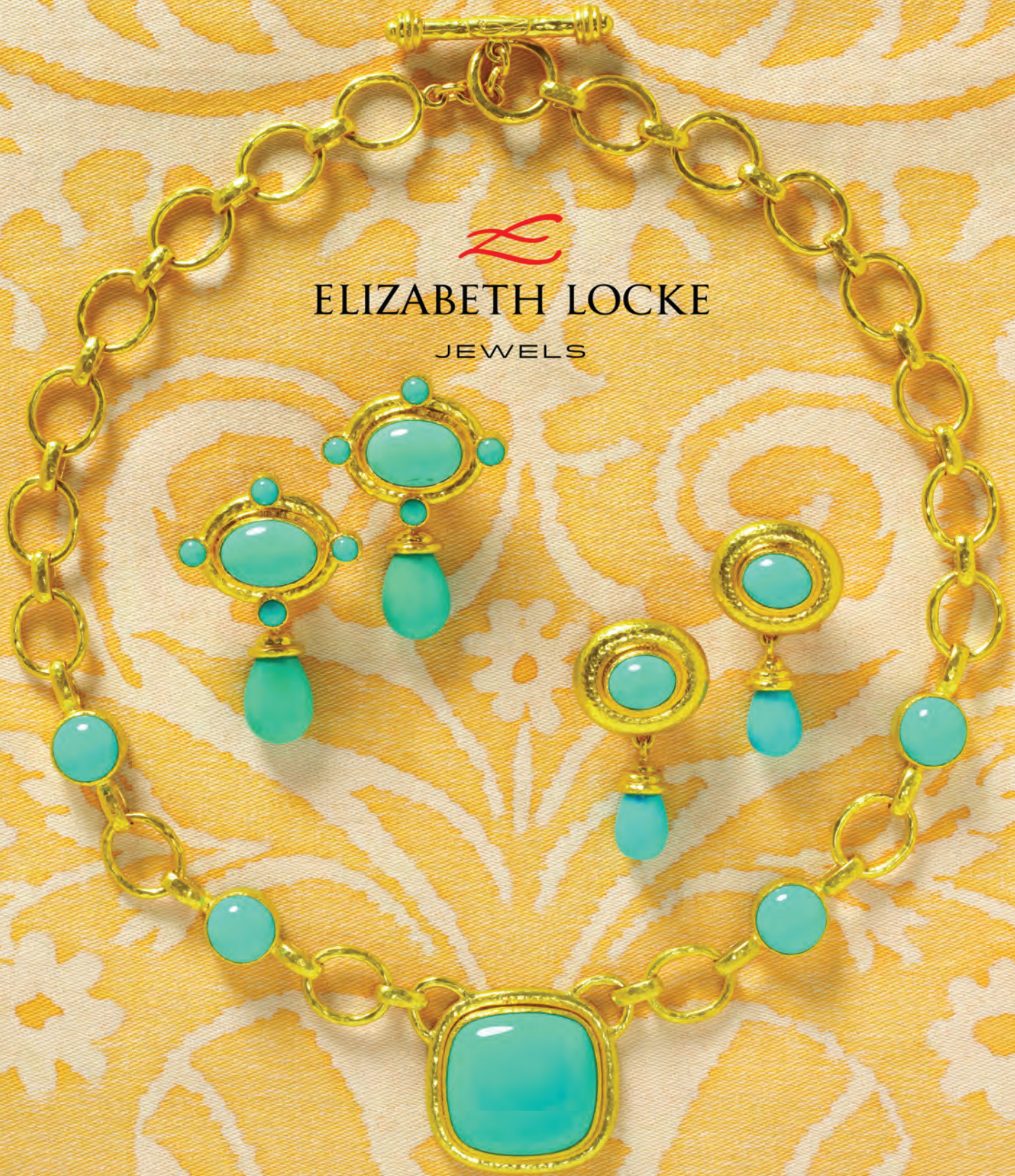
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30. EDIT

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan would rather be hot than cold, basking in the warm summer sun. Here's a look at how he approaches the world with his favorite bon mots.

32. CURATE

Looking for more culture? We are, always. Take a look at some of our state's finest museums in the country, according to our active arts arbiter Jonathan Spindel.

36. SEEK

This great big fabulous world, according to on-the-go guy Lance Avery Morgan, has all the international happenings to enjoy that we recommend.

38. DISCOVER

Our editorial style setters Jake Gaines (Austin), Cynthia Smoot (Dallas), Jennifer Roosth (Houston) and Eleanora Leeper Morrison (San Antonio) are on the scene with their favorite new finds across the state.

42. BEAUTIFY

It's getting gorgeous in here. Our beauty insider Ana Bribiesca picks will prettify your golden glow for a more shimmering summer.

42. GROOM

Jake Gaines knows his nose. And, he's on the scent of the best new summer colognes that he recommends and there is something for every man.

46. REVEAL

Former French *Vogue* editor Joan Juliet Buck has a new book, *The Price of Illusion*, and caught up with our Lance Avery Morgan to share a few of her favorite things in life.

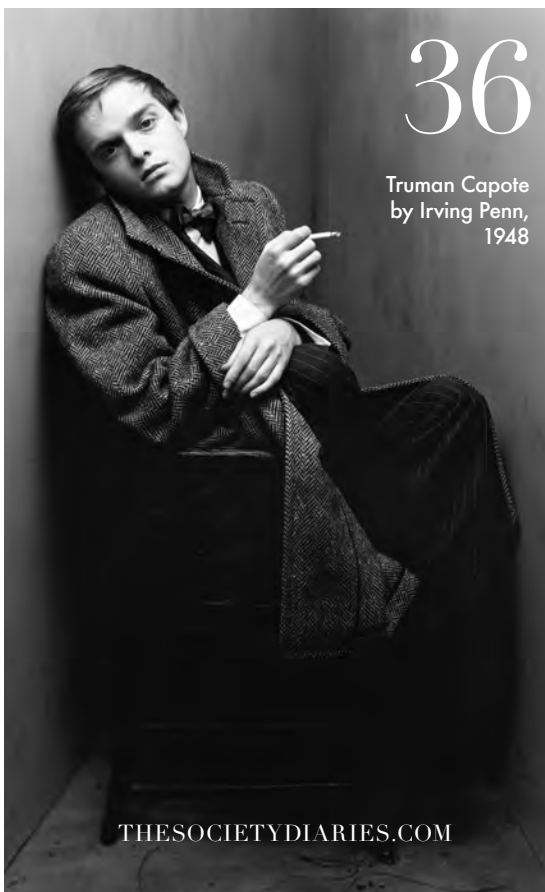


Briscoe Museum, San Antonio

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Truman Capote by Irving Penn, 1948



Mahekal Beach Resort, Mexico

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48. INDULGE

Our sensational style editor Tori Johnson is heading to the tropics this month with some hot, hot, hot must-haves that could ignite a fashion frenzy.

50. BEHAVE

Our Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, JD is at the rescue for all your good behavior conundrums as you progress this summer toward more continued social success.

52. ATTUNE

Being kind is always better. Remembering that in female friendships is especially key, according to our lifestyle contributor Amy Edward.

54. RAISE

Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski, our trusty family relationship expert, explores how we can create more "anti-fragility" in our lives.

56. SAVOR

Summer salads are the perfect way to keep your cool, according to our new cuisine contributor Josie Rees.

58. RETREAT

Jonathan Spindel has a new luxe getaway to recommend. The glam Mahekal Beach Resort in Playa del Carmen, Mexico is the place to be these days for sun and surf.

62. HOST

The One Mind Foundation recently held a private dinner event at Austinite David Booth's new estate and Rob Giardinelli shares more about the cause... and the evening.

64. INVITE

Whether at Luci Baines Johnson's landmark birthday, or on the polo fields in Amarillo, we're on the scene for unique events to share in this issue.

68. PROMOTE

A fresh look at the events, people places, and things that are happening across the state this month.

144. RECALL

Take a quick look back with us at the Summer of Love '67, the pivotal year that fashion broke the rules and went mod, mod, mod.

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82. DALLAS, Joanie White, Caroline Kraddick and Jocelyn White



72. DALLAS, Kenny Goss, Marc Quinn and Joyce Goss



80. HOUSTON, Andy Cordes, Sarah, Duchess of York and Brian Teichman

THE VERY BEST EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS & BEYOND

SPECTATE

74. DALLAS
The MTV: Redefine event

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76. SAN ANTONIO
The Fiesta events

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84. DALLAS
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86. SAN ANTONIO
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The Bo's Place event

92. SAN ANTONIO
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134. DALLAS
The Equest event

136. HOUSTON
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86. AUSTIN, Steve Late, Olivia Late and Ava Late



86. AUSTIN, Ben and Brittany Bailey, Anderson East & Jamie and Blake Chandlee



88. HOUSTON, Patrick Fertitta and Paige Fertitta



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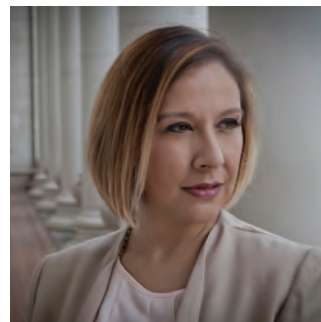
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Ron Davis, Aida Dieck, Rob Giardinelli, Alexandra Dieck, Cassandra King Polidori and Lance Avery Morgan at the Lexicon of Style/Cassandra Collections event



Rob Giardinelli, Lance Avery Morgan, Johnna Jones, Kevin Keim and Jim Dechman at The Contemporary Museum Gala



Matthew Weiner, Betsy Dupree Nowrasteh, Jennifer Kuczaj Lance Avery Morgan and Rob Giardinelli at the Harry Ransom Center Gala



Rob Giardinelli, Mary Tally, Anna Hardeman and Lance Avery Morgan at the APA Tailwaggers Gala

RULES OF THE ROAD

THERE'S A LOT OF CONVERSATION SURROUNDING the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love '67. That summer brought a sea change in fashion, lifestyle, and pop culture—and we haven't looked back once. Just like the groundbreaking 60s fashionistas, we too are on a journey to find ever-renewed authenticity.

Since traveling is on all our minds this summer, it gets me thinking about how we travel though life metaphorically. What's the mode of transportation? Ourselves. We carry ourselves from Point A to Point B in the stories of our lives. We decide how the journey will be. Is it bumpy or smooth? It's completely up to us. No matter where we go, there we are. Like you, I live my life as fully as possible. In fact, I've developed a handful of guiding principles to help manifest life's great passions. Here are a dozen of my favorite "Rules of the Road"...

Travel Widens Your Peripheral Vision. If I had a nickel for every time I met someone while traveling... So now, I always expect the unexpected when traveling near or far.

Mean It To Be It. The meaning of life is what we are all searching for. Define it for yourself and no one else. They will figure it out.

Thoughts Become Words That Become Actions. If you think it, it can transpire. Thinking the best things is always better than thinking of the negative stuff, right?

Cool The Control. No one is exactly the way we want them to be. Loosen the grip and see how life can blossom in surprising ways.

Little Things Weigh A Ton. We're always delighted when we run into someone from our past and they reciprocate the positivity we showed them, long forgotten by us. It's all about the small things.

Catch And Release. As in deep-sea fishing, you must know what's worth hanging onto. Don't be attached to the outcome of anything. If you remain open to the possibilities, the world is your oyster.

Word Games. Words matter, as do the people who both say and hear them. Make them count like they are precious morsels bestowed with blessings.

Reaction, Then Action. Look before you leap, get all the facts, then pursue. Most poor decisions are usually hasty ones. Sometimes it helps to take your time.

Gratitude Grows Gregariously. If you allow it, being thankful at every turn can be a way of life. Even on the rainy days

of life. It showers opportunity upon you.

Try or Do? Trying counts, yet *doing* creates boundless creations. If it means something of substance, "just do it" like it was an 80s ad campaign.

Past Imperfect. What's done is done. Reckon with it since you can't change it, and approach life as if everything counts from this day forward.

Take The High Road. The View's Way Better. As we travel among the peaks and yes, the depths of life, being kind is always the best trajectory to chart the course.

We love, love, *love* this issue. Literally—we always approach things with a loving point of view, and our wedding features capture that P.O.V. like none other. From destination weddings to those in our home territory of Texas, we showcase what makes these couples and their celebrations so special to them, their families and friends.

Our far-flung cover story takes us to the French Riviera, a fabled coast of glamour where many of our readers have enjoyed glorious holidays in their lives. Since the days when Princess Grace found her Prince Rainier, little has changed with the Jet Set vibe the land exudes, as Ashley Dobson shares. Closer to home, Jonathan Spindel visits a new resort in tropical Mexico, Mahekal, which captures the magical feeling of resort escapes. Tori Johnson finds stylish inspiration in Cuba's reemergence and recommends more than a few ways to bring that island chic into your own closet. Also awaiting you in this issue are recipes for entertaining sips and savories, tips being as beautiful as possible, and of course the timeless lifestyle insights shared by Miranda Walichowski, Amy Edwards, Sharon Schweitzer and more.

Our social editors have been on the go all season to bring you the finale of spring's charitable events across the state. What to support in Houston? Ask Jen Roosth. What's happening in Dallas that everyone is talking about? Look no further than Cynthia Smoot. What's captivating Austin's cool kids? Rob Giardinelli knows. In San Antonio, there's always a party happening if Rossana Leeper is recommending it. The list goes on as we love to be on the spot, in the scene and chronicling all there is to see and do right now.

So, pull up a chaise, settle into your beach towel and have a ball as we bring you our own Summer of Love 2017. [S](#)

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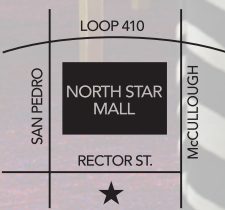


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SUMMER SENSATIONS

All throughout Texas, the temperature is rising and so are the talented artists and performers who enrich our cultural horizons. Of the myriad choices in the fine arts, and here are a few of the season's outstanding options, according to our artistic arbiter Jonathan Spindel.

AUSTIN



DAZZLING DISSIDENCE

Ai Weiwei is one of the most globally relevant artists working today. His strong artistic voice actively engages China's complicated political climate, and his messages are heard around the world. Now Austin boasts two of his installations, in Laguna Gloria Sculpture Park and at the Waller Delta. Don't miss this. Ongoing. At TheContemporaryAustin.org



SOUND & CINEMA

What better way to experience Austin than with live local music paired with a

classic movie from the Alamo Drafthouse, with the skyline as a backdrop? Check out these special screenings at The Long Center. Until July 26. At TheLongCenter.org

EPICS FROM ABROAD

Larger-than-life stories are depicted in vivid detail and vibrant colors in *Epic Tales from Ancient India*, a special exhibition of paintings based on classic Indian and Persian texts. A great introduction to the classic eastern epics, the paintings convey a wide range of expression and emotion from playful to dramatic. July 9 to October 1. At BlantonMuseum.org



DALLAS/FORT WORTH



SYMPHONIC SENSATIONS

Mark your calendar for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra season opening event, featuring famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma honoring conductor Jaap Van Zweden's final season with the orchestra. It will be a momentous occasion

for the orchestra and the community, so don't miss out. September 16. At MyDSO.com

CAPTURING CASANOVA

Casanova: The Seduction of Europe explores 18th century Europe through the eyes of Giacomo Casanova, a real-life character renowned for his amorous pursuits across Italy, France, England and the Ottoman Empire, where he had various rendezvous with myriad monarchs and more. Art in a variety of media bring Casanova's world to life. August 27 to December 31. At KimbellArt.org



FATHER JOHN MISTY

Truly a voice for our times, Josh Tillman AKA Father John Misty explores the themes of love and life with his sardonic yet heartfelt songwriting. Part folk, part hipster and part prophet, his lyrics and stage presence will make a lasting impression. September 30. At TheBombFactory.com

HOUSTON



MAGNIFICENT MOVEMENT

The dancers of MOMIX exhibit extraordinary feats of agility and strength, all tempered by a joyous sense of humor. The show is an entertaining introduction to the joys of modern dance, complete with colorful costumes, playful props and moving music. September 15. At SPAHouston.org

INSPIRING IMMERSION

Following MFAH's commitment to light-based and immersive artists, Swiss artist



Pipilotti Rist joins the ranks of Yayoi Kusama, Jesús Rafael Soto, and James Turrell by inviting viewers into this his immersive digital, lyrical and existential art experience. These light-based and video-based installations transform the vast, central gallery of Cullinan Hall into a cosmic journey through time and space. Until September 17. At MFAH.org



1000S OF HELPING HANDS

Honoring Houston's Tzu Chi Foundation, the world-renowned China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe and Tzu Chi volunteers present a charity performance including the dazzling One-Thousand-Hands Bodhisattva, emphasizing the importance of universal and boundless compassion, and to motivate us to collaborate and make the world better for all. September 16-17. At TheHobbyCenter.org

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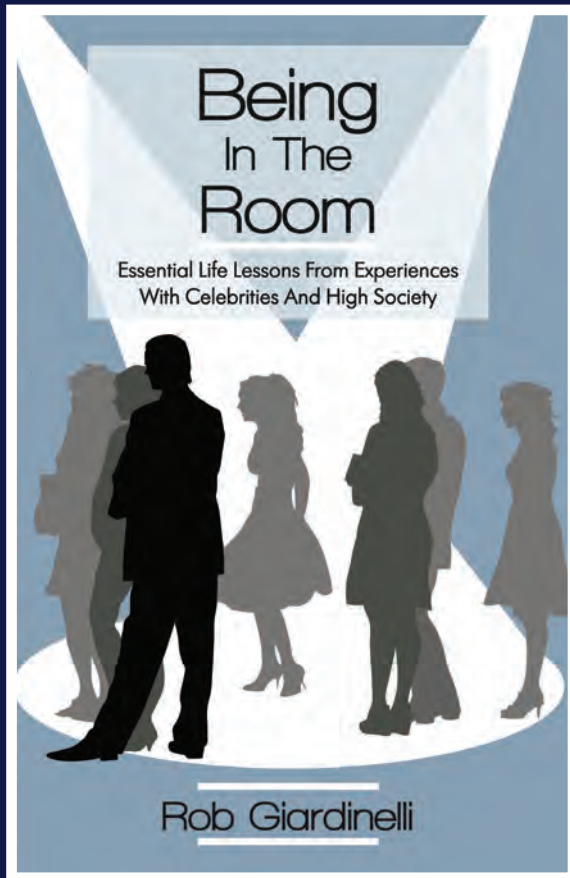
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Being In The Room



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NATIVE WESTERN

The Briscoe Western Art Museum is showcasing a very rare deluxe set of George Catlin's *North American Indian Portfolio*. This edition of 31 hand-painted color plates is one of only three known sets still in existence. *Catlin's Portfolio* is among the most famous color plate books relating to North America's Native populations produced in the 19th century. Through Sept. 4. At BriscoeMuseum.org



SUMMER OF LOVE REVISITED

In the spirit of the anniversary of the Summer of Love of '67, *Groovy: A Psychedelic Summer* presents a collection of art that explores color, pattern, and new visual technology during a time that fostered the beginning of a new age of contemporary art as we know it. Get inspired! Until August 27. At McNayArt.org

CURIOUS CERAMICS

The Magic of Clay and Fire, an impactful selection of contemporary Japanese ceramics is on view, specially loaned by collectors across the United States including Susan and C.J. Peters of Galveston, and Allen Bennett of Kerrville. These beautiful pieces exemplify the long Japanese tradition that emphasizes both the utilitarian and decorative potential of fired clay. Through Fall 2017. At SAMuseum.org





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SEEKING SUMMER'S SIZZLE

Across the world you'll find an array of amazing activities. Here, *our own globetrotter Lance Avery Morgan* recommends his hip and happening choices as the weather heats up.



Photography by Irving Penn. Dress by Rochas worn by Lisa Fonssagrives, 1950

PAPER & PENN

Master fashion photographer Irving Penn gets a 70-year career retrospective that is chock-full of his stylish haute masterpieces.

Irving Penn: Centennial is on view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through July 30. At MetMuseum.org

THE ME DECADE

The *Good 70s* exhibition explores the tongue-in-cheek, socially conscious work of conceptual artist and photographer Mike Mandel. It focuses on projects he made during what was, for him, an incredibly productive decade, including photographs, books, and a film, all made during the same period. At the San Francisco Museum of Art and SFMOMA.org



AGE OF ACCESS

Critically acclaimed documentary filmmaker and photographer Lauren Greenfield has dedicated her career to exploring youth and beauty culture, the rise of conspicuous consumption, and the spread of global consumerism. Her artistic vision is collected in the new tome *Lauren Greenfield: Generation Wealth*. At Phaidon.com



IT ALWAYS HAPPENS AT NED'S

The Ned Hotel is, hands down, the coolest hotel in all of London. The bar scene? It's where the young aristocracy gathers for Pimm's and tomfoolery. Set in a former Art Deco bank near St. Paul's Cathedral, it's a must-stay. At TheNed.com



HOW BAZAAR IT ALL IS

When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping in markets across the world and its myriad treasures that will astound you. In fact, each piece you can't live without will make for the most interesting dinner party stories. Ask your concierge at your next destination for more information.



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COOL CHASING

To beat the heat, this summer we've chosen a few of our favorite things to inspire your own sense of cool, according to *our very own cool hunters Jonathan Spindel and Jake Gaines (Austin), Cynthia Smoot (Dallas), Jennifer Roosth (Houston) and Eleanora Leeper Morrison in San Antonio.*

AUSTIN

FLEX THE MEX

Kris Swift and Adam Jacoby, the team behind Jacoby's Restaurant and Mercantile have opened Grizzelda's... the swanky new headquarters for Mexican fare. We just can't get enough of this stylish Latin cuisine and cocktail scene. At Grizzeldas.com



TINY BUT GRAND

The Houston favorite, Tiny Boxwoods, is now open in Central Austin. You'll go for the food and scene, yet no trip is complete without their famous chocolate chip cookie, made 20 at a time every 20 minutes. At TinyBoxwoods.com



BY GEORGE THAT'S CHIC

When it comes to luxe menswear, By George Men's Store is the destination for both locals and clients from across the world. Their personal touch will leave you addicted to their P.O.V. on custom shopping. At ByGeorgeAustin.com

DALLAS

FASHION MEETING FUNCTION

Move over Crocs because Dallasites Hayes Brumbeloe and Daniel Rubertone have just launched Floafers – a versatile shoe line featuring the style of driving loafers with the utility of true, slip-resistant water shoes that can literally be worn anywhere. They are breathable, designed with strategic vent holes and side gills to allow for fast drying, and are also anti-microbial. At Floafers.com



FRESH & FROTHY

Summer brings out the need for a party anthem and a cocktail to capture the season. This summer, our new cocktail jam is the Pulpa Rita, a fresh fruit margarita purée from Jorge's TexMex Café in One Arts Plaza in the Dallas Arts District. These 'Ritas come in a variety of fruity flavors including mango, strawberry, guava, blood orange, pomegranate, tamarind, and our personal favorite, coconut. At JorgesTexMex.com



REALITY GLOW

Three years ago, Missy Payne competed alongside her daughter, Baylor Wilson, in the 29th season of the hit CBS show, Survivor. She came in second runner up that season, but walked away with a winning idea. Join Missy at the 3rd Annual "It's A Jungle Out There" benefit August 25 at the historic Granada Theater where you'll mix and mingle with many of your favorite former players from Survivor, Amazing Race, Big Brother and more. At C4yl.com



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DIM SUM & THEN SOME

Highly anticipated Yauatcha, the local outpost of Hakkasan Group's Michelin-starred Chinese dim sum concept, is now open in Houston. The teahouse offers authentic dim sum with a contemporary influence, including a wide selection of dim sum and a list of over 60 types of tea. The concept launched in Soho,

London in 2004, where it garnered immediate critical acclaim for its award-winning dim sum, wok dishes, tea, craft cocktails and socializing. At Yauatcha.com



GLOBAL STYLE SECRETS

Part stylist, part boutique, Atelier SSL in Houston is the collaboration between highly stylish best friends Sima Ladjevardian, Sabiha Rehmattulla, and Laura Greenberg curating their favorite pieces to share with their pals in a trunk show format. The pieces in the collections are unique and fun and gathered from designers around the world like St. Barth, Capri, Paris, Singapore, Dubai, and Sao Paolo. Join for Rosé All Day to see everything from couture gowns to athleisure wear. At AtelierSSL.com

SAN ANTONIO

DIG THAT JAZZ

Created by local bandleader Doc Watkins, Jazz, TX combines the style of an upscale Jazz club with the grit of a Texas dance hall. Located in the newly rebuilt Bottling House at the Historic Pearl Brewery, Jazz, TX offers a full kitchen featuring South Texas cuisine, as well as craft cocktails, wine and a variety of Texas beers on tap. At JazzTX.com



TAKE A HIATUS

Now open at Pearl just across Brewer's Alley from Hotel Emma and tucked under the Cellars Residences, Hiatus Spa + Retreat's new San Antonio location has 13 treatment rooms, a hydro-therapy room for Vichy shower treatments, a relaxation room, nail therapy room with zero gravity chairs, and more. It's light, bright, and the perfect space for your regular rejuvenation. At HiatusSpa.com



OLD WORLD CHIC

At Cured, Chef Steve McHugh makes use of the purest regional ingredients paired with organic methods, with a menu built on a foundation of lovingly handcrafted cured foods from charcuterie to pickles. The restaurant's renovated historical building, built in the 1900s-era Pearl Administration Building embodies the perfect blend of a contemporary and historical atmosphere. At CuredAtPearl.com

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GET THAT GODDESS GLOW

Summer nuptials call for an iridescent sun-kissed glow. Natasha Denona Body Glow gives an all-over elegant, warm bronze shimmer while moisturizing skin with a light and fresh formula. Resistant to water and sweat, it is the perfect product for dancing the night away. \$55. At Sephora.

SUMMER SHIMMER

Romance is in the air, while bright colorful flowers and gleaming sun-kissed skin make sunny summer days the perfect setting for a dreamy wedding, shares *our beauty expert Ana Bribiesca*. These must-have new products will ensure you have the perfect bridal glow on your special day and into your honeymoon.



PERFECTLY PEACHY

Summer brides can embrace a natural look with a clean and simple palette. Opt for peachy and pink eye shadow tones for classic glamour that will enhance your summer radiance. The Too Faced Sweet Peach Eye Shadow Collection Palette has 18 shades to create the perfect summer bridal look, plus, endless warm-weather eye looks for your honeymoon. \$49. At Sephora.



NATURAL WARMTH

Stick with products that will look natural and stay streak free. Perricone MD "No Bronzer" Bronzer will warm up your complexion and give your skin a healthy sun-kissed glow from within while offering SPF 30 protection. \$35. At Neiman Marcus.

DON'T SWEAT IT

Touch-ups should be the last thing on your mind. The right primer is essential for achieving a flawless look that will last all day... and night. Stila Aqua Glow Perfecting Primer is a cooling primer stick that will smooth and refresh, creating a perfect heatproof canvas for your makeup and preventing sweat and humidity from melting it away. \$28. At Sephora.



SUMMER GLEAM

Skip the contour! Finish your makeup look by spotlighting the high points of your face with tarte Lighting Palette for a dewy and ethereal effect. With four shades, this palette allows you to adjust from a peachy glow for the wedding day, to a bronze goddess shimmer during 'la lune de miel.' \$42. At Sephora.



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DIVE IN

The cool essence of the new Bvlgari AQVA Atlantique will have you feeling as fresh as a dip in the ocean. Its woody facets of ambergris, violet and tobacco are the perfect light combination. \$90.

At Macy's and Bulgari.



YOU SAVAGE, YOU

Christian Dior Eau Sauvage, the 60s classic, is back with a new twist. The fresh top notes of Calabria bergamot encounter ambroxan, obtained from precious ambergris. Your dad will be proud. \$92. At Neiman Marcus.



Robert Redford, *The Great Gatsby*, 1974

HERE COMES THE GROOM

When it comes to festivities for the big day, feeling your best is tantamount. Part of that is a fragrance that represents your very best to conquer the world. Here, *our scent seeker Jake Gaines* has selected the best summer choices for you.

MAGNETIC ATTRACTION

The powerful game of seduction is taken to the next level with stimulating spicy ginger top notes that are intensified by the addition of cardamom in the new Hugo Boss Intense cologne by Coty. \$94. At Macy's and Hugo Boss.



ACTION REQUIRED

Wanted by Azzaro is a bold and powerfully irresistible fragrance for the confident, thrill-seeking guy. With hints of fresh lemon and ginger and spicy cardamom and woody vetiver, it will linger in their minds. \$65. At Macy's.



ICE, ICE BABY

The new Jimmy Choo Man Ice is on fire. Its top notes of mandarin orange, bergamot and citron make it simply irresistible. \$88. At Nordstrom.



BLUE MAGIC

The magic of Tiffany & Co surrounds you in this sport cologne. It's a clean, fresh scent with the woody essence of Juniper Berry, Geranium, Jamaican Pepper and herbal Coriander. \$95. At Tiffany & Co.



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INFUSION OF ILLUSION

In the new book *The Price of Illusion* (Simon & Schuster), former French *Vogue* editor Joan Juliet Buck shares her favorite things based on a whirlwind life full of parties, celebrities and fashion with *our own bibliophile Lance Avery Morgan*.

Three qualities that got me where I am today are...

Speak French. Don't lie - I can't lie. Have a lot of imagination.

Moment I felt I'd made it was...

Becoming the features editor of *British Vogue* when I 23. I'd wanted it since I was 14.

A change I'd like to see in my industry...

Is for magazines to be as necessary again as they were before social media.

Best career advice I have received is...

To keep at it. I learned from my father [film producer Jules Buck] a stick-to-it-ness.

How I made my first dollar was...

Acting at 11. Being in *Greyfriar's Bobby* was blissful.

My style icon is...

Enrica Thelma Houston, wife of my godfather John Huston. Ricky was so Bohemian and had been a ballerina. She was the first person I ever saw wearing Persian Court clothes. Marvelous.

First album I bought...

Was likely something classical like Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

The last thing I binge/marathon watched was...

The Americans, *Orange Is The New Black*, *House of Cards*. And I love John Oliver.

A book that left a lasting impression on me was...

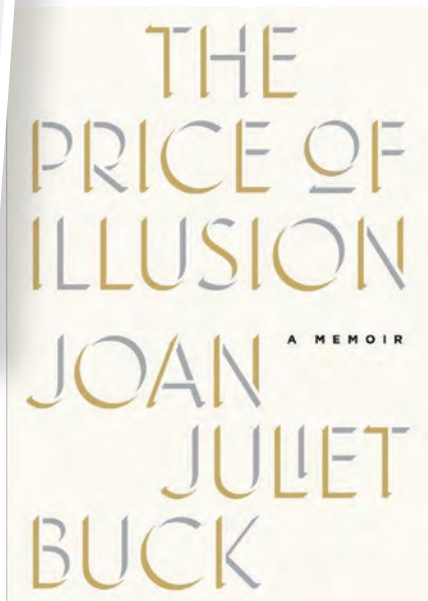
A Gentleman Goes To Moscow by Amor Towles. We're both Oprah Book Club at the Palm Beach Book Festival picks where I am appearing with him.

What everyone/woman should try in her lifetime is...

To be consistently kind.

My perfect day would begin...

With birds singing and buds on the trees. And a sense that something wonderful is about to happen. **S**



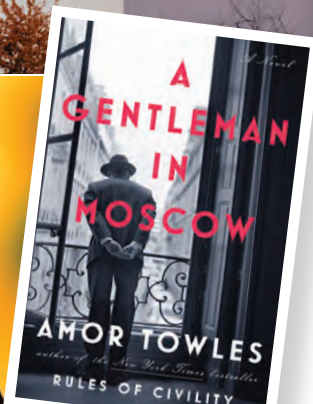
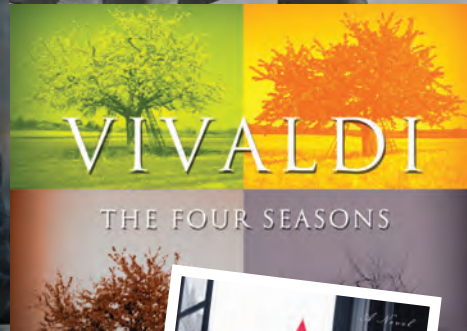
The Americans. Courtesy of FX Television



Anjelica Houston and Enrica Thelma Houston



Joan Juliet Buck, *Greyfriars Bobby*, 1961. Courtesy of Walt Disney.





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FASHION FIRST

Over 700 guests of Karl Lagerfeld lined the runway on Paseo del Prado boulevard in Old Havana for the Chanel 2017 Resort collection. The designs captured the spirit of the Latin city with vibrant colors, straw fedoras, as well as the brand's iconic tweeds. Photo courtesy of Chanel.



TICKLED PINK

Sunday Somewhere's "Vito" sunglasses get their name from Vito Corleone, the main character in Mario Puzo's The Godfather. Handcrafted with a slim gold-tone frame, they are topped with glossy pink acetate that matches the tonal lenses. \$390. Availability and photo courtesy of Net-A-Porter.



CUBAN LIBATION

Enjoy your Cuba Libre in these stylish glass highballs with golden decal decoration. The Cuba Libre originated in the 1900s following the Spanish American War. We recommend muddling a slice of lime into the cocktail for the perfect refreshment. \$75. Availability and photo courtesy of Horchow.

COCO LIBRE

Lagerfeld paid homage to Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a prominent Cuban revolution figure of the late 1950s whose beret took on a symbolic meaning for the country and revolutionists around the world. Photo courtesy of Vogue.



EARRINGS IN FULL BLOOM

These earrings are sure to make a blooming statement with their cascading silk petals and 14k Gold Ear Hook. \$328. Availability and photo courtesy of Cassandra Collections.



TROPICAL HEIGHTS & DELIGHTS

Sophia Webster's whimsical and light-hearted aesthetic is captured in these colorful shoes that will brighten your walk along Cuba's tiled boulevards. \$525. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.

VIVA CUBA

With its Old World charm, architecture and parades of candy-colored vintage cars – Cuba has again become the go-to destination for the stylish Jet Setter. Grab your Mojito and join our chic style editor *Tori Johnson*, of *TheSOCIETYDIARIES.COM* as we visit a nation frozen in time.



SAVE ME A SEAT

Once considered the "Paris of the Caribbean," Cuba's architecture has been halted for 54 years leaving a country charmingly preserved in the 1950s. Bring a Havana-vibe into your living room with this vintage inspired couch by Lillian Howard for Hickory. Price Upon Request. Stowers Furniture.



MIXED BAG OF TRICKS

Also inspired by Cuba, designer Elaine Turner's Simona clutch from her Havana collection is made from cork and bamboo hardware. \$198. Availability and photo courtesy of Elaine Turner.



SWEET INDULGENCE

Inspired by the eternal optimist, the Pink Skies Ahead! chocolate box is perfect to celebrate the good things to come in Cuba. The box includes an assortment of delicious gourmet chocolates. \$56. Availability and photo courtesy of Maggie Louise Confections.

CAFTAN COOL

Stay breezy and beautiful in an Ala Von Auersperg caftan that is timeless resort wear suitable for every occasion. The brand believes that true luxury embodies both freedom and beauty, mobility and comfort, elegance and ease. \$1100. Availability and photo courtesy of Ala Von Auersperg.



CHANGE ONE'S STRIPES

Enjoy dinner at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba in this striped, belted crepe de Chine gown by Carolina Herrera that adds just the right amount of color. \$2890. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



PALMY DAYS AHEAD

This 18k white gold necklace from Roberto Coin's Tiny Treasures Collection features a pave diamond palm tree pendant on a 16" chain. \$840. Availability and photo courtesy of Lee Michaels.

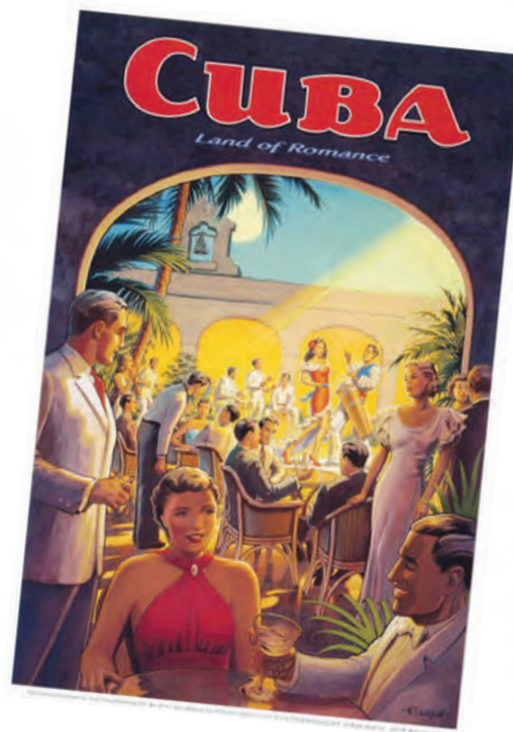


RUMBA READY

Visit the famous Caberet Tropicana in this Johanna Ortiz "Cicilia" floral-print stretch-sateen skirt with its dramatic waterfalls of cascading ruffles. \$2400. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.

BOLDER SHOULDER

This Alice + Olivia top combines multiple trends including off-the-shoulder as well as pom poms in a beautiful, flowy silhouette. \$225. Availability and photo courtesy of Julian Gold.



IT'S ALWAYS COCKTAIL HOUR

Place your beverage of choice on these fun, linen cocktail napkins by designer Kate Hersch of August Morgan. \$10 for set of four. Availability and photo courtesy of AugustMorgan.com



DEEP BLUE SEA

Inspired by the scales of sea creatures, Tiffany's artists created this stunning bracelet that evokes the colors of the water at various depths. Price upon request. Availability and photo courtesy of Tiffany's.



HATS OFF TO YOU

Shield yourself from the Caribbean sun in style with this Rag & Bone fedora with a twisted, knotted olive grosgrain ribbon band. \$225. Availability and photo courtesy of Barney's.

SEE YOU AT THE POOL

This lightweight shirt-dress by Finley with an exaggerated tail hem is a perfect option for a swim suit cover-up or a lovely lunch by the shore. \$220. Availability and photo courtesy of The Garden Room.

ALL IN GOOD TASTE

Even though it's summer, good manners are appropriate for any temperature, according to our *savvy* etiquette expert Sharon Schweitzer, JD, who has the answers to even the toughest of life's etiquette puzzlements.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

We love to entertain and to invite different types of guests who may not know each other that we think might enjoy the opportunity. What is the perfect time to have guests over for cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres? Before they go out to dinner, or afterward? Is 7:30 p.m. a good time, or what do you recommend?

Cocktails, Anyone?

Dear Cocktail Host,

Cocktail hours vary geographically, by culture, and can be tricky to time, especially given that guests tend to linger as the conversation becomes more engaging. Inviting guests for light hors d'oeuvres between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. provides a chance to mingle before dinner at 8 elsewhere. Dessert and coffee after an early, light dinner is lovely too.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

What is the proper gift to give for a summer destination wedding? We've already flown half way around the world to be a part of the festivities and want to further share our love for the couple. What do you recommend we give?

Destination: Wedded Bliss

Dear Blissful Traveler

Whether it's your sister, your boyfriend's brother, or your very best friend, a wedding gift is always expected - destination wedding or not. Use the wedding registry to select gifts from the couple's list that they truly need and will use. Feel free to be generous, but you don't need to break the bank.

Buy a gift that matches your relationship with the couple. You will naturally spend more on your brother than on your distant childhood babysitter. Friends of the bride and groom will know just where the couple is registered, or if they are seeking funding for the down payment on a new home or other large purchase. Stay within your financial constraints and budget.

Although it's tempting to present the happy couple with their gift face-to-face, it's more appropriate to arrange for gift delivery to the couple's home. This saves the bride and groom from shipping the gift back home and the risk of breakage.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

We are from the U.S., doing business in Mexico and will be attending a business dinner in Monterrey at my colleague's splendid home. I plan to bring business and hostess gifts; what are culturally appropriate gifts to bring to their office, and to their home when we go to the dinner?

Guest In Mexico

Dear Mexico Adventurer,

Although gift giving in Mexico is not necessary, it is appreciated. When visiting a home it is appropriate to bring flowers, but avoid yellow or purple arrangements, as they are associated with death and funerals. Instead opt for flowers with white petals. Small gifts for the children such as sweets & candies from your home country, small crafts, and small toys are appropriate. Avoid expensive gifts if there is no established friendship. Avoid silver and gifts displaying your company's logo. Business gift ideas include high quality desk accessories, home country coffee table books, home country office accessories, pen & pencil sets. Never give cash or gifts to government officials; your generous intentions may be misinterpreted.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

I am always trying to pack more efficiently for business travel. For lengthy business trips I usually carry a laptop bag, a carry-on and a suitcase to be checked. How do you recommend I pack to reduce clutter?

Travelin' Light

Dear Light and Breezy,

In order to maintain professionalism while traveling, organize all gadgets, chargers, and cables in a tech organizer for easy retrieval at security. Invest in wrinkle-free, lightweight clothing of a similar color palette for layering, mixing and matching. For example, pack navy colors with splashes of coordinating colors. Try rolling your clothing instead of folding; it saves space and prevents creases. After rolling, use air-compression plastic bags to vacuum out the extra air.

Efficiently pack the heaviest items at the bottom of your suitcase. Wrap belts around the suitcase edges to cradle clothing. Fill with lightest clothing at the top. With a shoe affection, it's hard to stop at three pairs of travel shoes: professional, casual, and evening shoes. Shoes are packed in shoe bags heel-to-toe, before heavy items, at the very bottom. Many experts advise wearing the heaviest pair on travel day to keep suitcase weight low. Then, you're off on your new business voyage. **S**



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ALL GROWN UP

From being a youthful seventh grader to the board of the school PTA, the mean girl spirit has no expiration date. Here's how to take the high road, according to *our lifestyle expert Amy Edwards*.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

While thinking about female friendships and its sometimes “mean girls” connotations, I immediately recalled the myriad ways that I have been wronged or hurt in friendships over the years. But then came a moment when I needed to ask a more important, reflective question: Had I ever been a mean girl? The honest answer is: yes. I’ve had moments when I knew I wasn’t behaving as my best self. However, these scattered moments fizzled out as I got older. Or so I would like to think.

A few years back, I was in a fairly tight-knit girl-group. It wasn’t until I was out of the group that I realized how exclusionary this group behaved. When I was “out” of the group, it was a complete shock to my system to no longer be included in friendships that had been at the epicenter of my social world. Not long after, I ran into a mutual friend of that group and I told her how I had become *persona non grata* within this particular circle, and she proceeded to confess that she had felt left in the dust for years by this group as well, all the while I had been part of it. That comment broke my heart. To know that I had been a party to making a lovely person feel this way crushed me. My sentiments turned to realizing that I never want to make someone feel excluded or unwanted.

It’s easy to feel anger and indignation toward those who hurt without thinking. In those situations, there’s usually that one goal: for one person to feel like they are better than others, whether it’s through exclusion, gossip, one-upmanship, or just carrying the newest, latest, most expensive Hermès bag out there. But it’s quite possible that the older we get, the more complicated the underlying reasons can be for

our actions. And in my case, I was simply not paying attention to what mattered.

Or maybe there are just “mean girls” out there. At my 40th birthday dinner with the same group, one girlfriend was intentionally left out. When I noticed she wasn’t invited and suggested she be included, the hostess, who was always calling the shots in that group, said definitively, “No. It just needs to be our core group.” But I knew my left-out pal was going to be hurt, of course. I agonized over it, but I had been told no and apparently, that was that, as I was not the host.

I was right. My friend who was excluded was very hurt. I know because I asked and I feel terrible about not standing up for what I knew was right in that instance—certainly at forty years old. I apologized.

As girls age, studies show that they learn to be more covert in their aggression, then hone those covert skills as we become adults. So, these girls grow into an increased reliance on relational aggression to control their own status. As researched by Ditta Oliker, PhD, in *Psychology Today*, the mean girl’s M.O. is as follows: “Her friends do what she wants, she is charming when she wants to be, she’s manipulatively affectionate, she takes no responsibility for hurting another’s feelings, and defines right and wrong by the loyalty or disloyalty shown to her. She is usually the one who decides who should be the victim.” Wow. All the wasted energy it takes for a girl to be mean.

OH, GROW UP

Grown-ups discuss, forgive, and get real. And while we can all have moments that aren’t our finest, we can we also work to keep perspective when we are faced with these situations. For one, stay the grown-up and don’t be a mean girl. It is simply immaturity extended to adulthood. And it doesn’t have to be the reality. Refuse it.

Second, don’t fall in line. The followers are just as at fault as the one calling the shots. It’s when I was an enabler that I helped fuel the fire. Keep your guard up, so you aren’t worried about your own survival over kindness to others. I wouldn’t want my daughter living off false stories they’ve created and telling lies to paint themselves a certain way. Whether it’s in the workplace or on social media, they can tout their ‘besties’ all day, but don’t fall into thinking that this is normal grown-up behavior.

And lastly? Include, include, include. Watch out for anyone on the sidelines. Reach out to include them, even when it might seem awkward at first. Compliment the woman who clearly tried to put her best fashion foot forward at the next gala but is sitting alone. While this sounds elementary, I can’t tell you how many of my friends of all ages have expressed having their feelings hurt by being excluded just recently. The more the merrier is always true. And love? Love always wins. **S**



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Nothing ventured, nothing gained, right? Weigh the risks versus returns and see how antifragility can strengthen your resolve, according to *our dynamic parenting and relationship expert, Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski*

THE ANTIFRAGILITY FACTOR

Volatility specialist, intellectual, philosopher, and professor Nassim Nicholas Taleb challenges the concepts of “robustness” and “resilience” as aspirational markers of strong individuals, organizations, governments, systems, ideas, or people. Instead, he offers a concept that promises greater staying power because it leverages chaos, disorder, and uncertainty. “Antifragility,” Taleb explains, “is beyond resilience or robustness. The resilient resists shock and stays the same; the antifragile gets better.” In his book *Antifragile: Things That Gain from Disorder* he presents a compelling argument for how we should strive to be.

When something is fragile, it breaks. Taleb found that most people answer that the opposite of “fragile” is robust, “resilient” “solid,” or something of the sort. However, his concept of antifragility goes beyond those words and purports that something or someone can benefit from shocks, stress, adversity, or trauma. The myth that he associates with antifragility is that of the Hydra. The hydra is a multi-headed, lizard-like monster. If someone decapitates it, it grows two heads where there was one. It becomes stronger with adversity.

Fragile things break or suffer under volatility, chaos, and stress. Returning to mythical reference, Taleb illustrates fragility with the Greek myth of the “Sword of Damocles.” Damocles envied King Dionysus’ power and luxury. King Dionysus allows Damocles to experience being a king. At first, the experience is something that Damocles relishes. All of a sudden, the responsibility and burden of power and success make the crown lackluster and threatening.

Resilience, on the other hand, is the capacity for recovery from difficulties or the ability to return to an original state. Despite volatility, stresses, and challenges, a resilient individual, organization, or system has the ability to return to baseline. The next level of resilience is the ability to grow strength from each challenging experience. We all want that, don’t we?

ROBUSTLY RESILIENT

How does one become resilient? How does one leverage adversity, chaos, randomness, and stress to become stronger? Here are some ideas that Taleb poses for building antifragility.

Consider not relying on the advice of others if they, as Taleb suggested, “do not have skin in the game.” We live in a knowledge economy, and we have become insatiable consumers of information. Many times people are officious in offering opinions about what we should do. However, these commentators do not have a vested interest in a

favorable outcome of our decisions. It is easy for them to opine without thinking about the consequences of their opinions. Furthermore, we live in an era where not all research studies are successfully replicated, in which new knowledge surfaces daily, in which anyone can have a forum to speak as an expert. Taleb recommends we stop seeking guidance from others and instead use trial and error as a means to discover what is best for us.

Use “via negativa” as a counter to adding things to your life. Many times, individuals when confronted with the desire to enhance their lives, they will often default to thinking about things that they must add to make a better life possible. However, “via negativa” encompasses a contrarian philosophy. Instead of adding to one’s life, it calls for reducing obstacles in one’s life. For example, reducing time-wasting activities, reducing toxic relationships, and deflating obstacles are examples of being subtractive in one’s approach to becoming antifragile.

Try the “barbell strategy.” This strategy is a means to decrease the potential downside of things, rather than trying to increase the upside of things. It is a bimodal strategy in which one plate on the barbell represents taking high risk, and the other plate represents taking low risk. The bar of the barbell is the space in between the risk levels.

What about reducing interference? One of the greatest threats to fragility is the convergence of optimization and efficiency with randomness. The more we interfere to prevent and resolve problems that may not need solving, the more susceptible to fragility we become. A practical example of this would be to medicate a temporary ailment with a prescription that has worse side-effects or longer-lasting side-effects than the original condition. Sometimes, it is simply best to sit with the less-than-ideal event and allow it to take a natural course.

It sounds counterintuitive to deliberately add stress into your life. You can add positive stress by doing things that challenge you. Taleb describes this as *mithridatization hormesis* which means giving yourself a little poison so that you can develop immunity from it. Instead of avoiding adversity or challenges, take them on with the idea that they will increase your antifragility.

In the end, what matters is that you can challenge your assumptions, biases, and limiting beliefs to make better decisions in your life. The triad of fragility, resilience, and antifragility can serve as a mechanism to understand how you, an entity, or system is functioning. Align your strengths with your responses to adversity, and you will gain enormous benefits from internalizing the concept of antifragility. [S](#)

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These salads are easy and quick to assemble, yet packed with flavor. Light yet filling, these refreshing salads are great additions to beat the summer heat, according to *our cuisine expert Josie Rees.*



CROWD PLEASING BERRY SALAD

This light and refreshing berry salad is packed with fruit flavor and a hint of mint making it the perfect accessory to any summer meal. Serves four.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pint of blueberries
- 1 lb. of strawberries
- 1 pint of raspberries
- 1 medium sized container pre-cut seedless watermelon
- Mint leaves for garnish (optional)
- ½ lime, juiced (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Cut strawberries in half.

Place blueberries, strawberries, raspberries and pre-cut seedless watermelon into a large bowl. Mix well. Garnish with mint and/or lime juice for a zesty, citrus flavor and enjoy how much your guests love it.



CAN'T MISS HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN AVOCADO SALAD

This filling salad is packed with protein, healthy fats and seasonal tomatoes, making it a great meal option or appetizer. Serves four.

SALAD INGREDIENTS

- 4 skinless and boneless chicken thighs, seasoned and sliced
- 1 pack of baby spring and spinach salad, washed (romaine is a great substitute)
- 1 lb. of seasonal tomatoes, sliced
- 1 ripe avocado, sliced

HONEY MUSTARD DRESSING

- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons of Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic

DIRECTIONS

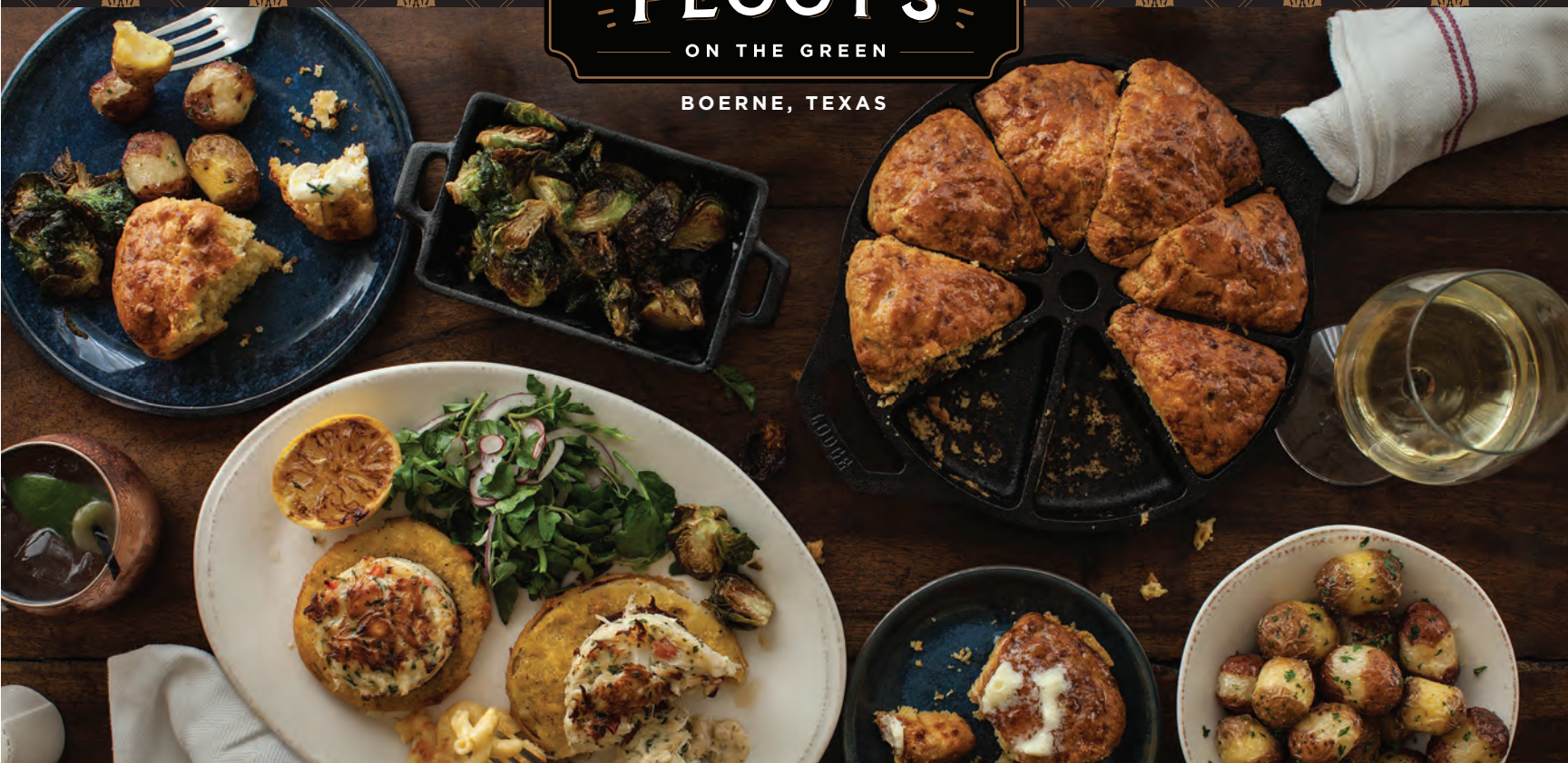
Place 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet set to medium heat. Season your boneless chicken thighs (lemon pepper is a great flavor for this salad), cooking until ready (approx. 3-4 minutes each side) and slice. Set aside. Place baby spring and spinach salad mix in a large bowl. Slice seasonal tomatoes and avocados and place in bowl. Add chicken and drizzle salad dressing on top and serve to your adoring guests. **S**

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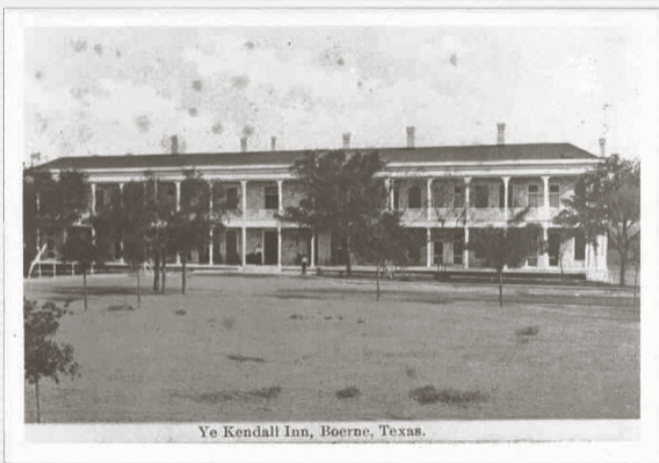
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STAY IN STYLE

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Inspired by the book, "GypSet Style" by Julia Chaplin, Mahekal's interior design embodies a bohemian gypsy lifestyle infused with colorful Mayan-style accents and handcrafted touches. The completely new hotel concept fuses quiet, raw luxury with the look and feel of Mexico's traditional past, affording guests a luxurious oasis of sophistication and comfort within a tropical paradise.

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DINE AND UNWIND

Satisfy your cuisine cravings at your choice of resort restaurants, where you'll enjoy fresh, authentic Mexican specialties at every meal. From light bites and freshly-made cocktails poolside, to satisfying traditional Latin American dishes and high-end gourmet options, you'll experience a true culinary journey. Mahekal's kitchens source the finest ingredients, including extraordinary local seafood, exquisite

farm-raised meats and game, delicacies from all over the world (jamon iberico, anyone?) and an extraordinary cellar including incredible up-and-coming Mexican wines and rare tequila and mezcal.

Looking for a truly unique epicurean experience? Within an emerald patch of jungle, you'll find the authentic Mayan Culinary Casita where you can enjoy the opportunity to help Mahekal's culinary masterminds prepare a private, multi-course lunch. You'll savor the traditional Yucatan specialty Tikin-Xik fish and traditional lime and chicken soup, both prepared before your eyes in traditional clay and coal fire pits. Cap off your meal with the Mexican liqueur xtabentún and an array of tempting desserts.



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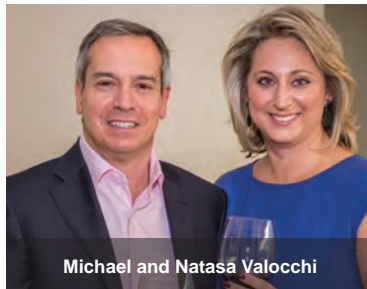
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MEETING OF THE MINDS

Staglin Vineyards And David Booth Host Dinner Benefitting One Mind Institute

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Chris Caselli

THE SCENE:

The Austin estate of businessman and philanthropist David Booth was the setting of an evening that featured amazing wine, terrific cuisine, sparkling company and most importantly, fundraising for mental illness research, a cause that touches so many families.



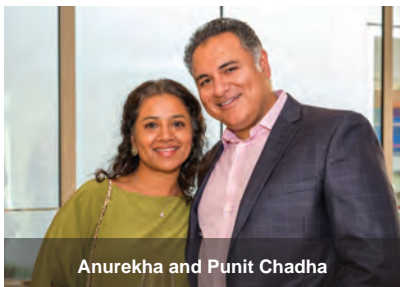
Shari Staglin

THE VIBE:

The Austin-chic crowd felt right at home the moment they walked into Booth's beautiful home. Guests were invited to explore the beautiful grounds and art collection while enjoying wines courtesy of Napa Valley's Staglin Vineyards. The festivities continued as guests were seated for dinner at a long continental-style table and enjoyed a multi-course meal paired with various vintages from Staglin Vineyards. The conversation flowed effortlessly and featured a wide range of topics, including stories of how a loved one's mental illness has personally impacted their lives. The supportive environment raised both awareness and encouragement for all who turned out for this special evening at one of the city's most noted residences.



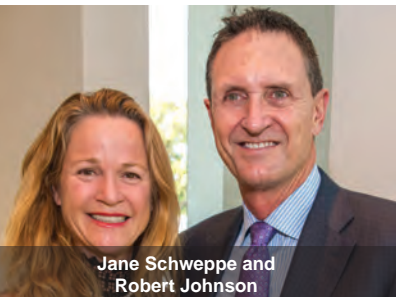
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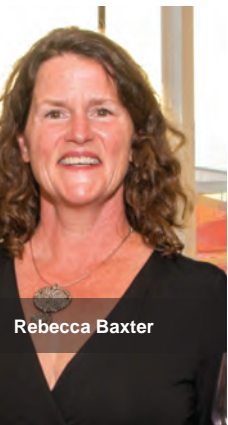
Jane Scheppe and Robert Johnson



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THE CAUSE:

The dinner at David Booth's home, followed by a second event the next evening in Houston, raised over \$100,000 for the One Mind Institute, which funds research dedicated to understanding the roots of psychiatric illness and discovering methods of healing. Since its founding in 1995, One Mind Institute has raised over \$225 million for neuroscience research. **S**



Rebecca Baxter



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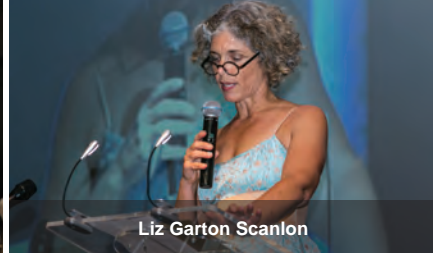
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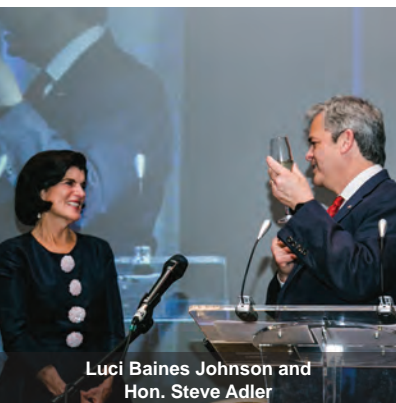
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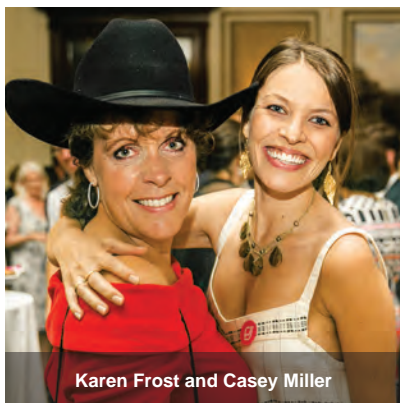
MAKING A SPLASH

Luci Baines Johnson's Landmark Birthday Raises Funds For Barton Springs

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Jennifer Ramos



Luci Baines Johnson and Hon. Steve Adler



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THE SCENE:

Austin's legendary Driskill Hotel was the setting for a birthday that honored one of the nation's most beloved citizens from a stellar family legacy. The 70th birthday party of former First Daughter Luci Baines Johnson attracted 250 of the city's social elite, while doubling as a fundraiser to something that is near and dear to the Johnson family – conservation and preservation.

THE VIBE:

The Texas-casual attire was on full display by the guests whose cocktail dresses mixed seamlessly with cowboy hats. The evening began with a cocktail hour in the hotel's ballroom where those near and dear to Johnson traded memorable stories about her and the former First Family. The festivities then continued at the mezzanine, where partygoers enjoyed a delicious meal and were treated to the evening's program, which included a reading by author Liz Garton Scanlon, words from Barton Springs Conservancy President Michael Cannatti and a birthday toast by Austin mayor Steve Adler as the guest of honor blew out a birthday cake gleaming with luminous candles.

THE CAUSE:

The event raised \$525,000 for the upcoming restoration of the historic Barton Springs Bathhouse through the Barton Springs Conservancy, which ensures the beloved Barton Springs will be enjoyed by Austinites and visitors for many generations to come.

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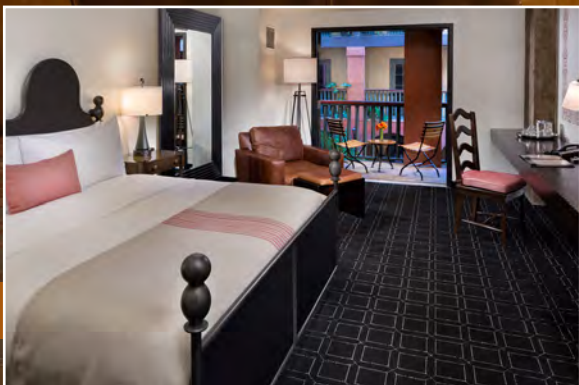
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FAST & FURIOUS

Ferrari of San Antonio Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

Photography by *Greg Harrison*

FERRARI OF SAN ANTONIO RECENTLY CELEBRATED Ferrari's 70th Anniversary, hosting their VIP clients at Hotel Emma for an intimate cocktail evening just prior to the city's Fiesta celebrations.

The Ferraristi all arrived in their spectacular cars and quickly created one of the most unique displays of exotic Ferraris ever seen in San Antonio history, which included a Coppa Bella Machina award-winning 575 Maranello and a Coppa Gran Turismo award-winning 430 Scuderia. Additionally, there was an array of Ferrari's latest models ranging from California T, 458 Speciale, and a F12 Berlinetta customized to the owner's exquisite taste that displays a very executive yet sporty look.

The exclusive group of Ferraristi were honored with limited edition fiesta medals commemorating the Prancing Horse's 70th Anniversary along with San Antonio's ultimate Fiesta tradition. [S](#)



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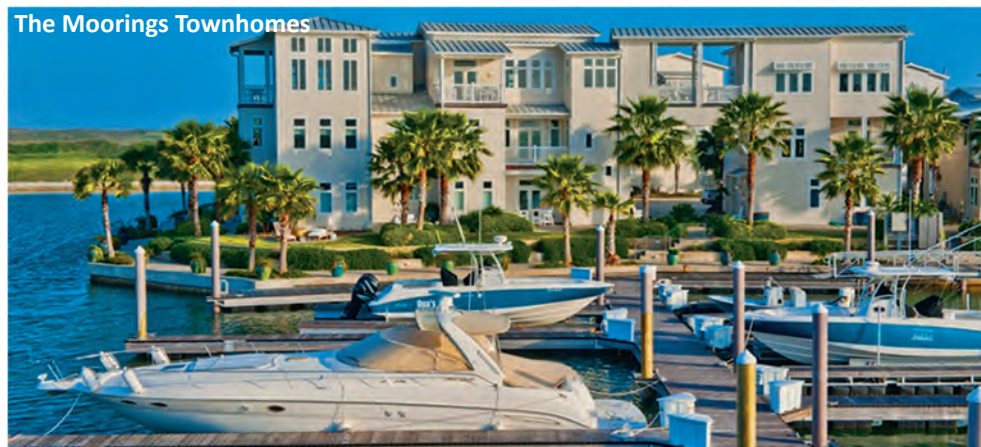
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TEXAS CUISINE TIPS



Mark Bohanan



Photography by Jason Risner Photography

WE RECENTLY CAUGHT UP WITH ENTREPRENEUR MARK Bohanan, Chef and owner of Bohanan's, Peggy's on the Green in Boerne and founder of The San Antonio Cocktail Conference. He let us in on a few tips...

1. Write down your elders' recipes.
2. Don't forget about presentation.
3. Grow or buy local whenever possible.
4. Invite your kids into the kitchen.
5. When entertaining a large group, always laugh before you cry.
6. Save those leftovers, but be creative.
7. Learn from everyone but also trust your instincts.

"Peggy's is a labor of love, with flavors and memories of my mother," Mark Bohanan says. "The dual menu of steaks and southern favorites was something that felt right at home for Boerne and we see it as a concept that would work well in other locations. Following my mother's tradition, the restaurant champions the land and the flavors that spring from the bounty we enjoy here in Texas. But the décor, food and wine we offer are unlike anything else you'll find. The feel of coming into our home, or mom's kitchen, is derived from the reality of mom's home in

Jourdanton. It's elegant enough to feel you went out for the evening, but not stuffy or pretentious. It's the feel of family putting out their best to serve friends. That warmth gives the restaurant its unique feel."

Bohanan shared more about how his culinary talents have created such successful restaurants. "For me, it's the guests. I enjoy working with them and giving them the quality experience they deserve," he says. "The ownership of restaurants in today's world has definitely changed. As people have become more knowledgeable on the culinary front, they've also grown more discerning. This year marks the 15th year of Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood, so I've seen the evolution first-hand. But what we're doing with Peggy's on the Green is based on the same principals as Bohanan's: exquisite cuisine paired with excellent customer service. I firmly believe that our commitment to every detail, from the quality of our cocktails to how our guests are treated from the moment they pull into valet, is what makes dining an experience to enjoy. Today's guests know their cuisine and appreciate quality ingredients, attention to detail and service beyond compare. Interacting with our guests and hearing from them is one of the best aspects of owning a restaurant." For more information visit PeggysOnTheGreen.com. [S](#)

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HIGH-HEELLED FUN

Neiman Marcus And Texas Biomedical Forum Team For Cause

By Jake Gaines Photography courtesy by Greg Harrison

RECENTLY NEIMAN MARCUS AND THE TEXAS BIOMEDICAL Forum hosted the first Stiletto Strut, co-sponsored with Jefferson Bank. The Slick room at The Argyle was transformed into a chic ladies' lounge where guests wore their favorite stilettos and walked the runway to raise money for the Forum's research grants and to raise awareness for its In Bloom gala.

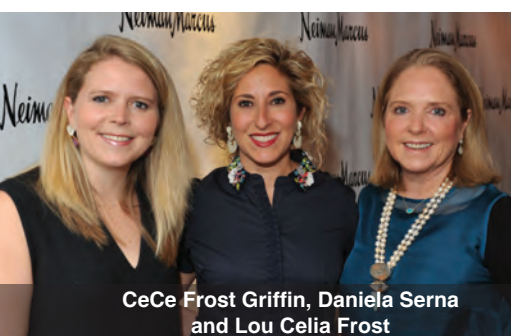
The Forum special events chairs, Adrienne Frost and Stephanie Dick, worked with Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar of Neiman Marcus to put on a fabulous event. The fashion set crowd viewed the best selection from Neiman Marcus Ladies Shoes Salon and received personalized beauty tips from representatives from Giorgio Armani, Le Metier de Beaute, Orlane Paris and Saint Laurent Cosmetics. The Argyle served Louboutinis, while models showcased perfect dresses for the social season in San Antonio. The winner of the Strut was Raven Labatt, who wore a Valentino heel and her rehabilitation boot, as she braved the runway and strutted like a pro as she was on the mend. **S**



Beth Houser, Becky Canavan, Hannah Menger and Suzanne White



Julie Johnson, Amy Swaney, Sarah Trampota, Emily Sytsma and Amy Garcia



CeCe Frost Griffin, Daniela Serna and Lou Celia Frost



Neiman Marcus Stiletto Strut Models



Michael Rohlf, Raven Labatt and Ursula Pari



Corinna Richter and Anna Wulfe



Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar and Adrienne Frost



ART.RE.DEFINED.

Star-Studded VIP's Turn Out For MTV RE:DEFINE

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Kristina Bowman and Sylvia Elzafon

THE SCENE:

On a sizzling Friday night hundreds ascended to The Joule at Dallas Contemporary for a very special evening that brought out both the social elite and artistic legends. The sixth annual MTV RE:DEFINE event dazzled those on hand with audacious artwork and star-studded performances.



Cindy and Howard Rachofsky



Johnson Hartig and Linda Gray



Eric Fischl



Luke Davis and Krystal Schlegel



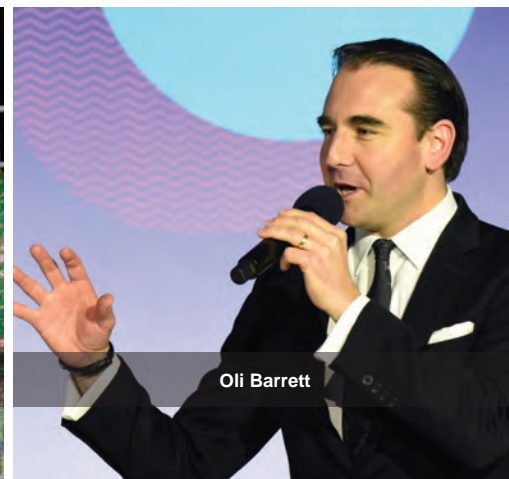
Kenny Goss, Marc Quinn and Joyce Goss



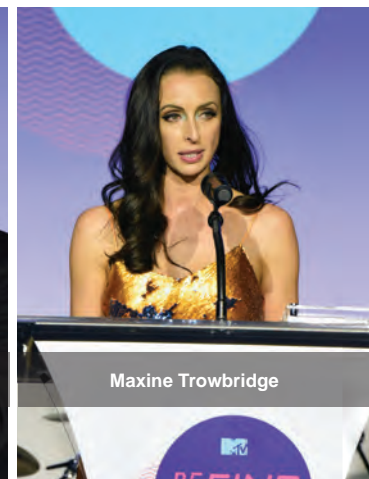
Diamond Mahone, Anna Wik, Courtney Sinelli and Jessica Nowitzki



Georgia Arnold and Nancy Rogers



Oli Barrett



Maxine Trowbridge



Chuck Steelman and Scott Kehn



Jason and Nancy Koen



MTV RE:DEFINE CELEBRATES
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THE VIBE:

The eclectic mix of fashion created a welcoming environment for all who attended. Gowns and cocktail chic attire mixed seamlessly with rocker-chic duds. The evening began with cocktails as the energetic crowd traded stories and pondered interpretation of the beautiful pieces of art and fashion on display.

The festivities then continued with a three-course meal provided by Sassetta. Emcee Oli Barrett flawlessly kept the evening moving as a short film featured friends celebrating the evening's two nominees, Eric Fischl and Johnson Hartig. The night continued as Christie's President Brook Hazleton drove up the bidding on a live auction that included a custom Marc Quinn piece that went for \$300,000 and a Julio LeParc painting that fetched \$230,000, a warm-up for the Damien Hirst-donated psychedelic portrait of George Michael that sold for \$580,000. An homage was made to the late George Michael, who with Kenny Goss of the Goss-Michael Foundation, was integral in RE-DEFINE's success.

Just when the evening seemed to be at its peak, it soared to new heights as the room danced to the grooves performed by the Queen of New Soul herself, Chaka Khan. After Khan's show-stopping performance, everyone shook their moneymakers to the tunes of DJ Johnny Boy Hartig (honoree Johnson Hartig's alter ego) who teamed up with Chandra North, known to many as DJ Dilettante as guests danced the night away, capturing memories at the photo booth provided by Hugo Boss.

THE CAUSE:

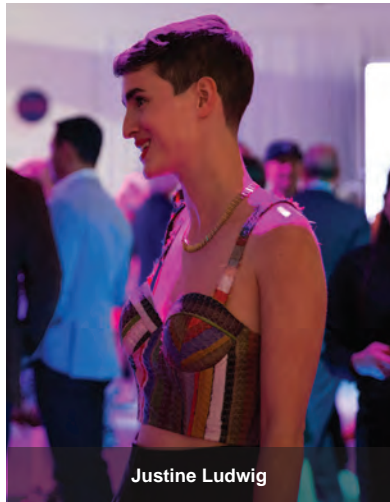
The evening was chaired by Maxine Trowbridge, with CJ Jones and Jerome Sans serving as art chairs, and raised over \$2.7 million for the MTV Staying Alive Foundation which raises awareness for HIV and AIDS through the MTV Staying Alive Foundation, and for the Dallas Contemporary for its arts education and programming. [S](#)



Galen Drever and Traver Rains



Niven Morgan and Shelby Wagner



Justine Ludwig



Peter Doroshenko



Brook Hazleton



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ABSOLUTELY ARGENTINE



The Court of the Argentine Republic

Fiesta's Order Of The Alamo Presents Court Of The Argentine Republic

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography by Greg Harrison Portrait photography by *Gary Stanko of Billo Smith Studios*



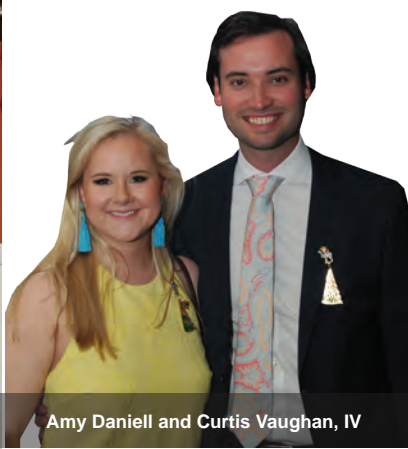
Olive Anne Kleberg, Linda Yarborough and Janell Kleberg



Tio Kleberg & Carolyn and Mark Johnson



Palmer Moldawer & Sarah and Steve Pitt



Amy Daniell and Curtis Vaughan, IV



Addie Clark, Lauren Gray and Adrienne Leibman



Allison Holmes & Jeff and Anne Marie Bailey



Anne Carl, Madeline Hahnfeld and Laura Fondren



Webb and Elise Sellers



Genevieve Hodges, Caroline Reasoner, Ginny Griffin, Morgan Prasher and Pia Polomei



Camilla Bright Brusenhan, Queen of the Court of the Argentine Republic



Frances Carolina Roberts, Princess of the Splendors of the Rio De La Plata



Emily and Ted Liljenwall



Kathy and Albert Bienenharn

THE VIBE:

Fiesta's gorgeous gowns are legendary, and this year's designs were especially stunning. The Court Artist this year was Elizabeth Roberts. The Mistress of the Robes was Marnie Tate Simpson, who with her team, spent over three years designing the trains and gowns. Using The Court of The Argentine Republic theme as the creative direction, the court wore their royal garments that were adorned with Swarovski and Aurora Borealis crystals, glass baguettes, rhinestone chains, bugle beads, custom stones, coins and tassels on dramatic gowns that bore 10-14 foot long trains, each weighing up to 60 pounds. The court designs evoked the images from Argentina's gaucho to its deserts and vineyards. The lush jungles of Tierra del Fuego, country's landscape and life, the country's equestrian traditions and Buenos Aires provided more inspiration.

THE CAUSE:

This year's court contained the Queen, the Princess and 23 duchesses. Dr. Michael Casillas served as this year's King Antonio XCV, the 2017 Coronation Chairman was Robert Eversberg, while the President of the Order of the Alamo is Scott Christy. The Lord High Chamberlain was Stephen "Tio" Kleberg and EL Rey Feo LXIX was Fred Reyes III. Contributing to Fiesta's spirit of giving, The Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation, founded in 1989, have raised over \$3.5 million dollars to date that have been awarded to local children's charities. [S](#)



Alexandra Schlumberger Henry, Duchess of Equestrian Gifts



Amy Elizabeth Daniell, Duchess of Quebrada de Humahuaca



Hilary Blue Shaw, Duchess of Treasured Mendoza Tiles



Josephine Tinsley Simpson, Duchess of Sacred Argentine Traditions



Katherine Brooke Kleberg Yarborough, Duchess of the Wanderers of the Pampas



Lauren Reckling and Elise Reckling



Sophie Larkin and Caroleene Dobson



Britt and Cardo Kleberg & CC Armstrong



Marilyn Winters, Christiana McCann, Carol Goodman, Jana McHenry and Katie Mann



Laney Underwood, Salone Norris and Caroline Oden



Barrett Allison Wolff, Duchess of the Land of Fire and Ice



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Lauren Anne Gray, Duchess of Carnival De Gualaguaycho



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RUNWAY REVEAL

Ninth Annual Fashion X Austin Draws Cultural & Social Elite

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Cheryl Bemis, Carlos Barron, Gregg Cestaro, Candice Ghai and Todd White



Gwenivx runway



Joe and Andra Liemandt



Jonathan Melendez and Luis Valdez



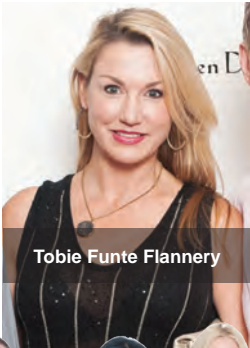
Alejandra Lozano, Aida Dieck and Lulu Archer



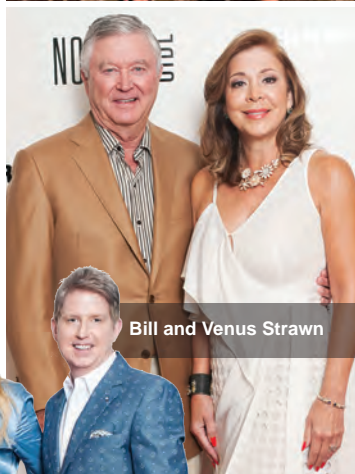
Staci Henderson and Michael Pearce



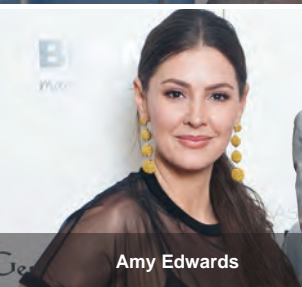
Steve Late, Olivia Late and Ava Late



Tobie Funte Flannery



Bill and Venus Strawn



Amy Edwards



Rob Giardinelli, Matt Swinney, Wendy Harvey, Eloise DeJoria and Lance Avery Morgan



Ross Bennett runway



J. Ewing designs runway



Alejandro and Ana Ruelas

THE SCENE:

Over the course of ten days the ninth annual Fashion X Austin drew a stunning array of fashionistas, Sociables and philanthropic leaders that represented the many creative sides of Austin. Throughout the events we were reminded of the tremendous, emerging fashion talent not just in our own backyard, but also across the state and beyond.

THE VIBE:

With the wide range of shows and festivities during Fashion X Austin, there was an event for any type of fashion palette, from fanny packs to black tie. The week began with the *Screen Queens* TV show premiere hosted by Cheryl Bemis that featured Anne Hudson Andrews and Holly Mills Gardner. Then it was onto the legendary Driskill Hotel for the first annual Moda X Mexico, where the formally dressed crowd was treated to a series of collections by emerging Mexican designers flown in especially for this event.

With boutique trunk shows happening all week, the action then turned to the JW Marriott for three evenings of incredible fashion, style and philanthropy. Each night 700 of Austin's most well-known fashionistas were treated to one stunning collection after the other which, in addition to the top Austin-based designers, also featured talent from Houston, Dallas, and six alumni designers from the hit Lifetime show *Project Runway*. During the course of each of these evenings, philanthropic Austinites known for their tremendous style were honored. The week of fashion was capped off by a Sunday brunch at Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams in the Domain Northside. The 2017 Style Setter honorees were Ana Ruelas on Thursday evening, A.J. Bingham and Cassie LaMere on Friday evening, Andra Liemandt on Saturday evening and Ava Late at the Sunday brunch. A portion of ticket proceeds for each of the final four events benefitted each Style Setters' choice.

THE CAUSE:

Fashion X Austin is the brainchild of Matt Swinney. Proceeds honoring Thursday's style setter Ana Ruelas benefitted Ballet Austin. A portion of the proceeds honoring Friday's style setters Cassie LaMere and A.J. Bingham benefitted The Center For Child Protection and Young Men's Business League Austin Sunshine Camps respectively. A portion of the proceeds honoring Saturday's style setter Andra Liemandt benefitted The Kindness Campaign. A portion of the proceeds from Sunday's brunch honoring Ava Late benefitted the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease. [S](#)



Amanda Valentine runway



Kylie Bolwitt and Gunnar Deathrage



Maria Orozova and Cassie LaMere



Alisha Contreras runway



Becky Hollands runway



Fred Andrews and Anne Hudson
Andrews & Heather Campbell-Green
and Troy Green



Suzanne Erickson, Jessica Karlsruhe, Laura Craddick
and Elizabeth Pitts



Olivia Watson and Elissa Castles



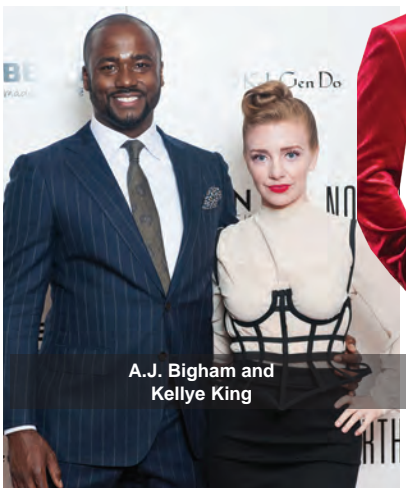
Tiburzcio Tzc, Victoria Avila,
Brian Kieley and Sofia Avila



Kara Swinney and Sadie Swinney



Cheryl Conley Bemis and Christian Ramirez



A.J. Bigham and Kellye King



Nathan Ward and Nicholas Nguyen



Monica Peraza and Heath Riddles



Ross and Erin Bennett

MUSIC AND MONARCHY

Virtuosi of Houston Annual Gala Concert & Dinner Celebrates United Kingdom

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Fulton Davenport*



Anthony and Donna Vallone

THE SCENE:

400 guests graced the 16th Annual Virtuosi of Houston Gala Concert and Dinner Gala theme *Legends of the Future: Celebrating the United Kingdom* honored Sarah, The Duchess of York, Clive Christian OBE (Order of the British Empire), Victoria Christian, Margaret Alkek Williams, Monzer Hourani, Crispin Ward OBE, and Andrew Derry. The black-tie crowd enjoyed both a concert from the Virtuosi of Houston Young Artists Chamber Orchestra and dinner in the Legends Ballroom of the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Emcees for the evening were Dominique Sachse and Peter Remington.

THE VIBE:

True to the theme of the event, the regal vibe of the evening was all about celebrating the United Kingdom. The very gracious Sarah, Duchess of York was a major hit throughout the evening posing for countless photographs. The live auction included a trip to England with two business class British Airways tickets and a four-night stay at the iconic Savoy hotel in London. The Duchess added to the package by volunteering to host a tea and arrange a tour of Buckingham Palace... the trip sold twice for \$45,000. The Duchess spoke of her dedication to children and her charity, Children in Crisis where she is active in her mission to provide education and clean water to forgotten children around the world.

THE CAUSE:

The evening raised over \$400,000 for Virtuosi of Houston, a Premier Young Artists Chamber Orchestra. Virtuosi's goal is the education and development of young talented musicians into true professionals, who would be sought after by the premier conservatories and who would pursue a musical career as performers, educators and advocates of classical music. The event's honorary chairs were Margaret Alkek Williams and Monzer Hourani. The advisory chairs were Dr. Meherwan and Zarine Boyce and the event chairs were Dr. Quang and Staci Henderson with Tony and Donna Vallone. Honorees Clive Christian OBE, creator of Clive Christian No. 1, known as "the world's most expensive perfume," and his daughter Victoria provided gifts for the guests. **S**



Anton Krager, Crispin Ward OBE and Andrzej Grabiec



Margaret Alkek Williams and Clive Christian OBE



Cindi and Dr. Franklin Rose



Anika Jackson, Victoria Christian and Dena Winkler



Danielle Ellis and Anna Dean



Jo and James Furr



Anne and Noble Carl



Amy and Rob Pierce



Monzer Hourani and Dominique Sachse



Rosemarie Johnson and Rocky Sembritzky



Miri Wilkins and Jennifer Roosth



Lauri and Tracy Krohn



Kathy and Marty Goossen



Joe Amberson and Barbara Van Postman



Tony Bradfield, Marie Bosarge and Kevin Black



Ken Christie and Dr. Carolyn Farb



Virtuosi Childrens Orchestra



Staci and Dr Quang Henderson



Ed and Susan Osterberg



Andy Cordes, Sarah, Duchess of York and Brian Teichman

AL FRESCO CHAPEAU

Hats Off To Mad Hatter's Tea Benefiting Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum

By *Cynthia Smoot* | Photography by *Dana Driensky and Daniel Driensky*



Rachel Zoe and Rodger Berman

THE SCENE:

Mad Hatter's Tea continues to be a social phenomenon that benefits the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and A Woman's Garden. This year's theme was *Under The Tuscan Sun* at the beautiful Ginsburg Plaza at the Dallas Arboretum. Event chair Linda Spina, vice-chair Melissa Lewis and honorary chairs Amy Warren and Amanda Hill greeted the sold-out crowd of 500 women who came dressed to impress in chapeaus that rivaled any Derby party in the country.

THE VIBE:

This year's celebrity guest, Rachel Zoe, created quite a buzz when she showed up with her husband, Rodger Berman. Alongside Zoe, Kori Green, Courtney Kerr, Tara Green, Caroline Kraddick, Niven Morgan, Micki Rawlings, Tracy Rathbun and Lynae Fearing had the challenge of selecting the best hats in a variety of special categories. The mistress of ceremonies Jocelyn White welcomed the crowd inside Rosine Hall as everyone was seated for the chic fashion show spotlighting Zoe's spring, pre-fall and fall fashions produced by fashion legend Jan Strimple. After a spirited live auction, the hat winners were announced. Most True-to-Theme was awarded to Joanie White and Most Elegant hat went to Cynthia Smoot. A Taste of Italy "The food and drink of Italy" award was bestowed upon Carmen Hancock and Best Botanical went to Terry Irby. People's Choice was Katherine Phillips. Best Group of Hats was awarded to Steve Kemble and Chad Collom. Most Outlandish went to Lynne Lowder and "Rachel's Pick" was presented to winner Amy Warren by Rachel Zoe. In the Ginsburg Plaza, luncheon was served under open-air under canopies of elegantly draped white tents with tables swathed in flowing green silks and topped with the luscious floral design created by Shane Walker Designs.



Rachel Zoe runway



Linda and Frank Spina



Carole Ann Brown



Billy Fulmer and Shane Walker



Melissa A. Lewis



Dean Driver and Jan Strimple

THE CAUSE:

Celebrating its 29th year, this stylish and fashionable tea continues to benefit the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and A Woman's Garden, the only public garden in the nation inspired and funded by women and dedicated to the universal spirit of women. **S**



Barbara Daseke



Dana Herbertson, Gina Ginsburg and Lorenda Wyant



Cathy Vieth



Rachel Zoe runway



Tracy Rathbun,
Carmen Hancock and
Lynae Fearing



Tara Green and Niven Morgan



Tori Serpa and Yvonne Crum



Steve Kimble and Chad Collom



Nicki Maron



Micki Rawlings



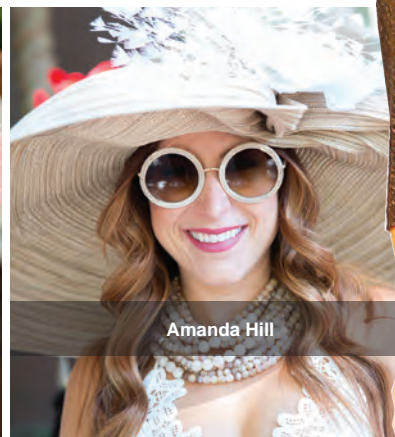
Cynthia Smoot and Kori Green



Sharla Bush and
Laura Freeman



Faye Briggs



Amanda Hill



NIGHT IN OLD VIENNA

San Antonio Symphony Ball Celebrates Viennese Musical Tradition

By *Jason Grosgrain* | Photography by *Greg Harrison and Paul Overstreet*



THE SCENE:

The Crown Jewels of Vienna, the theme of the 2017 Symphony Ball, brought to life an era of days gone by on a beautiful evening in the heart of San Antonio's outlying Hill Country. The San Antonio Symphony League's 47th annual gala and Belle presentation was held at The J.W. Marriott San Antonio Resort and Spa where this year's bevy of belles were presented at this year's event chaired by Jill and Dr. George J. Vassar. Mike Osterhage served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

THE VIBE:

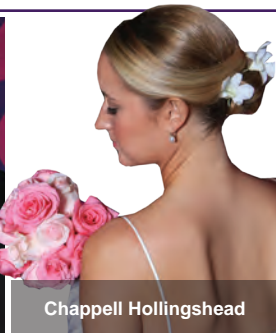
The presentation, with Viennese musical selections, set the stage for a magical evening as the young ladies in white took their bows toward entering society. The guests were treated to music by The Youth Orchestras of San Antonio. Following the presentation, guests enjoyed a lively evening of dinner and dancing.

THE CAUSE:

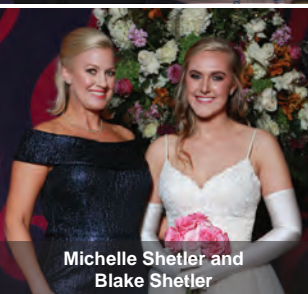
The Symphony League President for this year is Freddie Cervera III. By way of its support, the San Antonio Symphony League preserves and promotes the live performance of Symphony music for the San Antonio area. To date, the League's annual Symphony Ball has raised over one million dollars to benefit the San Antonio Symphony. **S**



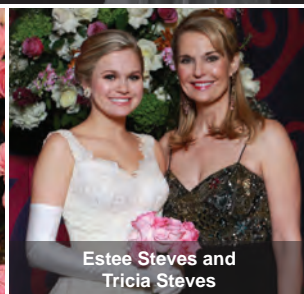
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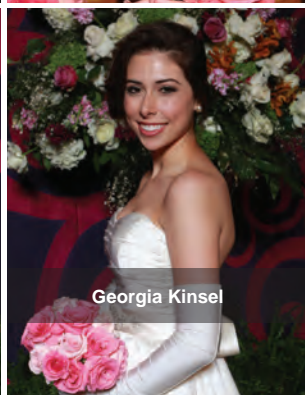
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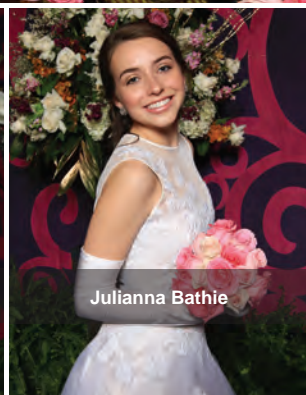
Estee Steves and Tricia Steves



Margaret Mary Booke



Georgia Kinsel



Julianna Bathie



Toby Calvert and Margaret Leigh Calvert



Ali Tolin and Mia Tolin



Caroline Finney and Cole Finney



Lisa Kelleher, Caroline Kelleher and Mike Kelleher



Sarah Fulton, Sophie Tippit, Abby Armstrong and Caroline Swanson



Jacqueline Gunter and John Gunter



Dr. Nancy Rector-Finney and Rob Finney



Kathy Johnson, Paige Johnson and Bill Johnson



Madeleine Shetler and Margaret Shetler



Symphony Ball Junior Belles 2018



Dr. and Mrs. Raul Martinez and George Vassar



Dr. Raul Gaona and Marbella Gaona



Michael Hogan, Micaela Hogan and Mary Ann Hogan



Mac Meissner, Garret Wingrove and Parker Winton



Lisa Wolff, Carson Wolff, Barrett Wolff and Jim Wolff

ENTRANCE: AUSTIN



Neiman Marcus runway



Neiman Marcus runway



Neiman Marcus runway



Brittany Mckenzie, Dianne Brode, Oze Paya and Chris Hendel



Karen Draker, Mary Tally, Melissa Levine and Maria Groten

STARS OF LIFE

Seton's Spring Fundraisers Attract Thousands And Raise Millions

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Ben Porter Photography, Adrienne Butcher Photography and Evan & Marin Photography

THE SCENE:

Seton Hospital recently hosted two fundraisers that showcased the wide reach of Austin's generosity and the way it impacts so many lives in the place we call home. Over 650 of Austin's philanthropic elite descended upon Austin's JW Marriot for the 19th annual *Celebration of Life* luncheon, followed by another 1,100 guests who celebrated at Camp Mabry for the 26th annual *EASB LIVE!*



Pam Crowley, Kendra Scott, Susan Lubin, Marcia Levy, and Lisa Youngblood



Andrea McWilliams and Madison McWilliams

Carla McDonald



Dan Jackson and Jeremy Guiberteau & Rusty Tally



Anna Hardeman and Shae Arzegar



Jennifer Carnes



Neiman Marcus runway



Viki Schupik, Maureen Staloch and Patti Rogers

THE VIBE:

The fashionable luncheon-chic crowd on hand for the *Celebration of Life* gathering were offered a special mid-day treat which incorporated fashion, music, and of course fundraising for the awareness and prevention of breast cancer. The program fashion show, courtesy of Neiman Marcus, showcased looks from such internationally known designers as Marc Jacobs, Brunello Cucinelli and Milly. The afternoon incorporated the event theme “Where Hope Takes Flight,” which resonated with guests as a heart-tugging photo album featuring 54 women was presented – featuring survivors, thrivers, fighters and lifers who are courageously battling breast cancer. The event concluded as 15-year-old musician Madison McWilliams performed her latest song “Fighter” to the adoring crowd.

At *EASB Live!* the range of Austin-chic attire made everyone on hand feel ready to join the fun. The festivities began with a cocktail hour where the conversation and spirits flowed freely in anticipation of the evening’s festivities. The crowd then moved into the tented area for the evening’s program where partygoers were treated to a dinner courtesy of Don Strange of Texas Events. The live auction alone fetched over \$350,000 with experiences including a trip for two to The Masters in 2018 and a round of golf with reigning Masters Champion, Sergio Garcia. The auction was followed by a special performance by musician Anderson East, after which the action turned to the dance floor where the fun continued well into the evening at the after party hosted by Horizon Bank.

THE CAUSE:

The *Celebration of Life* luncheon, chaired by Maria Groten and Mary Tally, raised over \$330,000 for Seton Breast Care Center. These funds will specifically save lives by providing cutting edge medical equipment to patients as well as providing support and education on a national level for breast cancer awareness.

EASB Live!, chaired by Brittany Bailey and Jamie Chandlee, raised a record \$1.31 million for medical equipment at the Marialice Shivers Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as well as other mother/baby services at Seton Medical Center Austin. **S**



Shannon Nichols and Molly Soper



Amy Gottschalk, Sarah and Scott Herndon, Miguel Romano and Tim LaFrey



Anderson East performs



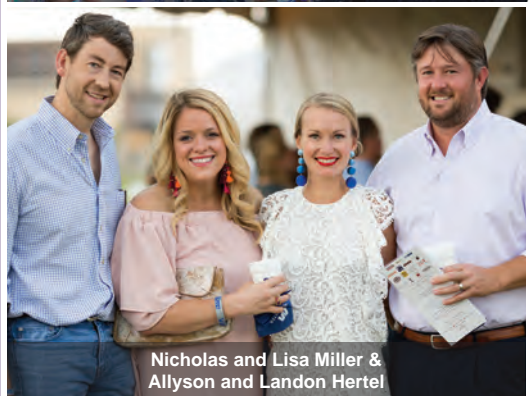
Caroline Smith, Charli Anderson and Gigi Melrose



Edward Moody and Acia Cagle Moody



Ellie Livesay and Jess Pearce



Nicholas and Lisa Miller & Allyson and Landon Hertel



Emily Wheeler, Linsey Bullock, Sarah Teten and Paige Winstanley



Katie Kime and Kristin Gish



Ben and Brittany Bailey, Anderson East & Jamie and Blake Chandlee



Tom and Lindy McGee

THE SCENE:

It was a perfect day at the home of Paige and Tilman Fertitta for over 400 supporters to enjoy the sold-out inaugural Hats, Hearts & Horseshoes event benefiting Bo's Place. The Kentucky Derby themed afternoon attracted fashionably attired ladies and gentlemen who mixed and mingled while enjoying mint juleps and watching The Kentucky Derby on the large screens sprinkled around the party. If you could not be at Churchill Downs, this event was definitely the next best thing.

THE VIBE:

Guests were entertained from the moment of arrival with a champagne greeting. The statement hats made for perfect people-watching and guests socialized throughout the grounds enjoying tastings from Garrison Brothers Bourbon, Avion Tequila, Glenfiddich Scotch, Cabaud and Decimus wines, Perrier Jouet and mint juleps. A giving tree, racing wall raffle, and auction entertained guests. Tables covered with a variety of tasty food selections enticed the partygoers and one of the most popular items, Pop Brother's Popsicles from Fertitta's popular TV show *Billion Dollar Buyer*, were a hit the entire day.

THE CAUSE:

Chairs Megan and Luke Hotze and Hannah and Cal McNair and honorary chairs Meredith and Patrick Chastang with Susan and Charlie Neuhaus were thrilled to raise over \$350,000 for the organization. Bo's Place exists to provide support and community to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. A non-profit, free-of-charge bereavement center, Bo's Place offers multiple grief support services for adults, children and families, and provides education and resources for those who assist people in grief. [S](#)

THE SPORT OF KINGS

Bo's Place "Hat's, Hearts, Horseshoes" Kentucky Derby Party Dazzles

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Catchlight Group and Daniel Ortiz*



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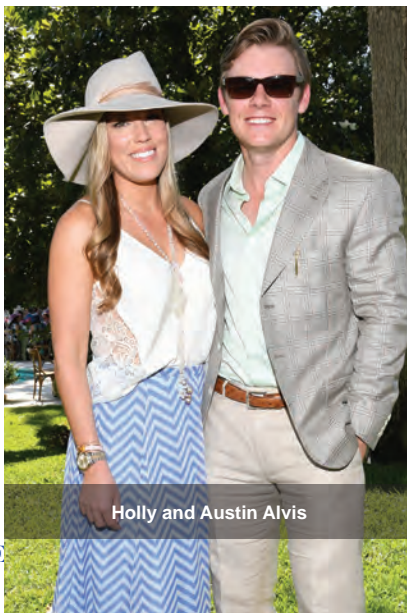
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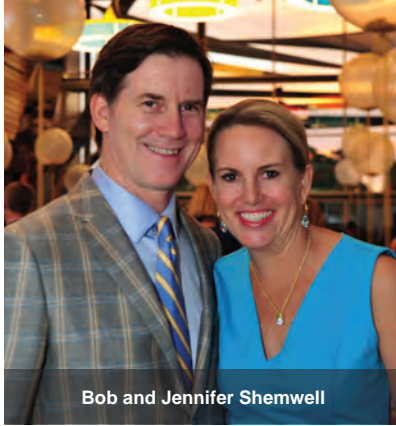


Luke and Megan Hotze



Kathleen Zinn, Brooke Gunst and Traci Young





Bob and Jennifer Shemwell



CeCe Frost Griffin and Adrianne Frost



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CHILD'S PLAY

DoSeum Celebrates Second Year In Style

By Caroline Bolano | Photography by Greg Harrison

THE SCENE:

Typically filled with the excitement of children, The DoSeum was transformed into an elegant venue adorned with peach, mint and gold, colorful accent lighting and the cheer of celebrating guests. The vibrant energy, cocktails, sweet treats and interactive activities are just a few of the things that set the stage for The DoSeum's Big Two Do.

Party goers were greeted by Mariachi Los Conquistadores and the guests delighted in posing for custom watercolor sketches, making their own action-packed flipbook or making memories at the photo wall provided by Benton Photography. Fully stocked bars were provided by Dulce Vida Tequila, Shiner Beers, Silver Eagle Distributors and the Ronald Herrmann family. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were passed as guests mingled on the fun filled Dreeben Plaza, before going inside for a seated dinner.



Margaret and Johnathan Walker



Karen Lee and David Zachry



Emilie Petty and Carla Brozovich



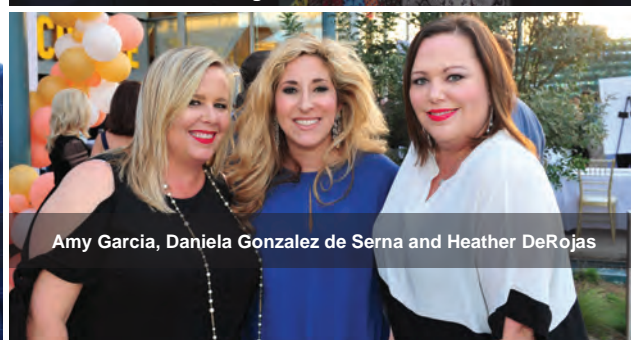
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Kristin and Dick Tips



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THE VIBE:

Favors from Saks Fifth Avenue were displayed across the tables, surrounding floral centerpieces of monochromatic pink roses designed by William Garza of Uptown Flowers. The evening's committee chairs, Carla and John Brozovich and Emilie and Chris Petty, welcomed guests for a fun filled evening before they enjoyed a delightful dinner prepared by Rosemary's Catering. Premier table sponsors were able to savor some bubbly provided by Champagne Collet, as laughter and cheer filled the dining rooms. After dinner, guests moved out to Dreeben Plaza, for the Terrible Two's after party where 5150 Productions kept the party going and guests danced the night away and enjoyed sweet treats by Bird Bakery, Cupcake Couture, Kahlua milkshakes and Tater Tots by Cheesy Jane's, Pastel Meringues by Bakery Lorraine, Crunch bars and ice cream cones.

THE CAUSE:

The DoSeum serves as an interactive learning laboratory for all young children from birth to age 10, allowing them to become creative problem solvers through joyful hands-on activities. Nearly 60% of the exhibits focus on concepts in science, technology, engineering, math, literacy and the creative arts that embrace both the young and the young at heart. **S**



Michele Walsh and Robin Pittman

Ravishing Riviera



This sun-drenched shore has beckoned the famous and infamous for centuries. Here *our girl-about-globe Ashley Dobson* shares the allure of the French Riviera's history... as well as the latest trends and tips for this hot destination.





Maria Callas and Princess Grace, 1961



CRYSTAL BLUE PERSUASION

The only international airport in the Riviera is in Nice, France. As the largest city on the Côte d'Azur, Nice makes the perfect home base for your trip.

We arrived late in the evening and headed straight to our hotel, which overlooked the crystal clear water. There is nothing better than waking up to the soft sound of Mediterranean waves crashing upon the shore.

We began our first full day by enjoying coffee on our hotel room balcony, and then we strolled down the Promenade des Anglais on our way to Old Town. You could be forgiven for spending the majority of your time in Nice on the Promenade; the views are spectacular and it feels as though the ocean is actually calling to you. But there is so much more to see.



C **RUISSING ALONG IN A SILVER ASTON MARTIN**, taking in the full coastline of the stunning Côte d'Azur, we finally pull up to the grand façade of the Monte Carlo Casino. Dressed to the nines in a tux and long fitted gown, we walk up the red carpet, get our photos taken inside and make our way to the bar to grab a drink – shaken, not stirred.

Did I just describe James Bond's night out or my husband and I on his annual birthday trip? Every year, instead of a party, we take a trip together to celebrate. But choosing the right location for the perfect birthday trip can sometimes be a challenge. It needs to have the right blend of relaxation, sights to see – but not too many – and a place to properly celebrate. This year it needed to be even more special because my husband, Cameron, was turning another decade older and we needed to ring in his milestone birthday in style. The French Riviera delivered on all of these requirements — and more.

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The Côte d'Azur is nothing short of inspiring with its unique architecture, stunning water, and fields of lavender, and we are far from the only people who felt that energy. Artists have flocked to the region for centuries, and the Riviera features more than 100 museums to prove it.

Twelve of these museums are dedicated to a single artist who worked in the Riviera, Marc Chagall. The Musée Marc Chagall houses the artist's most impactful pieces, including the 17 Biblical Message paintings. Henri Matisse is honored in the Musée Matisse, located near the artist's former Nice residence and the cemetery where he lays buried, which holds some of the artist's best known works.

After a day full of sightseeing and walking along the beach, we retired back to our hotel, where we indulged with in-room massages. Feeling relaxed and happy after a perfect first day on vacation, we looked forward to the next day of our adventure.

CUISINE CONSIDERED

If the first day of our vacation was about seeing everything the Riviera had to offer, the second day was about experiencing its epicurean offerings. The French Riviera holds more than 50 Michelin stars spread amongst 38 restaurants, not to mention all of the adorable cafes and bistros tucked along

almost every street. Good food is easy to find; the harder choice is narrowing your options. We let reservations and location help make this choice for us. A word to the wise – many restaurants in the Riviera are booked up months ahead of time, so if you have your heart set on a particular place, it helps to call ahead.

We managed to secure a seating at Jan, a popular spot located in a former motorcycle repair shop, not that you would ever know it thanks to the elegant décor. Every detail from the blue walls to the unique dishes was hand picked and adds to the restaurant's sophisticated, yet comfortable vibe. Jan has a world-renowned reputation thanks to its South African chef and namesake Jan Hendrik.

The menu, a mix of South African and French cuisine made with all fresh ingredients from local markets, was inspired by Hendrik's grandmother. There is no option for a la carte; you must have the chef's selection – but rest assured, he won't steer you wrong. Even if the flavors sound like they won't work—*Cucumber Ice Cream, is this for real?*—you may just discover your new favorite dish.



Left: Hotel Negresco; Right: Hotel du Cap-Eden Roc. Photo by Slim Aarons





If you really want to vacation like a celebrity, Cannes is the place to see and be seen.



Cannes, 1952. Photo by Slim Aarons



CANNES DO ATTITUDE

The French Riviera is sometimes referred to as a playground for celebrities. In fact, the region has earned this reputation from the annual Festival de Cannes, the international film festival. The invitation-only festival previews new films of all genres from all around the world. This year the Festival de Cannes celebrated its 70th anniversary, with special events at the Palais des Festivals et des Congrès.

The Boulevard de la Croisette is the street on which the festival takes place; and this neighborhood offers a spot with just the right amount of star power. Five-star luxury hotels, luxury shops, and top restaurants line the famed boulevard. One such destination is the Intercontinental Carlton Cannes. The hotel was the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's *To Catch a Thief* and the hotel still pays tribute to this 1955 cinematic masterpiece. Guests can stay in suite 623 where the film was shot or in a suite named for the film's leading lady, Grace Kelly. The hotel also honored the brightest stars who have called the hotel home for a night or two, by naming ten Prestige Suites after them.

If you really want to vacation like a celebrity, Cannes is the place to see and be seen.

MONTE CARLO MYSTIQUE

The different flavors of each city on the Riviera are what make the area such a vibrant and exciting place to visit. Monte Carlo, though located in its own independent principality, is considered a part of the French Riviera and we dedicated our final day of the trip to exploring what this city had to offer.

When I think of Monaco I immediately think of Grace Kelly, so my first stop had to be the castle where

she lived out every girl's dream of being a real-life princess. Most know Kelly was an American actress who became the Princess of Monaco after marrying Prince Rainier III in 1956. The Prince's Palace of Monaco is still the residence of the royal family, so it is heavily guarded, but you can still see the Renaissance-style façade and catch a glimpse of the view she must have had from her tower.

As we walked around and took in the view, there was one thing we couldn't help but notice. Beyond the architecture and the sea front, there are luxury cars as far as the eye can see. Ferraris, Bugattis, Maseratis, Aston Martins, you can find them all.

Lamborghinis are basically the Honda Civics of Monte Carlo — commonplace and ubiquitous.

There is something about Monte Carlo that insists you step up your game to join the glamorous fun. It is the perfect place to celebrate a birthday, or indeed any landmark occasion.

For our final stop, we headed to the famed Hotel de Paris, a recognizable landmark from movies such as *The Red Shoes*, *Iron Man 2*, and *GoldenEye*, and stepped into the very lobby where Audrey Hepburn was discovered as a film starlet. With a marble staircase and a stunning chandelier, it oozed old-school allure.

Cameron chose the historic Salle Empire restaurant in the hotel for his birthday dinner and we were greeted at the entrance with glasses of



Sophia Loren, 1955

Burt Lancaster and Claudia Cardinale, 1963

champagne. Our three-course meal was nothing short of pure decadence, from the cheese plate to the lobster to the Grand Marnier soufflé for dessert. The windows of Salle looked out over the Monte Carlo Casino entrance and we grew more excited about the next stop of the evening as we watched men and women get out of their exotic cars and climb the red carpeted steps.

We soon followed their lead and found ourselves following in the footsteps of James Bond into the fabled casino. The slot machines were not kind to us, but we found our luck at the Roulette table. A few rounds in and it was like we hadn't spent any money at the casino at all.

We decided to leave before Lady Luck decided to favor someone else. After such a perfect vacation, it truly felt as though we couldn't get any luckier. **S**



Monte Carlo Bay Resort & Hotel



STAY

HOTEL NEGRESKO

This historic hotel is the perfect choice for anyone looking to stay in Nice. Located right on the Promenade des Anglais, it offers an incredible view of the Mediterranean. Known for its staff costumed in outfits based on 18th century clothing, everything about this hotel is over the top from its rococo décor to the original artwork to the famed Baccarat 16,309-crystal chandelier in the Royal Lounge. The hotel has its own private beach, as well as a Michelin-starred restaurant, Le Chantecler.

Hotel Negresco,
37 Promenade des Anglais,
06000 Nice, France
Hotel-Negresco-Nice.com

MONTE-CARLO BAY RESORT & HOTEL

Just a few feet from the French border on the private Larvotto peninsula, the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel and Resort is full of the type of grandeur you would expect from Monaco. It boasts three restaurants, including one with a Michelin star, its own casino, a private beach, a Cinq Mondes spa, heated indoor and outdoor pools, and a sandy bottom lagoon with waterfalls. The property is surrounded by lush gardens, and the posh rooms come with fantastic views.

Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel,
40 Av. Princesse Grace,
98000 Monaco
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HOTEL DU CAP-EDEN-ROC

If you are looking to live like Gatsby himself, there is no better place to escape to than Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc. This stunning property from the late 1800s looks like a movie set, and its guest list usually reads like one too. A heated infinity pool overlooks the Mediterranean, and guests also have access to five tennis courts, 33 cabanas, a boutique, and the Sisley spa. The hotel is also known for its concierge, which goes above and beyond for its luxury guests.

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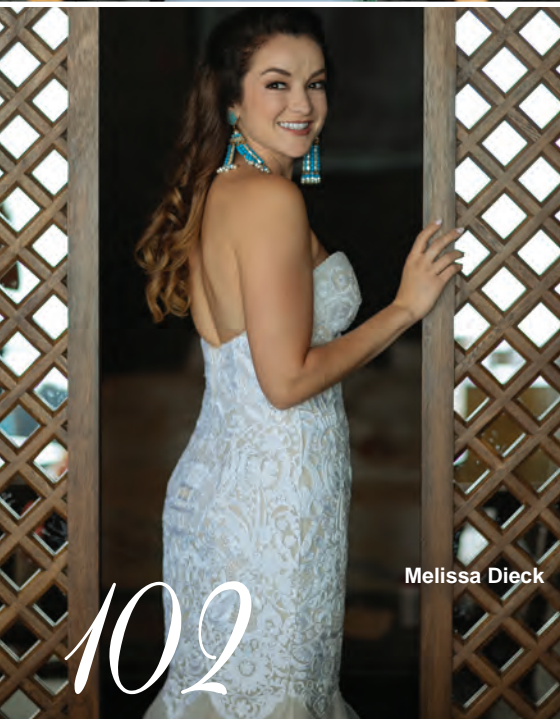
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Sofia Dieck, Dr. John Dieck,
Melissa and Gaines Thaxton,
Aida Guajardo Dieck and Alexandra Dieck



Dr. John Dieck, Melissa Dieck Thaxton
and Aida Guajardo Dieck



Melissa Dieck





The bridal party



Dr. John Dieck and Melissa Dieck Thaxton



Melissa Dieck Thaxton

MELISSA AIDA DIECK, DAUGHTER of Aida and Dr. John Dieck of Austin, and Gaines Edward Thaxton, son of James and Carol Thaxton of Corpus Christi, were married in an enchanting ceremony held at the glamorous Nizuc Resort and Spa in Cancun, Mexico, surrounded by family and friends. After dating for two years, the groom popped the question, amidst much planning, in the beautiful white chapel at the Pueblito of the Mayakoba Resorts they visited under the guise of seeing an artist installation.

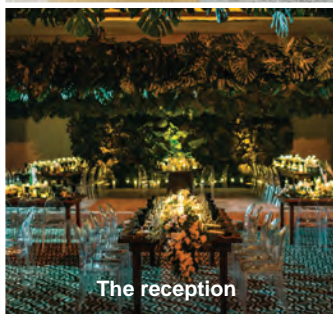
a personally designed wedding gift created by the bride's sister, Alexandra. The beach-themed rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents for the bridal party. In fact, the groom's mother meticulously designed the event, personally making the center piece flower arrangements, hand-painted maracas and tequila shot glasses with the couple's duogram. Afterward, the groom's parents and their family friends hosted a cocktail and dessert party for all guests. On Saturday morning, the bridesmaids joined the bride at her suite where they enjoyed brunch, the view and the pool as they dressed for the nuptials ahead.



Sofia Dieck, Melissa Dieck Thaxton and Alexandra Dieck

The Dieck family, who love Mexico and were happy to share its vast beauty, wanted their guests from around the world to feel welcome as soon as they arrived on Thursday. Transportation was waiting for the guests at the airport to whisk them away where later that evening, the welcome party on the beach with a Mayan theme kicked off the weekend's festivities with a local band, light fare, and cocktails. Plus, gift bags containing personalized details and thoughtful essentials were provided by the bride's aunt and cousin.

The ceremony, filled with Mexican and Catholic traditions, was held in Capilla Xoximilco, a charming destination location near Cancun. The outdoor and natural elements were important to the bride and groom, while sharing the area's Mexican spirit, beauty and soul with a modern take on its rituals and traditions was also important to the bride and her family. Guests strode down the cobblestone walkway to the chapel that was covered with a bed of white rose petals and palm fronds and every detail was beautifully executed by wedding planner Lorena Armengual of Celebración. The bride, wearing a Nacem Khan gown and adorned



The reception

On Friday, the bride-to-be, along with her two sisters, Sofia and Alexandra, who were also the maids of honor, and her mother hosted a bridesmaids' luncheon where guests were presented with a Lexicon of Style scarf,



The reception



Jonathan Tate, Margo Tate, Josie Tate, Maggie Tate, Carol Arnold Thaxton, Gaines and Melissa Dieck Thaxton, James Thaxton, Morgan Thaxton and Keston Sekree



The Groomsmen



The welcome party



Bridal bouquet ribbon cutting



with custom vintage earrings, arrived with her father by *trajinera* (a gondola-like flat bottom boat) to the surprise of the groom and the attendees. The ceremony was full of Mexican traditions, and the family priest Father Bud Roland officiated and closed the nuptials in Spanish. The couple was accompanied by bride's maids of honor Alexandra Dieck and Sofia Dieck, and the groom's attendants, Jacob Mize and Josh Mintz.

After the ceremony, the guests were transported to an open, beautifully decorated courtyard, where they were greeted by Mariachis and the couple's signature drinks, setting the tone as an elegant al fresco prelude to the dinner reception. The dinner and reception, incorporating the weekend's color theme of beachy black, white, gold and emerald green, were held next door in the Nizuc Conference Center that overlooked the lagoon and the surrounding ecosystem of protected mangroves. As the guests were guided to the dinner and reception venue, they were met by photographs of the couple's passed grandparents as a reminder of their families' legacy and their future. They also found a hand-painted screen indicating their table locations before proceeding up the candlelit stairs to enjoy the sumptuous dinner that was highlighted by toasts and lit by fireworks overhead.

The bride's cake was a one-of-a-kind pisco and almond praline with chocolate ganache filling and was topped with hand-crafted

orchids and fondant in golden hues. The groom's cake was red velvet with a soft extra bitter cocoa creamy stuffing and a hint of Papantla vanilla, decorated with edible 23K gold leaf. Both were created by Chef Nicolas Oviedo with the bride involved in every detail.

The Social band, flown in from Miami, entertained during dinner and provided the music and energy for the guests to dance the night away. To transition to the after party, the bride and groom were sent off by the guests with an array of sparklers as the guests were transferred to it in golf carts to La Punta, an outdoor venue with a DJ, cigar bar, lighted Mexican taco stand, along with Mexican and Middle Eastern desserts. A member of the band became the DJ and the party wrapped after 3:00 am. The next morning the guests were bid bon-voyage with a farewell brunch hosted by bride's parents and family friends.

Following the spectacular wedding weekend filled with family, friends, and festivities, the newlyweds knew they wanted a relaxing honeymoon destination. They will soon depart for a beach trip to Bora Bora. The couple now resides in Austin, where the bride is a realtor with Roxan Coffman Properties, and the groom is in the oil and gas business with Thaxton Consulting Services. They enjoy live music, traveling, and adventures around town and the globe. **S**





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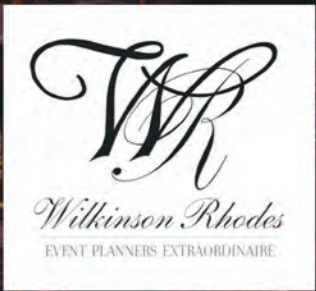
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Nathan Henry, Blake Henry, Ashley Henry, Johnnie Hawkins, Allegra Pitt Hawkins, Hunter Hawkins, Kathy Hawkins, Taylor Henry, Justin Hawkins and Diane Hawkins



Stevie Pitt, Steve Pitt, Sarah Pitt, Allegra Pitt Hawkins, Hunter Hawkins, Sita Francis, Sarita Pitt Francis, Nelson Francis and Jake Francis



Steve Pitt and Allegra Pitt

WHEN ALLEGRA PITT, daughter of Sarah and Steve Pitt of Houston was in Maine at a friend's destination wedding almost three years ago, she caught much more than just the bride's bouquet. She also met her future husband, Hunter Hawkins, son of Kathy and Johnnie Hawkins of Ingram, Texas. After a year and a half together, Hunter popped the question on Harbour Island in the Bahamas, a favorite spot of the bride's family. The couple was engaged for one year and they celebrated their nuptials in San Antonio.

The rehearsal dinner was held at La Fonda on Main for 75 guests, followed by a high-energy after party hosted by friends of the bride's family on the rooftop of The St. Anthony Hotel downtown, where the weekend's guests were welcomed and danced to the sounds of Dallas's top DJ Lucy Wrubel. Both the wedding ceremony and reception were held at The Argyle, which was significant to the couple, because each of their parents had celebrated their own wedding weekend festivities there.

The bride wore an Oscar de la Renta gown from Joan Pillow bridal in Houston, and was accompanied by 19 attendants. The matron of honor was the bride's sister Sarita Pitt Francis, followed by bridesmaids Bebe Clement, Francoise de Saint Phalle, Burkley Fitzsimons, Molly Goodman, Hannah Heighen, Alice Johnson, Estella McMurrey, Sarah Michler, Ada Osborn, Annie Smith and Jewel Stone. Honorary Attendants were Lila Chumbley, Annie Daugherty, Margaret Eldred, Hellie Hamilton, Lindsey Lomax, Natalie Steen and Leah Wilson.

The groom was represented by 16 attendants. The best man was the groom's brother Justin Hawkins, followed by groomsmen Jacob Dunaway, Michael Hawkins, Nathan Henry, Matthew Koury, Jack McLarty, Barton McLaughlin, Gordon Morris, Bo Ramos, Samson St. Germaine and Stephen Pitt. Ushers were Landon Anderson, Will Fawcett, Kyle Lehnoff, Matt Muecke and Ross Taylor.

The black tie wedding had a coloration theme of spring pastels



Steve Pitt, Hunter Hawkins and Johnnie Hawkins



Edward and Nancy Steves & Weisie and John Steen



The Groom's Attendants



Wedding party



Nick Adair and Alice Johnson



Mary Nell Browning, Ina Browning, Mary Bell Browning Clement and Bill Browning



Harry McMurrey, Stella McMurrey, Allegra Pitt and Ceci McMurrey and Belton McMurrey



Lynn Wilson, Laurie Liedtke and Mary Jane Wakefield



Clement Carrington, Rahm Carrington, Allegra Pitt Hawkins, Jamey Steen and Hunter Hawkins

and the bridesmaids carried flowers in jewel tones of the same color palette. The guests joined in celebration of the couple's double ring ceremony that was officiated by the Reverend Jeffrey Hammond of Fredericksburg. Monte Vista Strings provided music for the ceremony. Richard Flowers and Katie Mullins from The Events Company in Houston envisioned and meticulously planned the event, spearheading the design of all of the décor and florals. At the reception, the garden-style arrangements included soft pasteltone flowers, apple green hydrangea and snowball viburnum, with garden roses. The chandeliers were made with soft pastel roses and the lanterns were filed with freesia, green viburnum and garden roses.

Dinner was served buffet style, and Cakes by Cathy of San Antonio created the wedding cake. Big Swing and the Ballroom Blasters from Atlanta had guests dancing the night away, and the bride even performed a song or two on stage with the band. The entertainment was nonstop until midnight, when the newlyweds were played out of the reception and into their new lives together by a 12-piece mariachi band.

A graduate of Ole Miss, the groom works for Wortham Insurance and Risk Management. A graduate of the Southern Methodist University, the bride is the owner and interior designer of Allegra Interiors, and is also a realtor with Corie Properties. The Hawkins honeymooned in Italy and now reside in San Antonio with their new Cavapoo puppy, Dixie. [S](#)



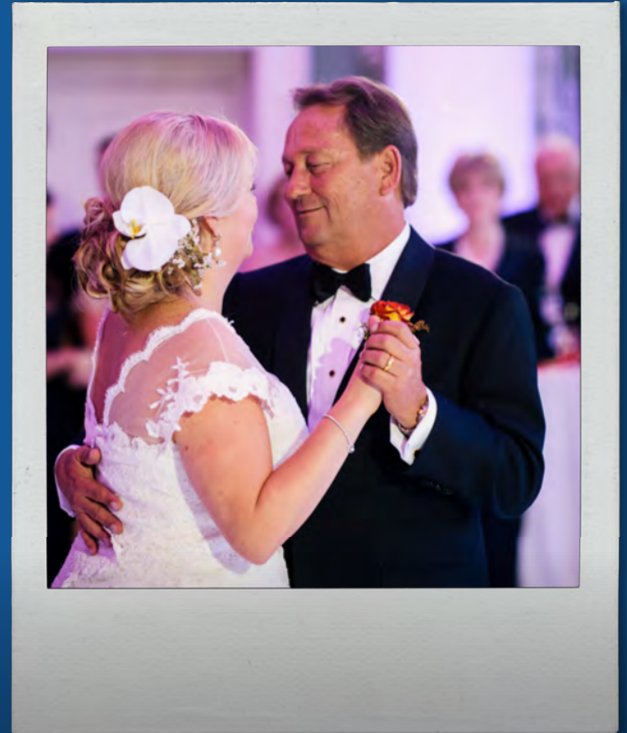
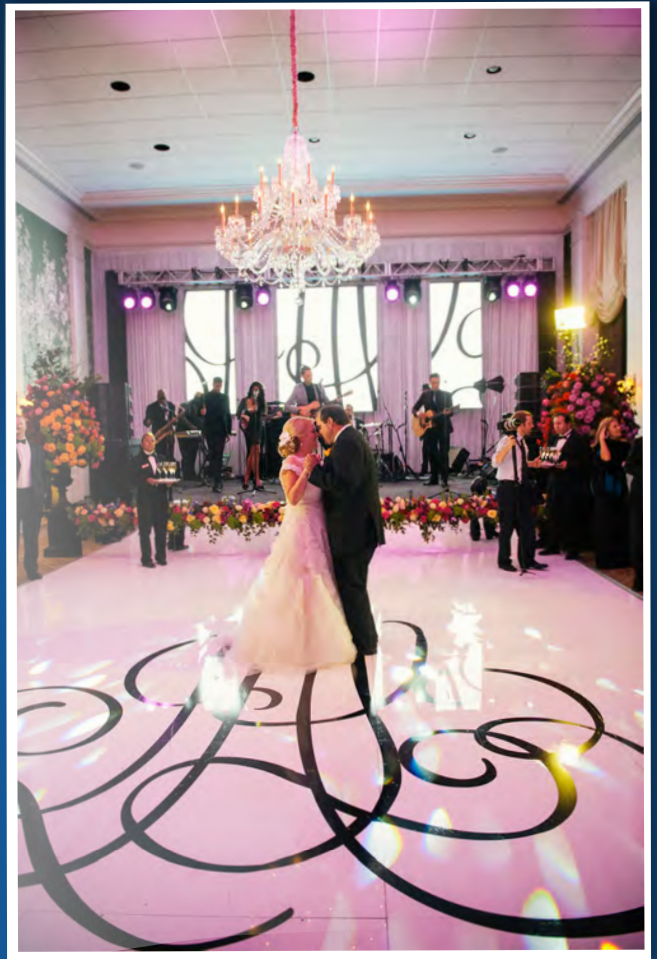
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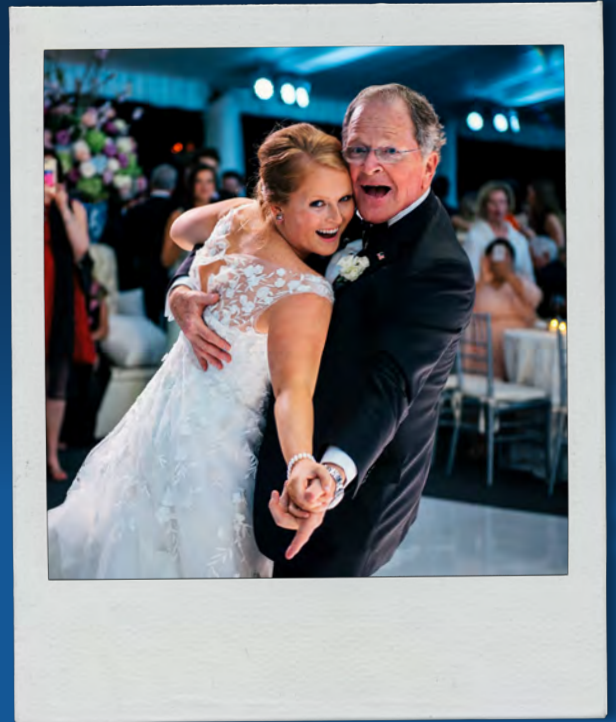
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Jennifer McCord & Landon Anderson Celebrate
Their Nuptials In Houston

By Eleanora Leeper Morrison Photography by Chris Bailey



Jennifer McCord at her home

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Wedding party



Cake in foyer by Who Made the Cake



Immediate family of the bride and groom



River Oaks Country Club Ballroom



Keleigh McCord, Sarah McCord, Jennifer Anderson, Lauren Clyce, and Emily Catherine Riggs



Jennifer McCord and Landon Anderson



Richard Flowers and Jennifer McCord



Bridal Party

IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST ENCOUNTER for this quintessentially Texan couple when they met at a mutual friend's wedding in Maine. Within minutes of meeting the man of her dreams, Jennifer McCord of Houston, daughter of Katherine and Joseph McCord, turned to her father and said, "I think I just met my husband." Landon Anderson, son of Wendla and Gary Anderson of Kerrville, asked Mr. McCord if he could pursue courting his daughter Jennifer upon their return to Texas, and after their first official date in Houston only three weeks later, he knew he had met his forever match. Jennifer and Landon were married less than two years later at St. Michael Catholic Church in Houston.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was at The Petroleum Club of Houston and served as an elegant welcome to 150 guests of the wedding weekend among its white florals, crystal candelabras and lace laden throughout the venue designed by Becky Stephens of My Friend Becky.

The wedding ceremony was special for both the couple and their 1,200 guests. The Boys Choir of Houston serenaded the nuptials with the prelude music as well as the classic *Ave Maria* during the service. Throughout the ceremony, the readings were given by friends and family members of significance to the couple, such as the father of the groom Gary Anderson and cousins of the bride, Keleigh McCord and Summer Pousman.

The bride had 17 attendants including Maid of Honor and sister of the bride Sarah McCord, and Matron of Honor Lauren Clyce. The flower girls were Allie Grace Anderson and Tilly Spradlin. The groom had 14 attendants including Best Man Zach Hahn. The ring bearers were Charlie Anderson, Reid Anderson and Charlie Clyce.

The bride wore an Oscar De La Renta Signature Collection gown from Joan Pillow Bridal in Houston. The veil made of Brussels Rose Point Lace had been worn by her grandmother, well-known Houston philanthropist Rosanette Cullen, in 1957 when she married her husband Harry Cullen, and again by the bride's mother Katherine Cullen McCord for her wedding to her father in 1985. In Jennifer's bouquet, she carried an heirloom locket originally given as an engagement present in 1916 to the groom's maternal great-grandmother. The bridesmaids wore Victor Costa custom designed gold French lace and Italian silk satin gowns made by Miwa Fashions, and carried bouquets of multicolored roses. Ceron Hair Studio styled all of the bridal party hair, and Kristin Daniell Makeup Artistry provided the makeup services.

The reception was at the River Oaks Country Club, which was transformed into fabulous French gardens with dramatic cascading multicolored floral designs by Richard Flowers and The Events Company. Dinner was served at stations around the ballroom. From antipasti served on a marble and iron antique table to a hand-carved prosciutto station, a savory southern fried chicken station, a carb-overload bar of mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes and grits with all of the toppings... to the specialty hand-shucked oyster bar called Landon's Landings—the guests had no shortage of dinner choices. Late-night Brandy Freezes, French fries, sliders and Monte Cristo were also served.

Richard Flowers and his team designed and executed the placement of the fresh roses that lined the archways of the country club that led the guests down the long, winding hallway into the ballroom. The outside veranda was draped in orchids that hung from the beams of the open-aired tent, as well as a fountain filled with hydrangea. Large urns filled with roses were also peppered throughout the venue. Divisi Strings provided the music for cocktail hour, followed by Sharon Montgomery for dinner.

Since the bride's parents gifted the newlyweds with a honeymoon to Hawaii, toward the end of the reception, flip-flops, leis, headpieces and grass skirts were handed out as the dancing continued to the tunes of the A Town A List band from Atlanta.

Before the bride and groom left the venue, the bride changed into a strapless white silk taffeta dress designed by Miwa Fashions. As the newlyweds left, their friends and family tossed rose petals that paved the path to the vintage Rolls Royce awaiting them. As the car left the driveway, fireworks exploded for the final sendoff.

Jennifer McCord Anderson graduated from Texas Christian University, and many of her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters attended the wedding. Landon Anderson attended the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The newlyweds honeymooned in Kauai, Maui and Honolulu. They now reside in San Antonio where Landon is a Production Foreman at EOG Resources, and Jennifer is busy nesting, because the couple is expecting their first son in September. **S**



Brittany Steitz, Brenda Hicks, Tessa Henderson, Gina Leck, Julie Samson and Becky Stephens



The Andersons' first dance



Dore Koontz, Megan Murphy, Katherine McCord, Laura Ann Wagner, Lynne Morgan and Shannon Samson



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Wed In Fort Worth

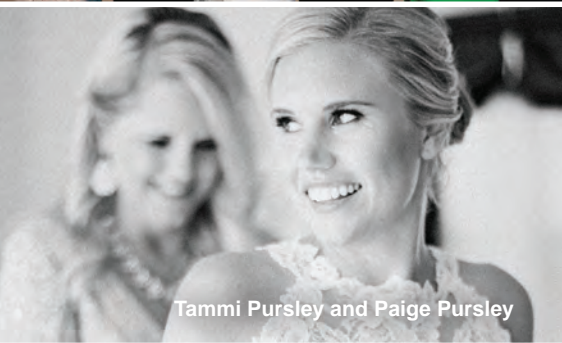
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Paige and Rob Cavender



Tammi and Alan Pursley, Paige and Rob Cavender & Stephanie and Bobby Cavender



Tammi Pursley and Paige Pursley



Rob Cavender and Poppy Cavender





C.C. Cavender, Bobby Cavender, Rob Cavender, Stephanie Cavender and Abby Cavender



C.C. Cavender, Paige Pursley, and Abby Cavender



Chase Pursley, Alan Pursley, Paige Pursley, Tammi Pursley and Tanner Pursley



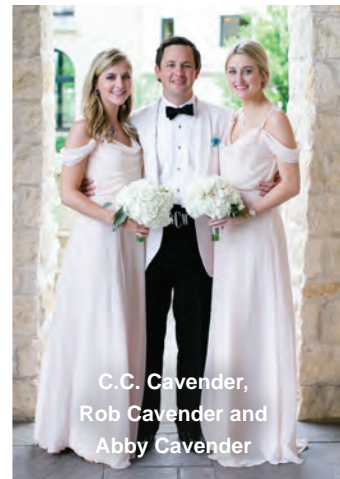
The Groomsmen



Molly O'Donnel, Paige Pursley, Molly Schubert

PAIGE PURSLEY, DAUGHTER of Tammi and Alan Pursley of Fort Worth, was an undergraduate at Texas Christian University studying to be a Speech Pathologist when her love of country music led her to Rob Cavender, son of Stephanie and Bobby Cavender of San Antonio. Rob was also at TCU as an undergraduate studying business, but his passion for music had him often performing in the evenings on and off campus. After five years together, Paige and Rob were married in Fort Worth, where their love song began.

The bride wore an Anna Maier gown from Neiman Marcus, and was accompanied by 20 attendants: Maid of Honor was Molly Schubert and Matron of Honor was Molly O'Donnel, followed by bridesmaids Courtney Stephens, Loren Reardon, Becky Lyus, Emily Trevino, Logan Vaughan, Sara Gullivan, Hilary Hamilton, Camille Williams, Taylor King, Shannon Buell, Abby Cavender and C.C. Cavender. Serving in the house party were Shannon Higgins, Brooke Higgins, Taylor Kopycinski, Chelsi Davis, Jamie Jennings and Janeanne Yager.



C.C. Cavender, Rob Cavender and Abby Cavender



The rehearsal dinner was held at Shady Oaks Country Club for 150 guests, and was coordinated by Crystal Frasier Weddings with floral design by Junior at Garden Gate Floral. The wedding ceremony was held at Christ Chapel Bible Church, and was officiated by the groom's bible study leader from Dallas, Pastor Cameron Beaty. This was of great significance to both Paige and Rob, as faith plays a strong role in their relationship.

The groom was accompanied by 23 attendants: Best Man Jake Everhart, followed by groomsmen Chase Pursley, Tanner Pursley, Vincent Dawson, Wilson Griffith, Murphey Henk, Thomas King, Gareth Kirk, Stewart Korte, A.J. Lewis, Tyler Marshall, Elliott Mulkin, Travis Gullivan, Lee Cavender and Ross Studer. Ushers were Luke Campbell, Jonathan Perlman, JP Sanchez, Paul Swann, Blake O'Donnel, W.B. Cavender, Noble Adams and Charles Beckendorf.



Rob Cavender and Jake Everhart



Logan Vaughan, Becky Lyus, Molly O'Donnel, Paige Pursley, Molly Schubert, Shannon Buell, Emily Trevino, Loren Reardon, C.C. Cavender, Abby Cavender, Courtney Stephens, Hilary Hamilton, Sara Gullivan, Taylor King, and Camille Williams



The Bridal Party



Michael McLaughlin, Claire Cavender, Easton McNabb, Nicola McLaughlin, Brittany Blonkvist & Lisa Blonkvist and Tim Blonkvist



The black-tie wedding was accented with hues of classic blush, white and green. The reception took place at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, where 450 guests joined in celebration of the newlywed couple. Crystal Frasier Weddings coordinated the event and Junior at Garden Gate Floral provided the floral design. Guests dined at stations; Panini in Dallas made the bride's cake, and the groom's cake was designed by Fancy Cakes by Lauren. The groom's cake was the marquee sign of the bar where the groom performed in college—and the place the couple first met.



The Taylor Pace Orchestra had guests dancing all night long, and the groom even performed three songs with them: *Play That Funky Music*, *You Shook Me All Night Long*, and of course, *Sweet Home Alabama*. Rob ended his hit performance with a stage dive into a crowd of adoring friends and family—a memory he will never forget.



The couple made sure to incorporate a part of San Antonio into the festivities, since they were packing in Dallas to soon call San Antonio their forever home. Their final Cavender send-off was in true Alamo City fashion: with maracas, sombreros, a mariachi band, and a taco food truck enjoyed by all.



Fin Ewing, Billy and Katie Cavender, Gail Ewing and Allyson Cavender

They honeymooned at The Brando Resort and The St. Regis Bora Bora, and now reside in Alamo Heights in San Antonio. Rob is employed with the family business Cavender Cadillac and Paige is a speech pathologist. They have extensive travel plans for the future and can't wait to continue conquering the world together. **S**



Rob Cavender performing with the band



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and Kyle Ferrari Exchange
Beachside Vows In Bermuda

By Rob Giardinelli Photography by Renata Bueche





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SAN ANTONIO RESIDENTS KYLE J. Ferari, son of Lauren and Kevin Balliet, and Henry R Muñoz III, son of the late Henry “The Fox” Muñoz, Jr. and Elida Molina Muñoz, recently wed on the island of Bermuda. The beachside wedding weekend was a festive one filled with over 200 friends and family members who flew to the island for the nuptials.

The couple first met two years ago, initially drawn together by their mutual love of animals, which they realized due to the striking resemblance of each of their terriers. As their courtship developed, on February 15, 2016 Henry proposed to Kyle atop the Empire State Building in Manhattan. The city is a favorite spot of the couple as their respective families enjoy spending Thanksgiving together there.

The weekend began with a welcome dinner at Bermuda’s oldest restaurant, Tom Moore’s Tavern. The couple greeted their guests, arriving at the 400-year-old tavern by powerboat. Family and friends of the duo took over the whole establishment bringing a strong feeling of camaraderie that perfectly set the tone for the entire weekend.

The hub for the destination weekend was the Hamilton Princess Hotel where all of the guests stayed for the weekend, enjoying the incredible amenities and services of this harbor side oasis. The Southampton beach at the five-star resort was the setting for a stunning rehearsal dinner which dazzled guests with the creation of a single Continental-style table for 200 along the beach. It created an unforgettable backdrop for the event. The elegant three course dinner was prepared by the hotel chef and his culinary team.

The early evening wedding ceremony took place at Frick’s Point Beach, a magical setting with waves crashing against the boulders in the water. The



Kyle Ferari, Steve Tyrell and Henry Muñoz



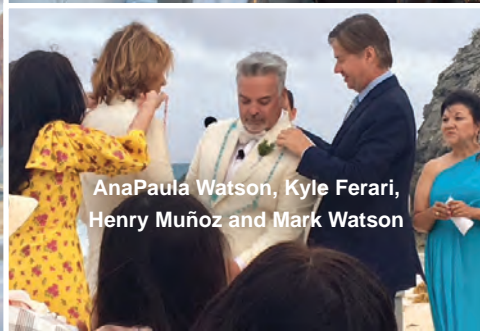
Tony and Allison Johnson



Cliff Bueche, Mike Bueche and Melanie Griffith



Jacqui and Ryan Bueche



AnaPaula Watson, Kyle Ferari, Henry Muñoz and Mark Watson



Tom Moore's Tavern



Kyle Ferari-Munoz and Henry Munoz



Elle Bueche and Rome Ferari



Tom Moore's Tavern

grooms wore matching custom white Tom Ford suits that were the perfect compliment to the color theme of the wedding, which consisted of Bermudian blue, pink and yellow pastels. Instead of placing seats in traditional rows, the grooms opted for an Amor Eternal Triangle layout in honor two legendary things: the grooms' commitment to one another and the Bermuda Triangle. The wedding ceremony itself was partially officiated by film star Melanie Griffith, who shared with the crowd the fairy tale story of how Henry and Kyle met.

The reception, held at The World Heritage Center in St. Georges featured a five-star buffet-style meal by Chef Jason Dady, who flew in from San Antonio with his team, to work his magic. The menu consisted of an exquisite combination of Texas Barbecue and local Bermudian cuisines. The reception featured a series of top-flight musical talent and performers including Steve Tyrell, who created the music for *Father of the Bride*, followed by DJ Jarvis. For the final act of the weekend, Henry provided Kyle with an incredible surprise as one of his musical idols, MTV VJ Downtown Julie Brown spun tunes deep into the night. Guests danced into the wee hours of the morning, closing down the celebration, as the last bus left at 4:30 am.

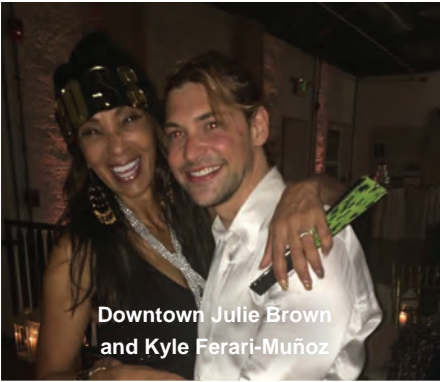
As for the honeymoon, that is still to come. Henry is currently planning a surprise trip for Kyle that they will be taking in the near future. The couple resides in San Antonio, New York City and Washington, DC. Henry is the CEO of Muñoz and Company in San Antonio and was elected to be the National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee and Kyle serves as a board member of the Latino Victory Project. **S**



Ariana Gonzales, Talula Gonzales, Meredith Jones and Emily Bueche



Debra Guerrero, Michael Cortez and Melissa Pulido



Downtown Julie Brown and Kyle Ferari-Munoz



Don Cohick, Kyle Ferari, Lauren Balliet, Lisa Cohick and Paige Cohick



Mily de Molina, Kyle Ferari, Raul de Molina "El Gordo" and Henry Munoz



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Brittany Franklin And Brian Shimansky
Wed In Dripping Springs

By Eleanora Leeper Morrison Photography by The Bird & The Bear



Brittany Franklin Shimansky
and Susan Franklin

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Brooke Franklin, Brittany Franklin,
Susan Franklin and Brianna Franklin

Brittany Franklin Shimansky
and Aubra Franklin



Brittany Franklin

IT WAS A BIG APPLE ROMANCE straight from the movies for these two adventure-seeking souls with suburban roots who crossed paths in the Manhattan metropolis. After six and a half years of courtship, ballerina and boutique fitness instructor Brittany Franklin of San Antonio, daughter of Susan and Aubra Franklin, found her forever love in international male model Brian Shimansky of West Caldwell, New Jersey, son of Diane and John Shimansky Jr. They tied the knot in Dripping Springs, Texas.

With a love that blossomed around a passion for the outdoors and a mutual spirit of discovery, it seemed only fitting that the couple selected the rustically elegant Camp Lucy as the venue for their big day. The ceremony took place on the property in the restored Ian's Chapel. The bride was accompanied by her seven attendants with her two younger sisters Brianna and Brooke Franklin as her Maids of Honor, followed by Ashley Rutkowski, Kate Bowers, Lauren Reinhertz, Leah Clark and Gina Fulg-

initi. The groom was accompanied by his eight attendants: his two brothers, John and Scott Shimansky were his Best Men, followed by Robert Alex, Christian Anderson, Andrew Brown, John DeRosa III, Brett Franklin and Travis Schwamb. Donald Braswell, a family friend of the Franklin's and an *America's Got Talent* finalist, sang for both the processional of the families and the couple's communion during the nuptials.

The bride and groom's love of rustic elements inspired the coloration and floral themes of the evening. Hues of blush, pops of burgundy, shades of blue and free-flowing greenery were all used to convey a sense of wild sophistication amidst the strength of the venue's wooden beams, floor, and iron chandeliers. The florals were designed by Whim Florals, while Lynn Huntress and Ernesto Bustamante helmed the event coordination.

The reception began with a cocktail hour in the open pavilion at Ian's Chapel with a jazz quartet followed by dinner and dancing in



Events Hall at Ian's Chapel



Nef Belt and Vivienne Bathie



John Shimansky Jr., Brittany Franklin Shimansky, Brian Shimansky and Diane Shimansky

The Events Hall. The programmed reception for 120 guests included a seated dinner, entertaining toasts and stage-ready first dances that included a Foxtrot to Michael Buble's *Feeling Good*, choreographed by Danielle Quisenberry and performed by the newlyweds Brittany and Brian Shimansky. The father-daughter Viennese waltz to *Daddy's Girl* was choreographed by Holly Simkaitis and performed by Aubra Franklin and Brittany Shimansky.

The bridal couple designed the sweetheart table upon which they shared their first meal, and the groom handcrafted it. The table was constructed of single slabs of black walnut wood from northern New Jersey and rested on vintage, industrial iron legs stamped *New York, NY*. Brian built the table at the Irvington Boat Club in Irvington, New York, and the final coats of wax were applied in San Antonio.

Cakes by Cathy Young in San Antonio made both the bride's and groom's cakes and each rested on

top of cherry wood stands that were made by the groom to compliment and support their design. Friends and family danced the night away to the sounds of *Blind Date* from Austin, and then saw the couple out as guests tossed white rose petals and offered well-wishes for their greatest adventure of all: their happily ever after.

The bride, who graduated from Baruch College in New York City, where she studied Business Management and Entrepreneurship, is an instructor and the northeast regional manager for Flybarre. The groom is currently the face of *Versace Eros & Eros Pour Femme* fragrances as a model. He also designs and builds custom furniture inspired by both his New England surroundings and the interiors he encounters around the world on his modeling jobs. His work can be seen at ShimanskyDesign.com. The couple honeymooned in Portugal, and are currently on an open-ended tour of Europe for Brian's modeling career. Upon returning from their travel abroad, the couple will reside in Austin. **S**



The Groomsmen



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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Artpace Gala Honors Cultural Dignitaries

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Greg Harrison



Illa Gaunt, Nick Adaire and Alice Johnson



Alexa Person and Trudy Madan



Anna Montemayor, Jessica Worth and Lindsey Guenther

THE SCENE:

The Happening, a gala attended by some of the most active art collectors in Central and South Texas, was again Artpace's signature event—and this year, it also marked the organization's 22nd anniversary. The evening's theme celebrated contemporary art of Mexico City with a Texas flair. Patrons celebrated Artpace under the stars on Main Avenue in downtown San Antonio with a night of dinner and dancing in the street.



Alice Welder, Alexa Brundage and Will Gaunt



Anna Wulfe and Richard Aste



Robert Trevino and Veronique LeMelle



Juan and Patricia Ruiz-Healy



Janet and Gary Sweeney



Dr. Vivian Bucay and Susan Franklin



Natalie Steen, Bebe Clement and Erin Berry



Taylor Bates and Katherine Connor



Kyle Ferari-Munoz and Henry Munoz



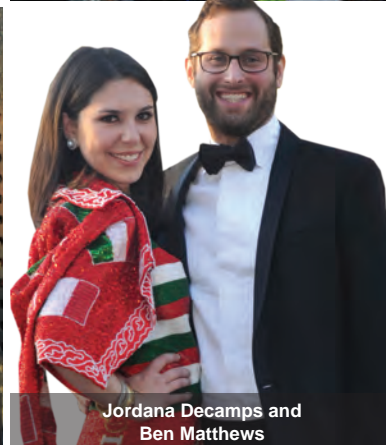
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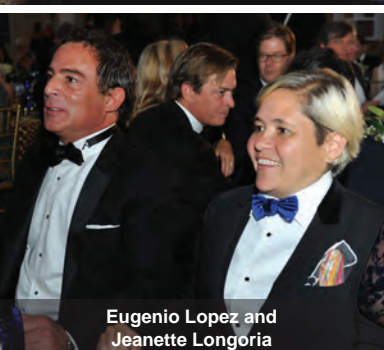
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Elizabeth Leyendecker, Peter Greenblum, Epitacio Resendez and Hunter Henke



Eugenio Lopez and Jeanette Longoria



Connie McNab and Alice Foults



Jim Foster and Guillermo Nicolas



David Dunham, Joseph Fitzsimons and Alston Beinhorn



Patti Ruiz-Healy and Pam Wagner

THE VIBE:

Co-Chairs Patricia and Juan Ruiz-Healy, along with their host committee, set the artful vibe as guests were welcomed to the evening's cocktail hour. The evening's honorees, Eugenio López Alonso, President and Founder of Fundación Jumex Arte Contemporáneo, and distinguished scholar Carla Stellweg were honored for their talents representing the long, rich history of artists and architects from Mexico. The event also highlighted the esteemed contemporary artists who have passed through Artpace's programs. The organization plays a role in the community as a dynamic, contemporary cultural arts space where varied perspectives and issues are explored through visual arts, film, music, and performance. The culturally vibrant evening was capped with a Rooftop After Party where guests danced the night away.

THE CAUSE:

In addition to serving as one of the season's hottest tickets in town, The Happening also raised funds for Artpace, a renowned contemporary art space located in downtown San Antonio, Texas, with residencies, exhibitions, and education programs that nurture the freedom to dream. Artpace supports the creative process and engages audiences with the most innovative art and artists from around the world. **S**

ARRIVAL: DALLAS



Alanna Smith



Anne Banks Blackwell, Elizabeth Cornelius and Jennifer Hemington

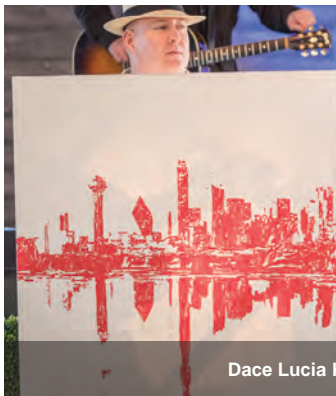


Cary Pierce performs

HORSE SENSE

36th Annual Equest Gala Raises Funds For Equine Therapies

By *Jason Rivers* | Photography by *Thomas Garza Photography*



Dace Lucia Kidd



Kathy and Jeremy Fielder

THE SCENE:

Finely dressed in their equestrian best, 450 guests arrived at the magnificent Equest barns and arena at Texas Horse Park for the 36th annual Equest Gala. Ray Johnston performed an acoustic set during the reception, providing a perfect soundtrack for the cool spring day. Guests sipped on signature “Field of Dreams” margaritas and sampled the Bourbon and Biscuits Bar, guests cozied up with the lipstick-wearing Equest Mini Ambassadors Cisco and Dare at the Mini Kissing Booth. Just as festive was the Tequila with Taco station where delighted guests enjoyed Milagro tequila and a photo with Equest’s famous donkey, Taco. One of the best parts of the night was seeing the proud smiles worn by the Equest riders during Horse and Rider demonstrations.



Kelly Howard, Blair Dwyer and Elizabeth Schwartz



Phyllis Comu and Susan Schwartz



Jessica Dobbins



Jocelyn White and Jody Dean



Darin and Margot Ruebel



Joe Lucido and Jeff Hensley



Bill and Lezlie Noble, Reed and Monique Williams & Kimberly and Kyle Thomas



Sara Wilkins, Brit Harless, Gretchen Darby and Abra Garrett





THE VIBE:

Guests enjoyed a family-style southern gourmet dinner from Farm to Market Catering, while Emcees Jocelyn White of *Designing Texas* and Jody Dean of KLUV 98.7 FM introduced Equest CEO Lili Kellogg, and Equest Chairman of the Board Andy Steingasser, among other distinguished members of the community.

A compelling video touched charitable hearts before the start of the live auction, where generous donors raised funds to sponsor five Equest therapy horses. Other guests bid on stellar live auction items including a four-night vacation in Breckenridge, a Napa Valley Getaway, a live painting by Dace Lucia Kidd, and a Belize Dream at the Las Terrazas Resort. Guests also had the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind silent auction items, and purchase a key for \$100 that the lucky winner could use to unlock a \$2,500 Neiman Marcus gift card.

An equestrian chic gala would not be considered a success without two-stepping. Dancers from Arthur Murray Dance Studio opened the dance floor, quickly followed by guests who terpsichored to the musical lead of Cary Pierce, and surprise musical guests Crystal Yates and Jon Christopher Davis.

THE CAUSE:

Co-Chairs Kathy and Jeremy Fielder helmed this year's Equest Gala, along with the gala committee and event planner Katy Sky Group, toward its success. Founded in 1981, Equest provides equine facilitated activities, therapies and counseling to children and adults with physical, cognitive, sensory, coping and learning disabilities and veterans with adjustment challenges. With the help of 45 therapy horses, a staff of specialists, and 400 volunteers, Equest serves over 1,200 clients annually. **S**



Doris Stark and Meredith Bach



JoJo White and Rhonda Kevlin



Linda Robinson and Denise Galetta



Mimi and Rich Sterling



Mitty Mohon and Stephanie Meyers



Lili Kellogg, Jean Wilson, Skip Haislip, Gail and Jonathan Pace



Patrick and Kristy Sands



Ray Johnston



Clay Morris and Stefanie Klautd



Michele Ritter, Leon Wellons and Andy Steingasser



Norma Jean Schaltenbrand, Nancy Henger, Ana Rodriguez and Carolyn Anderson



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Greg Giacona and
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Ernie Manouse and
Walt Zippran

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LeNôtre Culinary Institute Gala's *Champagne & Chocolat*

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Kim Coffman

THE SCENE:

Over 200 of Houston's philanthropic leaders gathered for a Valentine's Day evening of giving at the River Oaks Country Club to support the culinary arts at this year's Champagne & Chocolate Gala to support the Gaston LeNôtre Scholarship Fund. The evening was a cocktail red-tie Parisian-themed affair filled with elegance, romance and philanthropy; featuring a champagne reception, epicurean dinner, the French Can-Can Show, and a dessert buffet of endless petit-fours. Party guests enjoyed more than 1,000 chocolates, 500 macarons, 400 pastries, and 25 dancers-and-heart centerpieces made out of delicate pastillage.



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Ellie and Michael Francisco



Anne and John Mendelsohn



Kelli Cohen Fein, Margaret Alkek Williams
and Mary Ann McKeithan



Signature Chefs



THE VIBE:

Guests were wined and dined, then danced the night away to live music performed by Bubba and Greg and enthusiastically participated in the live and silent auction. Margaret Alkek Williams received the 2017 Gaston LeNôtre Scholarship Ambassador Award for her exemplary philanthropic leadership and outstanding contributions to the scholarship fund which Marie LeNôtre founded and serves as president.

THE CAUSE:

The powerhouse gala committee included Honorary Chairs Anne and John Mendelsohn, Co-Chairs Kelli Cohen Fein and Mary Ann McKeithan. The 2017 Champagne & Chocolat Gala rose close to \$250,000 for deserving culinary arts students through the Gaston LeNôtre Scholarship Foundation. Since 2001, the Gaston LeNôtre Scholarship, a non-profit organization, has awarded close to \$1 million in tuition scholarships to support high quality education in the culinary arts and to assist students in securing a rewarding career in the hospitality industry. **S**



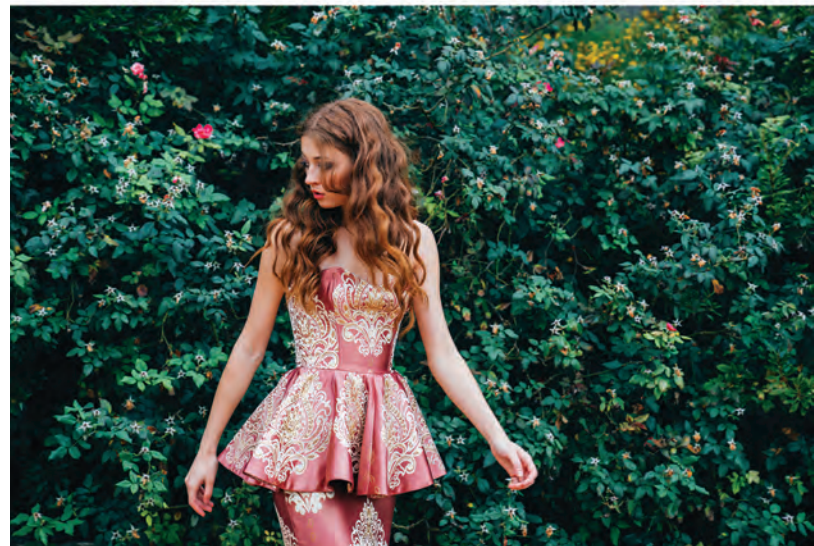
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Shannon and Trey Owen

WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE?

Wonders & Worries Gala Shatters Fundraising Record

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Blake and Christine Williams & Rod Barbers



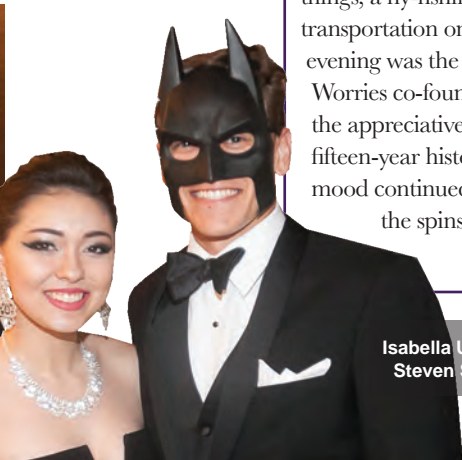
Brent and Shelly Metschan



David and Shelly Bain



Duane and Meredith Cooper



Isabella Unite and Steven Szostak

THE SCENE:

The JW Marriott in downtown Austin was the setting for Wonders & Worries' third annual *Unmasked* Masquerade ball. Over 400 sociables turned out for an evening that also unmasked a new fundraising record and included a special surprise tribute.

THE VIBE:

As guests entered to the ballroom foyer, they were treated to displays of fun and festive masks from around the world – from the locales of Austin to the mecca of the masquerade, Venice. The crowd socialized as they previewed the live auction items, and bid on the silent auction until the time came to enter the ballroom for the main event.

Rod Barbers emceed the evening with effortless charm. While partygoers dined on the delicious cuisine, the lively program unfolded. The program included a video of Reese Bain, daughter of the event chairs, who delivered a personal message on how Wonders & Worries helped her through a difficult time. The festivities continued as Heath Hale led the spirited live auction that featured, among other things, a fly-fishing trip to Colorado complete with transportation on a private jet. The highlight of the evening was the surprise video tribute to Wonders & Worries co-founder Meredith Cooper, who thanked the appreciative crowd for all their support over the fifteen-year history of the organization. The festive mood continued as guests danced the night away to the spins of DJ Gatsby.



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THE CAUSE:

The third annual event, chaired by Shelly and David Bain, raised a record \$460,000 for Wonders & Worries, which provides support to children age 2-18 whose parent is suffering a serious illness. Since its inception in 2001, over 6,500 children have received assistance from the organization. **S**



Bobby Dillard, Justin and Ashley Hartley & Kelly and Phil Dixon



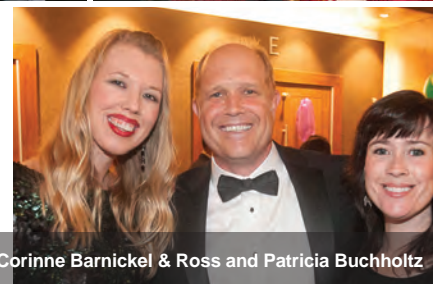
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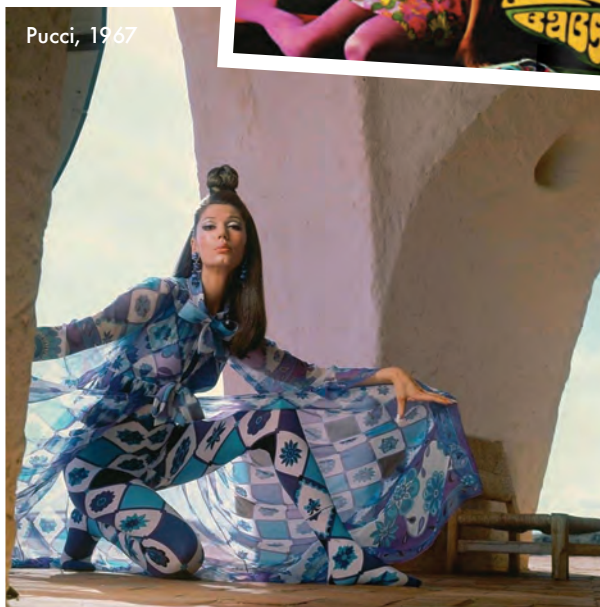
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