

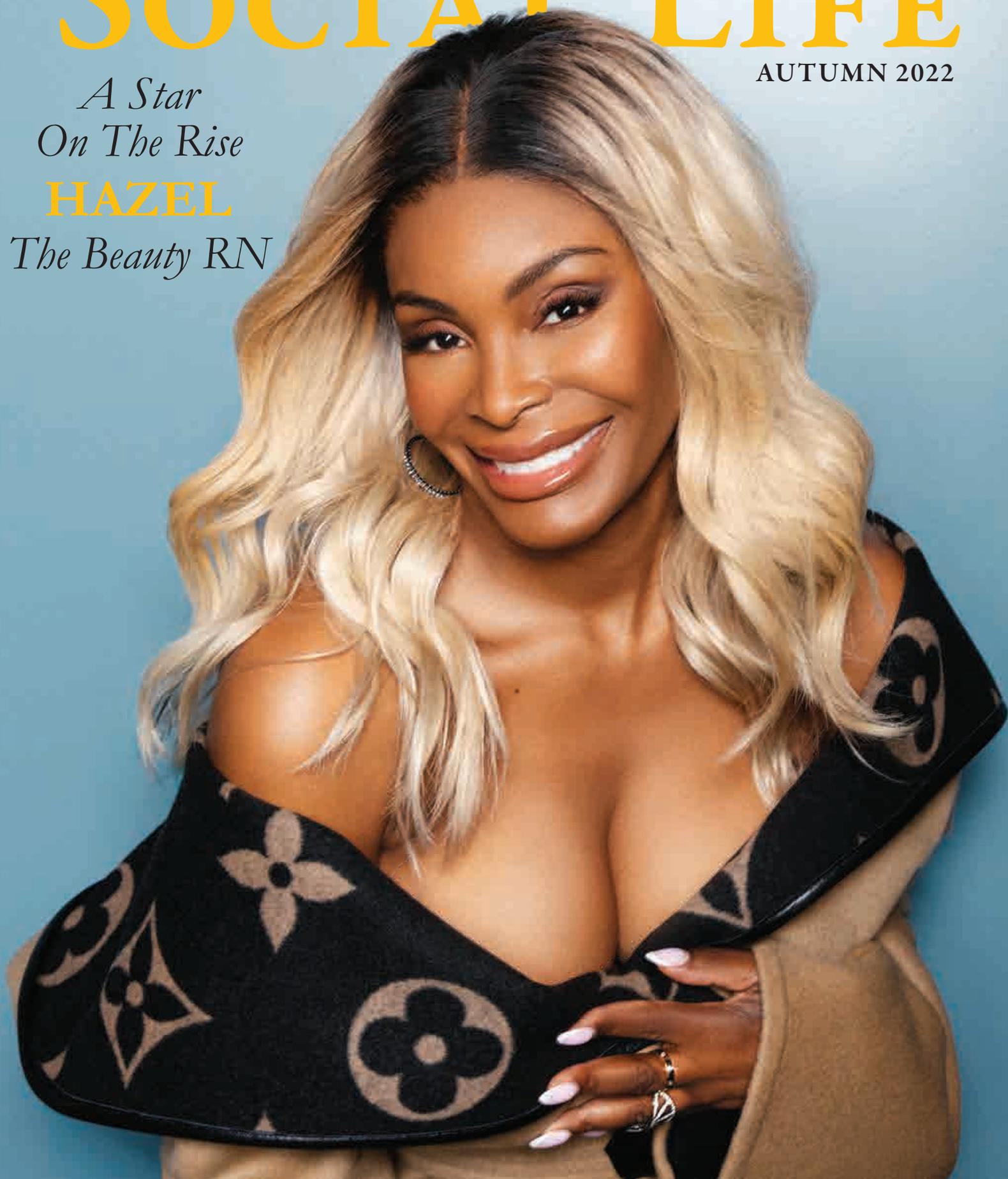
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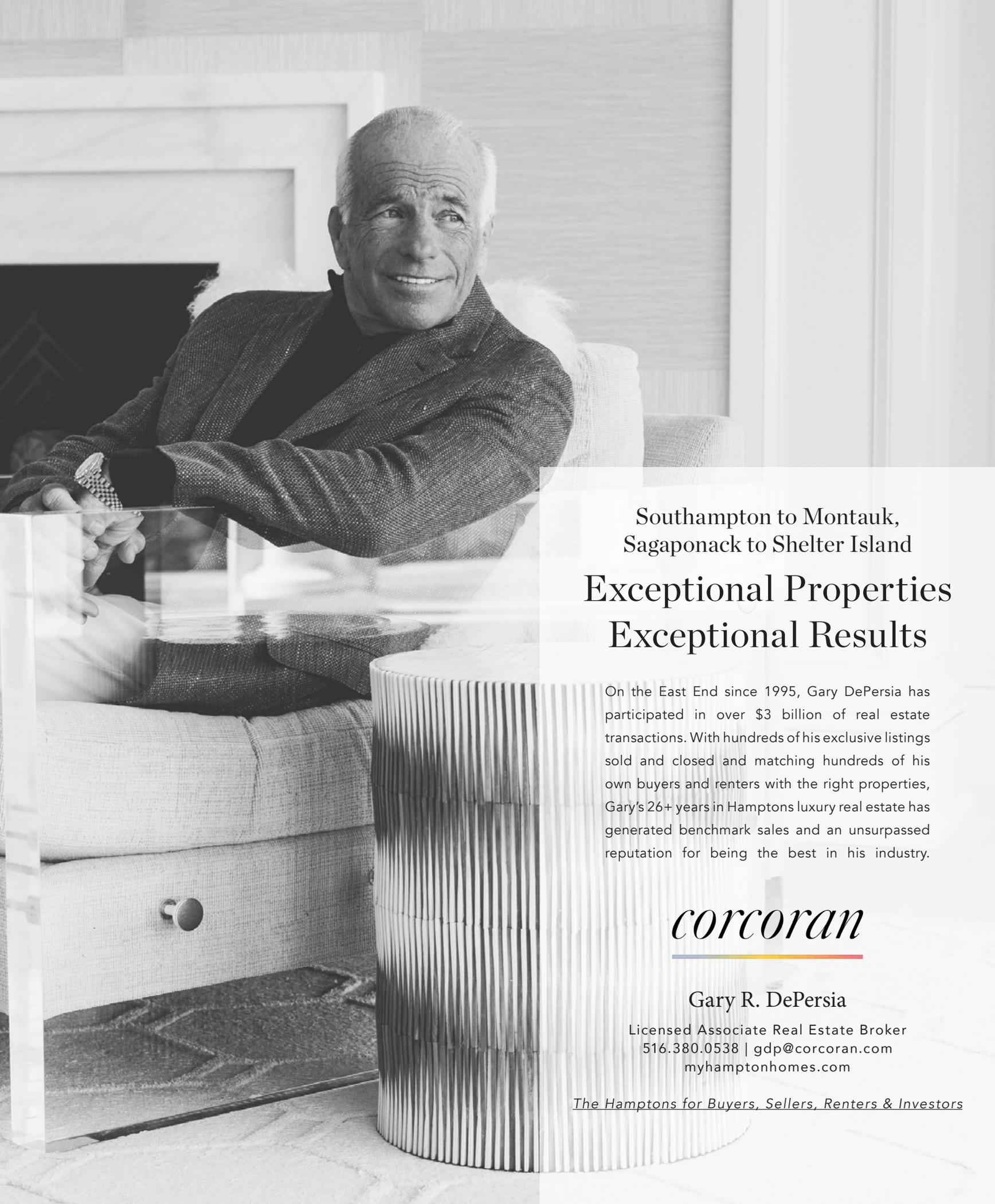


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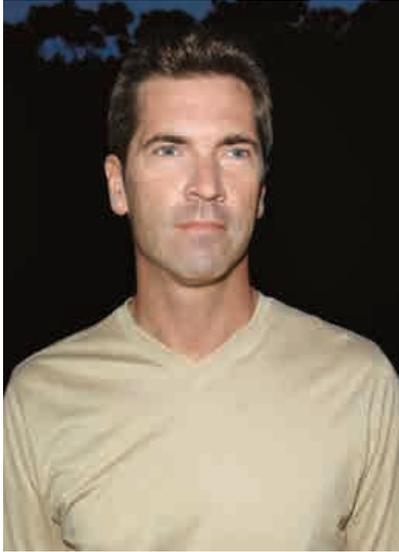
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By popular demand, welcome to our Manhattan issue. We are best known for our Hamptons issues in the summer, but wanted to publish several additional issues in Manhattan to please our loyal readers.

As we enter 2023, I can't help but think ahead to warmer weather and long summer days on the beach in the Hamptons.

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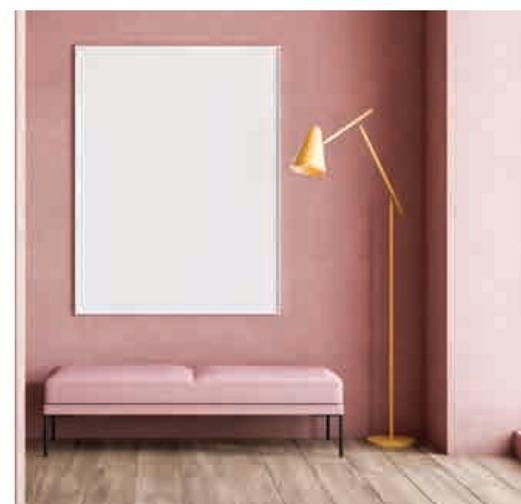
The magic of the holidays is forever linked to New York City. Skaters twirling in Rockefeller Center, holiday decor in the shop windows along Fifth Avenue, honey-roasted nuts at every corner — it’s the stuff of romantic comedies and holiday movies everywhere. To walk down Manhattan’s storied streets is to feel the special electric charge of the season.

It’s also a time to focus on family and giving back. Right now there are many opportunities to make the world around you better and teach your children or encourage your close circle to do the same. If you don’t have anything to give but a smile, know that your smile could change someone’s day. In a city where so many of us are in a rush, offer a smile or a helping hand this season.

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Aside from NYC's luxury brand shopping, chic restaurants, and extraordinary entertainment, autumn activities in New York City are incomparable. From festivals such as the Feast of San Gennaro, the New York Film Festival, the New York Comedy Festival, and New York Comic Con, to various parades such as the Village Halloween Parade and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the city that never sleeps does not disappoint.

Don't forget to visit one of the many parks in the Big Apple such as the world-renowned Central Park, the lovely Prospect Park, or the High Line- an exquisite park running above the streets in NYC; each has its own charm and history. Perhaps, you might want to engage in something a little more physical like ice skating at Rockefeller Center or running in the New York City Marathon. Whatever activities or entertainment you choose, whether you are vacationing or are one of New York City's 8 million residents, this amazing city has indescribable charm offering an enchanting fall experience that is simply unforgettable!

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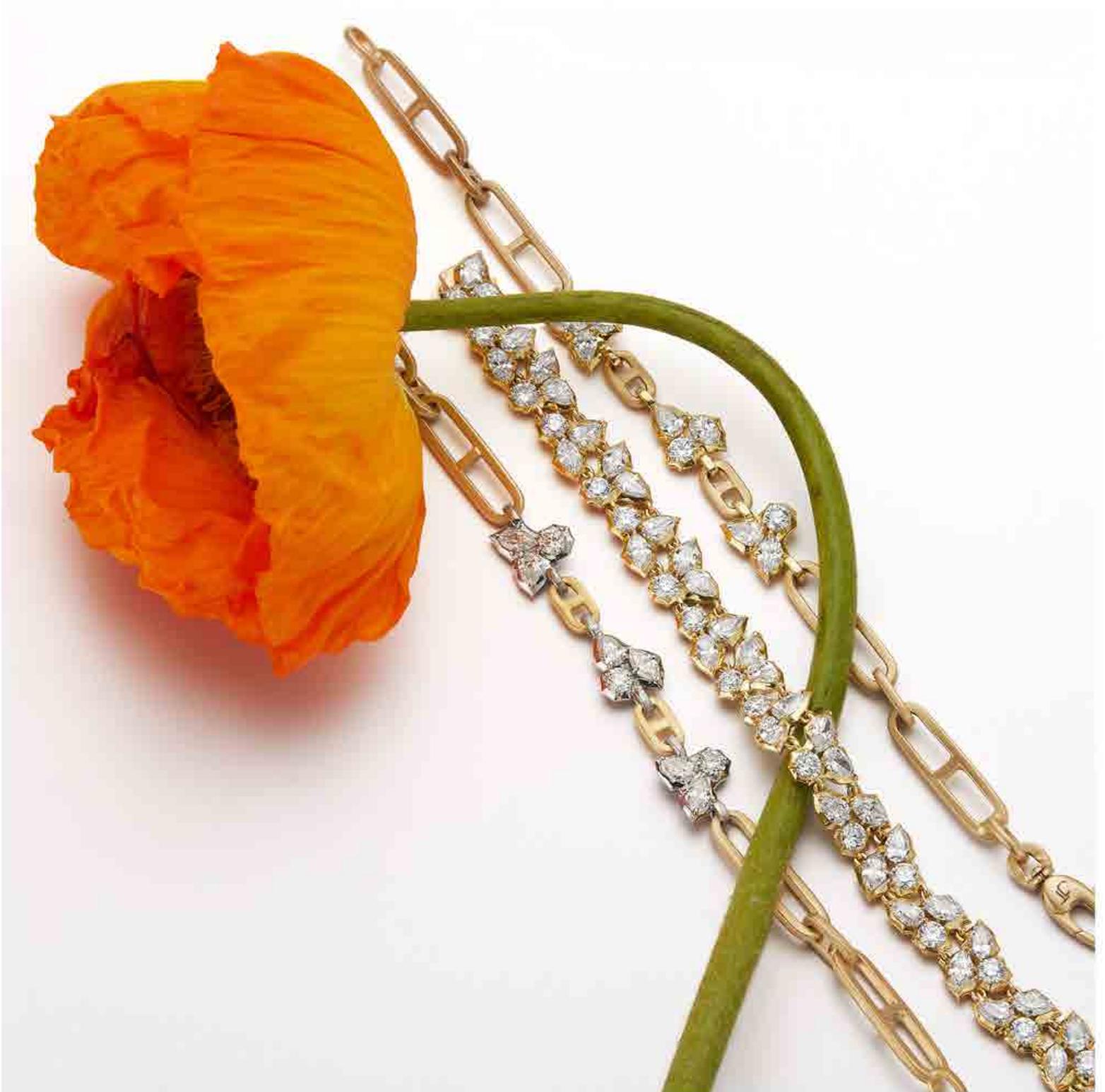


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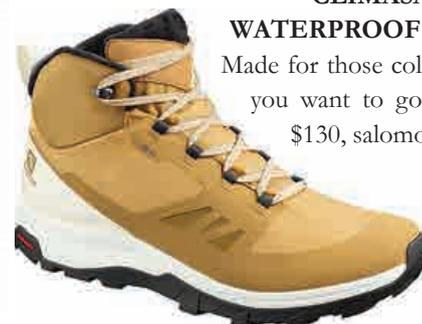
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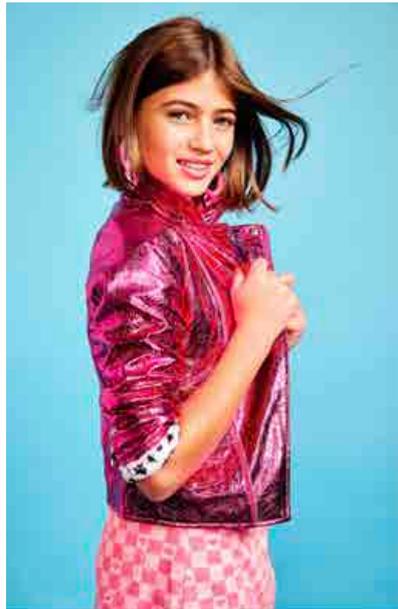
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LOLA AND THE BOYS



BY RACHEL HELLER

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Lola and the Boys is definitely the shopping destination if you're a cool kid. This Chicago-based, celebrity-mom-approved fashion-lifestyle brand is for boys and girls (sizes 2-14) and adults, too. What should you do when you have a child who wants to express themselves? You allow them to of course! Lola and the Boys is known for its whimsical, sparkly, shiny, colorful, unique and on-trend pieces, accessories, and footwear. The former model and founder of Lola and The Boys, Irina Ovrutsky, has completely reimagined the children's fashion space by creating outrageously fun clothes that pay homage to the touchstones of her childhood by including rainbows, unicorns, and care bears in the designs.

Irina, who named the brand after her daughter, Lola, and her two boys, Shia and Julian, was inspired to create the brand because of the lack of creative, expressive, and high-quality clothes in the children's apparel space.

Well-dressed kids spotted wearing Lola and the Boys include Zhuri James (LeBron James's daughter), Blue Ivy Carter (Beyoncé and Jay Z's daughter), Stormi Webster (Kyle Jenner and Travis Scott's daughter), True Kardashian-Thompson (Khloé Kardashian and Tristan Thompson's daughter), Brynn Hoppy (Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy's daughter), Kulture Kiari Cephus (Cardi B's daughter) and Sienna Wilson (Ciara and Russell Wilson's daughter). Stylish celeb moms, including Kylie Jenner, Ciara, Jessica Alba, Adriana Lima, Khloé Kardashian, and Bethenny Frankel, love the brand's dedication to providing kids the freedom to express their style while JoJo Siwa, Paris Hilton, and The Home Edit's Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin are fans of the adult-sized tracksuits, bombers, and hoodies.

► Lola and the Boys can be found at lolaandtheboys.com Nordstrom, Kitson, and Maisonette.

AFSANEH AKHTARI

CHIC SALONNIÈRE

BY BENNETT MARCUS



BUSINESSWOMAN

Philanthropist and investor Afsaneh Akhtari is New York's newest salonnière, inviting inspirational guests from a wide array of fields to her East Side home for stimulating discussions. This year Akhtari's first salon, a talk with Steve Forbes, Nathan Lewis, and Elizabeth Ames on their new book, *Inflation: What It Is, Why It's Bad, and How to Fix It*, drew business and political types like Larry Kudlow, John Catsimatidis, WSJ editor-at-large Gerard Baker, Fox Business Network anchor Maria Bartiromo, and musician/singer/songwriter Tommy James.

BALMAIN'S OLIVIER ROUSTEING

This fall, French fashion house Balmain tapped Akhtari to host a private soirée for creative director Olivier Rousteing, who was in town to open the brand's new Madison Avenue flagship. Fashion industry folks and VIP clients, known as the "Balmain Army," took in a fashion show in her living room.

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"To me, art and culture and fashion are equally important," says Akhtari. "I love beautiful things; I love to be surrounded with beauty, and I find beauty in a lot of things." She enjoys hosting people at her art-filled apartment, and at 6,000 square feet, the place can accommodate a fun group — the Forbes book event was originally planned as dinner for 12, and ended up with 150 people.

HOT LYSST

BY LYSS STERN



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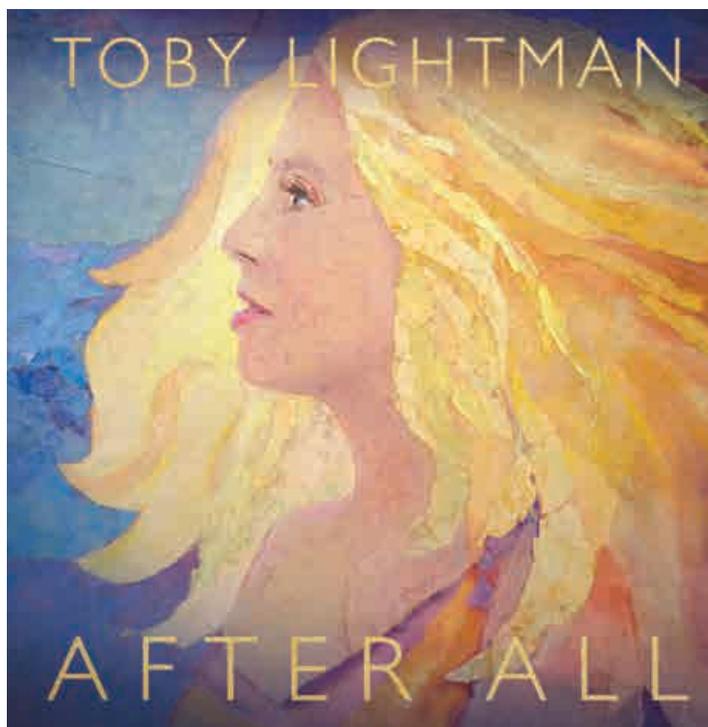


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GIVE YOURSELF A STRONG COMEBACK STORY

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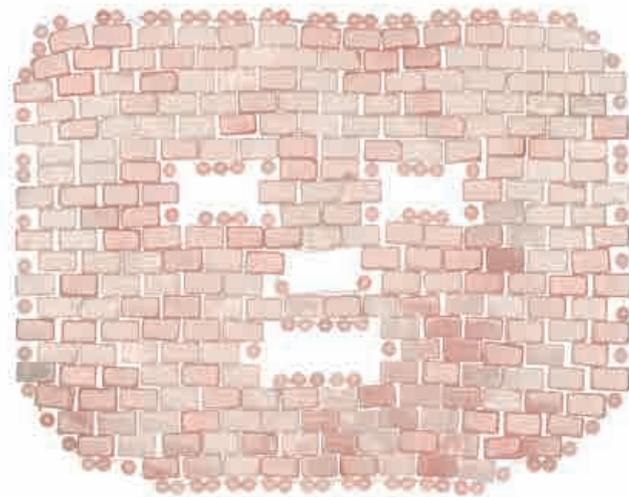
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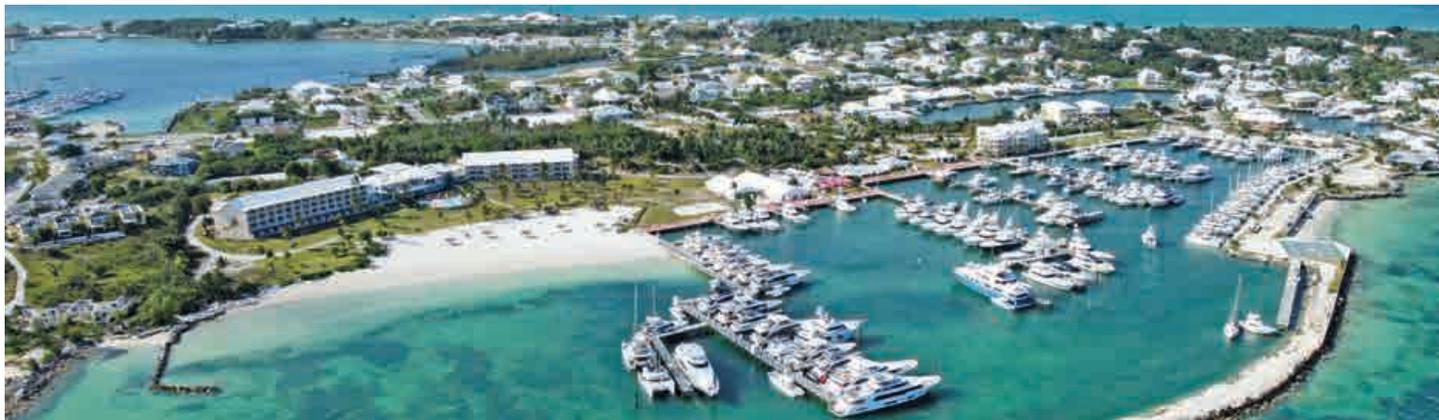
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Natural Beauty: Island Hopping in the Bahamian Abacos Islands

BY JEANETTE ZINNO



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One of The Bahamas' best-kept secrets, the Abacos archipelago is surrounded by calm seas and reigns as one of the top sailing and boating destinations in the world. The island chain is accessible by plane or a scenic boat ride from The Sunshine State.

WHERE TO STAY

Pool, massage, beach, repeat. The Abaco Beach Resort, the iconic Caribbean hideaway in the Abacos, recently opened after an extensive renovation. Park your boat and relax; the resort is home to one of the largest marinas in the Bahamas with 200 slips accommodating vessels up to 200 feet.

This charming beachfront resort offers a variety of rooms and suites, all with private terraces or balconies; condo residences have fully equipped kitchens and living and dining rooms. Situated on 40 beachfront acres and in a prime location within Marsh Harbour (the capital), the resort offers guests access to a variety of land- and water-based activities ranging from island-hopping and diving to shopping and dining.

WHAT TO DO

The ocean is the main attraction here and offers many boating excursions — whether you'd like to pull up to Thirsty Cuda (a

floating beach bar), swim with the famous pigs on Green Turtle Cay, or explore a remote island and make lunch with your fresh catch. The Abacos are known around the world for their dive sites and hidden cays. The sea is a snorkeler's paradise, where you're guaranteed to see dolphins, turtles, nurse sharks, stingrays, and colorful fish like little fairy basslets, small vibrant half-purple and half-yellow fish.

Get a history lesson at the candy-striped Elbow Cay Lighthouse, the world's only lighthouse that is manually operated. Climb the spiral staircase to the top to be rewarded with a breathtaking view of the surrounding islands and Hope Town, a quaint town that you explore by foot or rented bike, filled with local shops and souvenirs.

WHAT TO EAT

Depending on the time of year, the local catch includes lobster, conch, grouper, and mahi mahi. They also have chicken farms and grow fruits and vegetables like peppers, mango, coconuts, and citrus. Pull up to the beachside bungalow Kow's Conch and watch the owner make a fresh conch salad. Restaurants to try include Colors Bahamian Restaurant in Marsh Harbour and Pete's Pub on Little Harbour — both serve delicious island fare in cozy welcoming environments.

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HEALTHY BREASTS

BY LIANA WERNER-GRAY



Each year in the United States, about 264,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and about 2,400 in men. About 42,000 women and 500 men in the United States die each year from this disease. Breast cancer is sometimes preventable and also curable in a number of ways, starting with diet. I have researched cancer for 13 years now and wrote the book *Cancer-Free*

with Food, which includes information about numerous cancers, including breast cancer. Below I am going to share dietary and lifestyle changes that can help to prevent and cure breast cancer.

Women who eat a diet supplemented with extra-virgin olive oil and mixed nuts may have a reduced risk of breast cancer. Also, flaxseeds may play a role in slowing breast cancer cell growth and may even improve the effectiveness of some cancer treatments. They are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, minerals, vitamins, and fiber. You can add flaxseed oil or flaxseeds to smoothies, soups, and salad dressings. For breakfast, add them to your eggs or cereal. You can also add flaxseed meal to desserts and snacks. In addition to healthy fats, focus on your intake of antioxidants and phytochemicals. After my mum was diagnosed with breast cancer a couple of years ago, she made fresh juice at home multiple times a day with lots of oranges and lemons (for vitamin C) and a whole clove of garlic. Johns Hopkins Breast Center recommends five or more servings a day of fruits and vegetables, especially those high in fiber, as fiber may protect against the hormonal actions of breast cancer. Aim for 25 to 30 grams of soluble and insoluble fiber per day.

To prevent or heal breast cancer try preparing meals that contain the following ingredients:

- ✓ Coumarins, flavones, and carotenoids (carrots, celery, cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, and parsnips)
- ✓ Indoles and sulforaphane (cruciferous vegetables like broccoli, broccoli sprouts, brussels sprouts, cabbage, collard greens, kale, kohlrabi, mustard greens, turnips, turnip greens, and watercress)
- ✓ Isoflavones (non-GMO soy, legumes, and flaxseeds)
- ✓ Lentinan (mushrooms, especially Asian varieties like shiitake and maitake)

- ✓ Lycopene (carrots, mangoes, tomatoes, and watermelon)
- ✓ Potassium, magnesium, iron, and various other nutrients (cucurbitaceous vegetables like cucumber pumpkin, squash, zucchini, and watermelon)
- ✓ Protein (vegetarian options like legumes and lentils; poultry; and fish)
- ✓ Solanaceous (nightshade) vegetables (capsicum, chili peppers, eggplant, and potatoes)
- ✓ Sulfur (garlic, chives, leeks, onions, and shallots)
- ✓ Green leafy vegetables (beet greens endive, romaine, and other lettuces, spinach, and Swiss chard)
- ✓ Non-GMO whole grains (barley, bulgur, oats, quinoa, and rye)

Avoid nonfermented soy products like tofu and edamame, which can raise estrogen levels. Fermented soy products like miso, natto, and tempeh, are acceptable — and good sources of vitamin K2.

Women's health expert Christiane Northup, M.D., wisely insists: "All women can create healthy breasts." In an article on creating optimal breast health, she explains that bolstering our immunity is critical. I love that her focus is on wellness, not fear!

She offers the following tips for creating healthy breasts:

- ✓ Cultivate a practice of self-care and self-love. She says the most important factor in creating health is carving out time to care for yourself and love yourself unconditionally.
- ✓ Get enough sleep. Sleep restores the body, and it's during sleep that our bodies metabolize stress hormones. Aim for eight hours per night.
- ✓ Optimize your vitamin D intake. The best way to get your vitamin D is from safe exposure to sunlight, but many people need to take a supplement.
- ✓ Exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet.
- ✓ Get social. Get off your cell phone, computer, tablet, or whatever, and get out with friends. Volunteer in your community or at your church. Take up a new activity, such as dancing or yoga. Having a fulfilling social life improves your immune system. When your immune system is healthy it naturally kills off pathogens and rogue cells that can lead to disease.

If you've been diagnosed with breast cancer, take your time deciding what course of treatment you want to do. In a podcast on managing breast cancer, surgical oncologist Alexander Miller, M.D., says: "Breast cancer is not something that develops overnight, and so you should feel very comfortable taking a week or more to make a decision."

Enjoy this nurturing recipe for SunButter Energy Bites. This recipe is nutrient-rich and also delicious. *This recipe was originally published on my blog at vitacost.com*

SunButter Energy Bites

Total time: 10 minutes

Makes: 16 servings

Ingredients:

1½ cups paleo baking flour (I use Bob's Red Mill)
1 scoop plant protein (I love Ancient Nutrition brand)
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
2½ tablespoons manuka honey (I love PRI)
5 tablespoons water
⅛ teaspoon sea salt
1 tablespoon MCT oil
2 tablespoons organic SunButter sunflower seed butter
2 tablespoons hemp seeds
½ cup shredded coconut

Instructions:

1. In large bowl, combine all ingredients except shredded coconut. If mixture is dry, add more SunButter or water.
2. Form small balls and roll in shredded coconut.
3. Store in refrigerator until ready to snack.

To find more nurturing and healing recipes, check out my book *Cancer-Free with Food*, available now on Amazon. If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with breast cancer or any cancer, please share this article and my book for healing.

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A STAR ON THE RISE

HAZEL

THE BEAUTY RN

TAPPED BY SHOWBIZ EXECUTIVES

BY LAURA HILTON
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Rumor has it that our editors' favorite beauty expert, Hazel, The Beauty RN, is on the fast track to television stardom. Showbiz sources tell us that Hazel was recommended last summer to audition as a new cast member for Bravo TV's *The Real Housewives of New York*. The opportunity ignited a fire in Hazel that helped her realize that she has a natural flair for the camera. We couldn't agree more. Her magnetic and savvy style is a draw for any audience!

"When Bravo executives called me about the audition, I wasn't quite ready to own the opportunity and shine in my own confidence," Hazel said. After processing the experience, Hazel started to see what others saw in her, and she decided to pursue different television projects. Recently she was featured on the prestigious medical show *The Doctors* as a beauty expert to talk about and demonstrate her signature Walking Filter Glow-Up treatment. She will appear on *Serving the Hamptons*, the hot new reality show on HBO Max where you can see the beautiful people wining and dining in the Hamptons. Hazel has also appeared on We TV's *Love After Lock-Up*.

Outside of Hazel's television pursuits, she is a renowned skincare and laser expert, sought out by celebrities and socialites across the globe. Offering everything from cosmetic injectables to laser treatments, Hazel is known for her life-altering aesthetic transformation techniques and programs she offers her patients. Being at the forefront of the beauty industry for many years, she consistently evolves her suite of treatments to cater to today's modern and glamorous women and men. Note to readers: you really need to listen to her beauty tips — they are aesthetic game-changers.

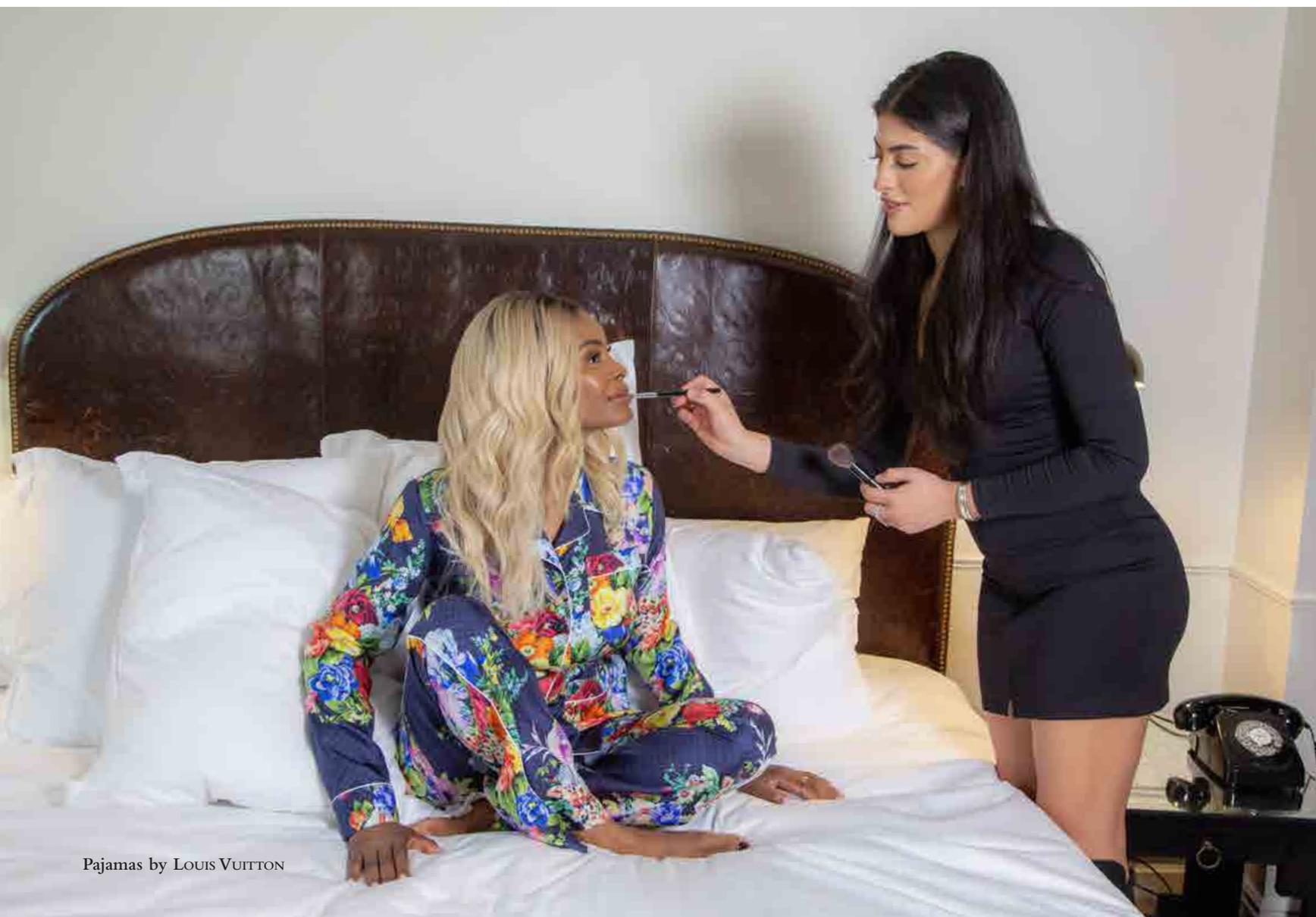
Social Life sat down with Hazel at The Ned NoMad, the ultra-exclusive members club, to learn more about her newest foray into celebrity.

What are your ambitions for television?

When the producers from *The Real Housewives of New York* approached me, I didn't thoroughly understand the assignment. It wasn't clear to me how I would be portrayed or how being on a show like this would impact my business. I was hearing



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various viewpoints and perspectives from my trusted advisors, many of whom said I didn't need to be on television, especially given its potential to paint me as a villain and how that could have a negative impact on my business. After working closely with the producer on *Love After Lock-Up*, I realized that it's all about entertainment, and I said to myself, *If the world wants a show, I'm ready to give them a show. Let's go television!*

Are there other opportunities you are currently exploring?

At the moment, I'm waiting on projects that I already filmed but haven't been released yet. Each role showcases a different side of my personality, so I feel it's important to evaluate how the personas resonate with the audience so I can decide what direction and roles to aim for.

How do you see your expertise in beauty opening the door to showbiz?

Producers from *The Doctors* sought me out because they learned about my reputation for creating natural-looking aesthetic results. I remember seeing the show for the first time, and thinking, *Wow, a show based on medical experts exploring cutting-edge breakthroughs in science and aesthetics . . . this is amazing!* It was an honor to be on such a prestigious show. Demonstrating my signature Walking Filter Glow Up on *The Doctors* was definitely a pinch-me moment.

Do you have a favorite show that you would love to appear on?

After running a successful high-end aesthetics practice in a



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male-dominated industry, I cultivated an image as a sharp tongued, no-nonsense, assertive businesswoman. The image is nothing that television has ever seen. I am also super competitive, and I would love to play a villain perhaps on a show like *Million Dollar Listings*, but aesthetics-related. I don't think there's anything like that currently on television, so I may have to create my own show.

Given you've launched and run a successful business already; are there lessons you've learned that you'll leverage in whatever comes next?

The biggest learning curve was understanding that transitioning to television required the same cut-throat and assertive mentality that it took to dominate the aesthetics world. From the outside, they seem like different worlds, but they are not. In fact, both require the same no-nonsense and ruthless drive, which is in my DNA.

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SIR GARY KONG

LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM

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Sir Gary Kong

The power to transform a life often rests in the ability to maximize given opportunities while creating more than a few of one's own. For Sir Gary Kong, this is the secret to his drive and success. Coming first from China to Guatemala at 16 with no money, Kong later made his way to the United States where he realized the American dream using his innate talents and business acumen to seize on relevant business opportunities, scout out new trends, and create success seemingly out of thin air. Naturally, the actual process was more work than that outlined above, but Sir Gary Kong's effortless grace and charm make it appear as though any roadblock set before him is yet another way to maximize his talents and abilities.

Sir Gary Kong is a successful businessman and philanthropist. He has a real estate portfolio; produces The 1 Wine out of Napa; will be rolling out in 2023 his new water, Wausau, from Wisconsin, where he also produces Classic New York Beer; is founder of the Global Hero Foundation USA, a philanthropy that supplied front-line workers with needed PPE during the height of the pandemic; and was appointed president of Sino American Commerce Association. In 2023, to kick off the New Year Mr. Kong will be bringing to Flushing Queens the first ever Happy New Year's Day Parade on January 1st, bringing together the bustling mixed Asian community to celebrate in unity being proud Americans.

What brought you to America and fueled your dream to make it big?

I left Fujian China for Hong Kong at the age of 5 and stayed there 10 years. Then I came to America after receiving a visa from Guatemala and decided to swim from Mexico to America in pursuit of the American dream.

What were some of your early jobs once you relocated to America?

I started out working as a dishwasher at some famous restaurant in Manhattan and worked my way up to sous-chef.

How did you eventually crack the real estate market?

I understood real estate and numbers. By the time I was 18, I owned my first building and for the next 25 years I purchased a building each year. I own several homes, apartments, and land.

What were some of the early challenges you had to overcome after arriving in the States?

My biggest challenge was the language barrier. Learning English was difficult at first but with great determination I knew I would be fluent.

How long did it take for you to feel like you had made it in America?

I think back on my life and career. I feel like I first made it when I started going back to those same fancy restaurants as a patron taking clients to business dinners, and after buying my first home.

Real estate isn't your only interest. Can you tell us all about Classic New York Beer and The 1 Wine?

To create a business around one's passion is truly a gift and godsend. I am a beer and wine connoisseur, so I decided to start my own winery in California where I developed several blends and The 1 Wine came to fruition. Today, we are focusing with my agency MAA to take The 1 Wine Love brand nationally and will continue producing several other blends for our loyal customers. Our beer is unique, and we have assorted flavors, including the popular Blueberry and Apple.

What sets your beer and wine companies apart from the other breweries and microbreweries around today?

What separates us from other breweries and wine companies is our



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labor of love, diversity, uniqueness, and our flavors which no one else can emulate. I own a winery, as well as have a direct relationship with one of the best Napa wine makers in the industry.

If you could speak to your 16-year-old self, what advice would you offer?

I would say never give up on your dreams. Work smartly and get an education.

In 2022, you were named president of Sino America Commerce. What does this honor mean to you and your career in business?

Becoming the 2022 president of Sino America Commerce is a true honor. I will continue their efforts to bring Chinese-American and American businesses together in unity through expanding our efforts throughout America.

During the pandemic, you played a major part in helping fellow New Yorkers. Gary, you donated 40,000 surgical masks and 800 N95 masks. What drove you to making this donation?

Helping others, especially during the pandemic was especially important to me both in the U.S. and in China. During the early days of the pandemic China was running out of masks and much-needed medical supplies. I had my agency, MAA, wheels up 26,000 pounds of PPE from New York to China for the Chinese Red Cross, via Chapman Freeborn air cargo planes.

How did the pandemic impact you daily? How did it affect your business and work?

Many of my businesses were shut down. This gave me an opportunity to focus my attention on much-needed philanthropy and develop new platforms for my water, beer, and wine companies. I've received three President Community Service awards from Obama, Trump, and Biden for Lifetime Achievements.

The Global Hero Foundation USA is near and dear to your heart. Can you tell us about this organization and your role within it?

As a founder of GlobalHeroFoundationUSA.com, I am always looking to help organizations, especially the front-runners during the pandemic: hospital workers, firefighters, and police departments. We support these via financial contributions and staging fund raiser events as well as dinners. To kick off the 2023 New Year, we're staging the first ever Happy New Year's 2023 America Day Parade on January 1st, 11 am to 4 pm up and down Main Street in Flushing, with over 30 decorated floats, costumed characters, New York's favorite politicians, and more.

What are other Covid-related works of the Global Hero Foundation USA?

We donated a variety of PPE to India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Haiti, the USA, and China and received their administrator appreciation letters.

Can you tell us about some of the philanthropic activities you have in store?

We are always looking for new causes and people in need. In 2022-2023 we will support this organization with donations, events, and dinners.

What is your advice to someone seeking to become an entrepreneur in 2022 and beyond?

Work hard. Timing is important, and do not give up on your dream even when obstacles come your way during your journey.

If you had the power to change just one thing in the world, what would it be?

The elimination of prejudice against the different races, and equal opportunities for all who work hard and are honest.

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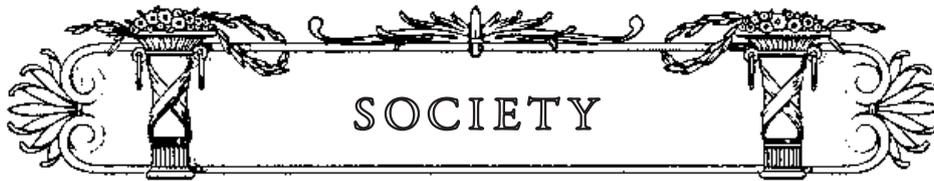
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ANA OLIVEIRA

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS ANA OLIVEIRA,
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF
THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

Ana, can you tell our readers a little about the work of The New York Women's Foundation?

Since 1987, The New York Women's Foundation has advanced a dynamic philanthropic strategy based on the fundamental reality that when women and gender-expansive people thrive, their families and communities also thrive. The Foundation's mission is to create an equitable and just future for all women, girls, and families. It achieves this goal by uniting cross-cultural and community alliances that ignite action. The Foundation invests in women-led, innovative, and bold community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most overlooked women.

How long have you been president & CEO of The New York Women's Foundation?

I have been president and CEO of The Foundation since 2006, and I've led the increase of The Foundation's grantmaking from \$1.7M to \$10M today. In its 35-year history, The Foundation has invested over \$100 million in New York City's women!

Can you give our readers an example of some of the grants The Foundation makes?

The Foundation invests in women-led solutions in the areas of economic security and justice, safety and healing, health equity and



Ana Oliveira



Malikah

reproductive justice, expanding democracy and civic engagement, and more. For example, we fund Custom Collaborative, an organization that trains, mentors, and advocates for and with low- to no-income women to build the skills necessary to achieve economic success in the sustainable fashion industry and broader society. Another organization we support in our efforts toward economic justice is Worker's Justice Project, a woman-led organization that educates, organizes, and fights for justice in the workplace.

In order to advance safety for women, we invest in Malikah, a network of active and engaged women leaders that trains women in self-defense, healing justice, organizing, and financial literacy. We fund Bx (Re)Birth to fight for maternal health equity by supporting their work to help Black pregnant women in the Bronx through birth education, doula care, postpartum support, and advocacy.

How does The Foundation's work impact families?

At The New York Women's Foundation, we believe in the fundamental truth that when women thrive, their families and communities also thrive. Because women are the backbone of families, our work extends beyond just the women we invest in. For example, women who participate in Custom Collaborative's programs funded by The New York Women's Foundation build a career in sustainable fashion, empowering their entire family to achieve economic security and a better future. Through The Foundation's grants to The Alex House Project, young women increase long-term family sufficiency by participating in parent



Some of The New York Women's Foundation board members and supporters. Grainne McNamara, Jean Shafiroff, Margaret Morrison, Carolyn Rossip Malcolm, Laurie M. Tisch, Carolyn Maloney, Yvonne Quinn, Jennifer Giacobbe, Tracey Schusterman, Anne E. Delaney. Photo by Patrick McMullan



Custom Collaborative

education and leadership development with support to access higher education and the workforce. By supporting Sanctuary for Families, The Foundation helps survivors of domestic violence connect to legal support, shelters, counseling, and more to enable their families to find safety.

Can you tell us about the upcoming Celebrating Women breakfast in May?

Often referred to as “the most inspiring morning of the year,” our Celebrating Women breakfast is more than a fundraising event — it is an occasion to bring women from the entirety of The New York Women’s Foundation community together to celebrate. We honor the strength and courage of our grantee partners that find groundbreaking solutions to seemingly intractable problems. We honor visionary women who serve as role models, leaders, and philanthropists. And last, but certainly not least, we honor our board, alumnae, and volunteers whose courage and fierce determination sustain and inspire us to keep moving forward. It is held on an early morning in May every year at a premier New York City venue.

How else can one get involved with The New York Women’s Foundation?

In addition to attending one of our events, such as our annual Celebrating Women breakfast or the Radical Generosity dinner, there are a variety of ways to get involved with The Foundation. First, become a donor partner and make it possible to invest in gender, racial, and economic justice in New York City and beyond. Other opportunities to get involved include Circle of Sisters, the Grants Advisory Committee, the Corporate Leadership Committee, and the Emerging Leaders Network. Stay connected by signing up for our newsletter at nywf.org, or follow us on social media. You can learn more at nywf.org/take-action. Jean, thank you for this interview and thank you for all you have done for The Foundation as a board member and longstanding financial supporter of our work.

ABOUT ANA OLIVEIRA

Ana L. Oliveira is president and CEO of The New York Women’s Foundation. Since 2006, Ana has led the increase of The Foundation’s grant making from \$1.7M to \$10M today. She has held key roles as a CEO of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis and vice president of programs at Osborne Association. Ana attained her M.A. in Medical Anthropology and a Ph.D. (hon) from the New School for Social Research.

ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF

Jean Shafiroff — philanthropist, advocate, TV host, and the author of the book *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life By What You Give* — is a volunteer leader of several charitable causes. She serves on several charity boards: Southampton Hospital Association, American Humane, NYC Mission Society, Casita Maria, The NY Women’s Foundation, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of the Museum at FIT, Global Strays, Jewish Board (honorary trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation honorary board. In addition, Jean served as the national spokesperson for American Humane’s Feed the Hungry Covid-19 Program which raised \$1,000,000 for animal shelters across the country. She is the ambassador for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation.

Jean is the producer and host of the TV show *Successful Philanthropy*, which airs six times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton. It also airs on Sun20TV in Southampton. Jean holds two degrees: a BS in Physical Therapy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and an MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School at Columbia University.



Jean Shafiroff and Ana Oliveira, Photo by Patrick McMullan



1972 Ferrari Daytona Spider
Jeff Cole, Jason Cole, Michael Schudroff, Kyle Dennis (owner)



Ferrari 250 GT Coupe
Kate and Richard Pineda (owners)

OUT & ABOUT

THE BRIDGE AT TOPPING ROSE HOUSE

BY ROLISE RACHEL



1973 Porsche 911S
Jeff Cole (owner), Jason Cole



2022 Porsche 911 GT3 Touring, Owned by Jeffrey Einhorn.
Car pictured with Greg Strassberg, Lisa Strassberg and son Senna



1990 Porsche 911 C4 "Safari"
Michael Pollock (owner)



1958 Mercedes Benz 300 SL Roadster
Kyle Dennis, Jason Cole,
Michael Schudroff (owner), Jeff Cole



Jaguar XK120, Samantha Anglelilli and Peter Ostrega

SOCIAL SAFARI

LET THE FIREWORKS BEGIN

By R. COURI HAY

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THE METROPOLITAN OPERA, NEW YORK CITY BALLET, YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX,
PATRICK McMULLAN, & KING HEARST HARRIS



Paula Porubcanová
and Randy Hearst

Wedding of the Year

It was the society wedding of the year. King Randolph Hearst Harris, aka Randy, who is the great-grandson of publishing baron William Randolph Hearst and the son of Anne Hearst, married Paula Porubcanová at a lavish three-day affair in the Hamptons. The guest list of one hundred forty included Randy's father, King Harris, and his stepfather, the author Jay McInerney. Also in the mix were Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, Baroness Milly de Cabrol, Kimberly and Steven Rockefeller, Sharon Bush, Wilbur Ross and Hilary Geary Ross, Candace Bushnell, and Eugenia and Janna Bullock. The chic event was held at Randy's family's estate Ashgrove Farm. The bride wore a dazzling confection by Monique Lhuillier. The couple said "I do" under a 16-foot-high white floral arch set against the property's lily and koi pond; it's the only way, really. Randy's sister, Amanda Hearst, who just gave birth to her first child with *Maleficent* director Joachim Ron-

ning, gave a toast via video while holding baby Hawk. The magician — that is, Alison Mazzola — planned the event. There were a 16-piece band, monogrammed napkins, and a separate dessert tent all produced by Robbins Wolfe Eventeurs. Guests were invited to pet the family's miniature ponies, goats, lambs, and even an emu. The next night, guests, including Lorraine Bracco and Robert Zimmerman, headed to the beach for a dinner of lobster, clams, and corn. At dusk, a bonfire was lit by the dance floor for s'mores, and a tribe of female performers did an elaborate fire dance that I thought looked like a fertility ceremony. Who else would tell you these things?



Anne Hearst and
Jay McInerney



Janna Bullock, R. Couri Hay, Brooke Shields

The Metropolitan Opera

A dramatic rendition of Luigi Cherubini's masterpiece *Medea* opened the 138th season of The Metropolitan Opera and the NYC social season. This *tour de force*, made famous by the legendary soprano Maria Callas, was given a stirring performance by Sondra Radvanovsky in the titular role. Among those leading the applause were Sigourney Weaver, Christine Baranski, Ellen Burstyn, and others too rich and private to mention. *N'est-ce pas?* This was Radvanovsky's fourth appearance in a new production at the Met by dependable director and set designer David McVicar. I must confess I miss the over-the-top productions by Franco Zeffirelli, but I digress. Celebrated conductor Carlo Rizzi led the orchestra and there were excellent performances by Matthew Polenzani, Janai Brugger, Michele Pertusi, and Ekaterina Gubanova. The glamorous, black-tied audience was doubled by fans attending the opening night simulcasts in Times Square and Marcus Garvey Park. This collaboration was made possible by multiple corporations, including Bloomberg Philanthropies, SummerStage, NYC Parks, and Bank of America. Bravo to free performances! metopera.org



New York City Ballet Fall Fashion Gala

Sarah Jessica Parker was honored in absentia at The NYC Ballet's 10th Fall Fashion Gala. Sadly, SJP couldn't attend due to the passing of her stepfather, but the show went on and what a show it was.

Jean Shafiroff, Kristin Davis,
Gilbert Bolden III

SOCIAL LIFE



Afsaneh Akhtari, Jazmin Roper, Daniel Stock, Sergio Nicolosi, Olga Smirnova, Martha Cohen Stine, Harriet Newman Cohen, and Jennifer Nisan

Once again, this event, which kicks off with a fun see-and-been reception fueled by Ruinart Champagne, a personal favorite, proved to be the most fashionable and provocative night of the new season. Bold looks included a male dancer in a bright green tutu and tux top and Kanye West's ex-girlfriend Julia Fox cocooned in a madcap silver confection by Zac Posen. The audience gave the stage show some stiff competition. The star-studded host committee included Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy, Andy Cohen, Laverne Cox, Georgina Bloomberg, Jill Kargman, Diane Kruger, Deborah Roberts, Lizzie Tisch, and the ever intriguingly dressed producer Jordan Roth. The night pairs fashion designers and choreographers to grand effect even if the clothes often overwhelm the choreography, but who cares, it's always interesting. The performances kicked off with Balanchine's unbeatable "Symphony in C," followed by a piece dubbed "Play Time" with music by Beyoncé's sister, Solange Knowles, with sparkling costumes by Palomo Spain. Justin Peck's new piece "Solo" stole the night with a costume by Raf Simons. The night ended with Kyle Abraham's endless "Love Letter" that made me want a divorce halfway through it. Queen Latifah, Shaun White, and Kristin Davis led the applause, and a packed-to-the-rafters super ball provided the perfect finale to an extraordinary night on the town. nycballet.com

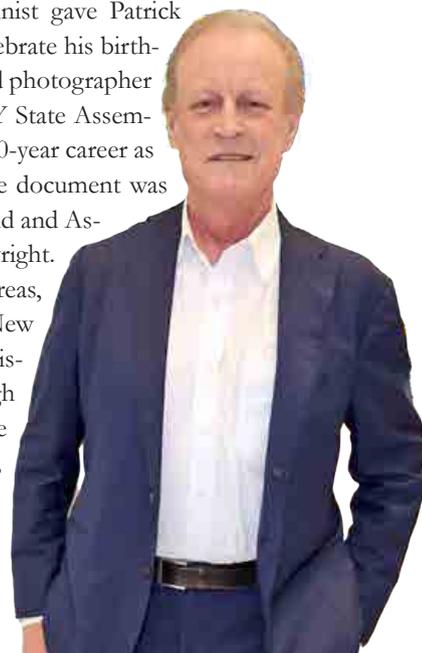
Afsaneh Akhtari Hosts Ballet Fête

Chic philanthropist and investor Afsaneh Akhtari co-hosted a lunch with Larrisa Saveliev, the founder of Youth America Grand Prix, in honor of Dutch National Ballet principal dancers Olga Smirnova, Jacob Feyferlik, and Constantine Allen ahead of their performances at City Center. Smirnova resigned from the Bolshoi Ballet earlier this year in protest of the invasion of Ukraine. Guests, including Liliانا Cavendish, Susan Gutfreund, Judith Hoffman, Caroline Hyman, Linda Morse, Janna Bullock, Lucia Hwang Gordon, attorney Daniel

Stock, Kristina Kingston, Sergio Nicolosi, Jazmin Roper, personal shopper and stylist Jennifer Nisan, Marcelo Zimmler, divorce attorneys Harriet Newman Cohen and Martha Cohen Stine, ABT's Gabe Stone Shayer, Dutch Ballet's Ted Brandsen and YAGP's board chair Richard Osterweil, mingled in Akhtari's glamorous, far-flung apartment overlooking the East River. YAGP is the world's largest global network of dance competitions, supporting world-class dancers, aged 9 to 19 from all backgrounds, with scholarships and educational opportunities. YAGP's Sergey Gordeev said, "We're gathered today to celebrate the power of art to save lives." yagp.org

Patrick McMullan's Birthday

Jean Shafiroff and this columnist gave Patrick McMullan a dinner party to celebrate his birthday in Southampton. The famed photographer received a citation from the NY State Assembly, which celebrated Patrick's 40-year career as a photographer. The impressive document was hand-delivered by Patrick's friend and Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright. The citation read in part, "Whereas, Patrick has helped capture New York's role as the social and artistic capital of the world through his acclaimed work behind the camera and as a cancer survivor, Patrick has overcome setbacks and has become one of the most resilient contributors to New York society." I'll second that! patrickmcmullan.com



INAUGURAL CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
TO BENEFIT THE
SOUTHAMPTON FRESH AIR HOME

Over 60 curated classic cars and 8 motorcycles were the centerpiece of the Inaugural Southampton Fresh Air Home Concours on Saturday, August 27th. Taking advantage of the home's unique site, Autosport Designs created a site plan which positioned vehicles on the upper level between and inside buildings, and on the lower meadow, all thoughtfully placed to illustrate themes, such as design progression over time or cars that are cute.

Activities included 8 high-quality boutique vendors, a single malt tasting, a selection of craft beer, food and drink, and for the children a vintage fire truck and face painting. For everyone, Dr. Mike Inglis, professor of astronomy, prepared a presentation on the Webb Telescope, which looped on five screens in three buildings.

To emphasize the theme of serious cars (three Bugattis and a Bizzarrini, to mention a few) but also serious fun, some of the trophies were for "Car to Drive to the Oscars" (a Brownie camera), "Speed with Style" (a Mercury hubcap). Of course, Best in Show was not goofy: a 1930-1932 Cadillac hood ornament mounted on marble.

- 1. Martin Gruss
Audrey Gruss
- 2. Sloane Skelton
Kimberly Skelton
- 3. Allison Barker
Regina Glocker
Rome Arnold
- 4. Sheila Fuchs
Joe Fuchs
- 5. Peggy Shaughnessy
Kim White
Laura Andrassy
- 6. Mitch Kates
- 7. Nancy Troy
Marc Troy
- 8. Joe Jurist
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3. Kenneth Fishel
Maria Fishel
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Jacques Acoca
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Matthew Miller
Sophie Miller
Miles Miller
6. Lucia Hwong Gordon
7. Maria Fishel
Julie Auclair
8. Patricia Silverstein
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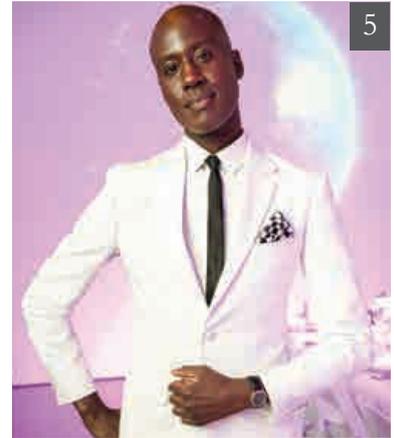


BRIDGE IMMERSIVE DINNER
AT LUME STUDIOS

Bridge founders Gregory Pellitteri and Michael Packman host an immersive dinner to explain the Cache NFT, the first Personal Data NFT. Cache will enable the consumer to be paid when they grant access to their personal data.

1. Anna Rothschild
Gregory Pellitteri
2. Dr. Nicholas Perricone
Mike Packman
Hillary Latos
3. Tom Murro
4. Kaci Chappoe
Valerie Greenberg
5. Charlii Sebunya
6. Ari Friedman
Mike Packman
Gregory Pellitteri
Neil Scheer
Keith Brannan
Sanjay Ramji
JC Gardyn
7. Bridge
Private Event Crew
8. Violetta Sudol
Marsin Mogielski
9. Petra Khashoggi
Danny Baker
10. Peter Davis
Ted Hildner

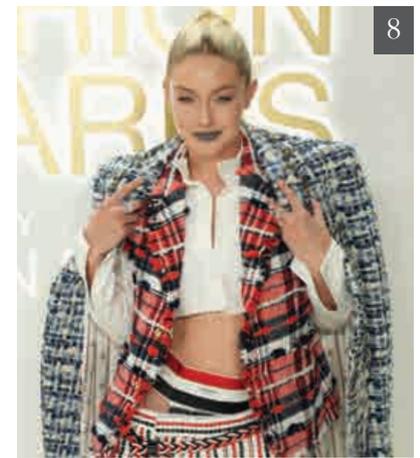
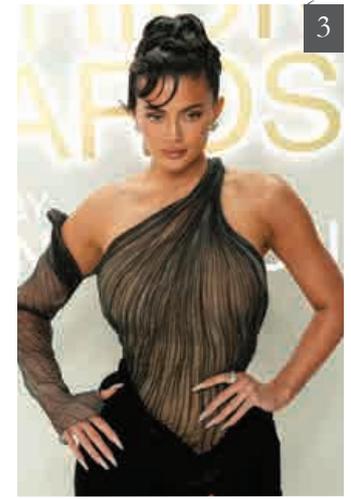
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2022 CFDA FASHION AWARDS
AT CIPRIANI SOUTH STREET

1. Justin Theroux
2. Cher
3. Kylie Jenner
4. Lenny Kravitz
5. Michael Kors
Amanda Seyfried
6. Mariska Hargitay
7. Kendall Jenner
8. Gigi Hadid
9. Diane von Fürstenberg

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Patrick McMullan



AN EVENING
UNDER THE STARS

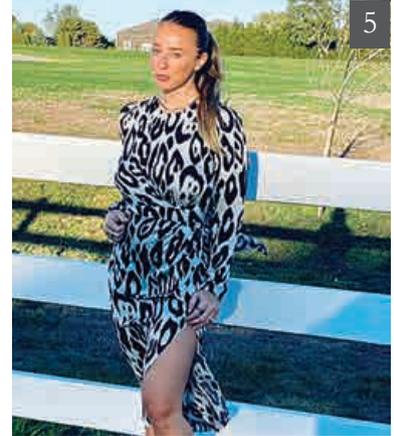
1. Brittney Epley
Kristen Teodoro
Lila Gluckman
Cate Daly
2. Matthew Anderson
Andrew Petronio
Sebastian Cordoba
Andrew Aluma
3. Andy Schwinn
Hilton Crosby
Mary Crosby
Caitlin Hortsman
Jessica Schwinn
Michael Hortsman
4. Jacqueline McDermott
Kelsey Paleokrassas
Stephanie Michaan
5. Erica De Jong
Kristen Teodoro
Ali Davis
Ashley Lennon
Ashley Cole
6. Luke MacNamara
Augie Teodoro
7. Camille Hoffman
Lexie Routh
Geary Gubbins
Mollie Alamia
Scott Hoffman
Andrew Alessandrini
Samantha Koster
Maurice Richardson
Joel Alamia
8. Chloe Giftkins
George Mueller

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OPERATION INTERNATIONAL GALA

1. Vito Alamia, MD
Rajesh Patel, MD
Christopher Torres, CRNA
Medhat Allam, MD
2. Charlie Ferrari
Meagan Ferrari
Amanda Eaderesto
Séan Murphy
3. Cara Palmer
Cathleen Sweeney
4. Victoria Ninette
Kerry Godfrey
Elizabeth Brock
- 5-9. Guests and Atmosphere



SOUTHAMPTON ANIMAL SHELTER

Eugenia Valliades of the Michael Lorber team at Douglas Elliman and Pindar Vineyards, were able to raise much needed funds to help support the rescue animals of Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. A non profit, open admission, no kill shelter located in Hampton Bays. 100% of the ticket sales went directly to the shelter, and Guests were encouraged to help support the animals in need by donating various levels of pet sponsorships. Each donation of \$50 or more, guests received a Dylans Candy Bar Candy Cake (valued at \$200) Guests also received a free glass of wine and complimentary take home wine glass, as well as food by Cooperage Inn. Music was provided by Joshua Brussell of Hampton Music, food was donated by Cooperage Inn, the venue was donated by Pindar Vineyards, and giveaways were donated by Dylans Candy Bar.

1. Pindar Damianos
Eugenia Valliades
Nicole Tumilowicz
Alexander Damianos
2. Ausra Dambrauskaite
William Matuska
Luciana Barros
3. Jessica Mackin
Kelly Siry
Yubal Fleites
4. Joshua Brussell
5. Stacey Fotiades
Helen Kyriak
Maria Valliades
6. Nicole Tumilowicz
Dr. Jennifer Jablow
Jordan Lippner
7. Dylan's Candy Bar
8. Eugenia Valliades

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GEORGE WAYNE PRESENTS THE
26TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN 100 PARTY

George Wayne, the best selling author of *Anyone Who's Anyone*, celebrated the 26th Annual Downtown 100 Party. George Wayne is most known for being Editor at Large of *PARK Magazine* as well as working on *Vanity Fair*. The event celebrated some of the biggest tastemakers and influencers that make a huge impact on the social scene in New York City. Honorees included Andy Cohen, Tom Ford, Jean Shafiroff, Marsin Mogielski, Candace Bushnell, Nicole Miller, Frederick Anderson, Joshua Zeke Thomas, Luciana Pampalone, Julia Fox, Mario Carbone, Martha Stewart, Rose Hartman, Rosanna Scott, Sarah Jessica Parker, and more. The event took place in Midtown at Nebula nightclub where guests gathered to drink and dance the night away. The party was inspired by Studio 54. Nebula owners, Yang Gao and Richie Romero, were also on hand to celebrate the occasion.

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SANDY COHEN, UNTITLED, OIL ON CANVAS, 72 X 60 IN

SANDY COHEN ART



Sandy Cohen is an artist born in Israel, based in New York City and the Hamptons. She started creating art as a child and sold her first piece at 13. Her works are currently in the private collections of two royal families as well as in museums and galleries internationally. Sandy's pieces are filled with deep messages that have come from her life experiences. Despite her struggle with dysautonomia, she continues to create in the hope that through her journey she can be an inspiration for others to never give up.



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LIBBIE MUGRABI
VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM

South African fashion designer Thebe Magugu created the V&A's Fashion in Motion fall show in London. The event, which was free to the public, was underwritten by mad-cap accessories designer and philanthropist Libbie Mugrabi. Magugu said the sustainable clothes were made from discarded fabrics from America and Europe. The collection, which is available at Bergdorf's, drew inspiration from South Africa's history, culture, and politics. Following the show, Libbie hosted a dinner for Magugu at the city's posh new hot spot, *The Twenty Two*. Guests included iconic English designer Zandra Rhodes. vam.ac.uk



LIBBIE MUGRABI, THEBE MAGUGU,
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LAINNEY SHERIDAN-YOUNG,
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GUY STANLEY PHILOCHE
NEW YORK, I STILL LOVE YOU

Artist Guy Stanley Philoche's critically acclaimed series *New York, I Still Love You* opened at the Cavalier Gallery. Philoche's love letter to the Big Apple showcased iconic NYC images from the Statue of Liberty to coffee cups and subway stops. The paintings were framed like a Polaroid picture — the camera Philoche used when exploring the city's streets looking for unique images. Guy's pictures were also shown during Miami Art Week. Guests included Ken Jewell, Dr. Lee Phillips, Morgan Stanley wealth manager Sergio Nicolosi, and The Ritual Tea's Anna Chernitskaya. philochestudios.com



POLINA MCKINNEY,
GUY STANLEY PHILOCHE



ANNA CHERNITSKAYA



JOHN GOLDEN,
DR. LEE PHILLIPS

GALERIE GMURZYNSKA
LE MAIN DE PICASSO

Isabelle Bscher's Galerie Gmurzynska presented *Le Main de Picasso* (*The Hand of Picasso*) alongside works by Roberto Matta and Yves Kline at its NYC gallery at 43 E 78th Street. The exhibition's centerpiece, a 1937 plaster cast of Pablo Picasso's left hand, is the only known example of its kind. The piece belongs to a famous collector who acquired it from the Picasso estate. This work has not been shown publicly in more than twenty years. Bscher invited viewers to explore the symbolic and personal meaning of the work. gmurzynska.com



ISABELLE BSCHER



LUCAS BSCHER,
KRYSTYNA GMURZYNSKA



PETER THOMAS ROTH,
NICOLE MILLER

HOT SHOTS

ONE WOMAN, THREE GALAS

Meet philanthropist Allison Ecung von Arnim who attended the American Ballet Theatre Gala, Innocence Ball in Sweden, and Nobility Ball with husband Raban von Arnim in Stuttgart, Germany, this season.



AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE GALA



THE INNOCENCE BALL STOCKHOLM



STUTTART NOBILITY BALL

ROYAL HALLOWEEN BALL FRIDAY

Leesa Rowland and Larry Wohl's Royal Ball was held at the Lotos Club in New York City celebrating the majesty of entertaining.



PEDRO OBERTO, LEESA ROWLAND,
MARC BOWER



RAMONA SINGER



CONSUELO VANDERBILT COSTIN

HEALING FOR HEROES GALA

Patricia Deshong of the SASF, philanthropist Jean Shafiroff, and Doris Day Foundation were honored at the 2022 Healing for Heroes Gala held by Operation Warrior Shield.



JEAN SHAFIROFF, ED SCHLOEMAN,
PAT DESHONG



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Enrique Cabrera and J. Oscar Molina at the Oscar Molina Gallery



I'm proud to present the sculptures and paintings recently shown at the Oscar Molina Gallery in Southampton in the exhibition *Processions: Enrique Cabrera + J. Oscar Molina*.

The Mexican artist Enrique Cabrera and the Salvadoran American J. Oscar Molina, each through his respective leitmotif of procession, references life and death. Each honors and celebrates life itself and the beauty and transcendence of the creative act.

For Cabrera, procession relates to the ritual aspect of ceremonies performed to remember and celebrate the lives of the dead.

For Molina, procession interprets a journey, the crossing that he and many like him endured in seeking a new life in a new world.

As they explore concepts of humanity, temporality, and mortality, both artists represent the spirit, vitality, and power of life. My partnership with the Oscar Molina Gallery continues to broaden the diverse representation of artists from the Americas.

► **Oscar Molina Gallery, 28C Jobs Lane, Southampton**
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CAMILLA WEBSTER

FINE ARTIST AND BESTSELLING AUTHOR

BY ANNA ROTHSCHILD



Camilla Webster, *Love in The Everglades*, acrylic on canvas, 48 in. x 60 in.



Camilla Webster, *Water's Edge by Moonlight*, acrylic on canvas, 37 in. x 61 in.



Camilla Webster, *Evening Trees*, acrylic on canvas, 40 in. x 30 in.

Camilla Webster is gaining particular attention for her nocturnal seascapes and landscapes that are taking center stage in Miami at the Ritz Carlton South Beach, The Sagamore and Manolis Projects as the season opens. The art world, collectors and leading luxury brands are awakening to this talent who also exhibited at Southampton Arts Center and had a sold out show at her first Greenwich exhibit in June.

Camilla Webster, a now globally recognized artist as former war correspondent resides in Palm Beach. Her often-epic museum collected paintings have focused on the essence of the human spirit, connection, healing, and the societal issues in our midst through abstracted landscapes and seascapes.

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KEVIN SINCLAIR

PHOTOGRAPHER AND PUBLISHER

By MAGO



I have a growing professional and creative relationship with Kevin Sinclair (editorial photographer and editor/chief of *VESTAL*, a bi-annual fashion and culture publication). Our ongoing relationship is now manifesting in a fine arts project for summer 2023 in the Hamptons. Sinclair's photography project is about his love for minimalism, which is inspired by his 20-year connection to Norway. "I am turning my attention to the Scandinavian winter and its beauty, capturing the elements of the natural environment to create sophisticated, timeless, atmospheric photographs, which will show an understanding of nature's minimalism and its inspiring forms," he said.

Kevin Sinclair has worked with many top brands and production companies, such as Brooks Brothers, Calvin Klein, Diesel, Carolina Herrera, Disney, Hervé Léger, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Warby Parker, to name a few. *VESTAL* supports a progressive community of artists worldwide in print and web-based formats.

Keep your eye out for *VESTAL* No. 9. Highlights of features include an interview with the actress and producer Ella Balinska, who delivers a message of hope and gender equality; Ash Stymest and Remington Leith discuss their friendship and shared passion for music and the arts; the creative director Christian Juul Nielsen talks about his fashion brand Aknvas; and beautiful landscape photographs are reprinted from the exhibition *Retreat into Art and Nature* at the Kistefos Museum, in Jevnaker, Norway.

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LUCILLE KHORNAK

SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHER

By MAGO



Quality is everlasting in a world filled with noise.

Lucille Khornak is an expert in color and black and white photography. The high quality she provides her clientele is evidenced in individual photographs as well as the black-and-white groupings she designs to fill entire gallery walls. Her multi-page Prestige Albums, in which each spread tells a story with an elegant flair, and the finest custom-made holiday greeting cards are also highly regarded among her subjects and fellow photographers alike.

From individual to family portraiture, Khornak is the No. 1 choice for images that will be cherished for many generations.





Lucille Khornak

Her eye for detail, her creativity, and her passion combine to produce soulful, whimsical, and energetic images.

Her portfolio includes loving photographs of children as well as adults of all ages, of beauty and fashion shots created on location and in the studio. Destination travel excites her as the newness of a place inspires her creativity.

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Your first glance at Khornak's photographs will convince you that they are more than just the result of a click of the camera.

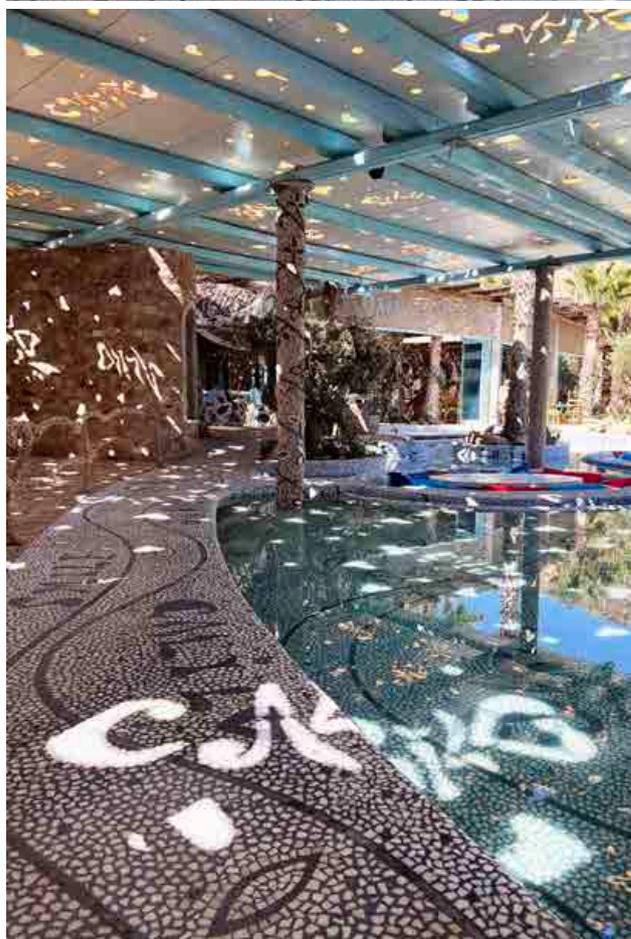
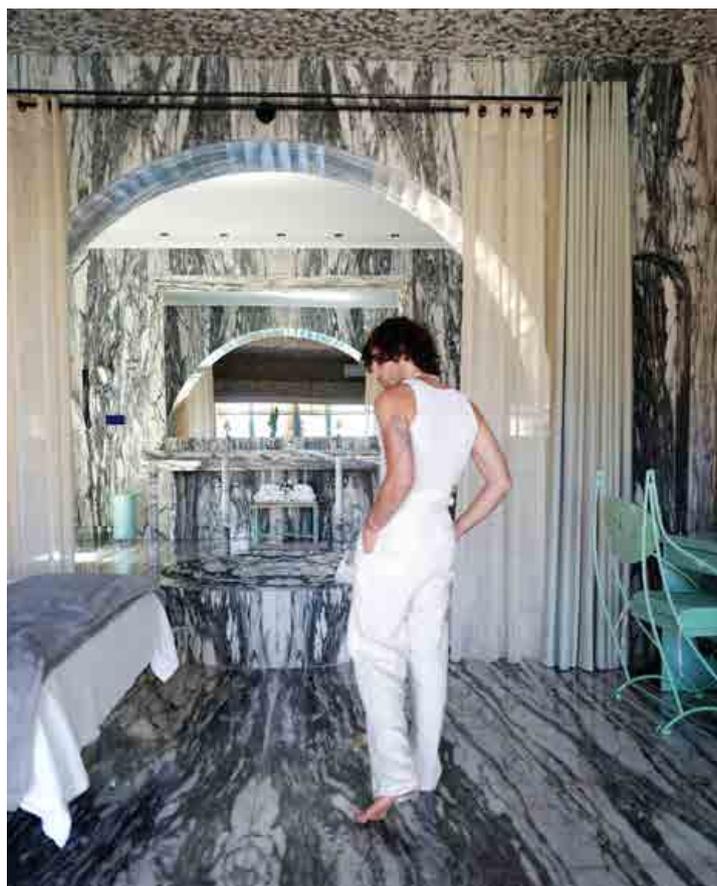
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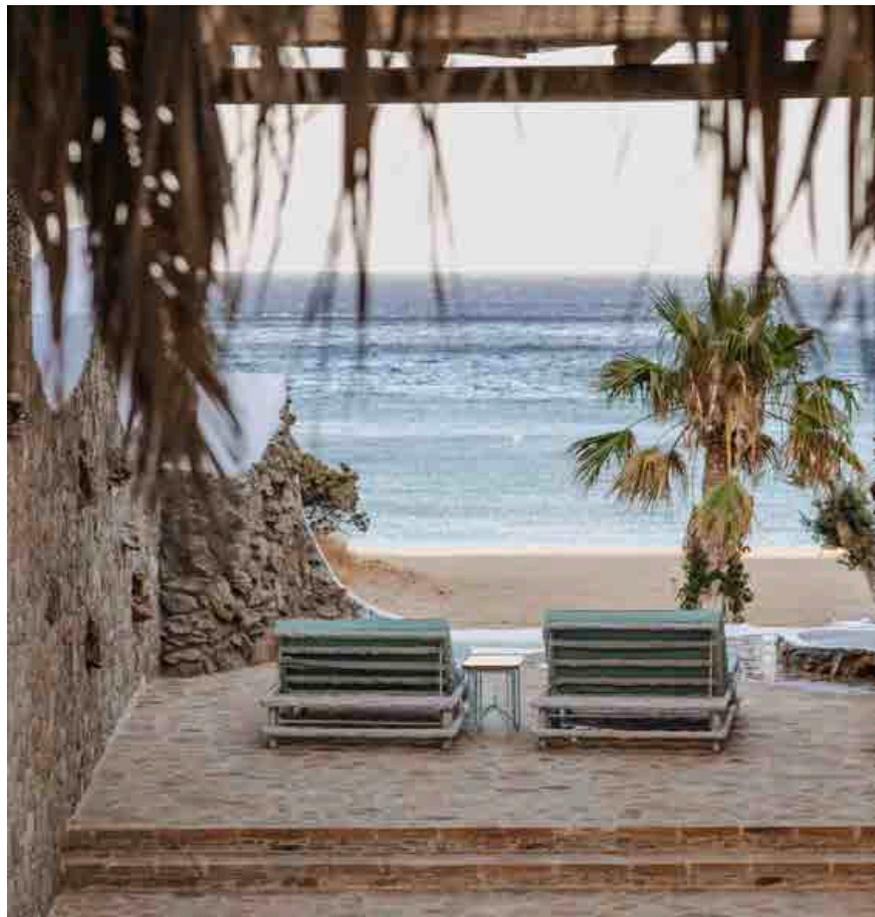
CALILO IN IOS, GREECE

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.
PHOTOGRAPHY BY LORENZO VINTI



There are some hotels that act as sanctuaries away from the world. Then, there are those select others, that are truly dazzling escapes where you feel as though you have fallen down a rabbit hole and landed in an artistic paradise by a cerulean sea. Calilo located in Ios, Greece is one such glittering and fantastically alluring property.

Calilo is a tranquil retreat filled with art, sparkle, and wonder. The lobby greets you with a swirling array of colorful art and patterns painted by the owner, Angelos Michalopoulos. The organic, curved walls and ceiling are sculpted of sand and local rock. Many heart-shaped sculptures dangle from the ceilings echoing the philosophy of the hotel: Create a life you can fall in love with. The contemporary art and positive vibes uplift you immediately.



The hotel is just a short 30-minute drive from the main village, Chora, and the port. Ferries arrive from Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini, making it quite accessible. The hotel can also provide private boat or helicopter transfers.

Calilo is nestled within 1,000 acres of a protected, rocky valley and fringed by six miles of golden sand at the edge of the Aegean Sea. The hotel has 30 sumptuous rooms and suites, each individually designed and featuring thousands of marble mosaics. Each

suite is just steps from the beach, various plunge pools, swim-up bars, and swinging daybeds by the sea.

The cuisine at the hotel is also a work of art. Calilo's food philosophy has deep roots, founded on the ancient Greeks' belief that a healthy body supports a healthy mind. Expect incredible Greek dishes both traditional as well as traditional-with-a-twist along with contemporary European cuisine. A standout dish is the grape leaves cooked inside dumplings.



Calilo is truly a place like no other. But the hotel is so much more than mesmerizing to all the senses. The property aims to preserve, protect, and nurture nature. The hotel's conservation project has planted 68,842 trees and bushes around the island of Iso. In addition, they transported by boat 550 ancient olive trees (most of them more than 300-years-old) from the mainland.

This deeply considered property is perfectly designed to help you not only rest and refresh, but also be surrounded by and filled with true inspiration and the very best that nature has to offer.

► Head to [calilo.com](https://www.calilo.com) for more information and to book a stay.

GARZA BLANCA RESORT & SPA

A TAFER RESORT IN CANCÚN, QUINTANA ROO

BY ROBYN FREEDMAN



Once again Garza Blanca has created the newest, hottest, and most luxurious all-inclusive luxury resort in the Western Hemisphere. Located on a white sandy stretch of Playa Mujeres, Garza Blanca Cancún offers exquisite experiences on the Northeast coast of the Yucatán Peninsula in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. Cancún remains one of the most fun cities in Mexico, something to remember when planning your next vacation destination.

Garza Blanca is one of seven resorts TAFER Hotels & Resorts owns in Mexico. All of its properties — resorts and residences — are admired for their exquisite architecture and sleek accommodations, gourmet dining, service, and high-end amenities. Garza Blanca is a city within a city.

Luxury ocean view suites, residences, and penthouses can accommodate from one to twelve guests. Most suites include living and dining areas, kitchen, and large balcony with a hammock or private pool. Wi-Fi, endless movies, 24-hour gourmet room service, and a butler are also included.

Signature restaurants throughout the property each tell a story with the artistry of each plate served. Your senses will be tantalized with flavors and aromas from each of the gourmet restaurants, which include Bocados (modern steakhouse), Blanca Blue (innovative Mexican) Hiroshi (impeccable Japanese and sushi) DAO (authentic Chinese), and The Rooftop (American & Mexican), which is dreamy from sunrise to sunset, perfect for a wedding or proposal. The Food Truck (raw bar) is set near the beach and snacks are provided poolside.

Garza Blanca also has The Food Hall, a gourmet food court that has specialty kitchens that offer the best street dishes of several cuisines while preserving the ingredients and flavors of Mexico. The court includes Forno Station (Italian) Humo (BBQ), Wok Wok (Asian), La Panga (seafood and raw bar), Trompo (Mexican), and V60 (coffee shop).

Day and evening entertainment includes music at each restaurant, Cuban night, circus, Mexican show, casino night, karaoke, and beach cinema. Garza Blanca offers many activities throughout the day. A Kids Club is available for kids up to 12. Adventure activities include ziplining through the jungle, scuba diving, snorkeling, splashing at an aqua park, and swimming with dolphins. With only a 15-minute drive to downtown Cancún, you can choose to dance the night away.

Garza Blanca Spa Imagine, open from 8 am to 8 pm, offers a full range of face and body treatments. The heart of nirvana is the hydrotherapy circuit, which combines the healing properties of water with infinite views of the Caribbean Sea. Highly recommended upon arrival is Anahita, a couples' ritual or the Dorado Illuminating Facial. A beauty salon is also on property.

The 24-hour Wellness Zone offers Technogym equipment, free-weights, treadmills, and cardio machines to motivate you to stay fit on vacation.

Personal trainers and fitness classes are available daily.

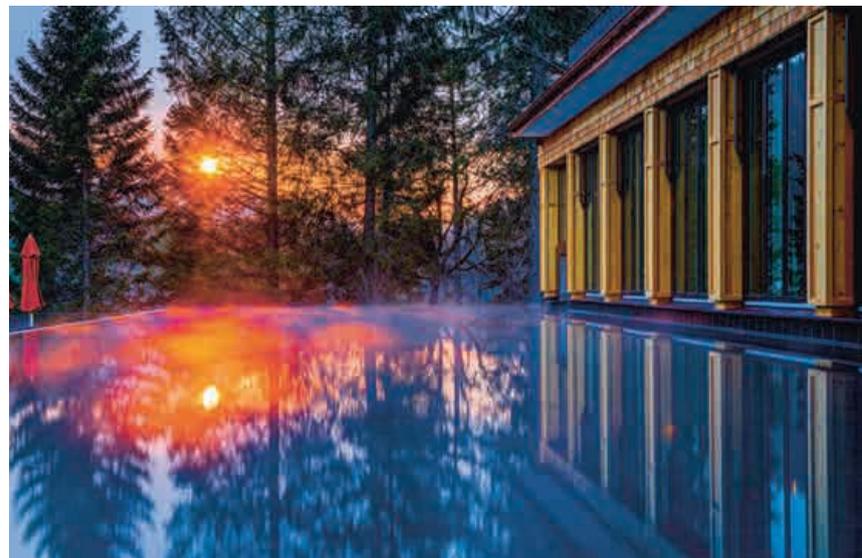
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WINTER IN EUROPE

SCHLOSS ELMAU

By ANTHONY GIAMPETRUZZI



Florida is fine. The Caribbean is carefree. And Mayakoba is magnificent. There's no shortage of winter destinations to escape the drudgery of the Northeast. But why follow the crowds when what's paramount is simply following your bliss?

Make it Europe this season. With blazing hot summers and armies of tourists packing the continent during the rest of the year, the dead of winter can be your prime time to come alive in the Old World.

A new favorite itinerary could begin with an ultra-luxe spa and resort in the Bavarian Alps followed by 48 hours in a Euro hot spot for some shopping, museum ogling, and a better chance at a choice seat at an exclusive restaurant.

SCHLOSS ELMAU — BAVARIA, GERMANY

Start with Schloss Elmau, an impossibly peaceful sanctuary located high in the Alps of Upper Bavaria. Although only an hour from Munich or an even quicker drive from Innsbruck, Schloss Elmau lives up to its reputation as one of the most luxurious spa resorts in Europe. A manageable 115 rooms and suites are served by five restaurants, which run the gamut of honors from Gault Millau to Michelin.

Six separate and lavish spas are among the many reasons to come. Regenerate (with or without the kids — adults-only is an option here) with soothing treatments, warm outdoor infinity pools, an authentic Japanese onsen pool and Oriental hammam, all of which are sustainably heated with wood chips year-round (you can



feel good about feeling good). Practice yoga or taijiquan in retreats led by world class masters. Or boost your resilience and fitness with results-oriented feel-good retreats to lose weight and get back into shape with the help of a personal trainer or the proven methods of TCM (traditional Chinese medicine).

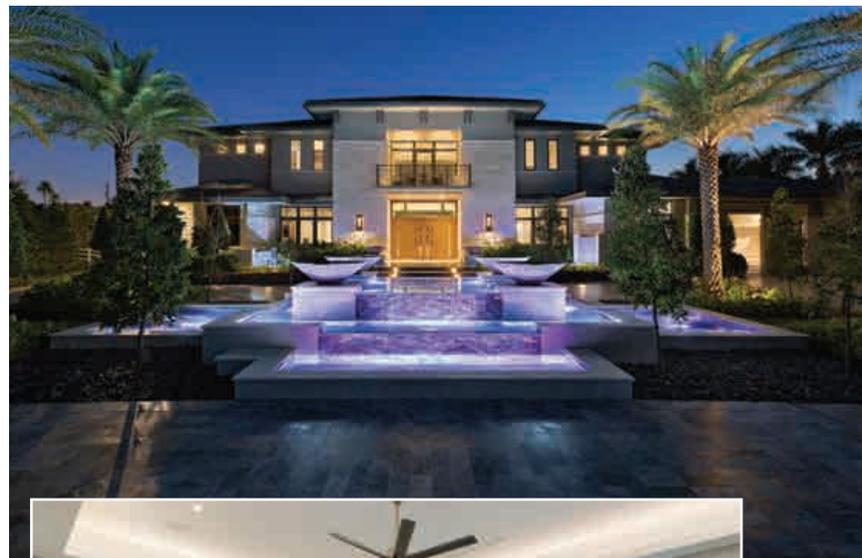
In addition, the resort's well-known cultural programming includes concerts from renowned musicians, lectures, and seminars. Some upcoming highlights include the 68th chamber music week (January 8–15, 2023) and an Iyengar yoga retreat (January 15–20, 2023).

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SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA

THE VALUE PLAY TO ENJOY THE HAMPTONS LIFESTYLE YEAR-ROUND

BY ELIZABETH DARWEN



As pricing continues to rise and inventory remains low across South Florida, high-ticket buyers are looking beyond the intra-coastal and usual ultra-luxury zip codes, while staying within reach of the important metro hubs of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Boca. It's a trend that's turning suburban havens like Southwest Ranches into Hamptons-style hideaways.

The Town of Southwest Ranches, a low-density, quaint equestrian community in Broward County, is a favorite hideaway for sophisticated, in-the-know estate-level property hunters.

Sales in Southwest Ranches have heated up as the area gains traction with high-net-worth buyers looking for privacy, value, acreage, and world-class estates within the region's remaining farmland. Homes — custom made on order — rarely hit the open market, shielding prices from the public. But, recently, 11-acre custom-designed estates built by Landmark Custom Homes hit the market at \$54 million, demonstrating the area's unprecedented price growth.

Landmark Custom Homes is the area's leading luxury home builder and offers turnkey building services via bespoke architectural designs from world class firms, including Affiniti Architects of Palm Beach, Choeff Levy Fischman, and CMA Design Studios in Miami. Landmark Ranch Estates is composed of 44 estate sites, ranging from 2 to 5 acres. Now, only five custom estate home sites remain available, with estate designs ranging in price from \$8 million to over \$30 million.

Residents of Landmark Ranch Estates, the most prominent luxury estate community in Southwest Ranches, have included A-list

Hollywood celebrities and top-tier athletes as well as entrepreneurs and C-suite execs from varied business sectors.

"Southwest Ranches represents an unparalleled value proposition for ultra-high-net-worth people," says Douglas Elliman's Miguel Serano, noting that the area is close to the region's two most used executive airports: Ft Lauderdale Executive and Opa Locka Executive. "It's like a Hamptons lifestyle in an almost unknown, secret location, and thanks to strict preservation rules that prevent future over-development it's going to stay that way. The town's informal motto is "The pavement stops here!"

"A community like this can never be created again in Southwest Ranches," says Rick Bell, owner of Landmark Custom Homes, who envisioned this area as one of the last bastions of rolling acreage in the whole tri-county area, buying some 150 acres nearly two decades ago prior to the town's incorporation.

For more information, please visit landmarkcustomhomes.com.

CHLOE MELAS

LUCK OF THE DRAW: MY STORY OF THE AIR WAR IN EUROPE BY FRANK MURPHY

BY DEVORAH ROSE



Chloe Melas, an entertainment reporter for CNN, is the force behind the republishing of *Luck of the Draw* by Frank Murphy (out in early January). Murphy, Melas's grandfather who died in 2007, was a former navigator with the 100th Bombardment Group. He survived being shot out of his plane and being held a prisoner in a German POW camp during World War II.

An actor will play Frank Murphy in *Masters of the Air*, an Apple TV+ series set to debut in 2023. The series is based on

Donald Miller's book *Masters of the Air: America's Bomber Boys Who Fought the War Against Nazi Germany*. The series, produced by Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks, and Gary Goetzman, is also informed by *Luck of the Draw*.

It was fascinating speaking to Chloe and finding out more about this very special project.

Did you ever anticipate that your grandfather would be one of the star characters in such a high-profile project?

There were rumblings for nearly a decade that Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg would follow up their successful shows *Band of Brothers* and *The Pacific* with a story about the air war over Europe during WWII. Over the last decade, I got very involved with various WWII veterans' organizations and through that I began to meet people from Hanks's production company. They were doing research and interviews with the last surviving veterans, and I became friends with the head writer, John Orloff. He eventually told me that grandpa would be a supporting character, and I was shocked. I tried my best to be cool about it, but I was ecstatic. I'd give anything to tell my grandpa that he will be immortalized on screen by Hollywood's greatest filmmakers.

What did it feel like the first time you read Tom Hanks's recommendation of your grandfather's book?

Tears. I wasn't having a very good day and when I opened my email to find a note from Mr. Hanks, I was overwhelmed with beautiful emotion. My grandfather would be shocked and beyond humbled to have such a glowing endorsement from someone he admired so much. I immediately called my mom and grandma and read them the quote. We were all silent for a few moments, just trying to appreciate this incredibly

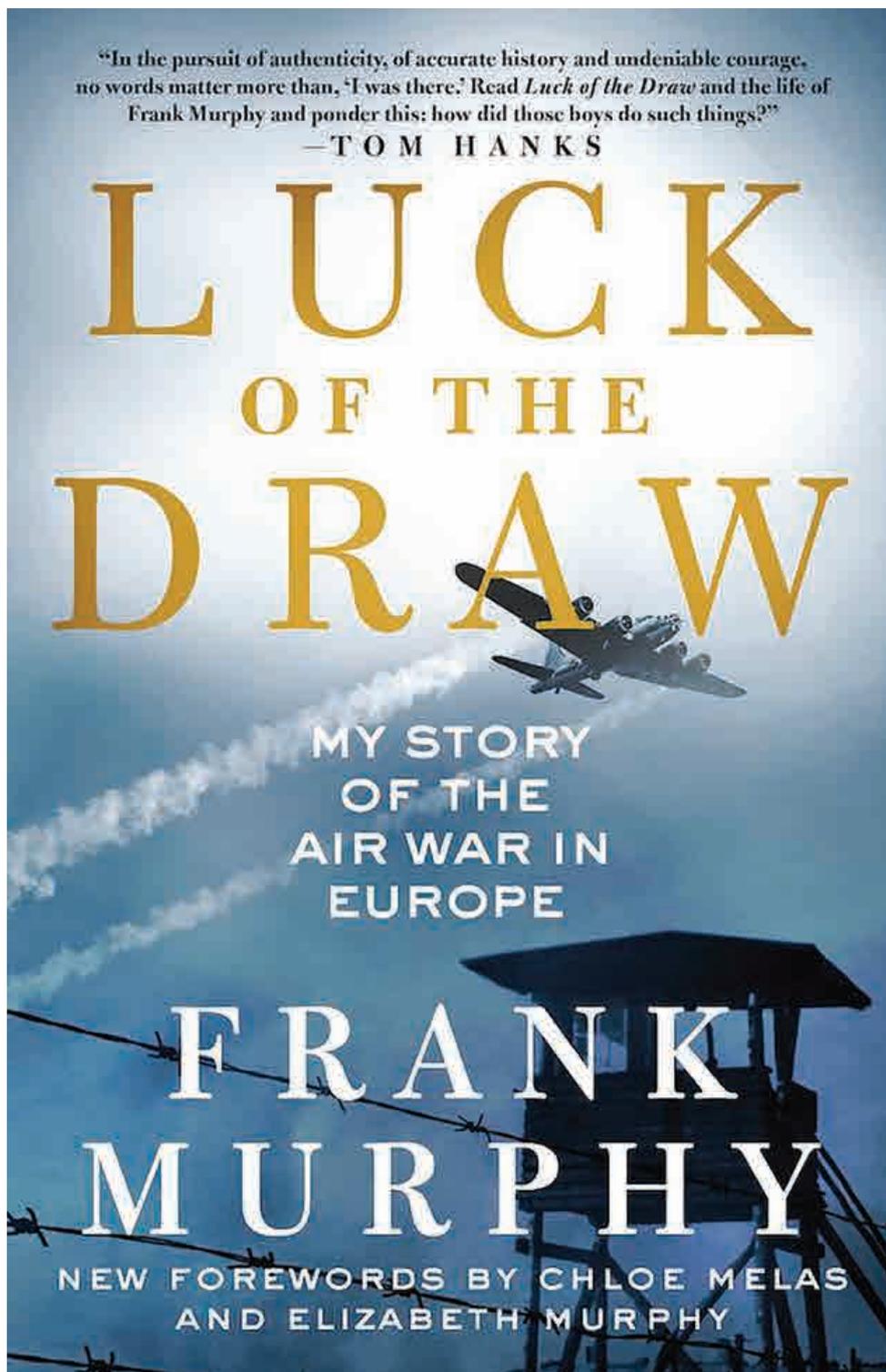
unique moment for a man that, although no longer with us, is someone whose presence we feel every day.

Can you share with us something about the book that isn't in the blurb?

Grandpa, a lawyer for Lockheed Martin, running their Middle East offices in his later years, was selling airplanes to the Saudi royal family. He was incredibly smart, soft spoken, and a true southern gentleman. But I don't think anyone knew what an incredible writer he was, and he spent years in his Atlanta basement after retiring, writing something that he hoped would preserve his story for future generations of our family. I truly believe that he hoped the book would one day get into the hands of people all over the world. Twenty years later and his time has finally come!

What was the highlight of visiting the set of *Masters of the Air* with your family in England?

I knew that *Masters of the Air* is one of the most expensive TV shows ever made, but nothing could have prepared me for the incredible sets. It was the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we weren't sure if we'd even be able to get over there. But after many hurdles, several of my family members made the trek to the English countryside where we were taken to sets that looked as though they were frozen in time. From prisoner of war camps, German towns that had been bombed, to full-size B-17 replicas, the incredible set designers had re-created WWII. The entire team behind the show went to great lengths to get this right and viewers are going to be in awe this spring when they watch it on Apple TV+.



► *Luck of the Draw: My Story of the Air War in Europe* by Frank Murphy, with forewords by Tom Hanks and Chloe Melas, will be reissued in January 2023.

DEBORAH GOODRICH ROYCE

AUTHOR OF *REEF ROAD*

BY DEVORAH ROSE



Deborah Royce's deep knowledge of storytelling, beauty, and art are deeply rooted in her multifaceted background. From acting in film and soap operas to becoming a top Hollywood story editor, Royce's knowledge of feeling and telling a story are truly unique. Her attention to detail and sophisticated aesthetic can be seen in the restoration she and her husband, Chuck Royce, spearheaded of the Avon Theatre (Connecticut), Ocean House Hotel (Rhode Island), and Deer Mountain Inn (New York), to name a few. With this in mind, I

can safely tell you that as an author she does it right! *Reef Road* is perfect for a true-crime fan who wants to sink into a comfy nook with a glass of wine and enjoy the twists and turns! I caught up with Deborah and asked her the questions I hope you may be wondering.

What inspired you to write *Reef Road*?

The long road to *Reef Road* was really a lifetime journey. My mother's best friend was murdered in Pittsburgh in 1948 when the girls were only twelve years old. All these decades later, it remains an unsolved case. I feel like I always knew about this terrible thing that had happened and the effect it had on my mother. What I did *not* know, but would later learn, is that this effect is a well-known syndrome. For those who are tangential to extreme acts of violence, life can be forever changed. My mother was not unique in this. This is not a legacy anyone signs up for. I wanted to shed some light on it from my perspective, which includes generational trauma.

What did you find most challenging about writing this book?

For a while, I considered mixing fiction and nonfiction. But I struggled with how to make it work. I struggled to find the right examples of that technique in novels or in films. Once I locked in on the book being one hundred percent fiction, I really got into the rhythm of switching from the diary-like sections of *The Writer*, and the much more third person

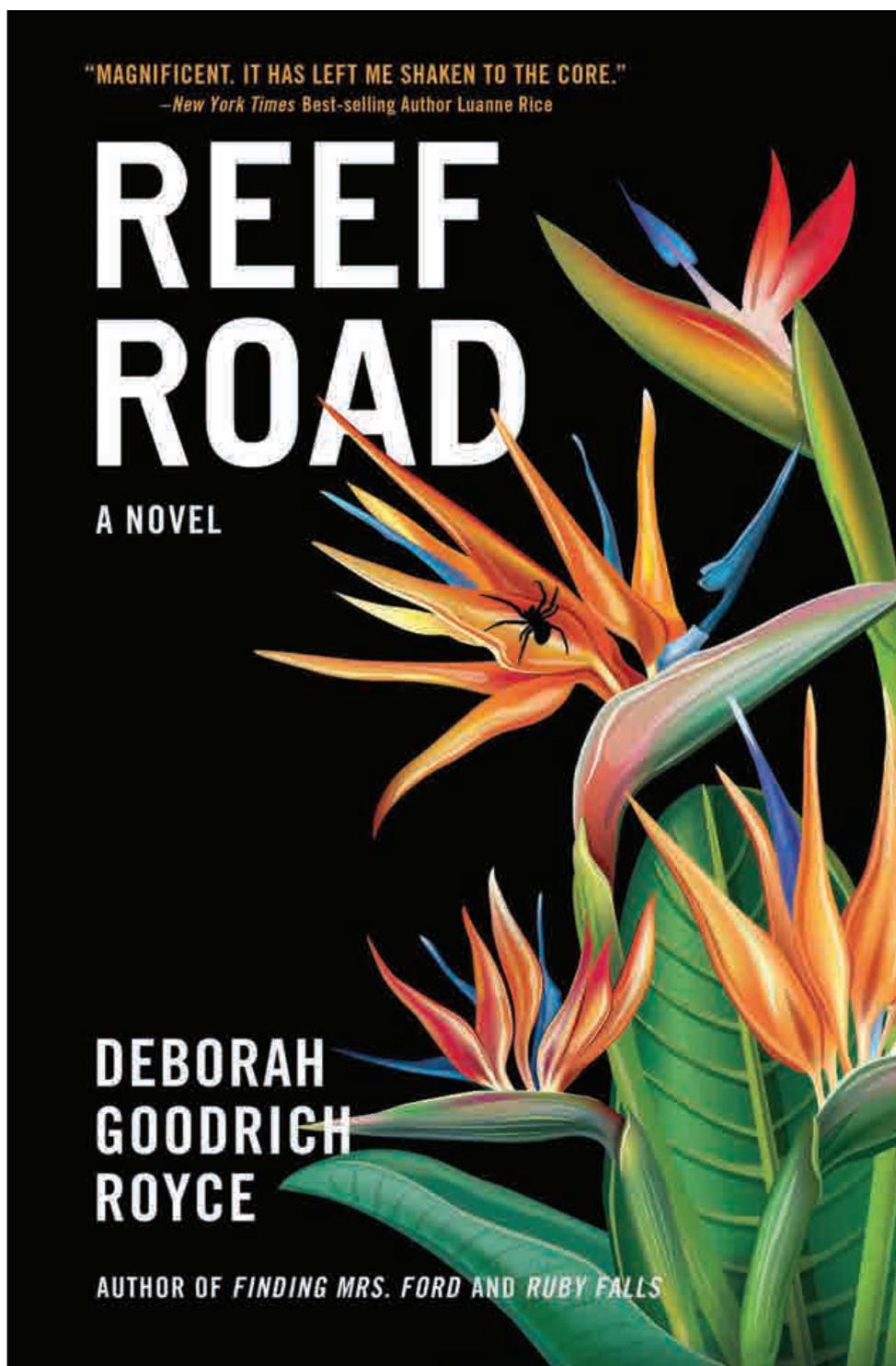
"book within a book" sections of *The Wife*. One aspect that was not challenging in the writing of *Reef Road* was time. With the lockdown, I found endless hours each day. One final note is that I wanted to write this book *in real time*. I wanted the claustrophobia of quarantine and the fear of contagion to saturate the characters' lives. It is not a novel about the pandemic, but the pandemic is its setting. In it, I found similar constraints to that of wartime which I think work well for this particular story.

You've been dubbed the queen of plot twists. Can you talk about that? What makes a great plot twist?

In many books there are revelations: moments when you understand why things are happening the way they are. That is one thing. In far fewer books there are actual twists: moments when you realize that what you *thought* was happening is *not*. It is something altogether different. I tend to write a pretty big twist into my books. I am not sure if I will be able to do that indefinitely, but I have had a great time doing it so far. A wonderful editor gave me a very helpful note for my second book, *Ruby Falls*, which has become a guiding principle. She asked me to rewatch the movie *The Sixth Sense*. There is that moment in the film of a head-spinning twist. From there, the film visually cuts back to replay a series of scenes that you, the viewer, did not fully understand the first time you saw them. So while the viewer would probably not be able to guess the twist in advance, once it was revealed it would make sense. This editor stressed the importance of leaving a breadcrumb trail that would be identifiable in retrospect. Which I do, even if it requires hindsight to see it.

What makes the protagonist of this book unlike any of your previous characters?

Haha! As I was writing *Reef Road*, I talked to my mother, who is still very much alive and well, and warned her that I had made The Writer and her mom a lot less stable than we are. For fiction's sake! Seriously, though, I did dive into a pretty dark place to get into the heads of these women. That said, I like both protagonists and feel compassion for their situations. How do they differ from past characters though? I'm not so sure. All of my characters have some baggage!



► *Reef Road* is available from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
\$27 (hardcover), \$14.95 (audiobook), \$36.95 (audio CD)

ATTORNEY DANIEL STOCK

HIGH-ASSET DIVORCE CASES

BY BENNETT MARCUS



EXPERIENCED FAMILY LAWYER

If you're a high-net-worth individual, or the spouse of one, and seeking a divorce, you may want to consider consulting Daniel Stock, one of NY's most respected matrimonial lawyers. His specialty is high-asset divorce cases. This is, in fact, a specialized area of matrimonial law.

WALL STREET BACKGROUND

After graduating from Pace Law School, Stock worked as a securities lawyer on Wall Street. The exposure to the financial industry proved valuable, and he took a detour into the banking arena, working as an assistant vice president at Bank of New York. Itching to return to practicing law, Stock decided on family law, starting at the bottom as a law guardian in family court, providing legal aid to people who don't have the income

to retain private counsel. It wasn't long before he graduated to private, paid, litigated divorce cases involving custody and child support. "From that point on, it was pretty much a short step to taking on higher and higher net worth cases," he said.

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Stock is active in several organizations offering pro bono legal services, including the New York Women's Bar Association Pro Bono Matrimonial Law Project and the New York County Supreme Court Matrimonial Neutral Evaluators.

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THE BERINGER GROUP

CONSULTANTS TO FAMILY BUSINESSES

BY ROLISE RACHEL



TGB Knows Family Offices Because They Are a Family Office.

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The Beringer Group (TGB) formed its family office in 2001, shortly after a liquidity event. Prior to that event, the firm operated a business that helped business owners determine if they should keep or sell their practice. TGB has assisted over 1,000 family-owned companies solve that very complex issue. TGB continues today with both family-office consulting and helping family-owned businesses solve their issues.

Before forming its own family office, TGB did a complete evaluation of vendors and solutions. They came across world class providers who had the same answer, “Outsource it all to us!” They found this self-serving and impractical for their unique situation.

It was clear to TGB that *independent* and *objective* advice was missing from this industry. Based on their own experience, they began offering a study to other families determining whether a family should insource or outsource their family office functionality. Since no family is alike, no answer is ever alike! Because TCB operates their own family office, their views are aligned with the families that they serve.

TGB believes that every family office will need to have a customized service platform as well as tackle six universal risks:

- Asset protection
- Strategic planning, including estate and tax planning
- Investment management
- Fee/expense management
- Distribution management
- Exponential growth of family members

How each family manages their service platform and tackles those risks *must be* unique and specific to that family.

The Beringer Group’s greatest value-add is independent advice. They look at problems through the same lens as their clients. They think through these problems like their clients do, yet with specific industry-based expertise.

► Please email Chris Beringer at chris@theberingergroup.com if you want to discuss your family office or business.

EDWARD RUFFO

MANHATTAN'S TOP PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY

BY CHRISTINE MONTANTI



“Personal injury litigation encompasses way more than your generic slip and fall or motor vehicle accident,” explains Edward Ruffo, Senior Partner at Rheingold Giuffra Ruffo & Plotkin LLP who has been practicing personal injury law for 30 years. As a partner in a personal injury and mass tort firm which has spent the last five decades advocating for the rights of the injured, Ruffo’s practice on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan has focused exclusively on cases with merit where the extent of harm is significant. Ruffo states, “We have earned a reputation as a formidable

and credible firm which only takes on cases where we can establish merit to the claim and a significant impact in the life of those affected by the harm.”

The leading NYC attorney has been successful in litigations against Fortune 500 Companies, notable hospitals, physicians, as well as many high-profile individuals. His firm has also developed a robust Mass Tort Practice involving pharmaceutical and medical device claims against major manufacturers. “I have been involved in a significant amount of cases involving medical malpractice, products liability, harassment, and a host of other victim-based litigation, with great success. The keys are credibility, compassion and competitiveness; investigate your claim for credence and merit, care for you client, and commit to a fearless prosecution.” Indeed.

Ruffo sets himself apart from most by furnishing every client with his personal cell phone number and contact information. “I tell clients they can call me on weekends and holidays because I don’t want them feeling the uneasiness of having a question or concern unaddressed for long”. The top lawyer reveals, “the most rewarding parts of the practice are the client testimonials that appear in online reviews or in random emails. To know you made a difference in someone’s life to the extent you aided in a physical or financial recovery, or at the least, held a wrongdoer accountable, keeps you going for next client matter.”

In a testament to his zealous client representation and outstanding results, Ed has been recognized as exceptional in the profession by every reputable ratings organization including SuperLawyers, US News and World Report’s Best Lawyers, the Top 100 National Trial Lawyers and countless others.

Regardless of your lot in life, you never know when you might need the services of someone like Ed to handle a matter. While personal injury practitioners have, unfortunately, developed negative monikers like “ambulance chasers”, Ed offers, “we don’t chase ambulances ever, but if you are in the ambulance, you want us behind you!

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