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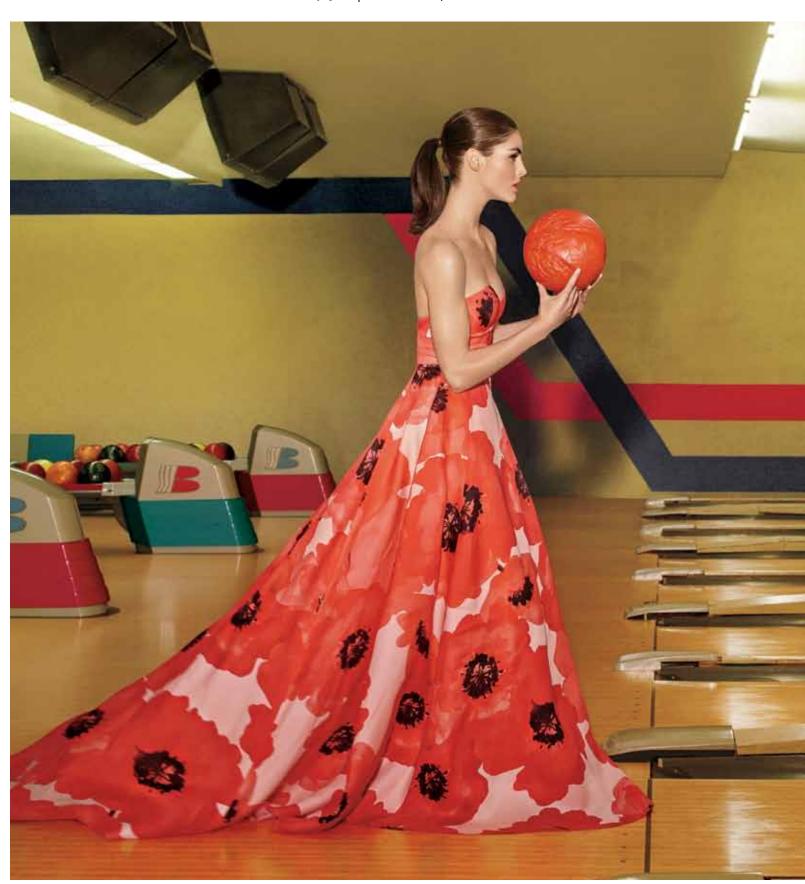


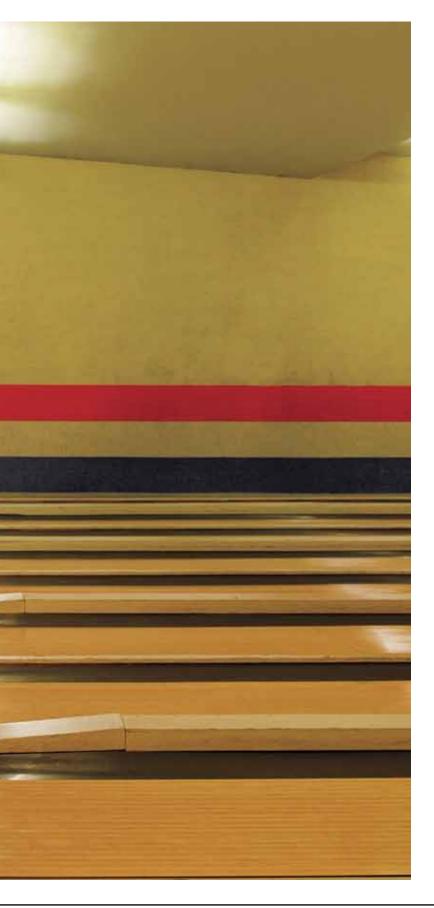




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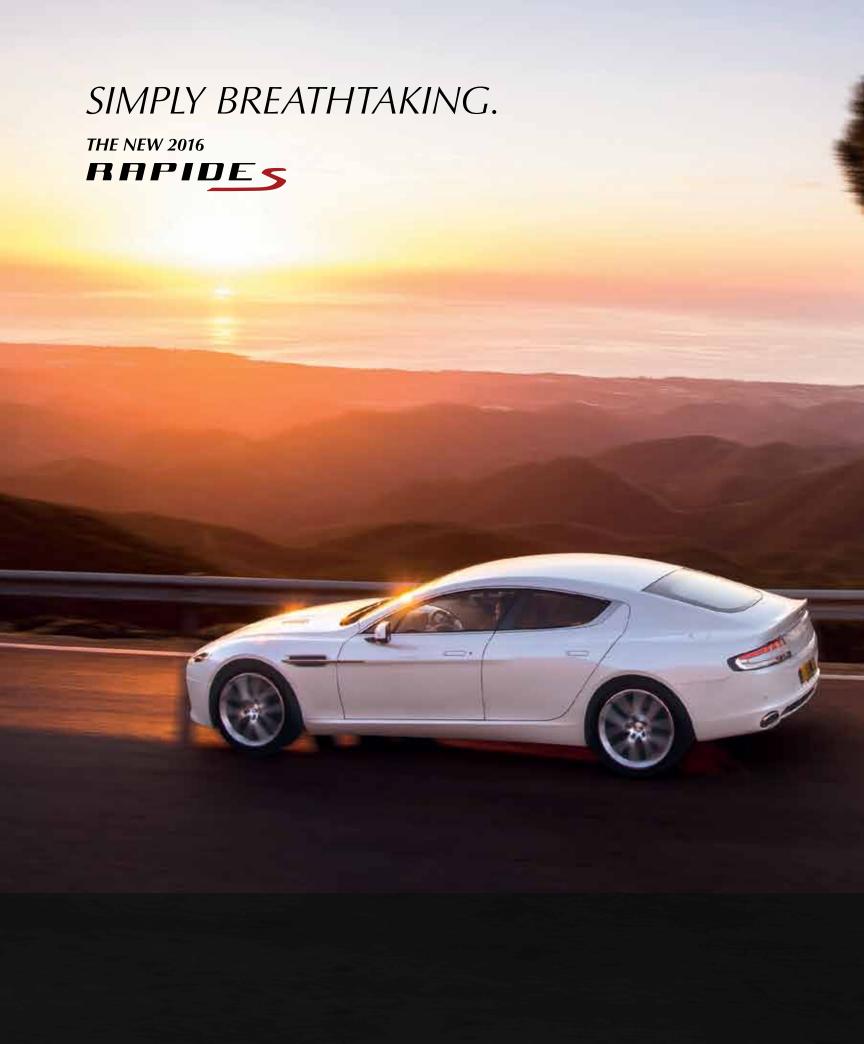
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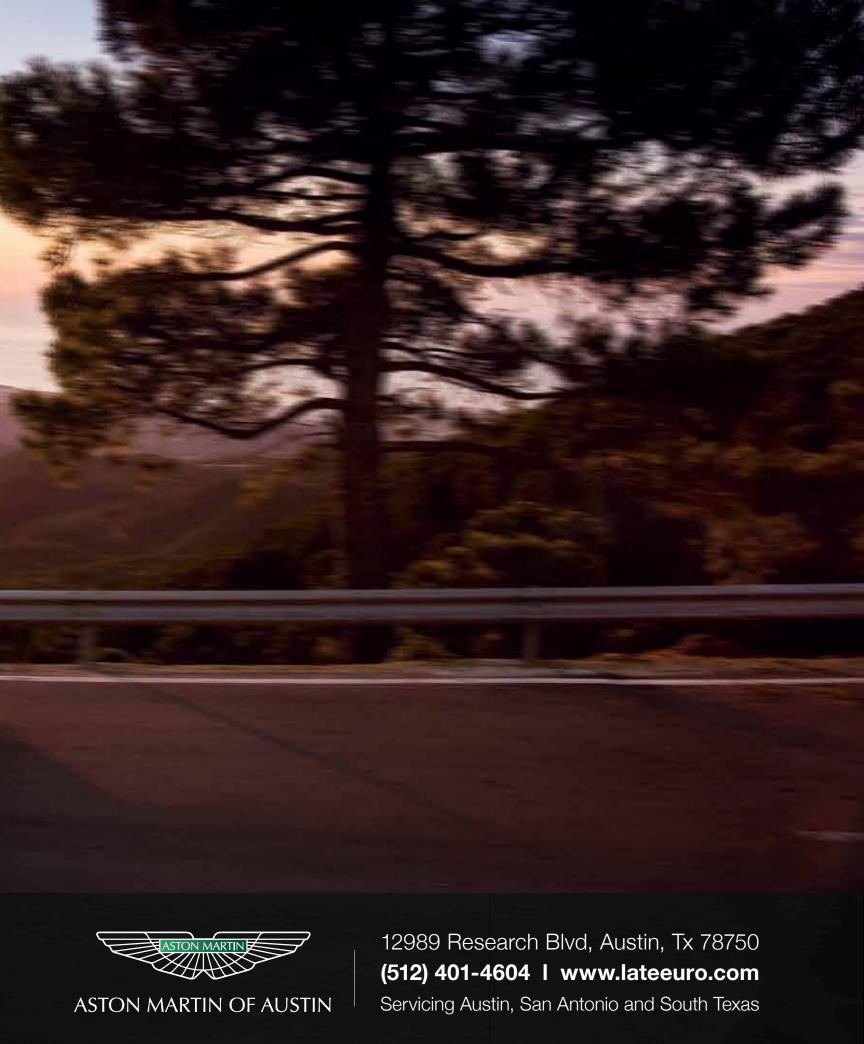
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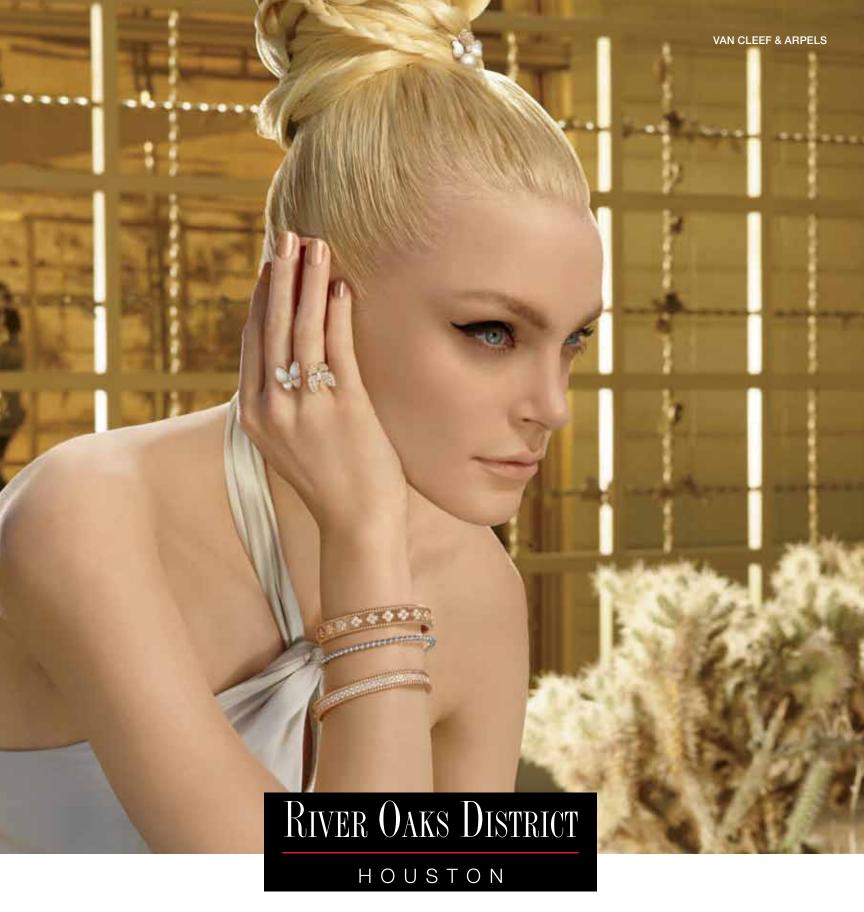
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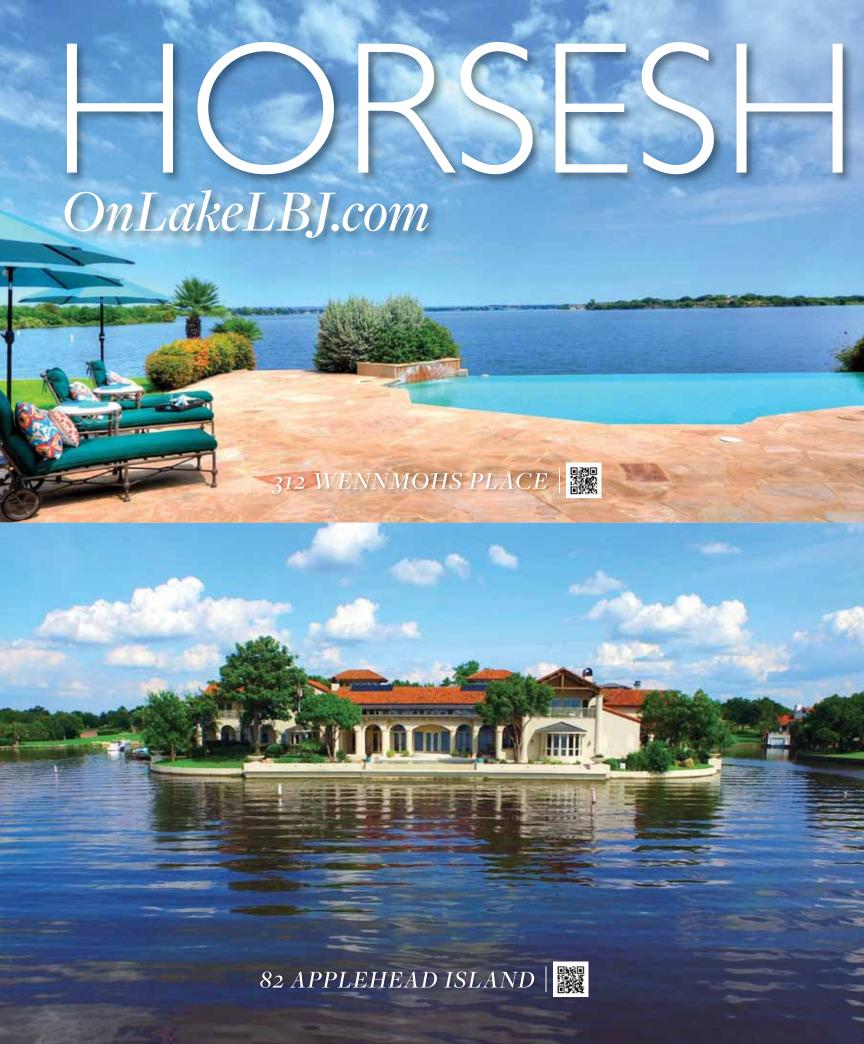


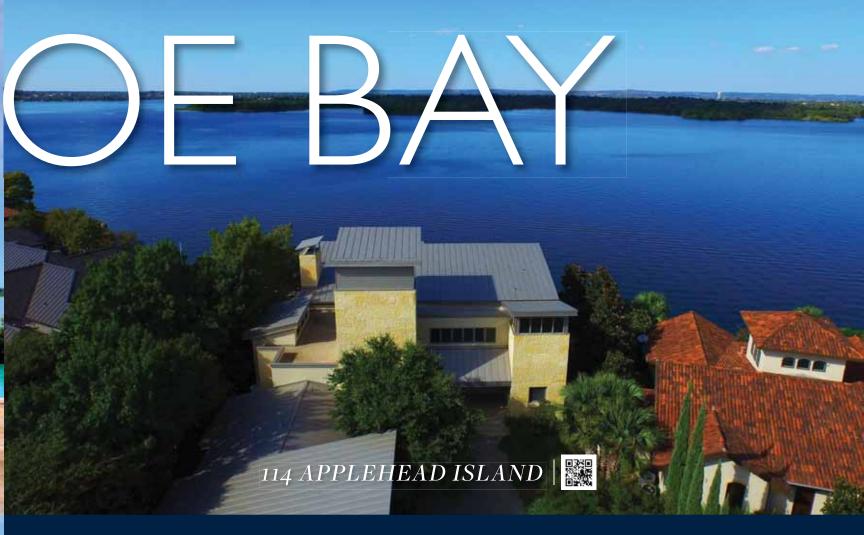












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Sometime in the year 2025, the United States will face a shortage of between 46,000 – 90,000 physicians, according to a 2015 study conducted for the Association of American Medical Colleges. This shortage poses risks to patients and is increasingly burdensome to doctors who are simultaneously challenged with more time spent documenting care within electronic health records and the increasing need to extend their normal patient load.

Yes, Americans visit doctors often. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated numbers in 2014 to show the percentage of adults who had contact with a health care professional to be 82.1 percent, while the number of children in contact with a health care professional was slightly higher at 92.8 percent. All counted, the number of visits to physician offices, hospital outpatient and emergency departments grew to 1.2 billion.

As a result, hospitals and medical groups are struggling to maintain their doctor-patient ratios in order to provide their same benchmark level of healthcare services. For those providers who find themselves in such a shortage, San Antonio-based General Healthcare Group has been able to fill the gaps by providing physician staff where it is needed. Unlike many other companies in the same industry, General Healthcare Group not only maintains adequate staffing levels for ERs and clinics, it specializes in analysis, logistics, and the implementation of strategies that the company designs, for each of its clients, to reduce costs and unnecessary delays with a focus on patient flow and satisfaction, risk management, and overall patient outcome in order to maximize reimbursement for hospitals and clinics.

ER administrators are turning to healthcare companies like General Healthcare Group more and more for help. "We are seeing an increase in clinic and emergency room visits not only in the U.S. but in other countries as well. In England for example, visits to hospital emergency departments have increased by twenty percent since 2007. Many patients there attend ERs because they are unable to access primary care services. This problem seems to resonate across the globe as

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many Americans site the same problem as the reason they are given to using the ER as a place for primary care," explained Michele Walsh, President of General Healthcare Group.

For Americans, this may be due, in part to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). While the need for more chronic and preventative care treatment from primary care physicians has increased, the reliance on emergency physicians for care has also risen under the ACA. According to a May 4, 2015 report from a recent physician poll conducted by the American College of Emergency Physicians, emergency visits are increasing and they have been on an upward trend, notably since the Affordable Care Act took place. Although the number of urgent care centers, retail clinics and telephone triage lines have blossomed, the reliance on emergency care remains strong and has either increased or remained steady. This is contrary to what policy makers had hoped - that Medicaid patients would be driven away from ERs and into a primary care setting. The reality is just the opposite, placing an overwhelming burden on hospitals here in the US. Companies like General Healthcare Group have become a lifeline to hospitals and clinics, aiding administrators, who oftentimes find physician gaps more common than in years past.

Walsh stated, "During a recent meeting, we [at General Healthcare Group] convened to discuss population- based analytical data of patients from the U.S. and other countries for the last three years. After comparing the numbers across several indices we unanimously arrived at several conclusions. One of those being that our worldwide population is growing as well as aging to a greater extent than ever

before." Walsh continued, "This variable weighs heavily on the upward trend of emergency room visits. All things considered, the number of emergency room visits will continue to surge upward. This means that we will be aggressively recruiting physicians and technicians for the foreseeable future. We will need to be ready to fill in the gaps."

When asked how General Healthcare Group differed from other companies who aid hospitals in the same way, Walsh stated, "Here at General Healthcare Group, it is not about simply turning over physicians to satisfy shifts. Our physicians and technicians are trained to provide the highest level of healthcare to patients while making efficiency paramount. Excellent healthcare service and efficiency do not have to be asynchronous. When you achieve both, everyone wins... the patients, the hospital, and the physician who is rounding. Increasing efficiency and productivity increases revenue and that allows hospitals and clinics to deliver on their mission to provide the best healthcare for their patients and to reimburse physicians competitively. When working with hospitals and clinics, large and small, we execute a plan that will put the patient first as well as achieve increased efficiency and productivity by applying principles such as economies of scale, and on-target earnings, increasing physician reimbursement when benchmarking performance against patient satisfaction and time and method criteria. With that said, the number one reason our group stands apart from others is our employees. Our family circle of physicians and technicians are the best and brightest who come to work each day because they love what they do and are eager to deliver on the General Healthcare Group commitment."

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Ah, Paris. Ah, couture. When they meet, it's a long, amorous affair of epic proportions in the City of Love. The light meets the dark and the gown becomes the focus of the evening's magic. Here, exquisitely talented European fashion photographer Cathleen Naundorf shares her career highlights in this exclusive portfolio.

Photography by Cathleen Naundorf

116. URBANE RENEWAL
With the glow of spring fashion upon us, we look back at how today's trends and chicness have been influenced by design's fashionable forefathers. Everywhere you go, there you are as we reach back to see why today's style feels so beautifully current.

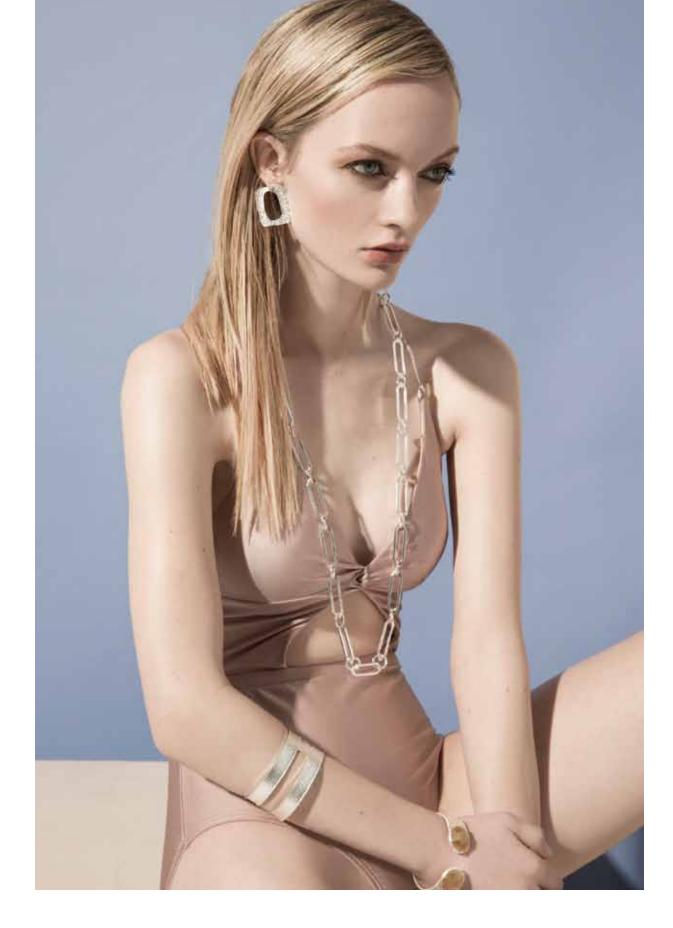
By Megan Kyle Bennett Illustrations by Megan Kyle Bennett

122. SWISS RETREAT

Amongst the high and mighty Swiss Alps on Lake Geneva is a village called Montreux. Known for its beauty and an annual jazz festival, the secret Jet Set rejuvenation getaway, Clinique La Prairie is a destination that may just be your next fountain of youth-seeking adventure.

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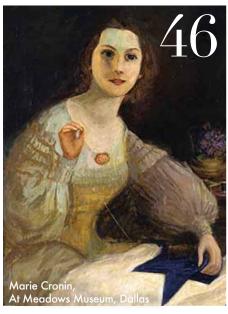
It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform. Here is a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen.

44. EDIT

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan is ready for spring, as he offers inspiration for the season's warm weather glow, and pop cultural topics that seem to prevail this time of the year.

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Want more culture? It's here, there and everywhere at some our state's finest museums in the country, according to our active arts devotee Jonathan Spindel.



50. ACQUIRE

If pink is your shade of preference, then rose quartz will charm you with its colorful array of choice product offerings this spring. In fact, our style editor Erin Busbee has selected her favorites that will look gorgeous on anyone.

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The best advice for your most dynamic spring ever? According to our Austin-based Resonance Repatterning practitioner Mary Schneider, it's all about finding balance in a new way.

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Around the world there are so many actionpacked happenings and we want to see them all. Globe-trotting Jonathan Spindel is on the scene to select the most dazzling ones you might pursue

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Our Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer shares her savvy etiquette insight about good behavior conundrums so that you always feel confident in your choices.

58. BEAUTIFY

Being beautiful is always evolving and we love bringing the newest and most exciting products and scents to you, all according to our beauty trend follower Kelsey Goldberg.

60. ATTUNE

How can you live more of your life with a rock star vibe? Singer-songstress Amy Edwards shares valuable tips on how your life can be in tune with your goals.



62. EMERGE

Meditation expert Paige Davis is on the path to help us all manage life's demands more smoothly. Just listen and be, she recommends, while creating a sense of wellness within.

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The best tomes spring has to offer are here and ready to be adored, according to bibliophile Alison Elberger.

66. CHERISH

We love all creatures great and small, and photographer Suzanne Negley does, too, as she travels the state to find the poshest pooch owners.



L.Ac., C.H. has some spring weather survival tips for how to breathe easier and better with holistically healing methods.

70. RAISE

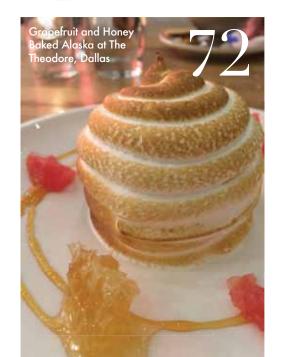
Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski, our family expert, weighs in on how effective communication is key is creating a productive family environment involving all the generations.

72. DISCOVER

Dallas, dazzling as ever, is teeming with hip happenings, style and people as our style setter Cynthia Smoot reports on the best of it.

74. PROMOTE

A fresh look at the Jet Linx and Neiman Marcus-San Antonio Children's Ballet events. Plus, we'll explore opportunities with estate expert June Hayes and explore the coast's Cinnamon Shores.





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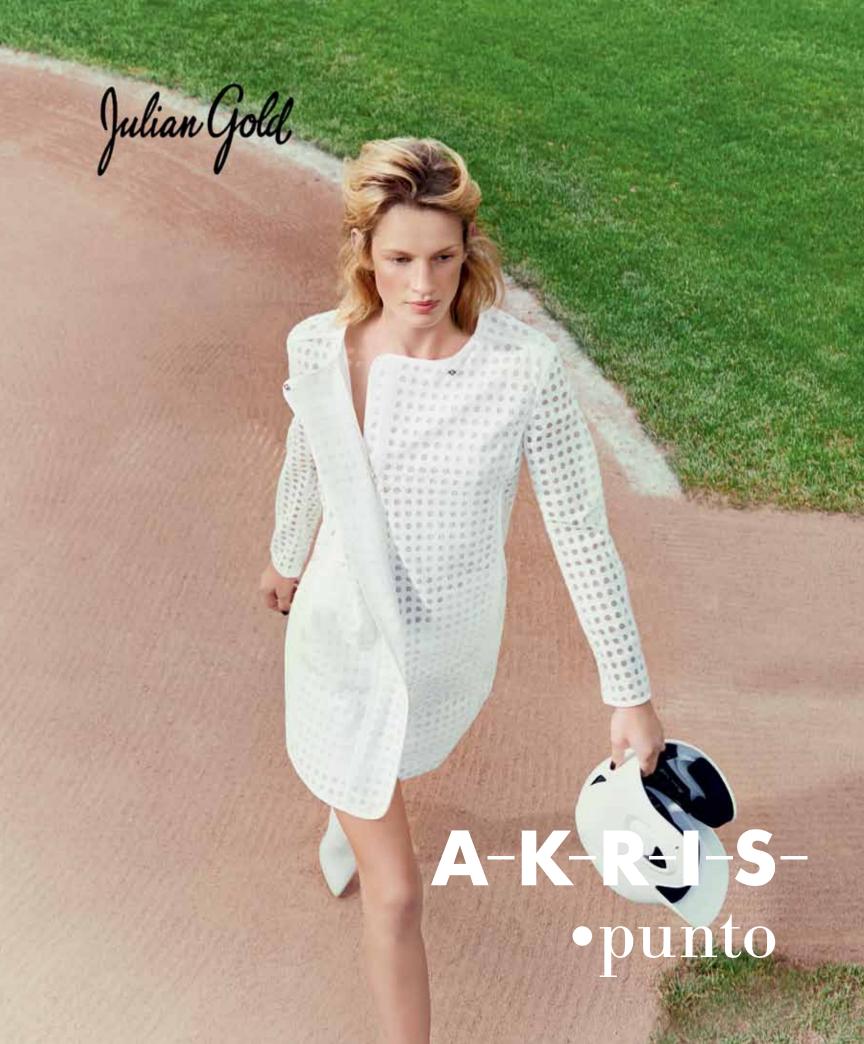
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A TUXEDO'S LIFE

HERE'S THE DEAL: GROWING UP

seeing a black tie party on television or in films was much more common than it is now. You likely remember. Darren Stevens having to change into a tuxedo, post-spell, on the way to a client dinner in Chicago; Samantha orchestrating it all with ease from their harvest and avocado-entrenched Morning Glory Circle. Then there were the James Bond movies where at least twenty percent of the flick was served up in black tie, or a white dinner jacket, while engaged with international spy ring derring do. Or, yes, often in *Dallas* and *Dynasty*, and their 80s imitators.

Don't get me started on the odd late night – or rainy Saturday afternoon old movies, way before they were deemed classic films, with Cooper or Gable clad in a monkey suit for supper out at Club Filigree on a Tuesday night. With a biased- cut bombshell on his arm, plus his from-college crony to clean up the spills that might ensue, the movie idol set the showcase of events that might possibly occur while tuxedo-clad and dancing the Marimba. Such as real life ought to be sometimes.

Women, and most men, agree that a man is at his most handsome in a tuxedo. How can he not be? He's trying. Beyond the slim business suit, the odd cashmere sweater and jeans, and whatever uniform supports a sport of choice, dressing for an occasion has become quite rare. Trot down a city sidewalk while tuxedoed and most passersby will guess a wedding is the destination. Or, a debutante ball if gathered with a gaggle of fellow formals.

Black tie occasions in real life? I, like the rest of us, have been to more than a few. Have tuxedo and passport, will travel. It's always ready and waiting for when the occasion calls for something a little bit finer. Oh, what the perfect tuxedo can do for a man and his confidence.

If a tuxedo could talk, in between breaths of a French-75-meets-Eau Savage-garnished essence, it might have plenty to share of what it's seen and done. Especially every spring...

1 handmade tuxedo purchase that replaced two that were well-worn.

4 debutante balls and an assortment of debut parties for girls who always look stunning in white. One was New Year's Event at the Waldorf for the International Debutante affair.

38 galas and counting. Two where the seating was perfect, and one where it didn't initially seem to be, but it turned out to be a life-changing experience









8 overnight trips where it was packed at the last minute because you just never know when an occasion will present itself

12 weddings, 2 with the same bride because things didn't go according to plan the first time

1 red carpet stroll at an awards ceremony for a good friend who was being honored

1 bar mitzvah where it was lost in a sea of celebration.

1 Bond, James Bond Halloween costume

1 presidential inauguration in Washington D.C.

2 business dinners with international execs who were ready to make a deal

6 philharmonic concerts

4 opera season opening night performances

1 guest appearance on a talk show where the nerves were running high

1 black tie annual auction at an alma mater

22 fundraisers, including one for Pediatric Cancer, and the other for the Children of Darfur, among other notable causes

1 dinner at "21" with potential business partners

1 best man speech at a college roommate's wedding

1 or more photo shoots for inclusion in this magazine

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THE ARTS COME ALIVE

For lovers of theatre, art and music, spring is the season to be out and about. Our ardent art appreciator Jonathan Spindel leads the way to the most unique experiences

AUSTIN



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BETWEEN PARIS AND TEXAS

An aspiring artist raised in East Texas, Marie Cronin honed her brush in Paris before returning to paint Texas statesmen and dignitaries in the style of the Belle Époque. On view until June 5. At Meadows-MuseumDallas.org



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Frank Stella's famously minimalist paintings are colorful, dynamic, and quite impressive to behold in person. April 17 – September 18. At TheModern.org



MASTERS OF LIGHT

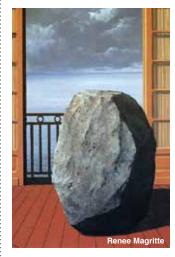
The greatest of the Dutch Masters left behind only 34 paintings, and now you can see his masterwork in Dallas. His nigh photographic brushwork is astounding. On view until August 21. At DMA.org

HOUSTON



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See the elegance and opulence of the 19th century, as captured by the most renowned portraitist of his time. Featuring selected clothing pieces by sought-after fashion designer Charles Frederick Worth. Apr 17 - Aug 14. At MFAH.org



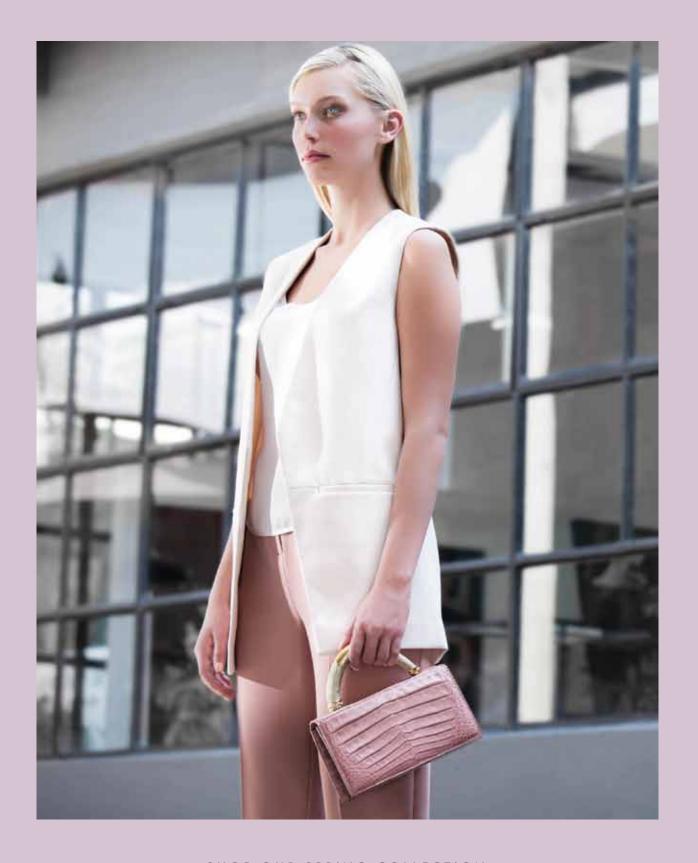
LIFE'S BUT A DREAM

View a rare collection of pieces by the 20th century's renowned surrealists, including artifacts from the artists' own collections. On view until June 19. At Menil.org



SCULPTED IN STEEL

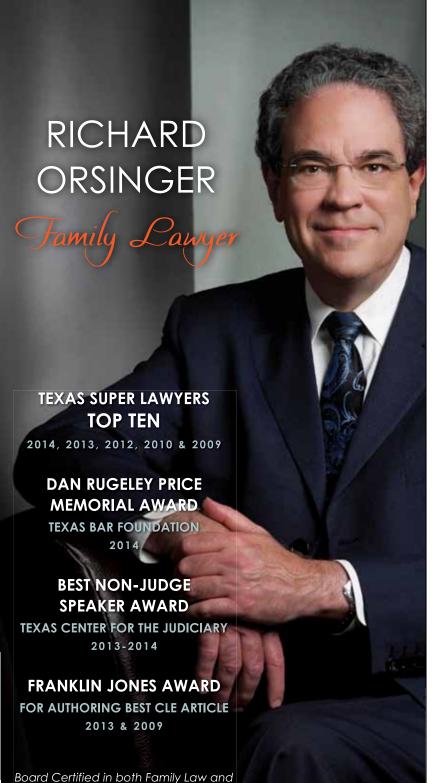
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TIME TO WEAR PINK

The pink façade of this Michele watch makes it a standout. I also love the versatile, mixed metal band. \$1,395. Availability and photo courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue



WALK ON YOUR WILD SIDE

This python, pleated "Josephine" clutch with a pink and green quartz, clasp bar is elegant and versatile by Baird & Baird. The neutral shade will work well with so many of your looks this spring. \$2,450. Availability and photo courtesy of Bairdandbairdonline.com



The 90's favorite, the slip dress, is making a major comeback. Try pairing an overtly sexy slip dress, like this one by Alexander Wang, with moto boots, or sneakers to add some edge to your look.

Photo courtesy of Style.com



and beads this season? Here in Wolf's large Palermo jewel box. \$449. Photo and image courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue.

TREASURE TROVE

BLUSHING BRIDE

A fashion-forward bride will consider making a statement in a blush gown instead of bright white one. I like how this romantic dress covered in pink rose by Olivi's has sleeves and a contrasting sexy, plunging neckline. \$3600. Availability and photo courtesy of The Garden Room









GIVE IT THE COLD SHOULDER

The newest iteration of the off-shoulder trend, the exposed shoulder. Look for dresses and tops echoing this halterneckline, ruffled piece by Alexander McQueen. \$7,765. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus



FLORALLY FASHION

Floral prints will continue to be on trend this spring. This lovely Carolina Herrera floral, jacquard dress will be ideal for your upcoming daytime events. \$1,990. Availability and photo courtesy of Tootsies



PEEK-A-BOO

This "Kalamata" silk blouse by Rebecca Minkoff is the perfect piece to buy to test out the exposed shoulder trend. \$198. Availability and photo courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue



PLEATED PERFECTION

Carolina Herrera is just one of many designers who featured rose quartz and floral in their spring ready-to-wear collections, like in this two piece gown. Price upon request at Julian Gold.



IN THE HAUTE SEAT

Add a touch of romance to your living space or bedroom with the velvet tufted, extra wide, "Pantages" chair by Haute House. \$1,874. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus



YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED

One of the trends in eyewear this spring, round frames, like these 70's-inspired golden metal frames with pink lenses by Ray Ban. \$170. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus



POP OF PINK

Sometimes all you need is just one piece. This throw pillow adds a subtle, but impactful pop of pink to this neutral palette. Price upon request. Availability and photo courtesy of Stowers Furniture



LACED UP & READY

THE NEW BALANCE

Giving and taking is an age-old balance. When that balance is not in sync, discord can happen in any relationship. Here Austin-based Resonance Repatterning Practitioner, Mary Schneider shares insight on how you can create greater personal growth with more balance

GIVE AND TAKE

In any type of system, whether in your family or your workplace, there is always some kind of exchange. People give and take, and as long as this transaction continues the relationship is present. At work, the exchange is simple: people put their hours in and they are remunerated with a paycheck. Yet in personal relationships, the basic guidelines of exchange may not be so clear; in fact, in my practice I have observed many people are unaware of them altogether.

Generally there are two types of people in these transactions – those who give and those who take. It is a rare situation where this is in balance. Much of the time, people who give have no sense of when to stop giving. Those who take do not know when to stop taking. In either case, neither one is better than the other. Oftentimes we prefer to give more because it makes us looks or feel better, but this is simply a misunderstanding.

CREATING BALANCE

Visualize, for example, a friend who invites you for dinner. Then let us say that you show up at the appointed time and the friend never appears. Naturally we would have a concern for their safety. We attribute the missed meeting as a thoughtless oversight, so our reaction is to just let it go. However, unconditional forgiveness may be a recipe for building resentment, especially if we are unable express our feelings. We may end up annoyed, angry or feeling passive aggressive, and it is we who must suffer those negative feelings.

Resentment is similar to anger except that where anger is fiery like a flame, resentment is like the smoke that smolders underneath, in the manner of a stealth bomber creating disharmony. Who would want to be around all that smoke? The best solution in this case is to balance the situation. To resolve it, the next time the thoughtless friend calls, you don't have to take the call. Creating personal space for yourself is a reasonable component of self-care. Otherwise, you can go ahead and set a make-up dinner date – but tell your companion that you felt hurt when you got stood up last time, yet you're nevertheless looking forward to sharing time with your friend. In any case, it's up to you to ascertain when to set a boundary and when not to; this is the key to becoming more confident and secure in the world.

Another scenario occurs where the takers are never given a chance to give. As a result, they can never achieve balance and the situation is always uncomfortable. This gets murky in intimate relationships where one of the

partners always gives and the other is forced to always take. Sometimes the giver does so in order to feel superior while the taker is forced to stay in the inferior role. What is commonly thought is that the giver is the stronger one in the relationship and the taker does not get the opportunity to experience this. This is also a recipe for resentment.

PARTNERSHIP DYNAMIC

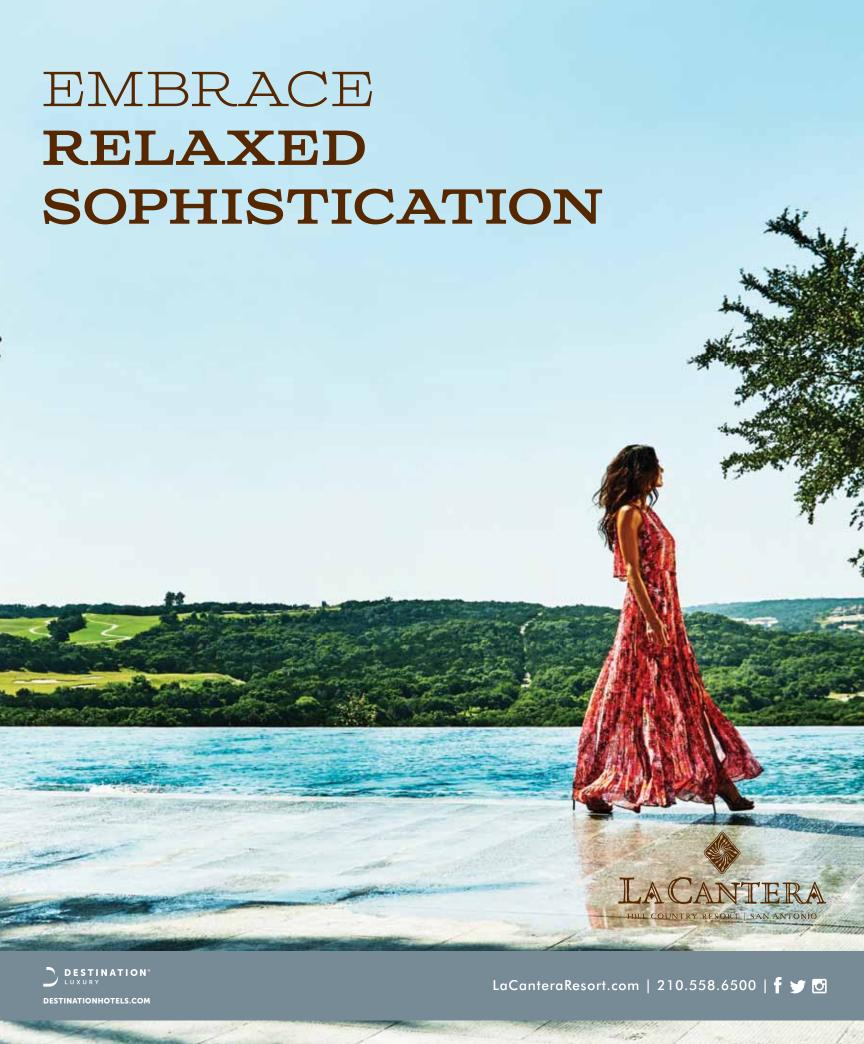
In a balanced situation, both people give and both take. Sometimes one feels vulnerable and sometimes the other does. Sometimes one partner yields and is guided, and sometimes the other does. When this happens, people feel safe and have a tendency to give more. As each partner gives more and takes more, the balance increases and so does the intimacy.

This is particularly helpful when we hurt one another. When we hurt our partner, we feel guilty. Again, this is an unbalanced situation.

One case study from a therapist is about a husband who had an affair and the couple was in therapy to determine how to handle the divorce. In the course of the therapy, they determined that they still loved one another and wanted to stay married. The husband had little hope of being able to make this up to his wife. And, this therapist had the best solution yet. The husband had to come home from work every day for a year, get on his knees and beg the wife's forgiveness. Although this sounds extreme, over the course of that year he made his way out of the doghouse permanently and back on the same level as his spouse.

How is balance regained? Should the one who was hurt, hurt back? Or, should the hurt one just forgive? Both of these are a recipe for resentment again. The best solution is one that is reached by two-way, honest, sincere communication. Perhaps the one who hurt does something for the other like taking them to dinner or getting them a massage. What's essential is not just the actions, but for both partners to empathize with each other and truly understand their counterpart's feelings. Whatever can make the situation better, and even the balance.

How can we make sure that our relationships are sources of joy and comfort as opposed to disharmony and inequality? Just having a basic awareness of these kinds of interactions is helpful and can lead to hope and increased intimacy. Even if we are not in the midst of a crisis, being aware of these interpersonal dynamics can keep us sailing the peaceful seas of our relationships.



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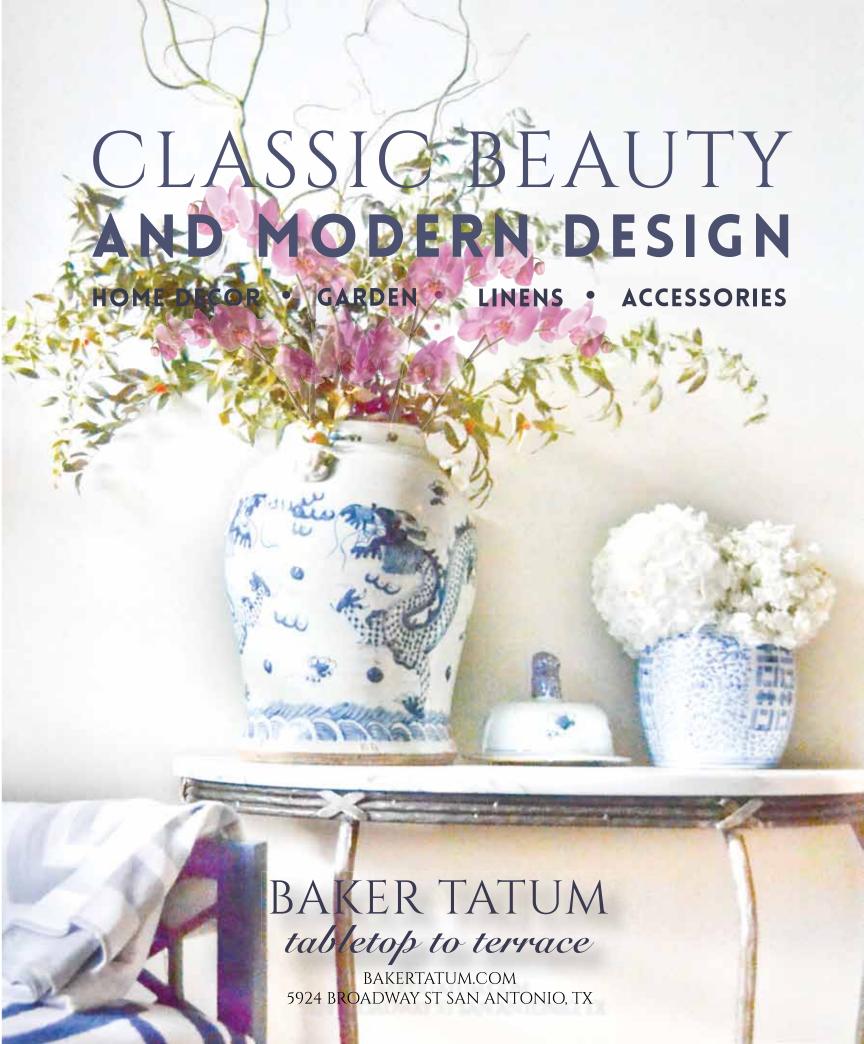
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Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

I have inherited several of my father's and grandfather's cufflink and studs sets, yet they only have three shirt studs in each set due to the style of that era's shirts. Any suggestions on how to make it work since now there are four studs required in a tuxedo shirt?

Black Tied

Dear Fit To Be Tied,

What a blessing to receive such an heirloom as an inheritance. First, determine if the fourth stud-hole may be covered by the cummerbund. Second, I suggest you purchase a three-stud shirt or a shirt with a placket covering the buttons, which will not require festooning. Third, you may wish to research on-line antique luxury auction sites in an effort to locate matching studs sets. Fourth, you may also wish to mix and match studs from the same era.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

This is a sticky one, especially as we see our political candidates doing it. How should I deal with a friend who makes offhanded racial, ethnic, or religious affiliation comments that are inappropriate?

Sensitively Speaking

Dear Sensitive and Thoughtful,

Since you know your friend best, consider one of the three options. Understand that another moment like this will likely occur, so prepare and have a response in mind beforehand. Identify the behavior by calmly asking open-ended questions such as: *Tell me what made you say that?* or *How did you develop that belief?* This usually stops the racist comments.

Another approach is to candidly point out the behavior by repeating the statement so the person hears exactly what they are stating *Billy-Bob, what I hear you saying is that all blondes are stupid* (or an inappropriate ethnic slur), or *Tf, you're classifying an entire race in a derogatory manner. Am I hearing you correctly?*

In a situation where you have a relationship, such as family, friend or colleague, appeal to their higher principles and ask, *Ginger, I have always thought of you as a fair-minded individual, so it stuns me to hear you make what sounds like such a racist comment.* You cannot control another person. But you can set limits by politely asking them to refrain from making inappropriate comments in your presence. Then follow through if needed. Lead by example and inspire others to do the same, as always.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

Since it's gala season, how do I decide between wearing a short or long gown? I think going short is more youthful. Thoughts?

Gloriously Gowned



Dear Gowned & Dangerous,

The invitation always provides the first clue when deciding *what to wear.* Yes, it is crucial to abide by the dress code after you've accepted the invitation. For black tie events, business occasions, galas and weddings, it is best to not tailor the dress code to suit your personal taste. Keep in mind that failing to show respect to the dress code, means you may not be invited. So read the invitation carefully, and wear a long gorgeous gown, darling.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

My dream of attending a fundraising ball in Europe has come true. What sort of gift do you recommend we give our hosts who are making a large donation to the organization, to thank them for this remarkable experience they are sharing with us?

All Dressed Up

Dear Dressed To The Nines,

Above all, I recommend that you understand your audience. As philanthropists they will expect the best of the best. As citizen ambassadors, it is your job to give appropriate and thoughtful items, Made in the U.S. gifts for the home from your favorite luxury store are always elegant. If your hosts enjoy spirits, be sure to bring a U.S. brand that they will recognize and appreciate, from a black, blue, red or gold label.



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SPRING'S AWAKENING

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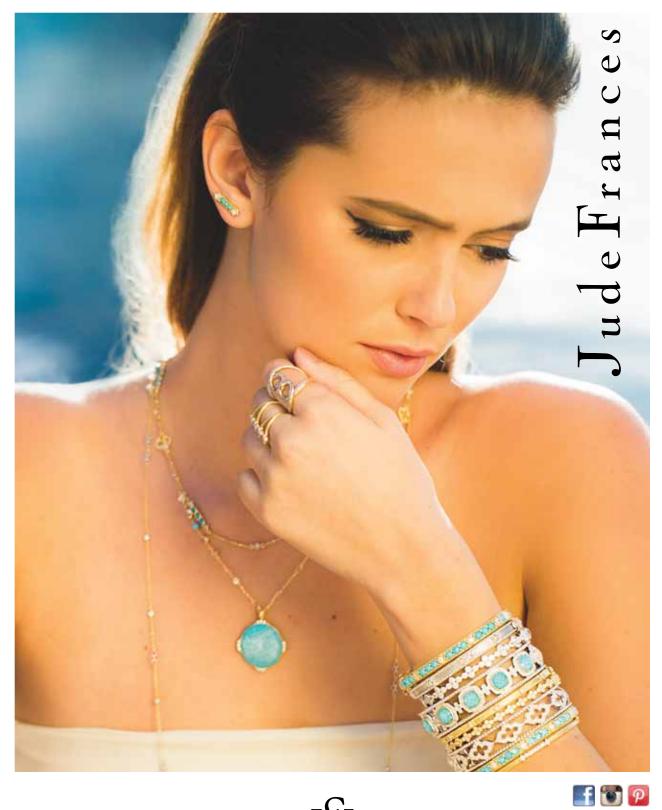
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BE YOUR OWN ROCK STAR

Stuck singing the same old tune? That's so last season, isn't it? Now, it's all about living life as it's never been done before, the way only you can, as Austin-based singer songwriter Amy Edwards attests

AH, SPRINGTIME. EVERYWHERE

we look, renewal is happening. We see the trees sprouting their small, green leaves... again. The flowers beginning to bud and blossom... like they have a million times before. The birds sing their dutiful tunes. Animals mate, just like they do every year, and the earth rotates, just as we've seen all our lives. Everything is new, and yet... it's not new at all.

Spring is busy doing the same thing it always does. We know this familiar scene, because it's a continuing cycle that's been done too many times to count. Spring isn't thinking about a new way to do anything. It's going through the motions. Nature compels the earth, and it obeys, as it moves through the familiar process.

But what about us? Are we, too, going through the motions, doing just what we've done before? Do we get stuck in a cycle of sameness, just as nature and those trees and flowers become another version of what

they were before? It's easy to slip into that comfortable loop of r-starting and r-newing, but something about all that makes me feel... tired. Do we want to be another version of what we've already been? I don't even really want to wear the same dress twice. The thought of "re"-anything makes me feel like it's been done, like it's a place I've been before; a song we've all heard too many times.

As a songwrite, I recognize that there's really nothing truly new to be said. But there are always new ways to say it. I have studied songwriting over the last few years, and I've literally sat at the feet of individuals who are great at it and have hit records. I've learned that there's one thing they all have in common: you take what's been said a million other times and you say it in a new, fresh way. It's the same with screenwriting or books or anything we create. When you look the bones and the basics, the stories are tried and true. But it's how we say it — using the voice that only we have — that sheds new light and brings a uniqueness and originality to it.

Currently, I'm working on a new song. It's a drinking song. Oh, Amy! That's not even close to "new"! That's been done to death! Yes, I know. You're right. Can I even call it "new"? And if I wanted to write a love song, or a song about heartbreak, haven't those, too, been done until we'd think the subject is beyond tired? And yet "new, original" songs come out every



day, and my bet is that we'll never tire of hearing the way Adele thinks of novel ways to say she's in love, or the opposite. Because she knows, and I know, that each of us holds our own context: a freshness, a unique *je ne sais quoi*; we hold a creation that is our own, and no one else's.

Spring is about just that: freshness. As spring does what it does, and we do what we do in the motions of daily life, we strive for freshness. Freshness is what keeps us vibrant. Freshness, and hearing or seeing something in a brand-new way, even when it's an age-old story, makes life feel new and can open our eyes to a different perspective, open our hearts and minds in an unfamiliar way.

And isn't that the goal? A new version of ourselves? Whether it's our bodies, our thoughts, our hearts, or our careers, the thought of becoming stale and stagnant is never the desired outcome. But rather, just like the songwriter, we come up with a new version, and a new composition, a purpose and approach that only we can devise and discover and share. Any time is a time we can start fresh. "Re"-anything isn't where it's at. As we think about being a new version, and singing a new song, make it just that: NEW. Not a rehash of what was, not a recycled version of the old, not a flower that blooms the same way every time. Sure, it's all been done before. But not like this. Not like our fresh, rocking way that we can



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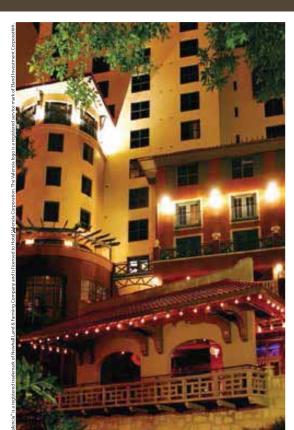
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ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE

Looking for tips for integrating gratitude in your everyday as we dive into spring?

Paige Davis, our Austin-based meditation expert, reveals her top go-to insight on the benefits being in the moment to create more gratitude

SPRING INTO AWARENESS

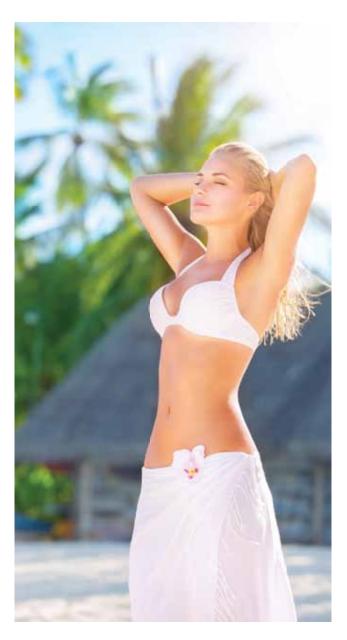
As springtime makes its mark, so does a season representative of new beginnings, new life, and infinite moments of things for which to to be grateful. Whether it's the warmth of more sunshine, the reckonings of new buzzworthy SXSW energy and spring galas, or even the respite of spring break with friends and family, the invitation of gratitude is always around us, but sometimes we can't always see it.

Like meditation, gratitude can best be experienced when we really become aware and practice it – ideally on a daily basis. I like to think of gratitude as a muscle, and when we take moments to acknowledge and express it, we strengthen its presence in our lives.

According to the latest research on gratitude, by Dr Robert Emmons, a researcher and psychologist at U.C. Davis, "grateful people really are different than those who aren't so grateful. Grateful people tend to be less stressed, place less importance on material goods, are less likely to judge others, and are more satisfied with life and have more vitality and optimism."

Gratitude is nothing new, and as more people tap into the many benefits, the expressions of gratitude are becoming more widespread. More and more people are choosing to express their gratitude on social media. This can be

a great way to share and inspire others. However, while any expression of gratitude is beneficial it is important to take pause when expressing gratitude so it is no just about an outward exhibition but also an inward and authentic reflection and appreciation. The truth is, when practiced from a place of authenticity, gratitude can actually be a very powerful tool to being more present and tapping into heart-centered awareness where we are able to experience peace of mind, greater intuition, and more harmonious relationships.



BENEFITS ABOUND

But like with any practice, it requires a gentle willingness and commitment to really experience the benefits of being more aware, loving, and kind to ourselves and others. Here are just a few tips to cultivate gratitude in our everyday.

- 1. Morning: Wake up and say thank you. Try to let the first thought in the morning be about gratitude and literally thinking silently or saying out loud "thank you." It doesn't have to be about anything specific (but it can be), but by just opening your day with this sentiment, you invite gratitude in for the rest of the day.
- 2. Mid-Day: Practice random acts of kindness. This can be something simple like letting someone in during traffic or the popular act of buying a cup of coffee for the next person in line. Or, putting a post it note on your loved one or co-worker's space letting them know they are loved or valued. Sure you can do the grander gestures, but just check in to make sure you are coming from a simple place of giving and not looking for recognition (seeking validation is a good sign that our good ole' ego is at work).
- 3. Evening: Keep a gratitude log. This is a great evening activity to either keep on your phone or simply write down 3 things you are grateful for in your day. I like to think of one

thing I am grateful for about a loved one, one thing about someone I may be experiencing a challenging time with, and one thing for myself.

4. Bonus: Practice a lovingkindness meditation. Practicing lovingkindness can be a powerful practice that not only makes us feel good, but can also help us see the bigger picture and increase our social connectedness. It is a simple practice where you repeat a series of loving phrases. Enjoy an 8 minute guided lovingkindess meditation at http://soulsparks.com/lovingkindess

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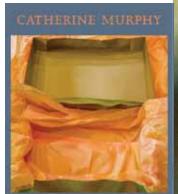
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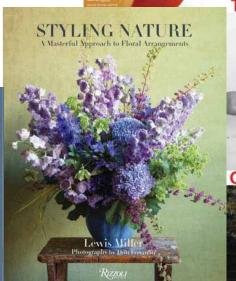
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A DOG'S LIFE

We love our pets and our perpetual pet lover Suzanne Negley found and photographed some of our favorite pooch owners to learn about the personalities of their four legged friends



LEIGH JOSEPH & EMMA, HOUSTON

If Emma had a voice, what would it sound like? It would be most like Gloria from *Modern Family*.

Does she have any irrational fears?

It would likely be windshield wipers. Peaceful road trips can take a turn if it starts to rain on the way home.





CATRIONA MORRISON & POLLY, NINA AND ELLA, SAN ANTONIO

What is you and your pup's love story? I have varied love stories with each of them, but I found Nina at a little shop in Madrid on Calle de Goya. According to her puppy passport, her full name is Nina de la Funteblanca.

What's your favorite Texas past-time and activity together? Texas pastime and NetFlix and chili.

CASSIE MILAM & MOLLIE, HOUSTON

If your dog was a historical/fictional figure reincarnated, who would she have been?

Mollie is a woman of many layers. She's a little Elizabeth Bennet, a little Elaine from Seinfeld, and a little Judge Judy...the best of all of them, of course.

Does your dog have any funny quirks?

She snores like a freight train, both while awake and asleep. Like, human decibels, easily. My husband "surprise!" cratetrained her while I was on a work trip.

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IT'S IN THE AIR

To nip allergies in the bud, our wellness expert Andra Millian MATCM, L.Ac., C.H. weighs in to share her insight on creating solutions for greater health this season with holistic therapy and food treatment remedies

LET'S FACE IT: FOR ALLERGY SUFFERERS DURING THE season of rebirth, putting a spring in your steps can feel elusive. Here are some new ways to reframe an old problem from the ancient doctors of China and some new tips on what to do about it from the 21st century pioneers of 'Functional Wellness' care.

ANCIENT CHINESE SECRETS

In ancient Chinese Medicine, unseen airborne pathogens, such as pollen, molds and animal dander were dramatically named 'Wind Evil'. An illness like an allergy, cold, or flu seemed to blow in like an invisible wind, yet its effects were deeply felt. This is the ancient beginning of what we now know as germs, viruses, and bacteria that attack the body from the outside and cannot be seen with the naked eye. The ancients noticed that in any group of people exposed to such wind evils, only a percentage developed symptoms of illness. These ancient doctors were beginning to notice and define what we now know so much more about; the immune system. The human body's ability to defend itself against diseases entirely, recover quickly and stay strong afterward from further attack was named 'the Defensive Qi' by these ancients.

People whose 'Defensive Qi' was weak allowed the 'Wind Evils' to penetrate resulting in hay fever, colds and flu. Conversely, people who cultivated 'Righteous Qi' had strong defensive capabilities to recover quickly and completely from disease or not to get sick at all when others around them went down for the count. In these days before antibiotics or other ways of treating severe diseases, helping strengthen the body's natural defenses against going downhill fast was of utmost importance to the survival of these ancient communities. So, they developed natural treatments that when used alone or integrated with modern medicine are very effective, and side effect free.

EAT FOR YOUR AILMENT

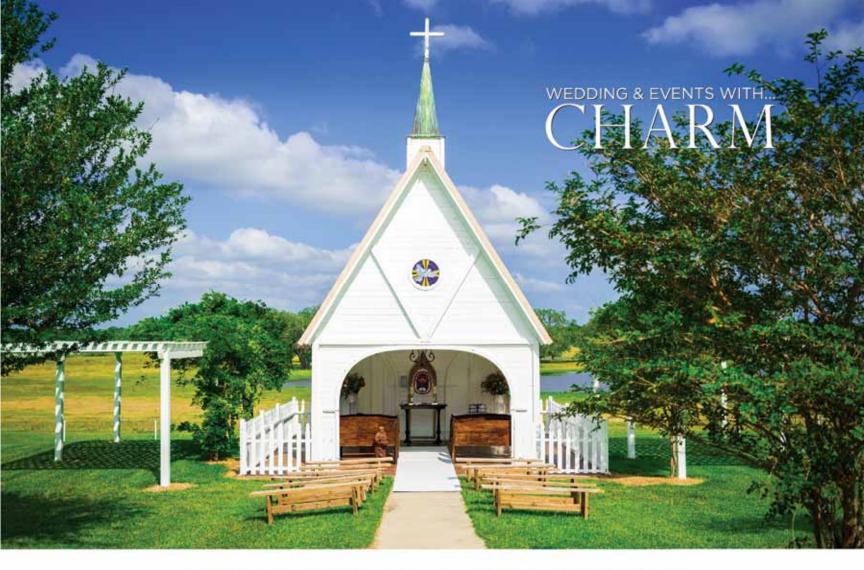
Most of us know to eat our greens. To strengthen the Lungs, Ancient Chinese Dietary Therapy recommends eating plenty of foods that are Spicy and acrid-tasting (think spice without the heat) like radishes, scallions, onions, garlic, and jicama. Add lots of spicy mint to your beverages. (Nowadays we know that these foods are rich in antioxidants.) Next, eat to reduce mucus and inflammation. Functional Medicine, -21st century 'wellness' therapy now recognizes that inflammation is largely caused by dietary sugar and things that turn into sugar while anicent Chinese Medicine similarly notice that sugar creates 'dampness' or mucus in the body. Furthermore, Chinese Dietary Therapy advises that in Spring it is important to eat foods that are seasonal and lightly cooked: like steaming, blanching or sautéing to help you battle the 'wind evils.' Also, enjoy salads made from 'new growth' like sprouts of all kinds and seasonal berries which are rich in antioxidants. Unlike in winter, we don't need to eat as many 'building' foods like grains or dried beans in Spring. So you can put away your crockpot for now and break out your sauté pan.



It is advisable to start including an antioxidant supplement in your allergy season regimen as soon as you can. Antioxidants help defend the body from the stress it endures from repeated allergy attacks. Also, treat your belly to good probiotics, which are especially important for keeping the beneficial bacteria in your gut happy. Healthy gut bacteria are essential for a balanced and strong immune system and so easy to add to your routine. This is especially important if you've used antibiotics to ward off allergy and sinus problems in the past season because antibiotics kill bad as well as good bacteria so, I encourage you to replant and replace! And yes, some good organic yogurt does help but it's sometimes not enough if damage to your gut flora has been done.

Here are some favorite supplements that are staples in my clinic: Metagenics' PhytoMulti is a daily vitamin that is extra rich in antioxidants. The Ultimate Antiox Full Spectrum by Designs for Health is also one I particularly find helpful in my practice during allergy season. Metagenics also makes a probiotic with extra immune enhancing properties called Ultra-Flora Spectrum. You get the entire good gut flora with an extra kick start to your immune defense during allergy season.

Always check with your personal health care provider to make sure these suggestions are a good fit for you. Of course, I have to mention the wonderful benefits of acupuncture and massage. Both of these modalities work wonders in different and complementary ways to soothe your nervous system down when it's under attack by seasonal allergens. In this season of new beginnings, I encourage you to try as many of these ancient and new tips to help you beat those 'windy evils' into submission; to strengthen you, arm and and free you to get outside, sit in some wildflowers and share in this lighthearted season.



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pose a fathomless divide between valuing innovation and valuing preservation. This is most evident with Generation Y (children born between 1981 and 2000) and Generation Z (children born after 2001). Generation Y has never known a world without computers. As babies and toddlers, Generation Z is more attracted to their parents' iPhones and iPads than to baby rattles. Both of those generations have been conditioned to tolerate things while waiting for the 2.0 and 3.0 and

10.0 versions to be released. As parents how do we inculcate the value of preservation of worthwhile things in a generation that seeks constant change?

On a visceral level, as parents, we think that we want to be remembered beyond our lifetimes. The words of Marcus Aurelius unveil what we truly desire: "In the end, what would you gain from everlasting remembrance? Absolutely nothing. So what is left worth living for? This alone: justice in thought, goodness in action, speech that cannot deceive and a disposition glad of whatever comes, welcoming it as necessary, as familiar, as flowing from the same source and fountain as yourself." And how true that is for most of us.

HAVING A FAMILY GATHERING

What we desire is to leave the essence of ourselves behind and not just a fleeting memories of who we were. What we desire is to live a life well-lived that continues to make the world a better place, after we are gone. We desire to leave a legacy. I am not sure what fosters the creation, the preservation, and the transmission of a legacy more than regular family meetings. These are the benefits of regularly-held family meetings:

- Creating opportunities for immediate and deep communication and connection
- 2. Fostering cohesiveness and a sense of solidarity
- Allowing you to confer your faith, culture, principles, values, and traditions
- 4. Giving your children an expansive understanding of life, as they benefit from the wisdom and experiences that have shaped you
- 5. Enabling you to parent with intentionality instead of by default
- Creating a vinculum in which problems can be solved and difficult topics can be discussed
- 7. Engendering memories that will be cherished by your children

GOALS FOR SUCCESS

Are you ready to invest in family meetings? Here are some ideas for delivering the family meeting. First, let go of expectations and the desire for immediate results. The illusion of what a family meeting should look like will thwart one's best efforts. Do not expect your children to begin grappling with and unraveling philosophical problems, for hours. Do not entertain a perfect vision of a family reading and discussing the manifestations of Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America. Your five-year-old might not be ready for that!

Instead, see the journey of the family meeting as the goal, as the

desired outcome. In this case, let go of being results-driven at least initially. When your children do not have buy-in on the family meeting, they will not be fully engaged. When you have children who vary in ages, these meetings will require deliberate planning, so that they are easier to manage.

Family meetings can be held weekly. The practice of holding family meetings can start with 15-minute meetings and increase from there. The structure and logistics of a good family meeting are unique to your family. Consider whether you should include food during the

meeting. For some families that is the how they create immediate buy-in. Location matters. Are your children more focused when sitting at a table? Alternatively, do they prefer to meet in a more relaxed space? A little forethought can make for a better meeting.

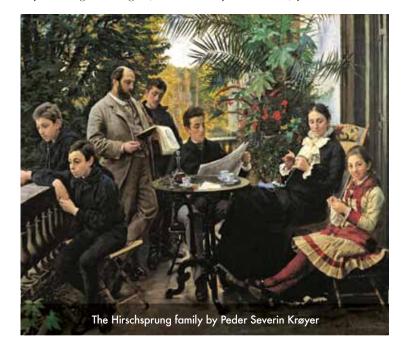
The discussions and activities that you and your children incorporate to the family meeting are dependent on the uniqueness of your family. However, I suggest that you create a flexible structure to the family meeting. Children do best when there is an element of predictability.

The following are a few suggestions for your family meetings:

- Sync Calendars If nothing else, this is a golden practice. This
 practice reduces stress during the week. This practice allows everyone
 to see how the week will unfold given everyone's commitments.
- Gratitude Share The research in positive psychology indicates that the simple act of practicing gratitude increases the emotional well-being and the happiness of individuals.
- Set Goals It is important for children to learn how to set short-term and long-term. As parents, you can facilitate that process. Moreover, you can also provide reminders and provide accountability towards those goals.
- Didactic Parenting Be instructive about what matters most to you: your faith, your principles, your values. This is not a carte blanche to deliver a 1-hour exegesis. It is true that our children learn much from our examples. However, an element of deliberate instruction is needed. Please remember that these topics are best delivered in sound-bites that invite discussion.
- Learn Together-The possibilities for this are endless. I would encourage
 you to allow your children input on the topics that you learn about.
 You can read and discuss books. You can learn about the history
 leading up to various current events. You can learn and use new words.
- Acknowledge and Encourage Provide a forum to share what various members of the family are doing. As parents, we tend to focus on areas for improvement with our children. However, it is equally important to seek and acknowledge the efforts that children take to do things well.
- Problem Solve As you establish an environment that is supportive to your children, you will find that trust, vulnerability, and corporation

increase in the home. Eventually, the family meeting will serve as a place where difficult conversations can be had. And more importantly, you will have a structure that will engender solutions to anything that your family confronts.

You do not need to dust-off Robert's Rules of Order. You do not need a gavel. You just need a desire to give your children your greatest gift, your legacy. Your legacy comes replete with your principles, your values, your experiences, your advice, your dreams, your faith, and your love. Only you can leave your legacy, so start creating and conferring your legacy today.



Dallas in Demand

In Dallas things are happening fast for the city that swirls in activity, fun, and a higher consciousness. Here our gal-on-the-town Cynthia Smooth shares the new and noteworthy



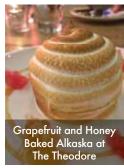
A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL

To relieve the stress of her busy life as an in-demand Realtor for Dave Perry-Miller and a mother to two school-aged children Melissa Rountree has always turned to exercise as an outlet for balance and better mental and physical health. She became a devotee of the Bar Method philosophy almost 5 years ago and even became a certified instructor. Tired of the uninspiring workout attire offered in the Dallas area, Rountree decided to combine her love of fashion and exercise and bring to the Dallas market what she couldn't find in stores. Level3Active launched this past year and offers shoppers an online store featuring curated collections, many exclusive to Dallas, with graphic printed leggings and fashion tops at a general price point

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The Theodore is NorthPark Center's hottest new dining destination led by James Beard Award-winning chef Tim Byres, Christopher Jeffers and Christopher Zielke (the team behind SMOKE, Chicken Scratch, The Foundry, Bar Belmont, Bolsa and Bolsa Mercado). The Theodore honors the dynamic spark that followed Teddy Roosevelt over the course of his lifetime. The restaurant is filled with hidden rooms, vintage furniture, hand painted murals, and whimsical curiosities and offers diners stylized quirkiness with of a hint nostalgia and charm. The menu primarily consists of sandwiches, pizzas and salads with daily specials. Guests can dine in the Hasty Pudding Club, sit at the bar in the Badlands or outside in the Cottonwoods and have a specialty cocktail crafted by bar manager Kyle Hilla. His signature cocktails, named after national parks - a nod to Roosevelt's conservation

endeavors - are uncomplicated and approachable.

The Theodore is located on the first floor of NorthPark Center, between Macy's and Nordstrom.For more information visit TheTheodore.com

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Dr. Melanie Ross Mills is the creator of the Life Bond Book series (*The Friendship Bond*, *The Couples Bond*, and *The Identity Bond*) and the well-received Life Bond workshops. Yet, she is not your typical therapist. She starts each session with a big bear hug and a prayer. She's also likely to be the

first to cry during your time together because she cares so much about helping you discover your life's passion and purpose. You can often also find her on as a frequent radio contributor talking about relationship issues. She says her gift is "to help people see what it takes to lift the veil that keeps us from knowing our authentic selves and/or hindering your ability to cultivate healthy relationships." And, because we think, bear hugs are the best. For more information, visit MelanieRossMills.com

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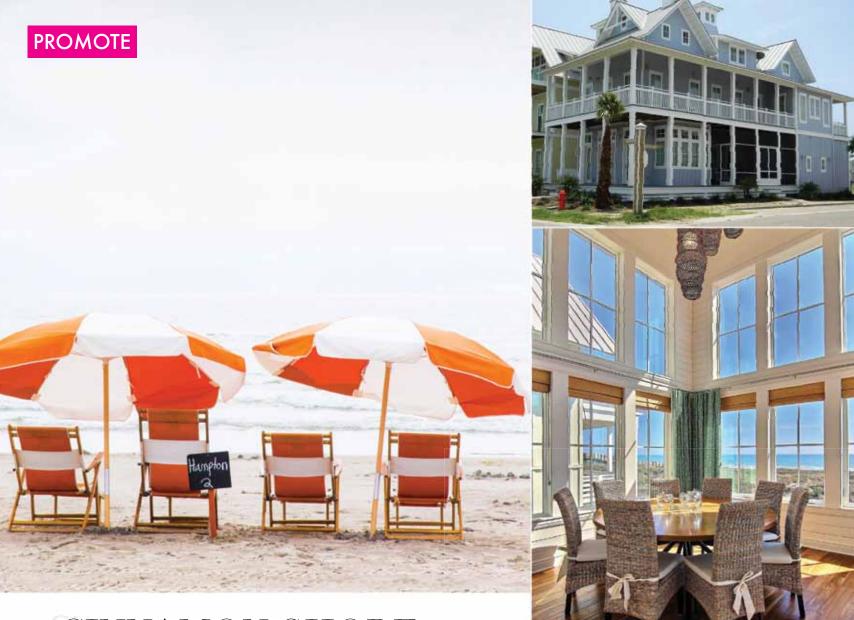
Jet Linx San Antonio Celebrates With Style

By Shannon Miller Turner Photography by Greg Harrison

Where better to usher in the New Year than in the very lap of luxury? Jet Linx' Private Jet Base Partner and President Tom Northington, Vice President Eric Love and their team welcomed attendees to the The Jet Linx Holiday Hangar Party as a festive way to gather with friends and colleagues. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres catered by the RK Group, cocktails, live music, fine cars and, of course, the stunning Jet Linx private jets at the center of it all. On hand to celebrate to make the night merry was Citation Jets and Barrett Jaguar.

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Cinnamon Shore is all about family, friends and creating memories to last a lifetime. "A Simpler Way of Life" is our trademark - once you visit with us you will understand why! Once completed, Cinnamon Shore will have approximately 300 homes and Town Center Residences, as well as a retail plaza boasting additional restaurants, shops and a spa.

Every year, Cinnamon Shore hosts events for guests and homeowners including our annual fundraiser, the STOMP Winter Gala and Wine festival and our Fall Festival and Tour of Homes. Our spring break and summer daily activities include yoga on the beach, kids camp, surf lessons, sand castle lessons, movie nights, s'mores night and live music in our Town Center.

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Our busiest time frame is between Memorial Day and Labor Day – this is our "peak-season," where we typically book up by Spring Break. During this season we require a 4 night minimum in our condominiums and a 5 night minimum in our homes. Mid-season begins in late September, and our minimum night stay is 3 nights. Off-season begins in December.

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DANCE, BALLERINA, DANCE

The Children's Ballet of San Antonio Celebrates With Neiman Marcus

By Shannon Miller Turner Photography by Candace Schaddelee

Neiman Marcus of San Antonio set the dream-like holiday scene for the first annual Mother-Daughter Nutcracker Tea Party benefitting the new non-profit children's-only dance company, The Children's Ballet of San Antonio. At a stunning table set for 100 guests, mothers and daughters alike enjoyed tea party bites catered by the Neiman Marcus' Mariposa restaurant and served on Mackenzie Childs plates and platters.

The delight was in the details as co-hosts Daniela Serna, AnaPaula Watson and Ashley Weaver along with Neiman Marcus' Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar ensured that a fabulous time was had by all.

Ballerina buzz abounded as the girls danced from the braid bar, provided by Hot Box Salon, to the nail polish bar by emme Nail Spa. From the Neiman Marcus milk and cookies bar to the Dylan's candy shop sample bar; and from the Guerlain lip gloss bar to a portrait sitting with their mothers, the mother-daughter duos enjoyed a terrific experience with each other. The coup d'grace was given by the event's beneficiary The Children's Ballet of San Antonio, with a delightful dancers' preview that had the attendees enthralled.

The Children's Ballet of San Antonio inspires the pursuit of excellence and prepares children for productive and creative lives through dance by offering extensive training and performance opportunities for talented children from all backgrounds.











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June Hayes, ISA AM

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SPECTATE

SAN ANTONIO'S SHINING, LEGENDARY STAR

By Shannon Miller Turner | Photography by Greg Harrison and Dan Holman





THE SCENE:

A Texas jewel is reborn. San Antonio's iconic St. Anthony Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, recently celebrated its grand re-opening with glamour, glitz and a very special shade of green; one custom-created specifically for The St. Anthony long ago by legendary interior designer, Dorothy Draper.

"The first impression a hotel has on its guest can be one of cheerfulness or gloom because color, which is so inexpensive, is what does the trick," Draper was known to say. "Not color alone, but color plus imaginative lighting and clever grouping of the furniture. You say you have an old lobby that nothing much can be done with? Oh, yes it can." That in mind, The St. Anthony is shining as brightly as it ever did as Late European and Elegant Antique Limousines gorgeous luxury cars greeted guests as they entered the hotel.

Speeches were made and toasts were cheered throughout the evening as guests marveled in the venue's elegant rejuvenation. Relying on the history of the hotel to guide its redesign, renowned design firm Forrest Perkins meticulously restored The St. Anthony to its original grandeur. The new look is timeless and historically modern with a respectful nod to the magnificent history behind the hotel known in its earlier incarnation as The Waldorf of the Prairie. The St. Anthony's re-design has restored the National Historic Landmark's famed glamour and opulence and has reclaimed the glory of the past for the enjoyment of the future.











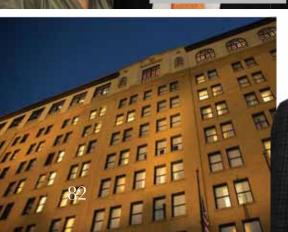












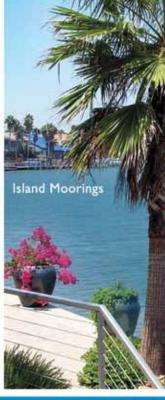
















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SWEET DREAMS

Dell Children's Hospital Gala's Dreamy Evening Sizzles

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Indepth Photography, James Stacy Photography, Marc Swedner Photography, Arnold Wells Photography



THE SCENE:

Michael and Susan Dell had a dream for a world-class medical facility in Central Texas, and twenty years later, the result was on full display at the 20th annual Dell Children's Hospital Gala at the Austin Convention Center. The DREAM Gala was the perfect theme to celebrate two decades of high level care to the children of Central Texas, and the countless lives Dell Children's Hospital has saved, helping those children to achieve dreams of their own.

Todd and Stephanie O'Neill & Kimberly and Marcus Strenk















THE VIBE:

This dream of an evening began as guests mingled about the Convention Center foyer for a lively cocktail hour, where you could feel the aura of celebration in the air. Guests then adjourned into the venue's ballroom where guests dined on a delicious meal during a program that beautifully highlighted just how much Dell Children's Hospital has positively impacted so many lives in Central Texas. After the program and live auction concluded, the festivities continued late into the night as revelers rolled the dice at the casino vignettes and danced the night away to live music by Jimmy McNeal and the Matt Wilson Band.

THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Kendra Scott and Matt Davis, raised over \$1.26 million dollars for the Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation, supporting a world-class medical center dedicated to the care of children and adolescents. It is the only dedicated freestanding pediatric facility in the region and serves a 46-county area and beyond.









OUT OF SIGHT "First Night" Celebration Honors New Dallas Opera Season

By Jason Grosgrain | Photography by Kristina Bowman



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Rhonda Sargent Chambers, Allan and Lynn McBee & Rhonda and Fraser Marcus

Greg Haynes Johnson and Holly Reed

THE SCENE:

The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the 325 guests that filled the tent at Sammons Park outside of the Winspear Opera House for First Night, a dazzling black-tie affair in celebration of The Dallas Opera's new season opening. The glittering guests mingled amongst models who wore opera-inspired designs from the First Sight Fashion Show. The anticipation of the new season could hardly be contained, for the occasion also marked the world premiere production of Great Scott by Jake Heggie and Terrence McNally, which provided delightful entertainment for the evening's guests.























THE VIBE:

The dinner kicked-off with a hilarious video, written by Ellen Winspear. The Honorable Mayor Michael S. Rawlings, Steve Stodghill, and Mark LaRoe played starring comical roles in an opening skit. Then, Ellen and Don Winspear crashed opera superstar Joyce DiDonato's dressing room so Ellen could try on gowns and channel her inner diva. The video ended with a warm thank you from all the Chairs for the support of sponsors and patrons. After dinner, guests flowed in to the Winspear Opera House for the world premiere of Great Scott starring Joyce DiDonato, a tremendous success. Following the opera, the exhilarating events continued with the after party with the cast, composer Jake Heggie, and librettist Terrence McNally. Party-goers danced to DJ Lucy Wrubel's groovin' selections and dined on themed bites throughout the evening.

THE CAUSE:

First Night, which celebrates the eagerly anticipated new season, was chaired by Ellen and Don Winspear with Honorary Chairs Mrs. Micki Rawlings and The Honorable Michael S. Rawlings, Dinner chairs Anne and Steve Stodghill, and presenting sponsor Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management. Attendees agreed the evening was a solid win for The Dallas Opera, which provides Dallas with outstanding operatic programming season after season.







OUT OF THIS WORLD

29th Annual Age of Aquarius Winter Ball For Crohn's & Colitis
Foundation Dazzles

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Kim Coffman, Priscilla Dickson



Charles Ward and Carolyn Farb

Jana Arnoldy and Susan Hansen

THE SCENE:

Over 600 supporters of The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America-South Texas Chapter (CCFA) turned out for **Crohn & Colitis Foundations** Winter Ball. The 2016 Women of Distinction honorees celebrated for their volunteerism and community service were Gina Bhatia, Estela Cockrell, Gina Gaston Elie, Lisa Holthouse, Mady Kades, DeeDee Marsh, Paula Mendoza, Jo Ann Petersen, Barbara Van Postman, and Lynn Walsh, while Phoebe Tudor has been named the 2016 Ambassador for the organization. High school senior Bradlee Few was recognized as the Rising Star, while Allie Doyle was named the Honored Hero of the night and shared her story as a patient.

Barbara Van Postman







Joann Crassas and Martha Turner

THE VIBE:

The Age of Aquarius theme made for an incredible journey for the evening from start to finish. Mermaids, mermen, pink and aqua floating orbs and a starlit background by Linda McIngvale and the team at A Memorable Event gave the event a fabulous vibe. After the honorees' presentation, the live auction including tickets to ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," jewels from Franco Valobra and Valobra Master Jewelers, as well as Tenenbaum & Co. Jewelry, and a 2016 Mercedes-Benz GLE450 AMG Coupe donated by Mercedes-Benz Dealers of Greater Houston. A silent auction, big board auction and wine pull served as entertainment for the guests, as well as closing out the night, the popular band Passport played to attendees listening and dancing pleasure.



Jim and Jo Furr

David and Estella Cockrell and Gina and Devinder Bhatia

Millette and Haag Sherman





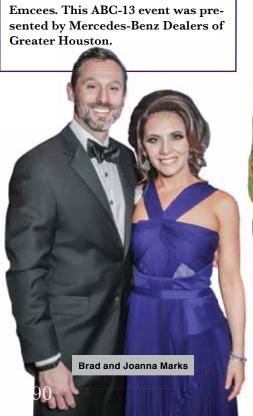








The 2016 Winter Ball was chaired by Jana Arnoldy and Susan Arnoldy Hansen and raised over \$800,000 for The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), with 83 cents of every \$1 donated going directly toward research and patient and professional services. CCFA helps to improve the lives of Crohn's and ulcerative colitis patients and supports the medical community here in Houston. ABC-13 News Anchors Tom Koch and Melanie Lawson served as Emcees. This ABC-13 event was presented by Mercedes-Benz Dealers of Greater Houston.









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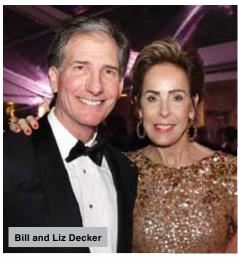


LIGHT BRIGHT

The Cavender Twins Debutante Party
Shines Light On Season

By Shannon Miller Turner | Photography by Susan Riley





THE SCENE:

San Antonio's historic Argyle provided the most splendid setting for a debutante's dream of a magical soirée honoring CC and Abby Cavender, hosted by their parents Bobby and Stephanie Cavender. An all-white entrance tent served to create a winter wonderland feel, as it was divinely lined with flocked holiday trees and featured sparkling flutes of champagne suspended from the ceiling by long, white ribbons.

Stilt-walking servers bedecked in all-white ensembles cut the individual ribbons and presented each party goer with a glass of bubbly to celebrate the beginning of a most spectacular evening. As guests proceeded to the main tent, they found themselves surrounded by yet one more monochromatic setting --- all white though this one warmly illuminated by hundreds of candles, as envisioned by lead event planner Sara Fay Egan of Dallas party planners Jackson-Durham Events.

Annie Daugherty & Wilson and Tye Griffith

Berry Williamson, Emma Lothrup and Julianna Newman















THE VIBE:

A majestic transformation took place as the night progressed and red became the color of the evening. The band Party on the Moon provided an incredible ambience as all the lighting turned to red and all servers changed into red hats and ties and passed out all-red flair for the latter part of the night. What did that transition entail? A second line parade, of course. With umbrellas and napkins in hand, guests made their way to the "Cav O"Brien's" after party styled as a dueling piano bar upstairs at the Argyle for an evening that no one wanted to end.



Dunn and Lindsay Armstong, George Hinchey & Callie and JB Musselman







THE CAUSE:

Formed in 1880, the San Antonio German Club has presented its debutantes during San Antonio's social season for the past 136 years.

















GO AHEAD, OUT-LIVE YOURSELF

Funds Raised For Organ Donation by Taylor's Gift Foundation

By Jonathan Spindel | Photography by Jerry McClure

















THE SCENE:

On an evening last November, some of Dallas' most compassionate Sociables gathered in Trinity Groves to celebrate the Taylor's Gift Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the process of organ donation. This event marked the inaugural Outlive Yourself Award to recognize individuals who make an impact in their community and the lives of others.

THE VIBE:

The crowd included a dynamic mix of local notables and celebs, including Jeff Probst, Taylor's Gift spokesman and host of the CBS reality TV show Survivor, who served as the event master of ceremonies. After gregarious mingling and a delightful dinner, the Outlive Yourself Award recipients were announced. Karen Cuskey, co-owner of Dallas-based The Barber Shop Marketing, was recognized for her talent of making a difference through her network and skills in media and promotions. O.H. "Bud" Frazier, M.D. was recognized for his work and research in the medical field, which has revolutionized organ donation and organ transplantation. Karen Cuskey and Dr. Frazier were honored with a heartwarming program that included a touching moment when all the guests raised tea lights, to symbolize those whose lives are touched by organ donation.

THE CAUSE:

The event, sponsored by Legacy ER & Urgent Care, was chaired by Kate Dorff, with Jeff Probst as honorary chair. The event raised almost \$200,000 for the Taylor's Gift Foundation, which will go toward life-saving effort of increasing organ donor registrations and to financially assist families touched by organ donation.







JEWEL OF AN EVENING

Musician Jewel Performs To Celebrate Settlement Home's 100th Anniversary

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by The Settlement Home





THE SCENE:

The Long Center in Austin was the setting celebrating a major milestone in Austin philanthropy - the 100th anniversary of The Settlement Home for Children. **Hundreds of The Settlement** Home's major donors, volunteers, and board members past and present were on hand to honor this incredible evening. To put this monumental feat into context, when The Settlement Home was founded in 1916, the US had not entered World War I, Woodrow Wilson was president, and the population of Texas' Capital city was a mere 33,000 residents.

Brittany Johansen and Lauren Portley





















Mark and Caryn Gulas



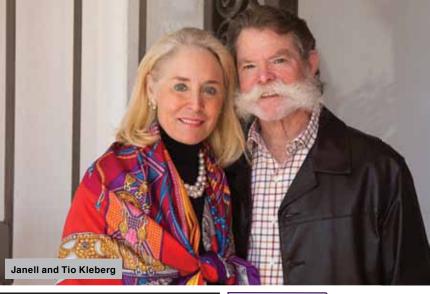
The feeling of family and accomplishment was on full display as guests warmly greeted each other en route to a delicious dinner held in the venue's Kodosky Lounge. The festivities then moved to the auditorium where the program featured moving video showing just how much The Settlement Home benefits so many in Austin, Then, Mayor Steve Adler formally declared it Settlement Home Day in Austin to honor the 100th Anniversary. To perfectly honor the jewel anniversary to this great Austin institution, multi-platinum artist Jewel gave a heart-warmingly authentic performance, revealing her own struggles as a homeless child, making her the perfect person to convey the mission of The Settlement Home.

THE CAUSE:

Proceeds raised from the event benefitted The Settlement Home for Children, which is an organization that provides children, young adults and families who are victims of abuse, neglect and severe emotional trauma with continuing care support, care and resources.







MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH

South Texas Charity Weekend Hosts 23rd Successful Event

By Dr. Fred Bryant | Photography by Marie Langmore

Painting of Cornelius Dupré by Mark Kohler



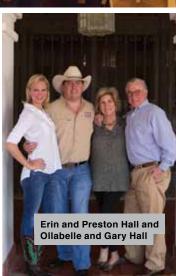


THE SCENE:

Once called the Desierto de los Muertos (Desert of the Dead) by the early European settlers and travelers, the heart of the brush country hosted the very lively 23rd annual South Texas Charity Weekend. By all accounts, the event proved the early settlers wrong. In fact, guests who attended enjoyed all the festivities seemed very much vital and vivacious the entire weekend.



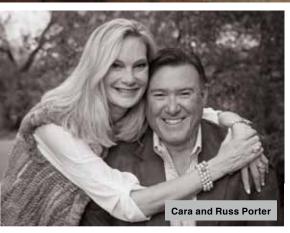


















THE VIBE:

Red Steagall

Gorgeous weather provided an enjoyable outdoor experience for all. The activities included nature tours, shooting experiences, artist's markets, and brunch on the King Ranch, as well as an exclusive Saturday evening banquet and auction at the spectacular Tio and Janell Kleberg Wildlife Research Park. Guests came from across Texas and as far away as Denver, and were hosted for two nights at nearby ranches, which is a special treat for an experienced cowhand or a city dweller.









THE CAUSE:

The fields of health care, ranching heritage, and wildlife conservation benefited from the generous donors who offered their time and resources for these endeavors. The charities include Christus Spohn Hospital Kleberg, HALO Flight, the King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management, and the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute.

THE HONOREE:

Cajun by birth, but with a deep love of Scotland, South Texas Charity Weekend honoree Cornelius Dupré enjoyed the title of 2016 South Texan of the Year. Along with the presentation of his *Texas Birth Certificate* painting at the Saturday evening banquet, two Scottish bagpipers made their grand entry, followed by an eloquent introduction by Cornelius' dear friend, Scott Cone of Houston.

Named for his grandfather who came to Opelousas, Louisiana on the "Orphan Train" from the New York Foundling Hospital at the age of three, Dupré grew up in the Southeast Louisiana countryside where his love of the outdoors developed. A camp on Bayou Courtableau provided a wonderful opportunity for the young boy, who spent plenty of time around a campfire listening to stories about Louisiana politics. After obtaining his B.S., JD, and MBA, he returned to practice law in Eunice, Louisiana. On a duck hunting trip, his friends talked him into starting his own business in the oil and gas industry. He borrowed \$5,000 from his father, and off he went. Seventeen years later, his international business was merged into what is today NOV.

After years of hunting four legged animals across North America, he "graduated" to bird hunting in South Texas through the guidance of Henry Hamman of Houston. He and his lovely wife of 26 years, Celia, a trained opera singer, share many passions including their Scottish-style home in Colorado appropriately named Invercauld. Cornelius' passion for the outdoors is something he has also shared over his lifetime with his two children, Angele and Houston. Celia and Cornelius have given to numerous charities over the years. A few of their favorite charities include the Boy Scouts of America, Spindletop Charities, a wildlife conservancy in Tanzania, and they have been terrific supporters of South Texas Charity Weekend for more than a decade.



















River Oaks Country Club ballroom, RFS

MAKINGA DIFFERENCE

Houston Gives Back With Its Stellar Luncheons

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Kim Coffman, Fulton Davenport, Bea Jimenez, Mauro Luna, and Roswitha Vogler

Mimi Del Grande, Bob Cavnar & Alicia Smith, RFS







ENTRANCE: HOUSTON



THE SCENE:

Houston's heavy hitters have turned out for a season of highly polished events to benefit some of Houston's favorite causes. A-list crowds gathered at various fundraising events to address timely issues and concerns, including childhood obesity, substance abuse, and various medical and health issues.



Carmina Zamorano and David Peck, Pin Oak

















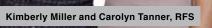


THE VIBE:

Houston loves to give back, and the overwhelming attendance at this year's charity luncheons demonstrated their support and encouragement of causes close to their hearts. Supporting local, as well as national and international causes, they gave not only funds but also their time and attention. Some events marked their inaugural year (PDAP), while other annual and recurring events celebrated their ongoing success, which included some landmark anniversaries. Bravo, Houston.



Ashley Brand and Patricia Reed, Pin Oak



THE CAUSE:

Palmer Drug Abuse Program had their inaugural luncheon, chaired by Deborah Duncan, Alicia Smith and Ali Saberioon and honorary chairs Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson and Judge Denise Bradley. The luncheon raised \$115,000 to contribute to PDAP's mission, "to be the most effective prevention and recovery program helping young people and families avoid or recover from the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse." Keynote speaker was author and philanthropist Lester Smith.

AIDS Foundation Houston's event, chaired by Ernie Manouse and Bill Baldwin, hosted Houston's annual World AIDS Day Luncheon featuring actress and AIDS Activist Pam Grier, had the goal of "getting to zero" — zero new infections, zero AIDS related deaths and zero stigma. AIDS Foundation Houston awarded the Shelby Hodge Vision Award to the Houston Bar Association AIDS Outreach Committee.

Recipe for Success Foundation and founders Gracie and Bob Cavnar celebrated the organization's 10th year of leading the way in combatting childhood obesity by changing the way children understand, appreciate and eat their food and by helping the community provide healthier diets for kids. As the largest outreach of its kind in the nation, RFS reached 4,000 children every month with Seed-to-Plate education. The Annual "Blue Plate Special Café Harvest Market & Awards Luncheon" was chaired by Kirsten and John Berger and Arvia and Jason Few. The event honored founding board members Amy Anton, Glen & Honi Boudreaux, Phyllis Childress and Kim Tutcher, along with early advisor, Peg Lee, and this year's Blue Plate Chef of the Year award winner Chef Robert Del Grande, and Mayor's Award and Champion of Food Justice recipient Lance Gilliam.

The Pin Oak Charity Horse Show's PIN OAK "What to Wear to that Equestrian Affaire Luncheon and Fashion Presentation," chaired by Alexis Caruselle and Hector Villarreal featuring David Peck and LUCHO designs, raised \$42,000 for the 71st year of the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show which benefit Texas Children's Hospital, CandleLighters, and The Ronald McDonald House.

The Haras Cup Hat Derby Luncheon at Haras Hacienda featured three days of national and international riders with six levels of competition in the spectacular new, entirely enclosed Haras Hacienda arena. The events attracted 4,500 people raising \$200,000 to benefit Kids' Meals. Carmina Zamorano and her husband Rafael Chavez organized and chaired the weekend's festivities.











































PAINTING WITH LIGHT

Cathleen Naundorf is a thinking person's photographer and as our photography pursuer Lance Avery Morgan learns, she creates images that become indelibly etched into the fashionable consciousness

Your work has been exhibited around the world...tell me about your latest accomplishment of showing at the Edwynn Houk Gallery in New York and what that means to you.

My work was shown long ago in the USA, but this marks my first solo exhibition in New York. After all those years of exhibiting around the world, it feels wonderful to finally be here. It's not just about the location - to be on 5th avenue with the Edwynn Houk gallery in Manhattan, it's also about finding your place in New York, a city which does not always welcome new artists easily. It's a kind of recognition. Then, there is this personal aspect. I love NY. It's an honest city. It's dirty, noisy, and tough, but it never pretends to be something else. I like that. Edwynn Houk has taken me under his wing, and presented my work in big shows in NY and Zurich, Switzerland. He is representing my work in the USA from now on. In the NY exhibition, you can see a lot of my color work in several series I photographed over the course of a number of years.

Poloraids are often considered a lost art – what attracted you to them to incorporate it into your photographic art?

I use 4×5 inches Polaroid and Fuji Film and 8×10 inches Polaroid film — both are professional film for photographers and I shoot on film and instant film in large format with large format cameras. But why I have chosen it? Because it often resembles paintings, and captures the light in a very unique way. I photograph my commercial and my private projects mostly with large format. The posing needs time, which is a process I like in this hectic world in which we live.

What has been your greatest triumph in photographing in an environment that had always been a dream of yours to shoot?

The Grand Palais in Paris is an amazing location. When the office called me to tell me, "Cathleen, it's free. Do you want to use it?" I knew, they must really love me. I have done several photo shoots there, but every time I arrive, that place has a wow effect... you arrive with your camera truck and suddenly the door of the Grand Palais opens, and it's empty... just for you! Completely empty. Like I said, wow!

You've traveled with the Dalai Lama, photographing him on your journey. How is shooting fashion a similar experience for you?

I fell if you are a bit interested in life, go out and see what's going on around the globe. To meet, and later to travel with, the Dalai Lama changes you and you start thinking about life. I did it when I was 21. I got this chance that was powerful and rich. Since this time, I started working for Tibet, for Amnesty International, and the WWE My first professional travel was to Mongolia and the Dalai Lama wrote me an official letter protecting me, which opened the doors to the Buddhist temples in Mongolia. It was very touching, I still have it framed at home.

Your work has been influenced by 20th century fashion photographer legend Horst P. Horst – how did he inspire you?

I was not interested in fashion at all. When I saw for the first time the photographs of Horst, I was blown away. That was not fashion photography, there was this blurring of settings like in paintings or film, and then that dramatic lighting. It was real photography. Painting with light is what the word photography means. I would say that he encouraged me to try it.



In 1997 you started photographing backstage Paris fashion shows for Condé Nast. How did that lead to choosing gowns from the couturiers' archives (Chanel, Dior, Gaultier, Valentino, Saab, Lacroix) for your elaborate and cinematic productions that would follow?

Backstage is tough because you have to take pictures, but nobody wants you there. Everybody runs around, stressed, because every minute counts to make sure the models are in the dresses and ready. I did that job for a long time and I met designers, make up artists, models, and I saw how things worked. I got a great feeling about the collections after a while. It's always great to be there. I still go to all the shows, but now I get to sit and enjoy the defilés.

When you personally select gowns to photograph, what qualities in the clothing do you most seek?

I shoot Haute Couture and high luxury Pret-â-porter. You can see these, for example, in the projects I did Harper's Bazaar UK. I like dresses. They tell us something, which is important to me.

Go back in time and tell us the four fashionable people from the past you'd love to dine at your perfect dinner party tonight.

I think it would be absolutely fun to have Diana Vreeland, Karl Lagerfeld, Valentino and Marilyn Monroe at the table.

What's the next fashion photography mountain you want to climb in your career?

There is already a very big one... starting shooting very soon. I'm so excited about it. You will see...



Fashion this season is a déjà vu. Rewinding and fast-forwarding at once, spring is a cavalcade of the greatest hits from every decade. Join us as *our resident sartorialist Megan Kyle Bennett* celebrates some of fashion's earliest rule breakers and their enduring designs that influence this season's runway



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ime and time again, we hear people say, "It's a classic," a term that has evolved over the years. In my teens, that word made me cringe... the word "classic" was synonymous with boring and old, or repetitive.

CLASSIC IS AS CLASSIC DOES

A few years later, I indulged in vintage magazines and early Hollywood movies. It was then that I exposed myself to iconic fashion moments, like a silk, bias cut gown that was introduced to the world by screen sirens like Jean Harlow in the 1930s, and of course black Capri pants with

black flats bring Audrey Hepburn in the early 1950s. But even if attire is associated with trends of an era long past, some of it is just too good to confine to the parameters of their respective decades.

Today's best fashion houses are raiding history's vaults for their collections this spring, keeping in mind the old Picasso adage: "Good artists copy; great artists steal." Modern designers draw influence from fashion's forebears, but with a fresh spin of unexpected twists, resulting in the best key pieces for this season. Designers have brought the past to the present, so there's no need to reminisce... the best of fashion is back in a



big way. Among the array of trends in the spring forecast, the 1970s Luxe look makes a big impression. Think Jerry Hall and Bianca Jagger. Lots of high shine fabrics, sheer, underwear (or swimwear) as outerwear, ruffles, romantic, fringe, etc. Then the 1960s come to play with that era's staples of stripes, florals, and whites. These vintage looks make for fresh and unique ready-to-wear pieces.

DARLING, WE HARDLY SEE YOU THESE DAYS

It's not uncommon to see the source of a designer's inspiration while viewing their latest collection. Sometimes just a subtle reference pops up, but other seasons a dozen or more fashion creatives pay homage to the same designer. While viewing spring 2016, the latter was apparent. Over the past year the fashion world said farewell to two iconic designers, André Courrèges and Arnold Scassi, yet their legacies live on this very minute with the futuristic and lush runway trends.

On January 7th the world lost the innovative designer André Courrèges. His fashion moniker, simply known as **Courrèges** is hard to pronounce, yet his designs are easily recognizable. Just look for Twiggy in a minimal space-age mini skirt with mid-calf silver boots and you who will know to whom I am

referring. His design work was part of the Mod and minimalist movement in the mid-to-late 1960s. He took it a step further, by adding a space age element. By mixing silver fabrics with high shine vinyl, Courrèges created clean, angular silhouettes that were minimal but visually arresting. Ironically this look is associated with the past, because his intent was looking far into the future. He never stopped designing and his classic signature pieces are still sold all over the world. Miuccia Prada looked to Courrèges' early work as inspiration for her spring 2016 collection as she embraced two big trends of the season: high shine and bold color. Like Courrèges, Prada uses clean lines and metallic elements on simple boxy shapes. The incorporation of Prada's signature quirky accessories and kitschy prints gave the collection the fresh take that only Prada could create. Meanwhile, designers such as Esteban Cortazar, Isabel Marant and Rochas gave a nod to André Courrèges by infusing their collections with modern metals and high gloss fabrics. Whether an intentional homage or just coincidence, it is fitting that his legacy has left its mark all over this spring's fashions.

Legendary designer **Arnold Scassi** had a zest for life and a huge influence on American and European fashion that evolved through the decades. Most



notably, his luxurious textiles, punchy prints and over-the-top silhouettes were definitive of the fashion forecast of the 70s and 80s. A variety of designers this spring, each with their own signature style, show traces of Scassi's mastery this spring. Polar opposite dynamos, **Ralph Lauren** and **Marc Jacobs** have Scassi running through them, but reincarnated in very different ways. Stacy Bendet of the contemporary fashion powerhouse **Alice & Olivia** presented a glam 70s gal for spring. The collection included day to night glamour using bold stripes, silk fabrics, and lavish details, in addition to evening trousers that also paid tribute to the late designer. The celebrated Scassi will not be forgotten, and his heady, high glamour designs he leaves behind shall remain classic, always ripe for a fresh look.

At Naeem Khan, a portion of the spring collection showcased bright sequined striped jumpsuits for evening, reminiscent of Arnold Scassi. Khan and **Dolce & Gabbana** brought the Jet Set chic of early 1960s Capri to the catwalk with bright colors, head scarves, statement jewelry and Italian, folkloric embroidery. Both collections cleverly included day to night looks that will be forever timeless. The seaside glamour and paragon prints of Italian designer **Emilio Pucci** were evident in Khan's collection and though he didn't use prints, the patterns

of ornate embroidery echoed the lines of a classic Pucci scarf. Additionally, Dolce & Gabbana celebrated bright prints and stripes while taking embroidery to a whole other level. The fashion house never runs short on sex appeal, or their signature element of lingerie. Their signature sheer looks, alongside the underwear as outerwear trend, trotted down the catwalks while other designers followed suit.

The new **Gucci**, designed under the creative direction of Alessandro Michele, best exemplified the strong presence of the 1970s revival. The buzz that the spring 2016 show created reminds me of the excitement that Texas native **Tom Ford** generated for Gucci when he was new to the brand in 1994. This collection is bohemian, eccentric, luxurious, and glamorous much like the revolutionary British label **Biba** was in the 1960s and 70s. Biba's wild op-art and psychedelic patterns, paired with sheer florals and art deco prints were groundbreaking to the world of fashion. A form of mania ensued, and spread from London to around the globe. The vintage-infused, free spirited attitude of Gucci's current collection is wonderfully appealing and offers a mix and match spontaneity and accessible opulence, much like Biba in its prime.



AH, PARIS IN SPRINGTIME

The delectably, irreverent **Hedi Slimane** took **Yves Saint Laurent** (now **Saint Laurent**) for a spin in the 1990s, borrowing some of the genius glitz of **Gianni Versace**; and revisiting wild child **John Galliano's** rock and roll couture made for the house of Dior. The power fashion houses of **Dior**, **Givenchy**, and **Balenciaga** are just as strong as they were more than half a century ago. It is the designs of the couturiers' early years (circa 1950s) that inspired designers for this spring. The runways exemplified some key directives of these iconic, Parisian designers with cinched waists, crisp fabrics, ornate tailoring, couture textiles, and sculptural sleeves as major themes in ready-to-wear. Promising new talents like **Area** and **Vyka Gazinskaya** typified these elements; and similarly these ideas revamped into practical, but luxe daywear at the devil-may-care label **Céline**.

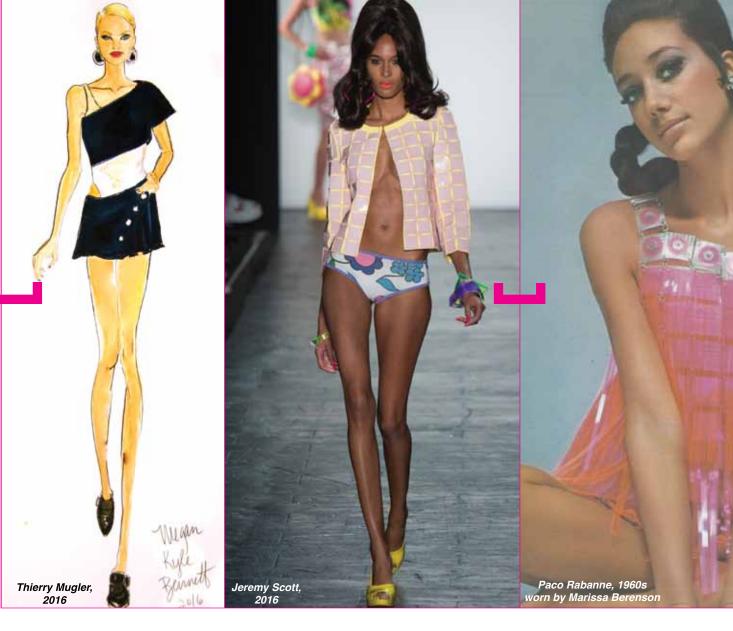
The perfect dichotomy of modest 50s and 60s and the racy idea of a sheer cocktail dress has been one of the biggest hits of the season. Credit should be given where credit is due, so I will give it. Though legend has it that the "bikini" came from the eponymous island and was introduced by French engineer Louis Réard in 1947, Réard was actually preceded by fashion, costume and swimwear designer **Jacques Heim**, who produced "the world's smallest bathing suit" in 1946. This later was referred to as a "two-piece" and ultimately was generalized into the bikini. In the 1950s, the Parisian

designer created iconic swimwear that was popularized by Marilyn Monroe and Brigitte Bardot. The classic silhouettes of these bathing beauties were a runway mainstay this spring. Both **Burberry** and **Balmain** embraced the sheer look with Heim-inspired, chic briefs underneath. Balmain included well-tailored bolero jackets and matador ruffles, a Spain inspired attitude that was an undercurrent in a handful of collections.

Embracing the romantic trend, ornate and loose ruffles were adorned on almost every **Alexander McQueen** look that came down the runway. By adding pastels and delicate florals to the equation, a timeless and truly pretty collection was born. The young French designer, **Alexis Mabille** also used ruffles throughout his spring collection, but took things in a more relaxed direction and his vision was clearly informed by 1960s **Valentino** and 70s **YSL**. Bright, solid colors were artfully tempered with fluid lines that result in an effortless femininity.

EVERYBODY'S ALL AMERICAN

In addition to brights, pastels were momentous on the spring runway. The use of soft pastel colors and dreamy fabrics were beautifully executed through the artistry of Georgina Chapman's **Marchesa**l line. Chapman has not been shy about using the past as inspiration and one could easily conclude that Christian Dior ball gowns from the 50s were on her mood board this season. But more



noticeably, the frothy, girly ball gown and dress designs from a bygone couturier of the same last name, **Ceil Chapman**. The under applauded, self-made designer from Staten Island understood the power of a beautiful dress, and found fans in stars such as Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe.

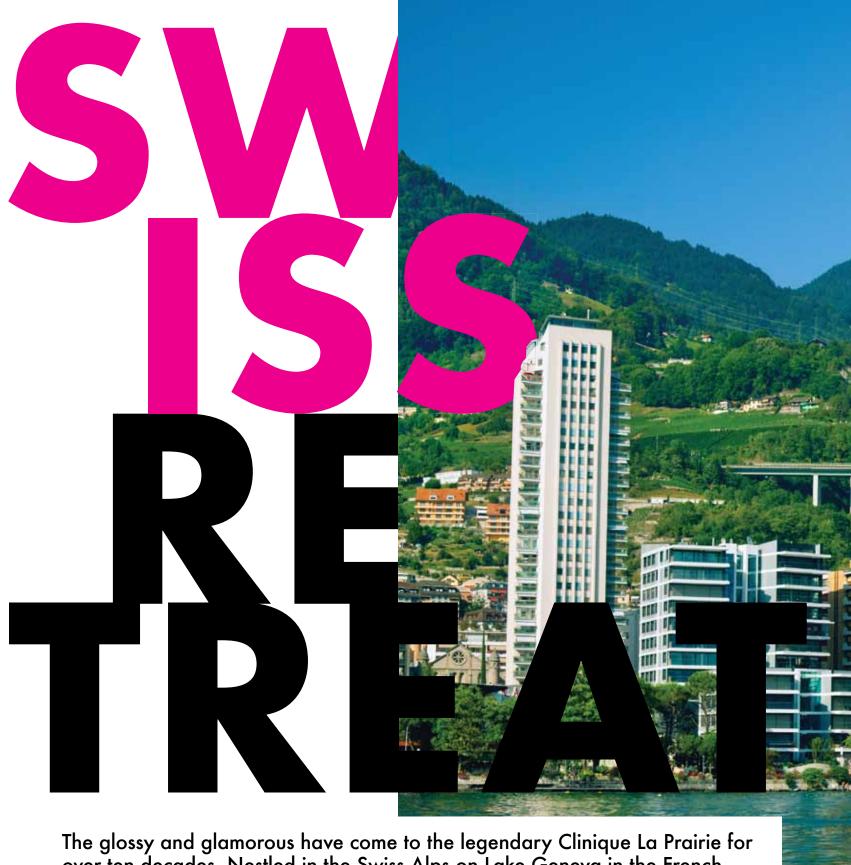
Monochromatic use of all colors was big for spring dresses, as well as separates. Carolina Herreral used soft pastel colors with ethereal light and flowing fabrics alluding to the work of designer Pauline Trigerel while Christian Siriano took to fluid shapes, and monochromatic ensembles, with cues more likely from Claude Montanal in the late 80s and early 90s. Siriano successfully incorporated hoods, snoods, scarves, and capes by building them into his evening wear. This was reminiscent of Montana's highly praised work he did for the house of Lanvin from 1990-92. The beauty, practicality, and ease of these garments, both then and now, make them a closet staple for now and many years to come.

When you hear someone say **Jeremy Scott**, the last thing that comes to mind is classic, but one of the first things is bright colors. In what many have said is his best namesake collection to date, he to looked to the past for inspiration by channeling the sensational 1960s concepts of masterful designer **Paco Rabanne**. His spring show was high on color and long on camp, which Rabane is not known for. But, every piece on the catwalk was adorned with palettes in the distinct material Rabanne used in his past designs. Scott's collection was eye candy and a true valentine

to Rabanne. Owning an item from either of these designers will never go out of style, because a conversation piece never ceases to talk in a gorgeous room.

Palettes of the Rabanne variety were not part of the first collection of 2016 by **Thierry Mugler**, but he did have some keys pieces that included chain maille that were referential to another of Paco Rabanne's signature looks. As for the majority of the collection. Mugler created extremely wearable pieces that were both sporty and effortless and part of his spring collection is an homage to an American fashion maverick **Claire McCardell**. The style of the midcentury designer is just as refreshing today as it was in its heyday. In Mugler's spring looks, McCardell's influence is apparent in her nautical looks from the 1940s. These pieces are refreshed by using sharp tailoring and showing off a little more skin (two of Mugler's strong suits), while embodying McCardell's no-fuss philosophy. McCardell predominantly designed dresses, but will best be remembered for her beach jumpers and short shorts that became in vogue in the 1940s and 50s.

Designers who have embraced the past for the new mood of their gorgeous spring 2016 fashion collections have proven that anything worth revisiting must be worthy for now. Classic fashion is not necessarily a reminder from a bygone era, it is great fashion that can be renewed and updated now and in the years to come, which is truly classic style.



The glossy and glamorous have come to the legendary Clinique La Prairie for over ten decades. Nestled in the Swiss Alps on Lake Geneva in the French region of Switzerland, it's easy to see why with the state of the art fountain of youth keeps attracting beauty seekers from across the globe. Our intrepid traveler Lance Avery Morgan shares a refreshing look at the famous resort

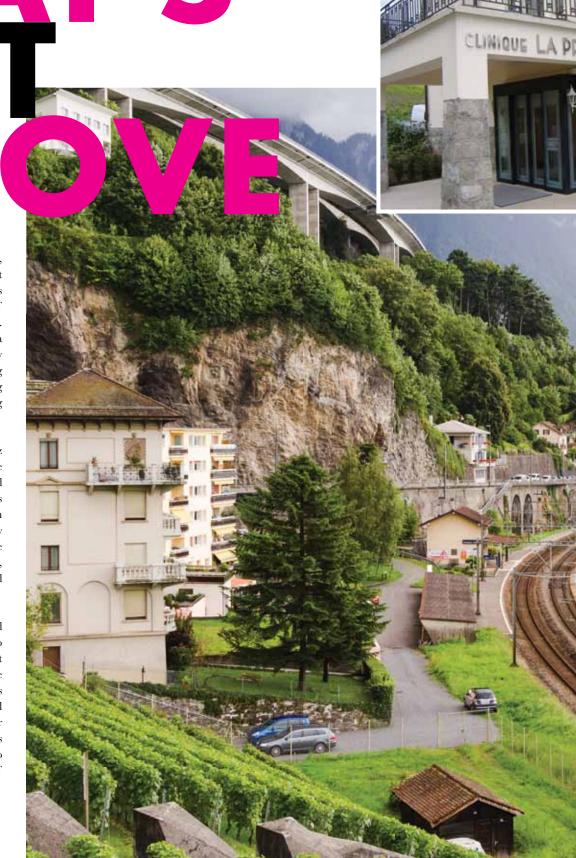


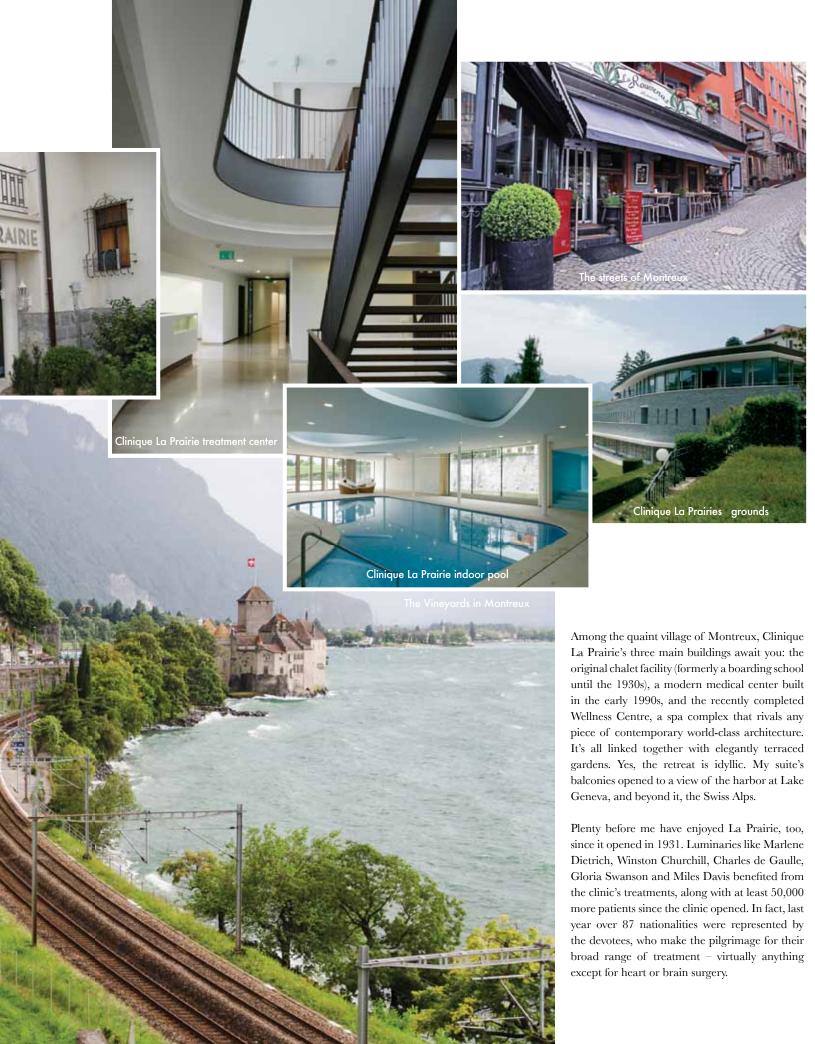


about Switzerland? Nestled in between France, Italy, Germany, and Austria, it's been a jet set retreat for over a hundred years. The world's elite come here for privacy, luxury, and of course, those legendary health spa treatments. The appeal of the world famous Clinique La Prairie in Montreax is just as powerful today as ever, thanks to the clinic's own rejuvenating renovation: a \$50 million dollar building addition, and brand new selection of cutting edge treatments.

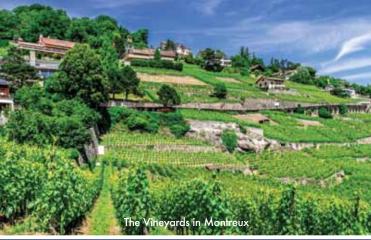
We've all heard about the Montreux Jazz Festival and the even more famous Clinique LePrairie for years. You've probably heard about "the treatments" at the clinic, as well as the skincare line of the same name. Yes, the rich and famous love to jet here to revive and renew — often absconding to the resort discreetly. The clinic doesn't quite promise a fountain of youth, but the experts there have indeed developed techniques to decelerate the aging process.

The trip to Clinique La Prairie is easy and smooth. Fly from any major Texas city to London, take an hour connecting flight to Geneva, then enjoy a scenic train ride to Montreux. This region is known for its vineyards, grand dame hotels and the medieval fortress Chillon Castle; a monument with over 1,000 years of history that has inspired artists and writers from Jean-Jacques Rousseau to Victor Hugo and Lord Byron. It's an area of deeply rich history and beauty.









The sometimes-controversial concept of cellular therapy, the clinic's flagship service, dates back more than 3,500 years to ancient Egypt, yet it wasn't until the 1930s, when the Swiss doctor Paul Niehans used cells taken from fetal sheep for healing purposes, that the world's most glamorous personas sought it out. It's interesting to note that Niehans was an aristocrat who moved in elite circles and through his friendship with fellow aristocrat Pope Pius XII, word about the injections and the clinic spread rapidly to form the international appeal it retains to this day. Those treatments remain controversial, but their incredible efficacy speaks for itself.

At the clinic, over 60 different cell injections have been tested to treat more than 100 medical problems ranging from acne and autism to cancer and neurodegenerative diseases. The injections supposedly trigger a rejuvenation of the immune response system. Actually, that cellular rejuvenation, known as CLP Extract, is not as ghoulish as it might seem. Dr. Thierry Waelli, the chief physician of the clinic, explains. "The fresh cell extracts are put into powder form, and then frozen for freshness. The powder is diluted into a liquid substance and then two painless injections are given." He goes on to say, "I have one client who is 93, who comes here from Mexico City. And has for over 30 years." Dr. Waelli believes humans are programmed



to live at least 120 years. "I call the cell injection process 'intelligent doping." Why not live to be 100 as a reachable goal? Our patients have reached great success in life and we try to give the answers on how to manage better at any age," he attests.

He also told me that allergies to the cell injections are very rare (they do patch tests to determine it beforehand) and that patients have a speedy recovery time of less than a day. The injection costs, with the stay, run over \$20,000 and it's recommended they be administered every two to three years for longer lasting results. Those under 40 years old need not apply for the injection treatments, but other aesthetic treatments like the popular cosmetic plastic surgeries, can certainly be performed instead.

Clinique La Prairie's philosophy encompasses much more than the cellular treatments, however. The Clinique is devoted to helping each visitor retain – or obtain – a higher quality of life. That starts when you check into the facility to meet with a dietician so she can create the best meals suited for your stay's healthy goals. A choice of three options for four courses is given, and those meal selections change daily, so there won't be any starving on baby carrots and snow peas here. The clinic's acclaimed chef Elfried Blaes and author of *The Vitality Diet*, states, "slimming must not be punishment." Whether dining inside or al' fresco at the newly completed (and gorgeous) restaurant in the Wellness building, her dishes are seductive to both the eye and the palette. Even the "light" dishes taste as wonderfully seasoned as the regular healthy entrée choices. The experts of Clinique La Prairie are convinced that certain foods and vitamins can play a far greater role in maintaining good health than originally thought by more traditional medicine experts.

To complement your new, healthy diet, you'll want to take in an array of the world-class health treatments at the new Spa. Contemporary in scope, these therapies are influenced by old world practices. The Hydroform spa water therapy takes place in a heated saltwater pool. Jets of water exude from the walls of the pool, while your extensive water workout ensues. Administered by a water therapy expert, you'll actually feel your muscles building and the fat lifting. After that, you'll want to do the Jet Shower. Now bear with me here. You get into a shower while a therapist points a powerful water hose toward you down the narrow 20 foot stall to create an intense water massage effect. Think of it as a Water Wiggle on steroids for grownups. And wear a swimsuit that will withstand all the water pressure. Next, it's onto the Thai massage. My masseuse was a young Thai woman who seemed born to perform the intense two-hour massage. Pulling, stretching and all sorts of intense two person calisthenics on the feather mat is just what's needed to at least *feel* like you're turning back the hands of time. Balance that with a soothing sea algae body wrap (from the Mediterranean Sea, naturally) and it adds up to be a series of concentrated, time reversing experiences.

These experiences, and dozens more available, are framed perfectly within the new Wellness Centre. At a cost of \$50 million dollars, the architect Jaques Richter created the three story modern structure that's built primarily of Swiss materials. The new facility combines elements of water, light and minerals. From the blue tiled pools to the numerous aesthetic treatment rooms, and to the Buddha-themed art installations, tranquility is the primary goal, Richter declares.

For those moments when we're simply too busy for a jaunt to Montreux, we can always resort to La Prairie skin products. Avowed as the skincare nectar of movie stars and the world's most beautiful people, the original product line was sold over ten years ago to a beauty product conglomerate. Now the clinic has created a skincare system, Swiss Perfection, which rivals the former eponymous product line. After trying out the face scrub, moisturizer and eye cream, I actually felt and saw an immediate visible difference. Maybe it was also due to the fresh mountain air and the 60-degree mild summer climate. The clinic's multi-million-dollar technology, but not the fetal lamb cells, goes into these products to make them so effective.

Like a perennially blooming blossom, visitors return to the Clinique for the promise of rejuvenation. Twenty years ago, the ratio of patients at Clinique La Prairie was 80% women and 20% men. Today, that ratio is about 50/50. Asked why the change in percentage, owner Armin Mattli stated, "It's simple. First, men are more clever now. Secondly, everybody wants to extend their lifespan. Eighty per cent of our clients decide to return." And Switzerland is worth the trip, even to experience just once. The combination of opulence, a healthy environment, and world-class experts places this spa first on almost everyone's 'must do' list. For those of us who seek everlasting beauty, and memories to match, Clinique La Prairie is a peerless experience you'll treasure for a lifetime.





NIGHT OF STARS

Dancing With The Stars Raises Over \$1.1 Million At DazzlingGala

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Jeff Loftin, Dale Murphy and Haley Plotkin



THE SCENE:

The Hilton in downtown Austin was the place to be as nearly 1,000 of Austin's Sociables came together for one of the city's most popular and cherished annual events. This year's Dancing with the Stars presented by Lexus of Austin certainly did not disappoint, offering up a magical evening its attendees will long remember.

From the moment guests entering the venue's foyer, the lively crowd rubbed elbows and mingled about during an engaging cocktailehour. The anticipation built as guests anxiously awaited to see their favorite dancers share their much-rehearsed choreography on the dance floor. As guests migrated into the ballroom, they feasted on a delicious meal during a program that included a live auction featuring, among othes things, a sunset cruise on Horseshoe Bay and a penthouse vacation in Telluride. Then the action turned to the main event - the dancing.











Dick and Ellen Steiner, Scott O'Brien and Jeanne Parker Jordan Jaffe, Chris and Meghan Slover & Katie Jaffe Andra Liemandt

THE VIBE:

This year's talented crop of ten localebrity dancers and their professional dance partners showed off their best moves, whether it be Rhumba, hip-hop, or other entertainingly fun styles showcased throughout the evening. The high-octane environment often had the crowd on their feet and wanting more. Once the dancing was complete, the votes tallied and the winners - Erin Johnston with partner Albert Tailleur - declared, the fun continued as the energetic crowd took to the dance floor themselves, to dancd the night away to the lively spins of DJ Johnny Bravvo.







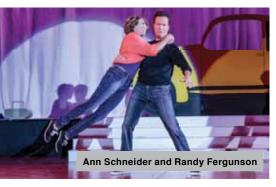
















THE CAUSE:

The event, co-chaired by Venus Strawn and Katrine Formby, raised over \$1.1 Million for the Center for Child Protection, a child-friendly, specially equipped space for child victims of physical and sexual abuse, providing much-needed services such as forensic interviews, medical exams, counseling and intervention during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

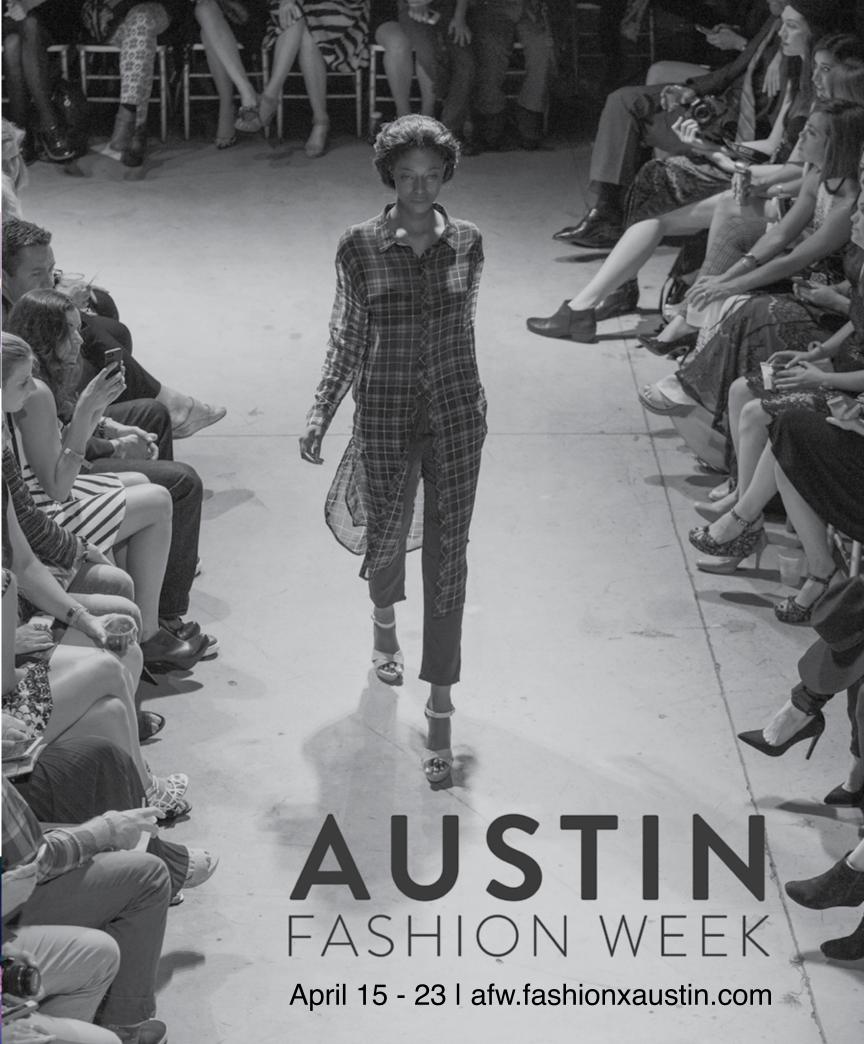






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Nancy Almodovar and Debbie Festari





LET'S LA DOLCE VITA

Una Notte in Italia Celebrates Italian Style

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Emile Browne and Quy Tran



THE SCENE:

Over 600 guests recently enjoyed all things Italian—fine wine, food, and of course, fashion—at this year's Una Notte in Italia (A Night in Italy) benefitting Bo's Place and presented by Festari for Men. The event, which focuses on philanthropic businessmen and athletes who walk the runway in the name of charity, was once again a sold out affair with the catwalk strewn with confetti and roses.

Dr. Monica Patel and Crystal Saldivar























THE VIBE:

This 16th annual gala was as energetic and exciting as always. The 25 male models selected to walk the runway included athletes, high profile businessmen, and lawyers. and.

After the lively fashion runway show and live auction, the crowd enjoyed a premier after party in a lounge setting complete with specialty drinks from Circulo Tequila and non-stop dance music from popular DJ Senega.



Jill Schlenker and Melissa Mithoff















THE CAUSE:

Gala chairman Eloise Frischkorn Bauer and honorary chairman Debbie Festari, as well as emcee Dominique Sachse and auctioneer Andy Cerota, supported the event that raised over \$350,000 in support of Bo's Place, a nonprofit bereavement center that offers free grief support services to children, families, and adults who have experienced the death of a loved one.









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HEART OF THE MATTER Lifestyle Legend Carolyne Roehm Speaks At

Luncheon For AugustHeart

By Shannon Miller Turner | Photography by Greg Harrison



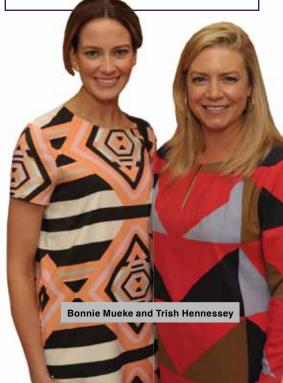


Robin Howard and Caroline Kuper



THE SCENE:

San Antonio Country Club's bright and beautiful ballroom was the setting for the winter luncheon benefitting AugustHeart and chaired by Gretchen Lahourcade. Guests enjoyed the pristine beauty of nature brought indoors with tables decorated in garden-like hues set off by elegant centerpieces provided by Baker Tatum. Emcee Bobby Cavender welcomed the glamorous guests and set the tone for an afternoon of fun, learning and fundraising about the organization and its goals.











THE VIBE:

Guest speaker Carolyne Roehm, a lifestyle expert and renowned author, shared photos and stories from her life as well as from her most recent book, At Home in the Garden. Ms. Roehm imparted to the audience the lessons she has gained from gardening through the years: patience, forbearance and loss; "...great love and beauty, as in the actual human experience: gardening is humbling and wise." The garden has always been a font of inspiration and draws from it for her astonishingly lovely arrangements, gracious dinner parties, and her gallery-quality photographs. Roehm also guided the attendees on a beguiling tour of the gardens of Weatherstone, her historic Connecticut house.





THE CAUSE:

At the luncheon there were door prizes and a raffle drawing to win a \$2,000 Julian Gold shopping spree and a Barfield Collection Ostrich Tote valued at \$4,000. All guests took home gift certificates from Julian Gold as well as Barfield Collection..The mission of AugustHeart is to prevent sudden cardiac death in high school students, ages 14-18, in San Antonio and surrounding counties by providing free heart screenings, education, awareness, and life-saving technology.

















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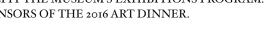
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HEARTWARMING SOUL

9th Annual Heart And Soul Luncheon Raises Funds For The Rise School of Austin

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Cathie Parssinen and Todd White















THE SCENE:

The Marriott Hotel in downtown Austin was the setting for fashionable fun benefitting a great cause. The 380 sociable and chic guests who attended the ninth annual Heart and Soul luncheon showcased the best of Austin and just how much heart this city has to share.

THE VIBE:

As guests entered the foyer of the venue's ballroom foyer they were greeted with the many familiar, warm, and smiling faces. This created a great energy for attendees to bid on the dozens of luxury handbags, the perfect accoutrement for any stylish outfit, all of which were generously donated by an array of individuals and local businesses – including a Bulgari Evening Bag autographed by Academy Award-winning actor Reese Witherspoon.

The action then turned into the ballroom where guests dined on a delicious lunch as Matt Swinney effortlessly emceeded the program which included a father/child fashion show that featured musician Jack Ingram who personally escorted some of the child models down the runway.

THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Tracey Marshall and Donna Stockton Hicks who served as honorary chair, raised a record-shattering \$315,000 for The Rise School Austin, which provides an inclusive and diverse educational environment for children ages six and younger that are both traditional learners and learners with mild developmental disabilities.





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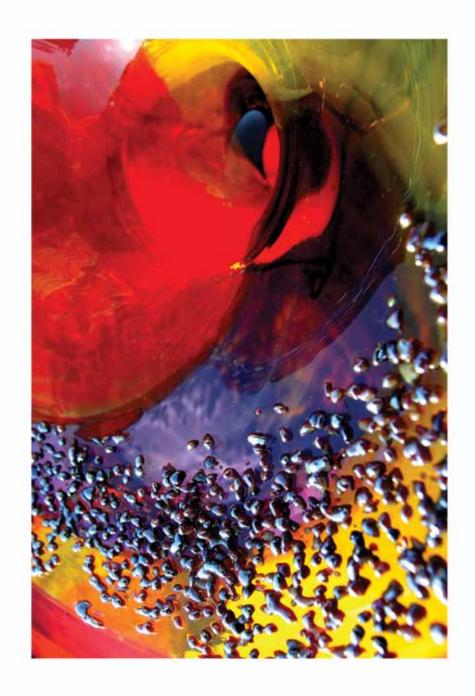
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EASB Live 25 Elizabeth Ann Seton Board setonfund.org

April 28

25th Garden Party UMLAUF Sculpture Garden & Museum umlaufsculpture.org

April 30

Mad about PINK Komen Austin komenaustin.org

DALLAS

March 5

Texas Emerald Ball The American Ireland Fund theirelandfunds.org

March 12

72nd Annual Gala & Auction Dallas Cotillion Club dallascotillionclub.org

March 21

Art in Bloom Dallas Museum of Art dma.org

March 25

Fashion Stars for a Cau Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas sccenter.org

April 2

Under the Moonlight Ronald McDonald House of Dallas rmhdallas.org

April 9

No Tie Dinner & Dessert AIDS Services of Dallas aidsdallas.org

April 9

Dream Gala JDRF Greater Dallas dallas.jdrf.org

April 14

Dallas Art Fair Preview Gala DMA, Nasher and Dallas Contemporary dallasartfair.com

April 22

28th Annual CCF Gala Children's Cancer Fund childrenscancerfund.com

April 23

Art Ball Dallas Museum of Art dma.org

April 30

Spring Gala Dallas Opera dallasopera.org

HOUSTON

March 1 - 20

Houston Livestock Shov Rodeo rodeohouston.com

March 5

15th Annual Evening of Hope St. Jude Foundation stjude.org/houston

March 8

Hats in the Park Luncheon Herman Park Conservancy hermannpark.org

March 9

Hats off to Mothers Luncheon Easter Seals Greater Houston eastersealshouston.org

March 21

FotoFest Fine Print Auction/Gala FotoFest International fotofest.org

March 22

Best Dressed Luncheon March of Dimes marchofdimes.org/bestdressed

March 25

Pearl Ball Good Samaritan Foundation gsftx.org

March 31

Men of Menil The Menil Collection menil.org

April 1

Wine Dinner and Collector's Houston Symphony houstonsymphony.org

April 1

Mercury's 15th Anniversary Crystal Celebration Mercury mercuryhouston.org

April 3

Bayou Bend Garden Party Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens mfah.org

April 9

Opera Ball Houston Grand Opera houstongrandopera.org

April 15

CAMH Annual Gala & Art Auction Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

April 15

SPA Gala Society for the Performing Arts spahouston.org

April 23

TUTS 2016 Gala Theatre Under the Stars

April 30

Cattle Baron's Ball cattlebaronsball.org

SAN ANTONIO

March 7

Junior League of San Antonio ilsa.org

March 19

Home Red Shoes Gala St. PI's Children's Home stpjhome.org

March 31

8th Annual Rivertini San Antonio River Foundation sariverfoundation.org

April 9

Promise Ball Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund jdrf.org

April 10

2016 Voices Gala <u>Voic</u>es de la Luna voicesdelaluna.com

April 14-24

Fiesta San Antonio 2016 fiesta-sa.org

April 18-24

Valero Texas Open valerotexasopen.org

April 19-22

A Night in Old San Antonio San Antonio Conservation Society niosa.org

Coronation of the Queen of the Order of the Alamo fiesta-sa.org

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