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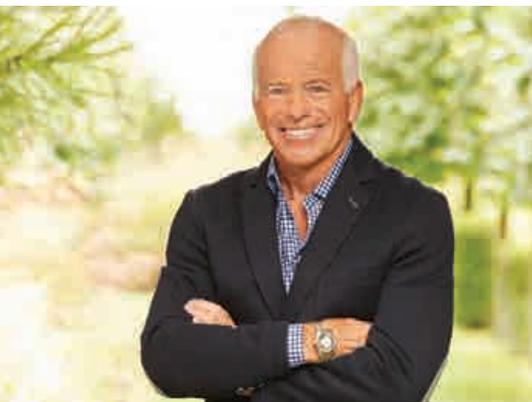




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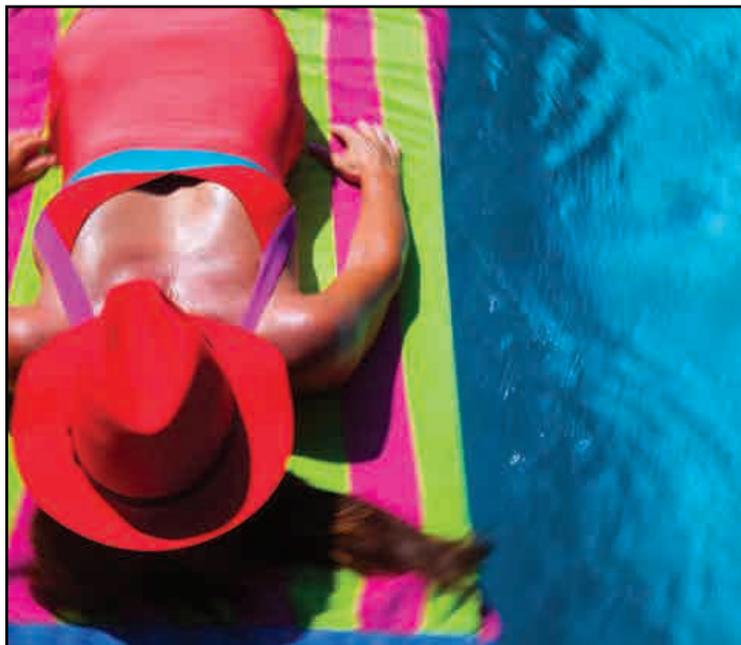


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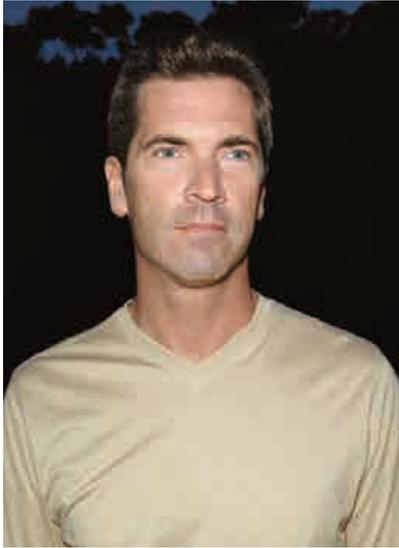
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July Fourth in the Hamptons is the place to be. The unmatched beauty of its beaches and countryside is truly a treasure. Life-changing, I'm convinced. Spend time here, slow things down a little, and detach from your smartphone. You'll see what I mean.

Of the many freedoms July Fourth represents, my favorite is freedom of the press. Let us not forget the importance and the ideas of a free nation, and how we reached where we are today. Freedom impacts our lives every day, and it's worth protecting.

This summer is special for *Social Life Magazine*, as we are celebrating 18 years in print. Where did the time go? I don't know. What started out as a simple idea has evolved into a top publication of the Hamptons. I remember the long nights my staff and I put in over all these years. Seeing how all the articles, covers, and event photos come together to make an issue has made a deep impression on me. Working on this magazine has shaped thoughts and ideas in me, and has changed my life forever. I'm looking forward to another 18 years in print and great experiences and memories to come.

The most exciting social happening this month is Polo Hamptons. On Saturday, July 24, Christie Brinkley will host Polo Hamptons, a polo match and cocktail party in Bridgehampton. This will be the pinnacle event of the summer, and I recommend attending. For more information, go to polohamptons.com

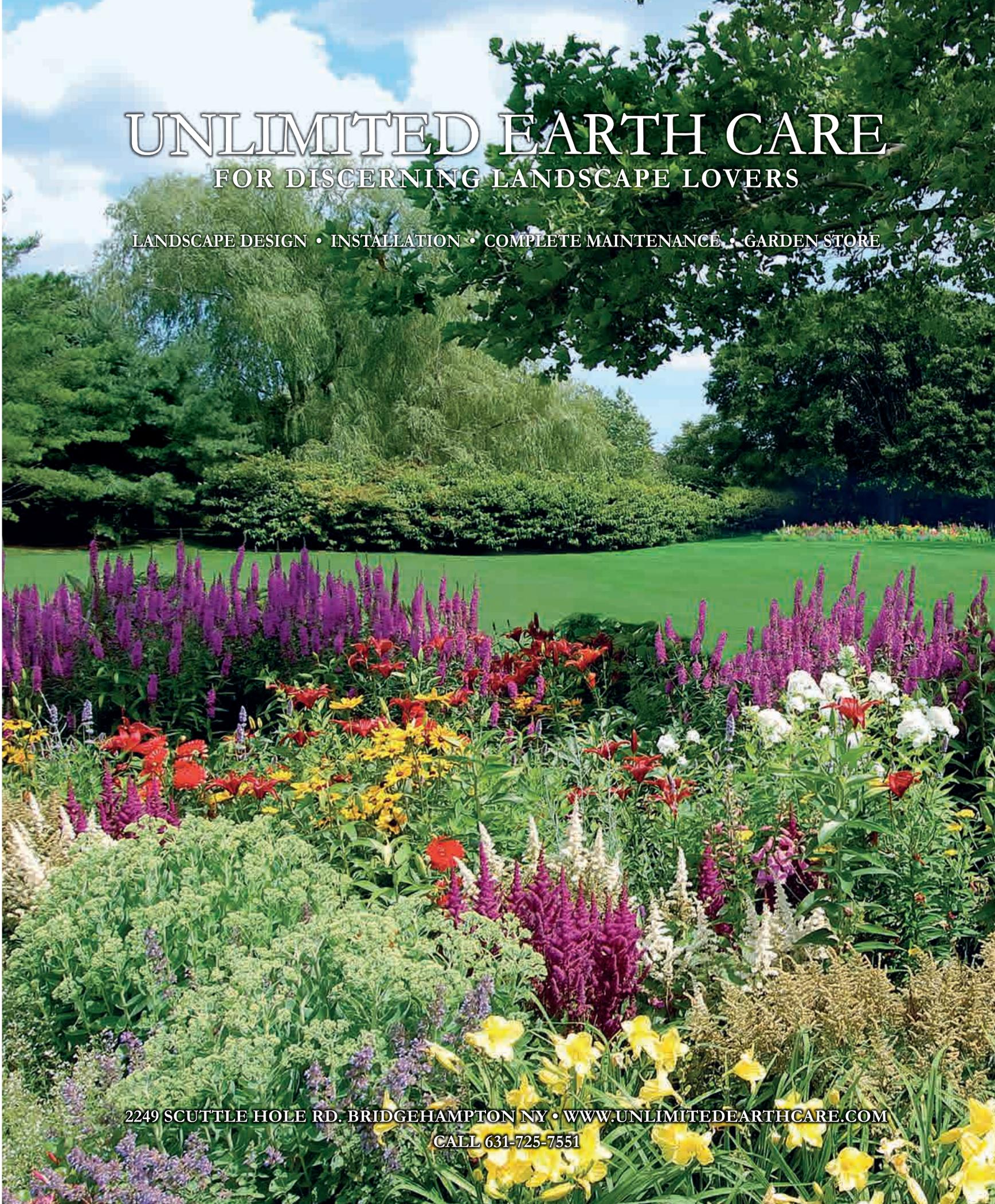
This holiday weekend is a great time to relax and spend time with family and friends. Summer in the Hamptons is the perfect time to share life with people who mean the most to us as well as to meet new friends — building memories that can last a lifetime. The Hamptons offers the perfect setting for celebrating life.

For some people, July Fourth marks the beginning of the summer. But not for me. June is also a great time to be in the Hamptons! Turn the pages in this issue of *Social Life* to see what you might have missed.

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Summer is in full gallop and the East End has hit its stride. Towns and villages clamor with people on errands or taking leisurely walks. Lattes and matcha green teas are enjoyed without the obstruction of masks by many while others still choose to be more cautious. On Coopers Beach it’s business as usual. Everything feels bright and fresh, as if nothing had ever been different and the specter in the rear view mirror feels further than it appears (although the warning about its proximity is in bold letters). There is a sweet relaxing distraction created through the myopia of pretty habits. Many times, those moments are much needed.

Some believe that a siesta isn’t a privilege or luxury but a birthright. We all deserve a good nap and a break from the hustle and bustle. Would it be “woke” to call a nap by the pool a form of resistance from a system of ceaseless movement? I’m not an expert . . . but I do know this: If you need permission to put the phone down and enjoy a candy-colored beverage before closing your eyes or opening them wide to enjoy the swaying leaves and blades and ever blooming flowers, here it is: You deserve it.

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This month we celebrate the nation's legacy, the Fourth of July, in America's favorite summer location- the Hamptons. While we celebrate Independence Day festivities with family and friends and give thanks for the freedoms and liberties fought for by the first generation of Americans, we can enjoy needed relief from many restrictions put in place due to the pandemic.

I can't think of a more spectacular getaway destination than the Hamptons to spend Independence Day. This patriotic holiday is enjoyed by many residents in the privacy of their exclusive country homes or rental properties in the company of family and friends. What better way to relish the pleasures of the picturesque landscape on the East End than with traditional backyard barbecues, picnics, family reunions and leisure activities? Since the Fourth of July is celebrated over an extended period of two full weeks in the Hamptons, there is plenty of time to enjoy the festivities.

Be sure to celebrate this summer kick off by soaking up the sun on one of the many breathtaking Atlantic Ocean Beaches covering almost 50 miles from Westhampton to Montauk. Another choice is to visit one of the charming villages where you can enjoy outdoor seating at trendy farm-to-table restaurants each with its own unique personality. Whether you spend the holiday at a traditional patriotic event, parade, large gathering or sporting activity, it is still a time to celebrate our nation's independence and be grateful that we call this amazing country, the United States of America, our home.

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SHOPPING

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

These shops offer an array of items for any occasion. Whether it's a walk on the beach or an evening painting the Hamptons red, these three shops know how to cater to your needs.



LOVESHACKFANCY

This charming shop, founded by Rebecca Hessel Cohen, is located in a converted 1780s farmhouse on Main Street in Sag Harbor. The brand originated from Rebecca's desire to design the perfect bridesmaid dress for her own ethereal summer wedding at her family home in Bridgehampton. From an initial collection of hand-dyed silk dresses, LoveShackFancy quickly gained a dedicated following for its charming pieces that whisper of dream escapes and special moments. The shop includes custom sweaters from *Lingua Franca*, stunning saris from India, sandals from *Loeffler Randall*, bags made in Morocco, and the namesake brand LoveShackFancy sandal in partnership with the United Nations Ethical Fashion Initiative.

117 Main Street, Sag Harbor



KIRNA ZABÊTE

This East Hampton shop is a little slice of magic. The summer shop carries brands like *Dolce and Gabbana* and *Chloé*, and it presents trunk shows for super chic indie labels. If you're looking for a unique experience, you can head to the website for details about the full list of summer events.

66 Newtown Lane, East Hampton



GURNEY'S MONTAUK SHOP

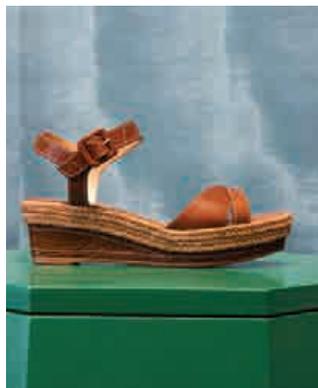
Gurney's is more than a hotel! The folks at Gurney's have created a charming beach shop. Brands include the hotel's signature line as well as *Cire Trudon*, *James Perse*, *Garrett Leight* and *Panama Hats*. The hotel's full-service salon also features a curated selection of multi-use products and supplements used by *Kim and Khloe Kardashian*.

290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk

CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

UNVEILS THE FIRST SOUTHAMPTON POP-UP BOUTIQUE

BY MARSIN MOGIELSKI



Photography by Carl Timpone/BFA.com

Christian Louboutin announced the debut of its first Southampton pop-up boutique. The 1,200-square-foot space featuring both the women's and men's collections, is a nod to the designer's eclectic aesthetic, infused with the spirit of a seaside holiday.

A hybrid between a traditional beach house and Christian Louboutin's first boutique on Galerie Véro-Dodat in Paris, the pop-up is imagined as a romantic hideaway immune to the passage of time — an airy yet intimate space. The salon features cozy nooks where women feel like they are in the home of a friend who loves them and knows them well. At the entrance, shelves are suspended by fisherman's ropes, and striped blue sofas offer tribute to the nautical spirit of the season.

As an extension of the designer's past collaborations with the French artist Jean-Vincent Simonet, Christian Louboutin commissioned the photographer to design a striking wallpaper in his signature impressionistic style for the new pop-up. The

illustration depicts distorted silhouettes of women's and men's shoes, blended with whimsical florals and pastel colors.

In addition to a full selection of spring/summer 2021 designs, the Southampton pop-up offers several exclusive styles. A day-to-night favorite, the Almerio wedge in caramel-colored leather, is complemented by Nicol is Back, a satin mule. This elegant evening style features striped ribbon straps and is offered in two different jewel-tone variations, emerald and deep burgundy.

The boutique also offers an exclusive three-piece capsule collection, comprising a handcrafted his-and-hers flat suede espadrilles and Loubishore, a woven tote in panorama, a soft summery blue shade.

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FALL/WINTER 2021

BY MARSIN MOGIELSKI

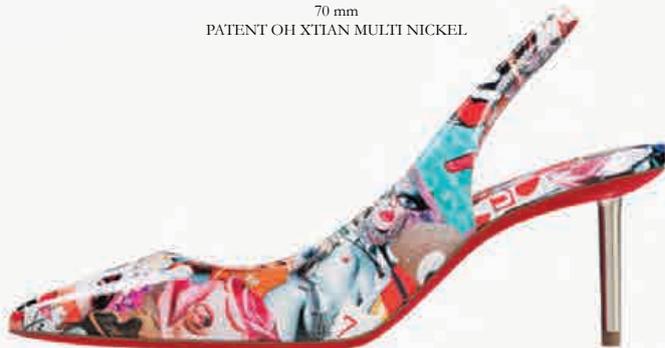


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RUNWAY

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

Midriff Medley

Showing off your middle region is all the rage this season. From crisscross patterns to bold bralettes, the barely there look hit runways around the world. Pair the look with a baggy pair of jeans for a casual day look. Or go for a silk crop-top styled with a black skirt for a sharp evening ensemble. Designers from Versace and Christopher Esber to Victoria Beckham and Jacquemus proved that this trend is here to stay.



Christopher Esber, Summer 2021



Michael Kors, Summer 2012



Jacquemus, Summer 2021



Versace, Summer 2021

GETTING DRESSED AGAIN

BY FOTINI COPELAND

After a year of lockdowns, Zoom calls, and sweatpants, the idea of getting dressed again may feel daunting. Even the most style-savvy among us have felt overwhelmed by a dinner party invite or in-person meeting. However, anxiety-provoking opening up our closets may be, each of us has been presented a rare opportunity to reinvent ourselves by way of personal style.

I know a thing or two about reinvention. In 2010, I started my namesake design house in New York City. Since then, I have written a best-selling book about finding my way in fashion and pivoted to a new business venture — The Fotini Factor, a style consultancy agency with a focus on personal-brand enhancement.

For me, the past year has served as a reminder to slow down and live thoughtfully — something I believe can (and should) translate directly to how we dress and present ourselves. We communicate our stories and personalities, ultimately, through what we wear, and there has never been a better time to forget the rules. If you've never worn a certain style because you were afraid you couldn't pull it off, I'm here to tell you — as I tell all of my clients — that confidence is the most powerful accessory. If you feel stuck or discouraged, look for inspiration from your favorite style icons, and channel that energy.

It is important, also, to not get too caught up in the trends. Fast fashion is not only harmful to the earth, it can sometimes cause us to lose our sense of individualism. Embrace your silhouette and unique self; invest in well-made garments that will not only last a lifetime, but reflect the message you want to share with the world. Are you polished and professional but have a fun side? Incorporate pops of color into your blazer collection. If you love to be cozy but have a packed social calendar, the right athleisure can be both elevated and chic.

I believe that we all have a personal brand, but it can be difficult to understand how to communicate that brand through fashion. In an age where social media dictates trends, many people succumb to the pressures of dressing like everyone else. But, when it comes to getting dressed, you must always stay true to yourself, whether you are going to SoulCycle at The Barn to spin with Stacey Griffith or going to sunset cocktails at Coopers Beach or even dinner at The Palm. If you feel amazing, you will look amazing. It is really that simple.

ABOUT FOTINI COPELAND

Fotini Copeland is a best-selling author, style expert, and founder of The Fotini Factor, a style consultancy firm that offers personal brand enhancement. A lifelong entrepreneur and designer with an



Fotini Copeland



expertise in corsetry, Fotini launched her namesake line in 2010, and quickly became one of the most sought-after New York fashion houses of the moment. Her designs have been highly regarded on the runways at NYFW, The Met gala red carpet, and beloved by iconic celebrities like Amy Poehler and Kendall Jenner.

After years in the fashion industry, Fotini decided to pivot, using her experience designing for women to launch her new business venture as a personal brand consultant. The natural progression from designer to style strategist enables her to help women identify the style that best represents their personal brand. Her focus is on fashion, demeanor, design, and expression capability — and most importantly, inspiring women to be the best version of themselves.

► For more information, visit thefotinifactor.com or follow along on social media [@thefotinifactor](https://www.instagram.com/thefotinifactor).

ACCESSORIES

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

Summer Yellow

Channel the warm yellow sun this season with a bold golden accessory. Go for a bright and buttery look and style yellow Christian Louboutin heels and Barocco patterned Versace socks with an ocher-colored Prada dress. Add a subtle pop of sunshine to your outfit with a Bottega Veneta bag and yellow -and- white rubber drip earrings by Ottolinger. The sun never has to set this summer.



Etro, Summer 2021



Versace
White Barocco Socks
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Bottega Veneta
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Christian Louboutin, Yellow So Kate 120 Heels, \$695

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Prada, Summer 2021



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Ottolinger
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Saint Laurent, Yellow Croc Logo Card Holder, \$375

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THE MALE BAG

By ANTHONY MICHAEL



Zimmerli

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Alex Crane

Overwhelmed by all the social ads hawking the perfect tee? Don't drift. Alex Crane is still tops. Try the linen Sun tee. \$55, alexcrane.co



Dandy Del Mar

Refining the art of leisure, Dandy Del Mar's terry cloth Tropez Sets bring retro back in a way that makes fashion sense. Gaucho terry cloth shirt (\$109) and short (\$69). dandydelmar.com



Dagsmejan

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BY MJ PEDONE



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2021 KTM 390 ADV

The KTM's 390 platform has been an incredibly successful addition to the Ready To Race brand's lineup equipped with crash bars, a skid-plate, handguards, and numerous other off-road upgrades. \$6,199, ktm.com



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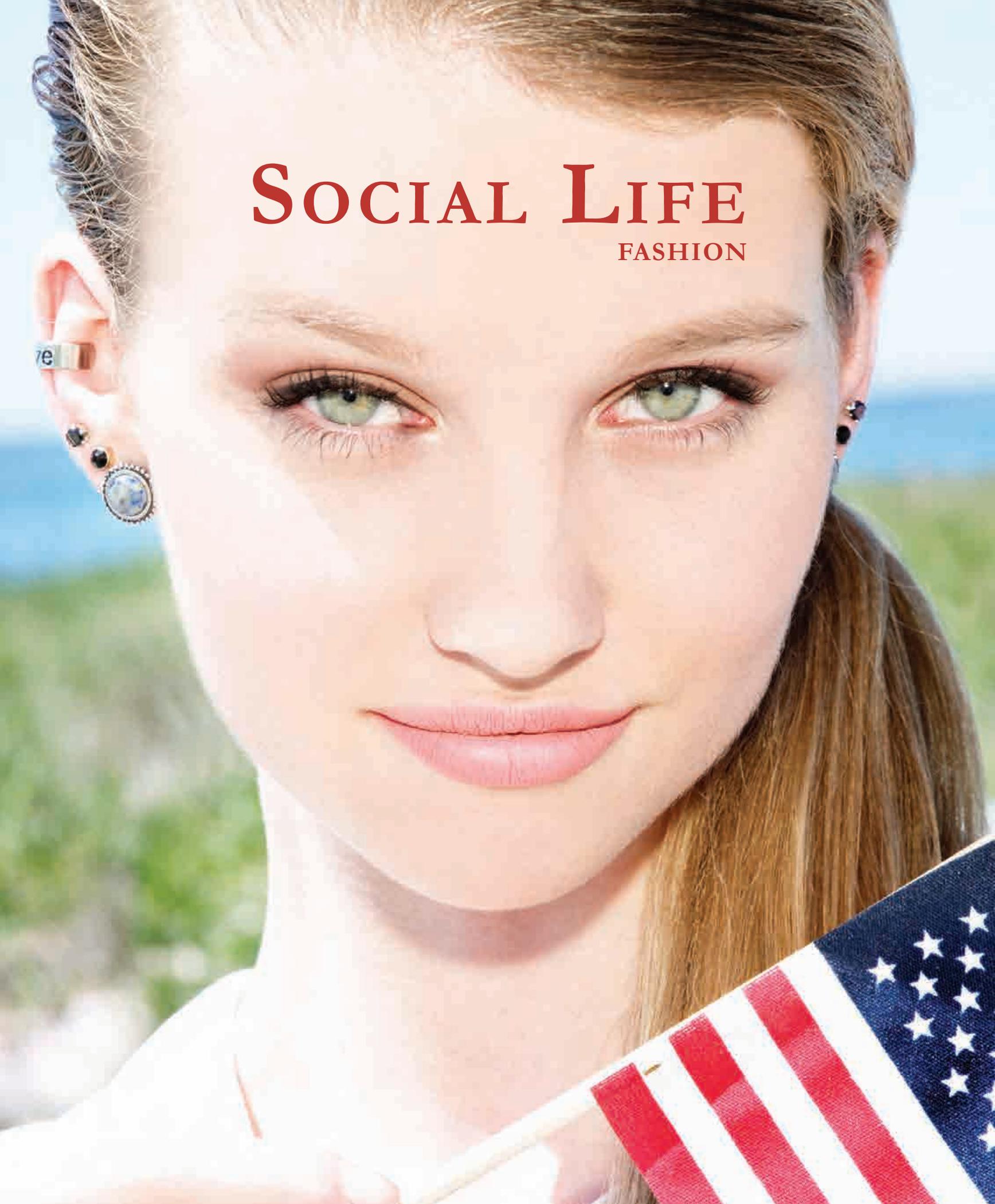
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Dress by JOSEPH





Dress by ANAMARIA COUTURE



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Swimsuit by VERSACE
Bag by LONGCHAMP





Bag by ALDO
Sunglasses by STELLA McCARTNEY





Dress by BONALDI

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Dress by LONGCHAMP





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Skirt by MANOKHI

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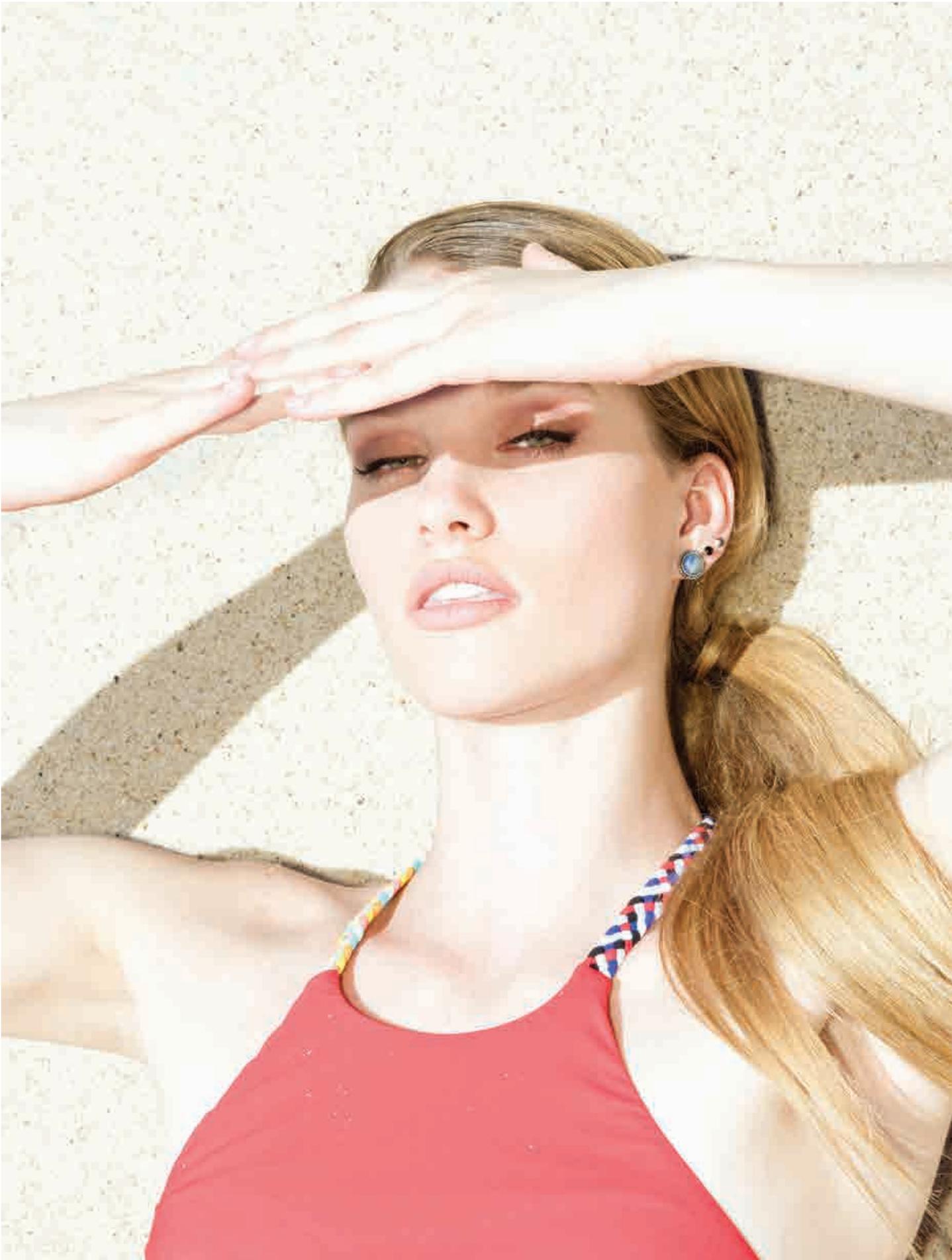


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HAIRY SITUATION

If you're sick of doing your hair yourself, then check out celebrity hairstylist Valery Joseph. His full-service salon — located in Bridgehampton — offers both indoor and outdoor services in a posh and chic setting. The hair guru's team specializes in hair straightening treatments, extensions, and color. If you want to look fabulous before a night out on the town, his signature beach waves paired with a natural makeup look is a must. If you don't want to leave the pool, Joseph's team is more than happy to travel to you seven days a week! Prices vary; for appointments and availability call [631.537.8967](tel:631.537.8967). valeryjoseph.com

WORKOUT WARRIOR

In need of some me-time? Pulse by Julie D is a membership lifestyle community founded by the SoulCycle senior instructor Julie Dermer.

She's created a workout to empower and motivate people. The class focuses on the core, and the small effective moves tone and shape the body and mind. Not only are the playlists fun and upbeat, but you don't even need any equipment to participate. Pulse membership is \$40/month. pulsebyjulied.com

BAG LADY

Bigger is better sometimes. THINKROYLN took everyone's favorite Wingman bag and grew it into the Big Mama! It's edgy and effortless for when you need more room for a long weekend or a really long day. The horizontal quilted fabric is extra cozy and lightweight. The sporty handles can be carried or worn on the shoulder. It comes with a detachable guitar strap and a signature embossed canvas bottom. #fabULyss beach tote thinkroyln.com

BEACH BUM

Lido is a summer lifestyle brand that creates products designed to make summer more enjoyable, stylish, and sustainable. With a lightweight, compact, and patented design featuring a full backpack and cooler functionalities, Lido's perfect beach chair is the only thing you need to bring, by foot or bike, to the beach. #fabULyss beach chair, \$195. lido.co



BEACH BOOK

Need a good beach read? Laurie Gelman, the author of *Class Mom* and *You've Been Volunteered*, has a new book, *Yoga Pant Nation* — a novel about how a mom named Jen Dixon tries to be the best parent, all while trying to become a spin instructor. This book will certainly keep you entertained — especially for moms who can relate to Jen's ups and downs. \$13.99, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

COLORFUL COLLECTION

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TRENDY TOTE

In need of the perfect bag to carry around? Look no further! The new It-bag from Rachel Cagner is her exclusive bandana tote, ideal for a road trip or just a getaway to the beach. The vintage bandana fabrics come in a wide range of colors that will have you standing out — in a good way. \$85 and up. [rachelcagner.com](https://www.rachelcagner.com)

CALMING CHOCOLATE

Objective Wellness, a clinically-backed supplement brand, launched Sweet Calm chocolates. The stress-relieving dark chocolatey bites, soothe and relax your mind while reducing occasional irritability. That's thanks to the ashwagandha, which helps to promote a sense of calm, and the magnesium supporting healthy brain, nerve, and muscle function. \$40 for a bag of 30 pieces, [objectivewellness.com](https://www.objectivewellness.com)

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HANDY HATS

Shady Lady — a new company and hat line founded by a woman for women — is about to be your new obsession. Shady Lady's founder, Allyson Mandelbaum, designs hats and caps made with the softest, most comfortable materials around and made to fit a woman's head. No more wearing ill-fitting men's caps! Instead, cover up with a patterned beach hat, or opt for a funky and cool baseball cap. A portion of profits goes to cleaning up beaches. \$26 and up. [shopshadylady.com](https://www.shopshadylady.com)

BOBBY-DAZZLER

Jumpstart your summer soirées with this #fabULysss Tears of Joy ring from Ella Bartlow. This fashionable 24k gold-plated ring is adorned with a vintage, teardrop shaped cabochon crystal, and is handmade in Greece. We simply love the fact that the size is adjustable. Dress it up or dress it down. It's the perfect accent regardless of the occasion. This collection also features matching earrings and necklaces, which are equally stunning and versatile. \$120, [ellabartlow.com](https://www.ellabartlow.com)



FOR KIDS

**CENTERED CHILDREN**

Help your kids find their “om” by gifting them some products from Mala Collective’s new children’s meditation line called Little Buddhi. The brand designed the collection for busy minds and busy bodies, and it’s perfect for kids who are 2–9 years old. Choose from a selection of cuddly character meditation cushions, ultra-soft blankets, and calming guided meditations to help kids focus, stay grounded and connect to their emotions. Additionally, the company offers online educational resources like meditation videos, breathing exercises, and more. Starts at \$88, malacollective.com

BATHING CUTIES

This summer, match with your little one by buying Minnow Swim’s and Stony Clover Lane’s new limited-edition swimwear collection. For the first time, the two brands partnered to create an exclusive swimsuit line for women and children. Choose from adorable designs, such as a watermelon gingham smocked one-piece or a lavender gingham ruffle sleeve bikini. The suits are feminine, flattering, and the perfect way to twin with your tot. Prices vary. minnowswim.com & stoneycloverlane.com

FUN IN THE SUN

The new SPF collection from Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard’s affordable but premium family brand, Hello Bello, is reef-friendly and water-resistant for up to 80 minutes. It uses just one SPF ingredient: zinc oxide — the only FDA-approved sunscreen ingredient that protects against all three types of UV rays: UVB, UVA2, and UVA1. It contains soothing and moisturizing organic shea and cocoa butter, organic coconut oil, organic calendula, green tea, and avocado. Please don’t feel guilty about stealing some from your kiddo, either, since it’s great for adults and children. \$9.78, hellobello.com

**MEET A MOMPREENEUR**

Lindsey Peers bought The Craft Studio when she was 21, and since the ’90s she has grown the brand to national recognition, with events and classes going way beyond Manhattan, and has been featured on *The Drew Barrymore Show* and *Today*. From parties in her studio to go parties, corporate partnerships, school programs, and more, the company has created memorable experiences, like building chocolate houses or making hoodies for toddlers, kids, and even adults. The company recently created over 150 crafts for kids of all ages, with seasonal options and some great everyday mainstays. Parties, classes, and workshops via video makes it easy for kids to join classes just by turning on a device — or getting a box sent to them in the mail. craftstudionyc.com

INFLUENCER
ELENA TARANINA
GLAMOROUS GEMSTONE FRAMES
FOR YOUR APPLE WATCH

BY ELIZABETH ELSTON



The summer's hottest accessory for the fashion-forward is the 18k gold and gemstone frame for your Apple Watch from the fashion influencer Elena Taranina. Her frames are new and exclusive to the U.S. market.

Bring the boldness of gemstones into your life to influence your luck in business and your love life. Choose the right gemstones based on your astrological chart, mood, and look.

The Apple Watch custom frame can be made with any gemstone. You can choose from black or white diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and sapphires. The frame can be designed for any size Apple Watch, with a starting price of \$4,100.

Taranina, who resides in London, considers herself a citizen of the world. The talented fashion influencer has been involved with luxury products for many years. From designing a capsule

collection to owning a trendy jewelry shop in Geneva, she has had an eye for new stylish trends.

Taranina has become such a success that her LenLenStyle fashion blog reaches more than a half-million loyal followers on Instagram. Her fans follow her fashion advice while admiring her glamorous life. The blog makes

sure that you have the tools to look chic on any budget. Elena knew that many of her followers enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Because fitness is a significant part of their lives, she thought: *Why not glamorize fitness.* That's when she created the Apple Watch frame. Elena Taranina says, "Let the magical frame be your talisman . . . Enter with light."



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CALGON

BY LYSS STERN

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF MOTHERHOOD IS A B#TC



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EVEN CALGON IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH THESE DAYS. THE ONLY BUBBLES THAT WILL WORK IS BUBBLY.

The mom on the screen was overwhelmed and her cry for help was desperate . . . The traffic . . . my boss . . . the children . . . the dog . . . I need a break!! Calgon, take me away!"

And poof — like that — the stressed-out mom was covered in bubbles in her oversized bathtub, reveling in the peace and quiet that a bubble bath could provide. It seemed like the perfect solution.

If only it were that easy. . . .

If you're a mom, then you know that it's not. If you're a spouse, you know it, too. If you're a son or daughter, then you also know that no bubble bath can do the trick.

We moms are the real deal. Before the topic of Covid joined our daily conversations, we were the overworked, underpaid caretakers, nurses, doctors, alarm clocks, chefs, chauffeurs,

tutors, teachers, housekeepers, cheerleaders, scorekeepers, college counselors, babysitters, butlers, and then some. On some days we performed our duties with smiles on our faces, on others we may have been on the brink of a breakdown.

Once the word Covid entered our vocabularies and its implications entered our lives, we began to pray that Calgon could actually take us away. There was no mommy class, no podcast, no Facebook group, no amount of ladies-who-lunch advice that could have prepared us for the load (and I am not talking laundry load) that was about to be placed upon our shoulders. Within days . . . maybe a week . . . we were wishing we could simply rewind and go back to the normal stresses of motherhood.

Suddenly, we also became our kids' after-school playdates, their tech support, their teachers' assistants, their homework buddies, their sports coaches and sports teammates (a one-person soccer match in the backyard was quite a scene). We became dance class instructors and piano teachers and music readers and Tik Tok partners, therapists, and Hebrew school teachers. We absorbed our college students — who didn't want to be at home and certainly didn't belong at home — back into our homes. There was nothing we did not or could not or would not do for our kids.

And therein lies the problem. We didn't skip a beat or a stride as we made life as comfortable as possible for our kids. But what we did skip was taking care of ourselves. In order to be everyone else's caretakers, we missed giving ourselves what we needed. An entire community's health and happiness and connection and self-care were stunted. Moms from Dubai to New York, from the prairies to the suburbs, from Mackinac Island to the Canary Islands said goodbye to themselves.

Moms' careers took a back seat. Our fitness and yoga classes and daily calls with friends and lunches and continuing-education programs all took a back seat. Our hair got frizzy and gray and overgrown. Our cuticles were taken care of by our teeth and our wardrobe turned to pajamas . . . morning, noon, and night. We feared for our health and the health of our loved ones. Some of us lost loved ones and mourned all alone because fear kept us from being soothed by anyone that could spread their potentially deadly germs. Some of us, like me, suffered from Covid ourselves and many of us, like me, still have lasting effects. We became shells of ourselves as our heads hit our pillows night after night exhausted, worn, spent, unsure of what was to come and scared of the unknown.

SHOPPING



And here we are: a little more than a year later, and we know what is to come. We have found a 2021 normal and have figured out a way to make life as good as it can be for our kids, for our spouses, for our extended families. But somehow, we've still not managed to find normal for ourselves. And if this is it, I can say for myself: I need more.

I don't want to give up on all that I've accomplished as a mom this past year. I don't want to forget how enjoyable it was to be with my kids 24/7 and get to know them in ways that I might not have otherwise. In so many ways, I'm glad that I had this time to prove to myself how strong and malleable and capable I am. But at the same time . . .

I need my yoga teacher to sweep me off my feet into a two-day handstand. I need to have the space in my head and my heart to fulfill my professional responsibilities with the passion

and inspiration that I used to feel when stepping into my office every day. I need my friends to press "ignore" on their phones so we can talk and laugh and share and cry and be there for each other 100 percent.

I need Calgon to take me away!

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BEAUTY

By JEANETTE ZINNO



Summer Travel

Grab your favorite travel kit and hit the road this summer. Whether you're heading to the beach or a backyard soirée for the Fourth of July, these travel kits are ideal for your next voyage.

SKINCARE KIT

Revive your skin this summer with the **Chantecaille Bio Lifting 5-Piece Travel Collection**. The kit features Stress Repair Concentrate, Bio-Lifting Mask, Bio-Lifting Serum+, Bio-Lifting Cream+ and the Zip travel pouch. Saks Fifth Avenue, \$345

MAKEUP KIT

Keep all of your favorite makeup close in this **Trish McEvoy Makeup Planner**. It's a customizable vegan-leather portable makeup vanity that houses all of your makeup and tools in one organized portable place. 27 Hampton Salon, \$82

GLOW KIT

Treat your skin to **The Glow Kit by Dr. Barbara Sturm**. It's a 7-step routine that features a cleanser, facial scrub, face mask, hyaluronic serum, face cream, anti-aging primer, and glow drops in a chic, velvet travel bag that is part of Dr. Sturm's migration to sustainable packaging. drstrum.com, \$210

MEN'S KIT

The **Bergamot Neroli Travel Shaving Kit** includes everything your beau will need to groom with confidence away from home base. The kit features a pre-shave oil, shaving cream, 5-blade razor, shaving brush, and after-shave balm. Art of Shaving, \$95



Beauty + Spa Guide

Whether you're living in the Hamptons or it's your first time out East in a while, take some time for yourself this summer with these Hamptons-based spa and beauty services.



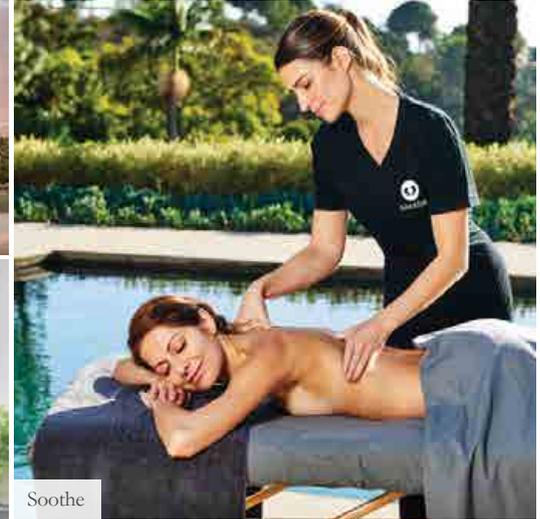
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27 HAMPTON SALON

27 Hampton Road, Southampton

The Trish McEvoy Southampton pop-up shop launched this past month, which means you can now shop the entire Trish McEvoy Beauty collection at 27 Hampton Salon. The salon offers makeup consultations, as well as in-person, in-salon, and house-call makeup applications all summer long. But that's not all they do! The salon is known as a full-service oasis in the heart of Southampton for hair, nails, waxing, and skin-care treatments for women and men. This salon will easily become your one-stop shop for weekly beauty routine appointments like a blowout and manis/pedis or your monthly facials or haircuts and colors.

DAPHNE SPA

649 Montauk Highway, Montauk

New York Pilates, the popular pilates studio in Montauk, is now offering specialty spa services in partnership with luxury skincare studio DAPHNE. The New York City-based European skincare and sugaring studio is housed on the second floor of New York Pilates Montauk and will offer an exclusive menu of hyper-customized facials, microcurrent treatments, hydrating and firming body services, sugaring hair removal, and more. The menu includes popular treatments like The Montauk Glow, which includes a French detoxifying and contouring infrared body wrap that works to slim, tone, and soften skin, while the micro-current facial stimulates and tones.

NATUROPATHICA SPA & HEALING CENTER

74 Montauk Highway, East Hampton

Naturopathica, an East Hampton staple, has been reimagined to establish the future of holistic healing. Unlike traditional spas, Naturopathica's latest approach to wellness combines bespoke therapies, advanced technology, and personalized ingestible remedies to heal from the inside out. The new Spa & Healing Center creates a luxurious environment in which practitioners can draw from modalities like radio frequency, crystal healing, and herbalism to create bespoke treatments that deliver real results. The spa menu has also undergone a renovation to combine the healing power of herbs with results-driven technology, in treatments like the Defy Contouring Treatments for Face and Body, which uses radio frequency (RF) — to promote collagen and target fat cells — combined with curated herbs for results you can see.

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Soothe is an on-demand wellness service that connects you with top-rated, licensed wellness and personal-care professionals who come directly to your home. Now you have no reason not to fit some self-care into your schedule this summer. Soothe launched its platform by offering on-demand massages in the comfort of your own home or even on your deck or poolside. You simply download the app, sign up and you can book a massage well in advance or have a masseuse at your door in one hour. The company recently expanded to offer more in-home services, including facials, haircuts, and spray-tans.

PICOSURE FOCUS

THE ROLLS-ROYCE OF SKIN REJUVENATION

BY FRANCES GORMLEY



Anna Avaliani, M.D., a top physician artist on Park Avenue, specializes in non-invasive cosmetic procedures. Choose the best for yourself. Her state-of-the-art cosmetic and laser center is one of the few that has been honored with the prestigious Cynosure Center of Excellence Award. Every noninvasive surgical and laser procedure is here under one roof. When you become a patient of Dr. Avaliani, you will receive bespoke and customized treatments.

PicoSure Focus & PicoSure Zoom

Dr. Avaliani is a true laser expert, offering the latest technology available on the market to treat virtually all skin concerns. One of her absolute favorite treatments is the revolutionary skin-rejuvenation treatment PicoSure. This fast, effective treatment is the gold standard for skin rejuvenation. PicoSure works well on all skin types and all complexions. It treats dark spots, sun spots, age spots, acne scars, wrinkles, surgical scars, stretch marks, and more — a treatment is less than 15 minutes and results in no downtime.

PicoSure can be used anywhere on the body — from face to toes and every inch in between. PicoSure Focus, first cleared by the FDA in 2012, now has a hand-held option called PicoSure Zoom. Zoom allows Dr. Avaliani to precisely direct the laser to an exact depth of the skin.

Zoom is her choice when a patient wants to remove a body tattoo (all colors!) or eyebrow microblading (without harming one hair).

“Pico” derives from picosecond, which is one *trillionth* of a second. PicoSure delivers picosecond bursts of



energy, not heat like other lasers, to gently target and more effectively eliminate problem areas without harming surrounding tissue. PicoSure has trademarked the term Skin Cell Activation, which is a way of describing how PicoSure works.



It literally activates cells to produce important proteins that signal other cells to begin a healing response.

I've had this treatment myself. I trusted Dr. Avaliani, a board-certified physician, to suggest the best treatment to remove sunspots from my face. My sunspots faded after a few weeks, and the ultra-short bursts of energy signaled my body to produce collagen and elastin for improved facial rejuvenation. The number of treatments can vary from one to several. In my case, two treatments were necessary.

What was the treatment like? I reclined as Dr. Avaliani explained carefully as she proceeded. I held a hose that flowed cold air as the laser passed over my face. Because the bursts of energy are ultra-short, the feeling came and went literally one trillionth of a second at a time. Even though I had sunspots on every section of my face, and some fine lines above my lip, the entire treatment was over in just minutes.

Soon after, my sunspots temporarily darkened. Then I could see the pigment shattering as they began to fade away. My body's healing response was underway. An unanticipated bonus for having sunspots on my nose is that PicoSure reduced the size of my pores.

Expect the best of care from Dr. Avaliani's practice — from a warm welcome to a caring follow-up call after receiving the best in cosmetic medicine.

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WHY YOU HAVE THIN HAIR & WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

BY ANN GRENIER

Peruse through Instagram long enough and you are sure to observe your feed graced with pictures of women sporting long, outrageously thick or highly-pigmented hair. Hair has always been a significant element of style and self-expression, but the outrageous, over-the-top looks have become more mainstream than ever thanks to the growing supply of faux hair, hair color technology, and celebrities setting trends that throw convention or achievability out the window. The result? More women — and men — feel that their natural hair isn't growing as long or as thick as they'd like it to, and are turning to places like Angelo David Salon to get answers and find solutions.

Over the last few years, Angelo David Pisacreta, the owner and creative director of Angelo David Salon, has seen a steady increase in young women coming in for consultations to discuss their thinning hair. Despite the trend for thick luscious locks, the reality is, thinning hair and hair loss is a growing concern for good reason.

Forty percent of women have visible hair loss by the time they reach age 40, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. Two-thirds of men will begin to see hair loss by age 35, according to the American Hair Loss Association, and after 50, 85% of men and 50% of women will experience some form of pattern hair loss.

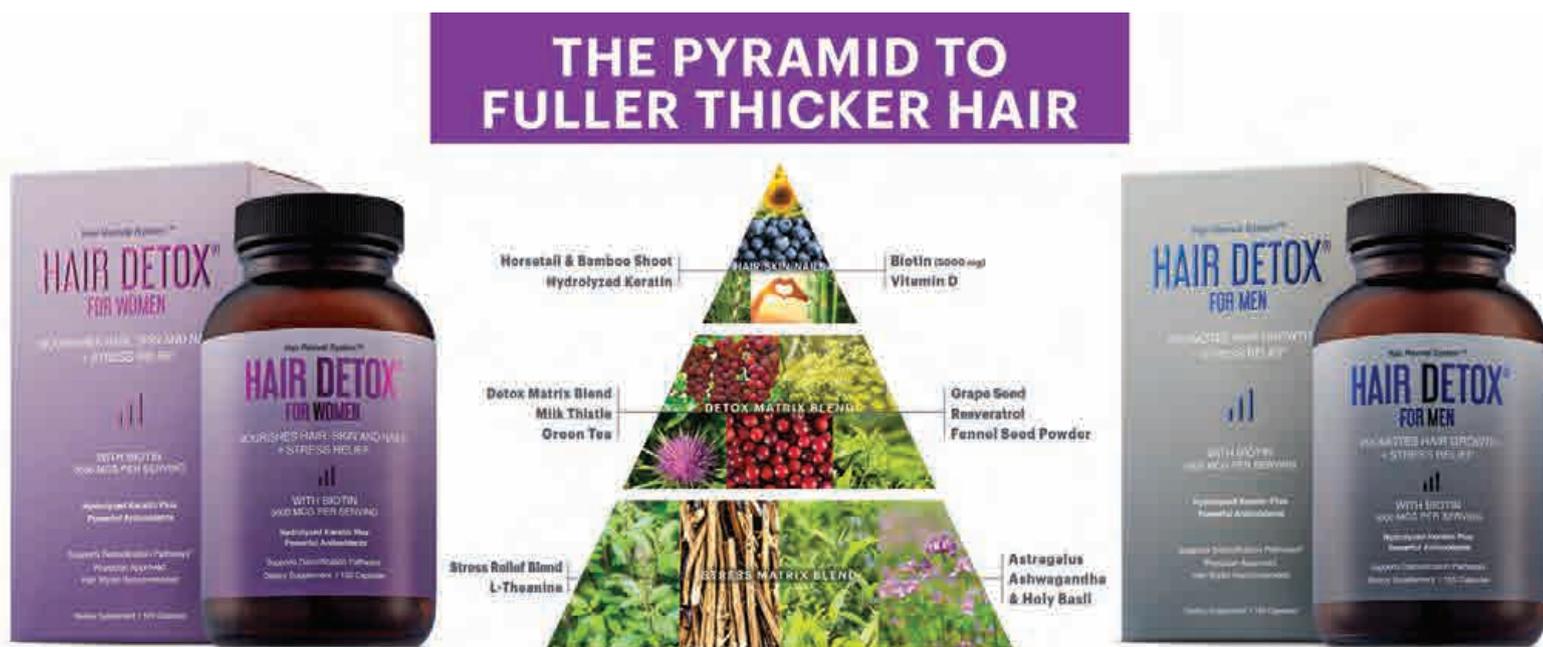
So, what's causing this trend to rise, and what can we do about it? This is where Angelo comes in. Hair loss and thinning hair has been his specialty for over 25 years, as he grew up around hair his whole life. His father, Carmine, was a pioneer in men's hair styling, and taught Angelo how to make toupees and wigs.



When Angelo opened his salon, which now lives on Madison Avenue, he created a space for women and men to come in and speak candidly about their hair issues in a private consultation room, and he could make a custom wig or hair piece to exactly match a client's natural hair. Angelo and his team can create fully customized wigs, couture hair extensions, hairpieces, top-pers, clip-in extensions, ponytails, fillers, or even bangs.

Part of what makes Angelo David Salon special is The Couture Hair Boutique, which displays samples of all the hair additions right on the salon floor. The Couture Hair Boutique is an interactive experience for clients, who can take the hair off the shelf and touch and feel the hair for themselves.

When women understand that the celebrities they see on TV and on the internet with thick long hair are wearing additions like those offered at Angelo David Salon, it changes the way they feel about it. Couture hair is a tool to alter your hairstyle instantly, without having to wait for your own hair to grow out. "Let's say you want bangs, but you don't want to



cut your hair. You can choose a clip-on bang from the Couture Hair Boutique. Then we color, highlight, and trim it for a custom-blended match. We attach your bang, and there you go,” says Angelo.

Angelo has earned a reputation as the Vera Wang of couture hair, but he does so much more than that. Women are often brought to tears when they see their new hair for the first time. Their entire self-image changes instantly, especially for clients struggling with hair loss conditions like alopecia, or male-pattern baldness.

Over the years, his clients often asked what they can do to help their hair grow naturally, and Angelo developed his own hair revival supplement to address that very question.

“People ask me all the time, ‘Angelo, what vitamins should I be taking for my hair?’ The problem is, vitamins are only one piece of the puzzle,” says Angelo.

If you have a stressful lifestyle, or live in a large polluted city, your body is in a state of stress. Stress causes inflammation. Inflammation can manifest into a host of issues. You can experience breakouts, hair loss or weak hair in general, weight fluctuations, and many other ailments that people seek only surface-level solutions to.

“I wanted to create a product that would tackle the root causes of inflammation and stress, specifically because they are the two main causes of hair loss and thinning hair.”

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Hair Detox includes specially formulated stress-matrix and detox-matrix blends to reduce physiological stress in the body, reduce inflammation, and to gently detoxify hair from the inside out. The key ingredients also include well-known hair vitamins like biotin and keratin, vitamin B6 and B12, folate, zinc, and more.

Angelo calls this not just a hair supplement, but a lifestyle supplement, because it makes you feel better in general, and should be taken for daily maintenance of overall health.

So, if you are feeling stressed about your thinning hair, you’ll want to change that immediately. Start by booking a consultation with Angelo and his team, and be mindful of lifestyle factors that can contribute to stress and inflammation.

Other ways to volumize your hair include using the right products. Salon-grade volumizing shampoo, conditioner, leave-in treatments, and styling products can help hair feel and look thicker (VOL shampoo, conditioner, and masque are available at Angelo David Salon).

To learn more about Angelo David Salon or to book an appointment, head to angelodavid.com.

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FRUITS OF SUMMER

BY KRISTY RAO

The arrival of summer marks the beginning of fruit season. If you've found yourself confused about how to pick ripe fruit, you're not alone. Whether you are heading to the farmers market or grocery store, there are things to keep in mind when selecting fruit. Here are some summer fruits and how to pick them properly.

Strawberries

These are my personal favorite fruit, and they peak in the beginning of the season or mid-June. When looking for the right ones, make sure that they don't have green or white tips because this means they were picked too early. You also don't want ones that look stained or darkened because this means they are overripe. The size of the berry doesn't matter at all. Just go for berries that are solid red!

Blueberries and Blackberries

Look for shiny, plump blackberries and dry plump blueberries. Avoid any that feel mushy or look discolored.



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Cherries

They are best June through July, but different varieties will ripen at various times of the year. Look for unwrinkled skin and fresh, bright green stems. Yellow cherries, known as Rainer cherries, are supposed to be yellow and also tend to be softer than the red variety.

Peaches

If it smells sweet, then it's likely good. Avoid ones with green undertones. Squeeze one right around the stem. If it gives a little, throw it in your basket.

Tomatoes

Yes, they are fruit not vegetables (because they have seeds). If you're a cook, you're familiar with how the right tomato can make a dish and the wrong one can break it. A perfectly ripe tomato is quite the treat. When you squeeze a tomato, it should give a little, but not too much. Ripe tomatoes are a bit heavier than unripe ones.

Figs

These are my favorite summer fruit to have as a dessert. Figs do not continue to ripen after they have been picked, so you want to choose the right ones. The neck of the fruit will wilt when it's ready.

Pitayas (aka dragon fruit)

These are perhaps one of the coolest looking fruits in existence. Select one that has bright, evenly colored skin. Too many brown blotches or a dry, shriveled stem means it's overripe. If it is very firm, let it ripen a few days until the flesh slightly gives.

Avocados

This is another fruit that many people mistake for a vegetable! This one is a bit tricky, as its shape and color are not great indicators of quality or ripeness. A perfectly ripe avocado feels firm but gives just a little bit. The flesh should be pressed up tight against the skin. If it feels loose and looks wrinkled, it is overripe. Avoid any that have bruising, cracks, or mushy parts.

Citrus

Look for firm skin and avoid any with bruises, mushy spots, or visible mold. Citrus will not continue to ripen after being picked.

Finally, remember to separate fruits that produce ethylene, such as bananas and apples, from others that absorb it and spoil early, such as lemons and strawberries. Bon appetit!

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THE MAGIC TOUCH OF STEPHEN T. GREENBERG, M.D., F.A.C.S.

BY HANNAH KATZ



The award-winning, celebrity cosmetic surgeon Stephen T. Greenberg, M.D., F.A.C.S., has performed thousands of procedures over the past 28 years. From Park Avenue to the Hamptons and now Dubai, he delivers the utmost care at his accredited and state-of-the-art surgical centers.

An Ivy-League trained, double board-certified plastic surgeon, Dr. Greenberg takes great pride in restoring patient confidence by actively working with each patient to set realistic expectations and create a custom surgical package in order to provide the most natural outcomes possible.

At the apex of his craft, Dr. Greenberg is something of a legend. Because he has performed literally thousands of procedures, he has evolved them to achieve specialized results, often with uncommon downtimes. Dr. Greenberg says, “It’s not magic — it’s science, talent, and skill that can give you a magical result.”

Offering everything from cosmetic injectables and laser treatments to breast augmentation, liposuction, facelifts, and nose jobs, Dr. Greenberg’s offices are perfect locations to accomplish a lunchtime mini-lift or a more extensive, life-altering transformation to the face or body.

Being at the forefront of plastic surgery for over two decades, Dr. Greenberg has re-defined the traditional face lift with his mini-, micro-mini, and plasma lifts. His unique style utilizes many of the same steps as a traditional face lift, effectively incorporating highly intuitive technology to tighten and rejuvenate the skin. His post-operative magic is seen in a matter of days, having his patients “restaurant ready” in a jiffy.

Social Life sat down with Dr. Greenberg to learn about what’s hot in cosmetic surgery and treatments today. It’s summertime and we want to look fabulous!



What are some of the popular procedures you are performing now?

The hottest surgical techniques are my rapid recovery procedures. Many people simply do not have time for downtime. In service of my clients, I was inspired to offer a true rapid recovery option to my patients. Minimal swelling and bruising coupled with a notably decreased recovery time have resulted in proven patient satisfaction. Many times, small adjustments lead to big results. It is this philosophy that drove me to offer mini and micro-mini facelifts.

People are energized about this summer! Any beach ready tips you can share?

Using a variety of surgical and non-surgical options to improve a patient's appearance, I recommend my rapid recovery mini-incision breast augmentation as it has patients back to daily activities the very next day. CoolSculpting and Emsculpt are the best ways to reduce fat and build muscle. One 30-minute session of Emsculpt is the equivalent of doing 20,000 sit-ups, squats, triceps, curls, or calf raises! Coolsculpting has been the celebrity-endorsed method to destroy those unwanted fat cells without surgery or downtime. QWO is the newest method to reduce cellulite and is the only injectable cellulite treatment with proven results.

So many of us are on Zoom all day! What can we do to freshen up our video look?

If you are looking to refresh your look quickly, lunchtime injections are the way to go. Facial optimization and lower facial slimming are achieved by utilizing a combination of injectables such as Botox and the Juvéderm and Restylane family of fillers. Lines and wrinkles

are reduced, volume is restored, and contour is re-established while facial procedures such as rhinoplasty, chin implants, and chin liposuction achieve more dramatic results by improving a facial profile and re-establishing facial harmony. Skin rejuvenation treatments like lasers and micro-needling to remove brown spots and support collagen production can also work miracles.

What are some of the latest technologies you're using these days?

My current high-tech favorite is Renuvion J-Plasma, a revolutionary device that I incorporate with my face lift techniques for greater skin retraction and lower facial contouring. I also combine plasma with body procedures to sculpt and tone the abdomen, chest, and flanks as well as tighten inner thighs and the area above the knees. I am a fan of micro-needling with radiofrequency to rejuvenate the face and body by building collagen, which in turn firms and smooths the skin.

We hear that you were recently in Dubai. What can we expect to see from you next?

I have patients come to see me from all over the world. In Dubai my clients have specifically sought me out because of my ultra-modern approach. Given the fast-paced lifestyles of today, it is crucial to take an individualized surgical approach to ensure the most dynamic results. I understand the patients' needs and the best method for achieving superior results. Due to overwhelming demand, I have also doubled the time I am in the Hamptons. These requests have necessitated my expansion. I enjoy making life more beautiful for people.

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TRAINER, CHOREOGRAPHER, ENTREPRENEUR: A CELEBRITY FAVORITE

BY MARISOL CAMPBELL



I realized there was a void in the market. So I set out to create a one-stop shop where the client can get the programming of an international fitness expert with 20+ years of experience, elevated by the exhilarating energy of the boutique fitness class atmosphere and community. No one else is able to offer an

Anna Kaiser has been named one of the 100 most influential people in healthcare and fitness. Anna Kaiser Studios, which she launched in 2020, has locations in NYC, East Hampton, and New Canaan, Connecticut. Get to know Anna in the interview below.

Anna Kaiser Studios offers such an innovative and fun workout. Where do you get your inspiration from to create content?

What many people don't know is that my program is a combination of three workouts: Sculpt, Step, and Dance. It's so much more than dance! Step is an athletic conditioning interval class set around a box and overhead bands, and when you pair that with Sculpt, you'll start feeling your body change in only two classes! And there's absolutely no dance required in either of those classes! And for all my dance friends, I change up the choreography every two weeks to keep it fun and innovative and ever-evolving. After 20 years of working one on one with my class clients and celeb clients, I know exactly how to keep our community challenged, strong, and having an insanely fun time in every class! Clients will start to see the results within the first week of returning to the studio. And those glowing faces are what keep me motivated to continue to create new and innovative content every single day.

You have such a loyal membership program. What secret to success sets Anna Kaiser Studios apart?

When I began teaching at boutique fitness studios, I realized they were all based on a single modality, and every class felt like the same experience. After a while, my body would get used to the workout and stop changing, and I would need to find something else. That's when

experience at this level, and I think this really sets our work apart.

Do you work out first thing in the morning?

Yes! Every day. The workout leaves me energized and laser-focused on the day ahead. I am never as efficient or effective if I don't work out first thing.

What are your plans for the summer?

We will be kicking off the summer with my East Hampton Intensive from July 14 to July 16 at the studio, and then I'll be commuting between NYC and East Hampton for the remainder of the summer to make sure I can reconnect with as many friends and clients in person as possible. Some of us have been working out together only through Anna Kaiser Studios virtual classes for the last 15 months! There will be tears.

Your East Hampton studio doors are finally open. Will you be offering any fun events?

Yes! We are partnering with The Yinova Center to provide acupuncture in our East Hampton studio all summer. We are also offering a Summer Pass (for the first time ever) so that clients can take unlimited classes out East for as little as \$16 a day. We will be popping up all over the Hamptons. Keep an eye on our website under the Happenings page and sign up for our newsletter!

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TEN WAYS TO HAVE GLOWING SKIN THIS SUMMER

BY LIANA WERNER-GRAY

Our skin is our largest organ, and we can nourish it from within and without. The deciding factors for how vibrant our skin might be are what we eat and drink and how we nourish and protect our skin from the outside.

1 Eat natural earth foods.

We truly are what we eat. From the time I wrote *The Earth Diet* book in 2013 and started to live a natural lifestyle, my skin has transformed. Research shows people who eat a diet containing more whole foods — i.e., vegetables, fruits, legumes, eggs, nuts, healthy oils, tea, and water — have less wrinkling and premature skin aging than those whose diets are rich in whole milk, red meat (particularly processed meats), butter, and sugar. My philosophy is, eat a foundational diet of plant-based foods with plenty of vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, and legumes, with wild seafood, organic chicken, pasture-raised eggs, and regenerative beef when you feel your body needs the protein. Be choosy about when you consume gluten, dairy, and soy, and make sure your choices are of high quality.

2 Drink chlorophyll daily.

Chlorophyll is a compound found in dark leafy greens such as broccoli, kale, spinach, and brussels sprouts. You can make a green juice daily to consume chlorophyll, or buy green powder or liquid chlorophyll and drop it into water. Dr. Patricia Farris, a dermatologist, says chlorophyll itself is an antioxidant, which can help with aging; is anti-inflammatory; and has some antimicrobial activity. I've had chlorophyll every day for the past 12 years. It's part of my non-negotiable healthy daily habits. Liquid chlorophyll is great because it has no taste, but you get a lot of the benefits of consuming greens.

3 Bathe in bentonite clay.

Bentonite clay is a natural clay that absorbs toxins, heavy metals, and wastes. Add one cup of bentonite clay to a tub of water and soak for at least 30 minutes. Make sure to get your hair in the water too as it's excellent for making hair glow. Bentonite clay also makes an excellent face mask. It has even been called nature's Botox. You apply the clay and then let it sit for one to two hours. It sets hard, preventing you from moving your face. It will train your muscles, remove dead skin cells and help to make lines and scars fade. Bentonite clay works like a sponge on your skin and absorbs dirt, oil, and sebum.



Do this at least once per month, and more often if you have blackheads or drink dairy.

4 Go dairy free.

Studies link a diet high in dairy to higher rates of acne, psoriasis, and eczema. Cutting down on dairy in favor of a high-fiber diet with omega-3 fatty acids can help lead to blemish-free skin. Also keep in mind dairy cows are treated with artificial hormones to increase their milk supply, which is why researchers suggest that those hormones may throw a person's hormones off balance.

5 Drink half your body weight in ounces of water daily.

Dana Cohen, M.D., recommends drinking half your body weight in ounces of water each day, so a 160-pound person should drink 80 ounces of water each day. Tea, coffee, juices, and smoothies count toward your total water intake, as do watery foods. You can count 70% of a smoothie as water. Water feeds your cells and hydrates collagen to keep your skin moist and plump rather than dry and loose.



6 Drink collagen.
Add collagen to your smoothies, coffee, or teas! Collagen is a protein that serves as one of the main building blocks for skin, hair, bones, and muscles. The dermatologist Ohara Aivaz, M.D., says that collagen is what keeps our skin from sagging; it's what gives us a plump, youthful look. The brand Ancient Nutrition is said to produce the best collagen in the world. It offers powder and capsule supplements, and it's my go-to for collagen as well.

7 Eat your water!
These foods are made up almost entirely of water:

- **Lettuce** — 96%
- **Cucumber** — 95%
- **Watermelon** — 92%
- **Strawberries** — 91%
- **Cantaloupe** — 90%
- **Peaches** — 89%
- **Oranges** — 88%
- **Blueberries** — 84%

Try a cute fruit platter (above) for the Fourth of July!

8 Use natural lotions to moisturize.
If you can't eat it, don't put it on your skin. Knowing that your skin is the largest organ, you want to make sure to feed it the best stuff. Certain chemicals and ingredients in lotions and sunscreens are carcinogenic and don't promote skin health.

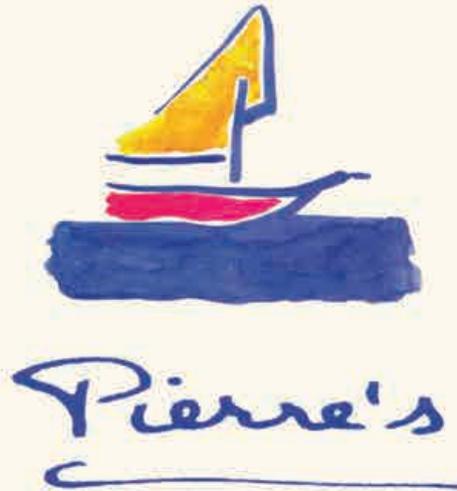
The most naturally hydrating lotions that leave your skin feeling nourished and glowing are coconut oil, cacao butter, and plant-based products from Ecco Bella or Honest Company.

9 Use a natural sunscreen.
Read the ingredients when selecting a sunscreen. Babo Botanicals is my natural sunscreen of choice because the ingredients are considered safe by the Environmental Working Group organization. Babo Botanicals is gentle sun care and was originally created for babies and kids with sensitive skin. It's made with organic ingredients and is a non-nano-zinc SPF sunscreen.

10 Keep anxiety at bay.
A healthy calm mind creates healthy calm skin. I released my brand of anxiety-free supplements earlier this year because no one has time for summertime sadness! Made with ten organic adaptogenic ingredients to nourish the nervous system, brain, and gut, Liana's Anxiety-Free supplements are available from my website, lianasorganics.com

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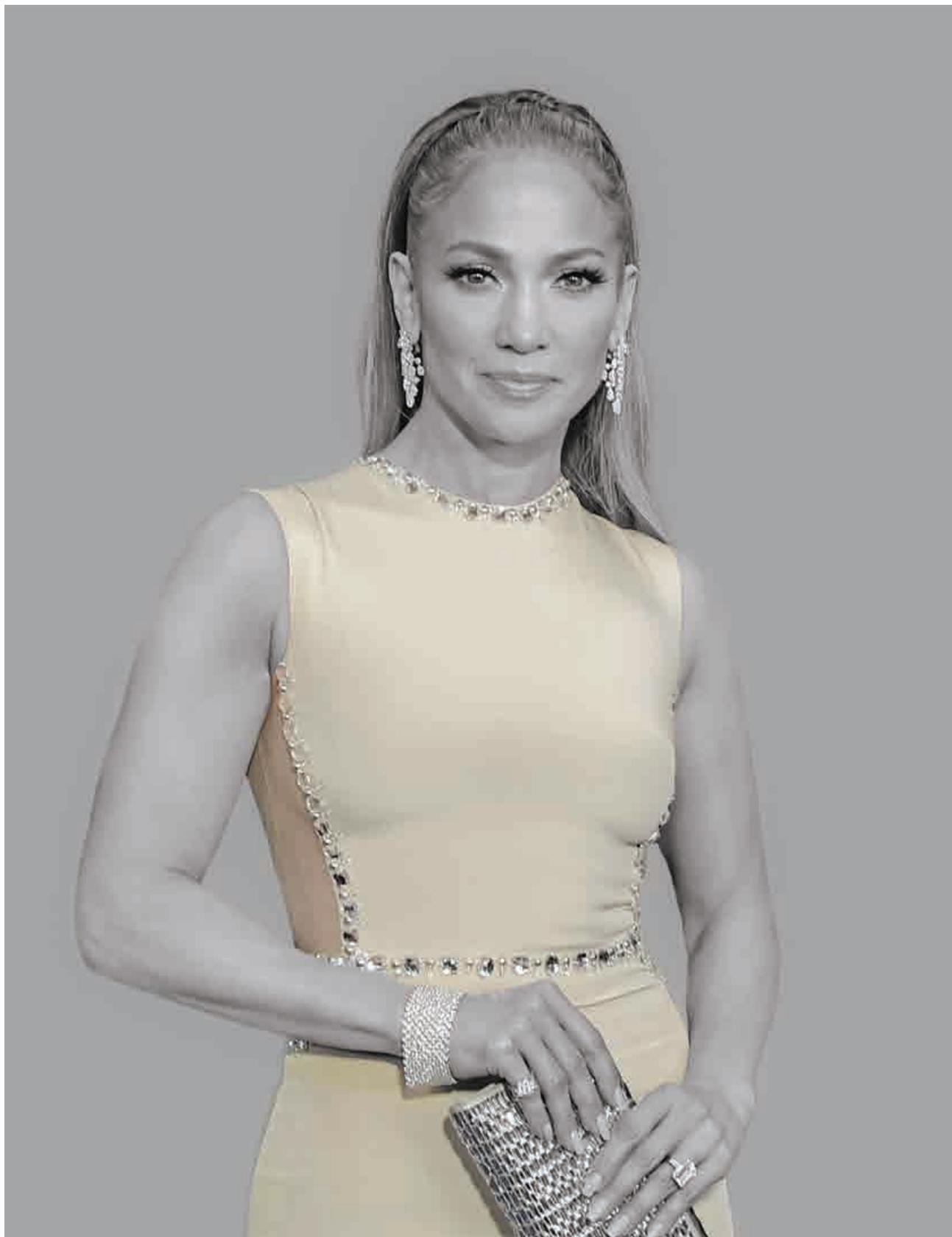
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OWNING THE BLOCK

BY JACOB PUCK

Jennifer Lopez has come a long way since her days as Jenny from the block. To be sure, her ascendance to superstar was swift: the New York City native and East End resident burst onto the scene in the comedy realm as a bit player on *In Living Color* in 1991; she went on to pursue a wildly successful film career; she ventured into music in 1999; and today has earned a spot in the rare pantheon of legit tastemakers, influencers — and probably among her greatest achievements — role models.

A true pop icon, JLo is often described as a triple-threat entertainer. According to Wikipedia, she has a cumulative film gross of \$3.1 billion, has racked up estimated global sales of 70 million records, and, overall, is regarded as the most influential Latinx entertainer in North America. (In 2012, *Forbes* ranked her as the most powerful celebrity in the world.)

Like any true legend, Lopez is a media magnet and her love life is always the main focus. Lopez finally opened up about relationships not just romantic, but also her relationship with herself when she spoke to the author and purpose coach Jay

Shetty. “I remember when I was going through therapy at the beginning, you know, kind of in my late 30s and there was a lot of talk about loving yourself,” Lopez said, “‘I was like, ‘I love myself,’ but obviously I was doing all these things in like my personal relationships that didn’t seem like I was loving myself, but I didn’t even understand the concept of it. It took time and it’s a journey and it’s still a journey for me.”

Who will Lopez finally end up with? In June alone the paparazzi had enough fodder not only for Page Six, but lots of page ones, too.

Speaking of Page Six, the *New York Post* broke the story just a couple of weeks ago (and had the photos to prove it) that Lopez and the equally iconic Ben Affleck were up to some heavy necking at Nobu in Malibu. “The on-again flames appeared to only have eyes for each other,” wrote the *Post*. “In one photo, Lopez can be seen pulling Affleck in close as she clings to his shoulder and he moves in for a sweet kiss. The *Hustlers* star is seen lovingly caressing her beau’s face in another shot as the superstars stare into each other’s eyes.”

Steamy stuff, but the East End set has been a-titter about activity a little closer to home. Lopez was garnering headlines related to some Hamptons real estate secured by her ex-fiance, the former Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez. A-Rod's rental is, shall we say, in coincidental proximity to Lopez's own Hamptons estate.

According to TMZ, A-Rod rented a \$5 million Bridgehampton mansion, a summer crib about a mile from Lopez's Water Mill digs. Her estate, says TMZ, is where the couple spent last summer with their kids, only months before announcing the dissolution of their three-year engagement.

Happenstance? That's likely all it is. And with the kind of fame Lopez enjoys, she can simply ignore headlines. Not one to simply lounge around, she's one busy lady.

According to Deadline, Lopez's Nuyorican Productions, co-run by her producing partner Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas and supported by her partner Benny Medina, is reportedly developing a slew of "feature films, TV series, and unscripted content with an emphasis on projects that support diverse female actors, writers, and filmmakers."

Netflix first announced two projects, both starring Lopez: *The Mother*, which is directed by Niki Caro (*Mulan*). It follows a deadly female assassin who comes out of hiding to teach her daughter how to survive, and *The Cipher*, based on the novel by Isabella Ojeda Maldonado.

Late last month, Netflix upped the ante, announcing that Lopez also will star in, and produce, the sci-fi thriller *Atlas*. Based on Leo Sardarian's script and directed by Brad Peyton, the much-anticipated film follows Atlas, a woman tasked with saving humanity in a future where AI henchmen are convinced that saving the world means ending humanity. Atlas is at the top of her game, though, and reluctantly realizes that to save the world, she must team up with — you guessed it — another AI.

"I am excited to announce my new partnership with Netflix," Lopez said. "Elaine, Benny, and I believe there is no better home for us than a forward leaning content creation company that seeks to defy conventional wisdom and directly market to the millions across the globe who no longer view art and entertainment with the kind of boundaries and limitations of the past." As one can imagine, Netflix is giddy to have such a luminary within its ranks.

"Jennifer is a singular talent whose creativity and vision have captivated audiences and inspired the next generation around the world," said Bela Bajaria, Netflix head of global TV. "For years she and the team at Nuyorican have brought a distinctive voice to entertainment, and I'm looking forward to working with her and the team to create new series for our members to love."

Yes, we are prepared to be captivated by this woman who has squarely scoped out her place on the block.

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MARIA FISHEL



DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES

MARIA FISHEL

BY ANTHONY MICHAEL
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Like most people, Maria Fishel was indelibly touched by the pandemic and the impact that it had on her community. A mainstay of the East End, she is renowned for her inimitable glamour and her unending support of a variety of charities. Yet, like so many others, Maria found herself with time on her hands.

Any other summer, she'd be opening her home and vast Hamptons property for any number of events to raise critical funding. But, while her commitment to philanthropy never waned, an ability to entertain was suddenly stricken from her repertoire. Undeterred, Maria decided to make the best of last summer, and with an enormous amount of determination she set her sights on the transformation of two acres of property few have ever seen, let alone experienced, at one of her famous fêtes.

"I said to my husband that I would like to create a forest," Maria explains, noting that she felt the time was right to extend her commitment of doing good to focus on sustainability, creating green space, and convening with nature. "I've always loved gardening, and wanted more flowers to arrange throughout my home. I also wanted to plant trees so that wildlife, including beautiful birds, would have a place to nest in the winter."

"I believe we planted over 1,000 trees and it provided me with a wonderful distraction while creating a habitat that I could share with others." Today, the property is thriving, and Maria is ready to once again open her home to the throngs who wish to lend their support to the many charities she has been supporting for years. Here's a tip: If you find yourself at the Fishels' estate, prepare to be wowed by a collection of gorgeous butterflies that have made their home in the forest, and look for a Monet-inspired footbridge the Fishels commissioned to span adjacent quadrants of the land.

Maria counts herself and her family lucky to have emerged from the other side of the pandemic. A first generation American from Ecuador, she notes how grateful all Americans should be for world-class access to healthcare and the life-saving vaccine. "I have seen how so many people have suffered so much. It truly opened my eyes, and made me realize just how lucky I am and how important it is to help others," says Maria. She shared a personal story about her brother who flew to New York from Ecuador for access to the vaccine because it was not readily available to him. She didn't think twice about fetching him at JFK and driving him directly to the nearest Duane Reade.





“Even today in most countries people are unable to get a vaccine,” she says. “It should be a wake-up call. I think as Americans we are not aware of how fortunate we are.” And that, she says, will inspire her work for years to come. “I wish I could have done more, but in many ways, there was something special about what occurred. Like so many others, I spent six months at home with my husband and my son, preparing and eating all meals together, communicating, thinking about what’s important in life, and truly bonding. That’s

time that we might not have found otherwise,” says Maria. “I am definitely even more focused now about giving back and helping others who are less fortunate.”

MARIA FISHEL

time that we might not have found otherwise,” says Maria. “I am definitely even more focused now about giving back and helping others who are less fortunate.” And that’s exactly what Maria Fishel intends to do.

Aside from providing people the best locations to work and live through Renaissance Properties, a family-run New York-based real estate organization, Maria and her husband, Kenneth (Renaissance Properties’ CEO), have been strong supporters of



the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF), where they have been instrumental in raising funds toward SWCRF's mission to eradicate cancer. Some other charities they have been involved in are Chabad Center for Jewish Life, Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The PAW Project, NoHo Business Improvement District, and the Lincoln Center Corporate Fund.

Although Maria herself is modest and unassuming, others have shown their gratitude for her charitable contributions. Case in point: she recently returned from a trip to Madrid, Spain, where she received an honorable grant from the Imperial Order of Carlos V. The highly regarded diploma is awarded in observance of the statutes of the Spanish Heraldic Society and the School of Arms, by order of the Grand Master.

On the business side, Fishel is also keen on noting that Renaissance Properties has weathered the pandemic just fine, and that the family business (which allows for such a high level of philanthropy) has innovated and evolved. Pre-pandemic, Renaissance Properties' buildings, including the sensational 166 Crosby Street, were almost fully leased. During the devastating impact of the virus, the Fishels, in collaboration with the Cohen Team at Newmark, formulated a plan to re-lease new vacancies as if they were going to war. "We've

leased to great tenants," says the Fishels' son, Bradley, noting that 166 Crosby Street is now home to Nice Shoes, The Lede Company, Galileo, Healthquarters, NotCo, Bevel PR, and Serengeti Asset Management.

At their other buildings, the Fishel-Cohen partnership is enjoying similar leasing success. "We've kept the best space for last," said Kenneth Fishel, hinting they are waiting for the right tenant to make an offer on the sensational 166 Crosby space that features 36 perimeter windows and soars above neighboring buildings. "We'll do whatever we need to do for the right tenant."

Doing whatever it takes is likely the Fishel motto, whether in business or philanthropy, to make the world a better place.

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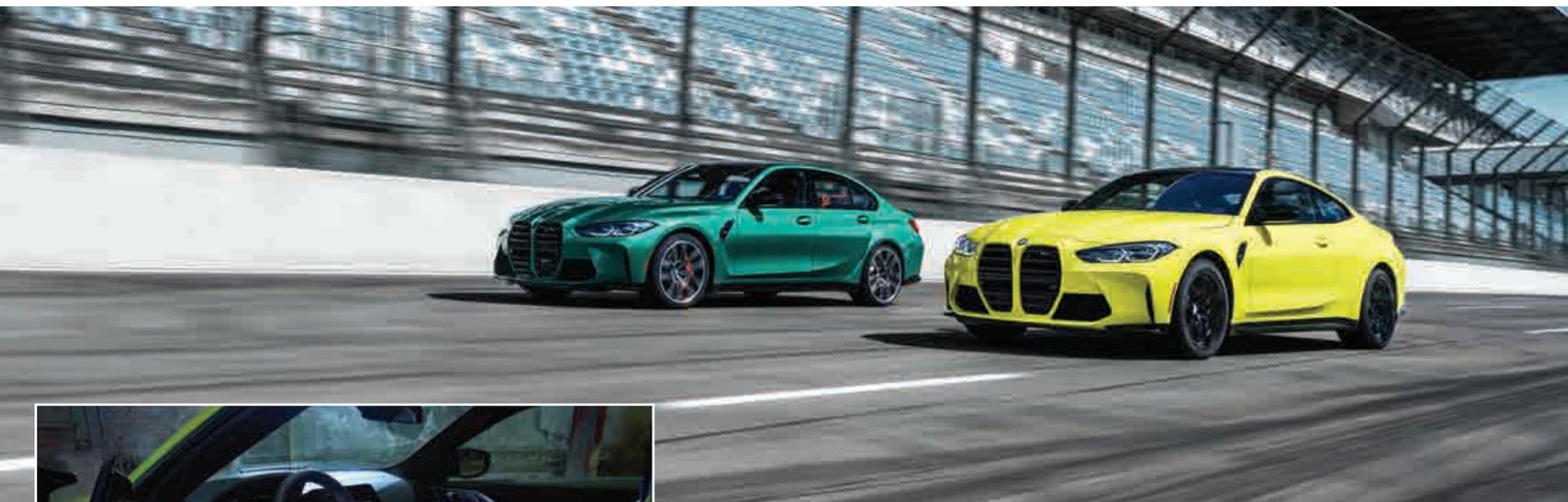
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PUTTING THE PEOPLE FIRST IN SOUTHAMPTON

JAY SCHNEIDERMAN

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN SUPERVISOR

BY BLAIRE BASS



Jay with his children, Magdalena and Ruben

Jay Schneiderman, who's in his sixth year as Southampton Town Supervisor, is a consensus builder who wants to preserve the social and natural beauty that makes Southampton special. His long history of service in the Hamptons has rendered him a favorite politician (and human being) among the residents of the East End.

Growing up in this famous part of Long Island, he intimately understands the need to balance economic and cultural diversity. Anyone who lives in the Hamptons knows firsthand that the differences are huge — from summertime

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denizens on Gin Lane's multimillion dollar row to the fishermen, farmers, and nurses whose local roots and commitment to the town keep it thriving. It's crystal clear that there's tremendous economic disparity. That's a tough gap to tackle. But wanting to make Southampton a better place for everyone is a major driver for Jay. He gets up every day with the passion to overcome this challenge.

POLITICAL PATH

After earning his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Ithaca College and a Master of Arts in Education from the



With Letitia James, Attorney General of New York at Chase Edwards Gallery *Pride* exhibition

State University of New York at Cortland, Jay taught science, mathematics, and music at various East End schools. He also managed his family's hotel business in Montauk, and later formed a resort property management company.

But Jay is no stranger to politics. He went on to

serve two terms as the supervisor of East Hampton Town and six two-year terms on the Suffolk County Legislature. He is credited with many accomplishments, including the widening of County Road 39 in Southampton, initiating Suffolk County public bus service on Sundays, preserving thousands of acres of open space and farmland, and keeping a close watch on town finances. During Jay's tenure, both East Hampton and Southampton earned top credit ratings.

CONSENSUS & COMMUNITY BUILDING

Jay believes in the power of the people. Jay treats everyone with dignity and respect. Everyone, regardless of economic status, has an equal voice. His role doesn't only open the door to meeting politicians like Joe Biden and Michael Bloomberg, it affords him the opportunity to drive real change in the community. He's proactive in bringing residents into the dialogue to get a sense of where the community stands on important issues. He insists, "It's their town, their future."

His team leverages an outreach program that actively aims to cultivate a strong sense of community. The program solicits feedback on key challenges the community faces, like creating affordable workforce housing opportunities, preserving historic buildings, maintaining clean water, and preserving the charms of the small-town way of life.

GROWING UP HAMPTONS

Jay lived most of his life in Montauk. He and his sister, Helen Ficalora, own the Breakers Motel, an iconic Montauk beach resort. Jay now calls Southampton home. A proud father, his daughter, Magdalena, recently graduated from Vassar College and his son, Ruben, is a freshman at Macalester College in Minneapolis. Jay's mother was orphaned as a child in Hungary and came alone to America at age 16. Jay's father was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. Jay credits his parents, both now deceased, with instilling in him a commitment to public service.

There must be something in the Hamptons water, as both Jay

and his sister have put their mark on the map. Helen Ficalora is the pioneer of the alphabet charm craze. You've certainly seen celebrities and Hamptonsites adorning themselves with her signature circular jewelry charms with initial stamps. Her pieces are sold all over, including the Hamptons as well as Manhattan.

DID YOU KNOW THAT JAY . . .

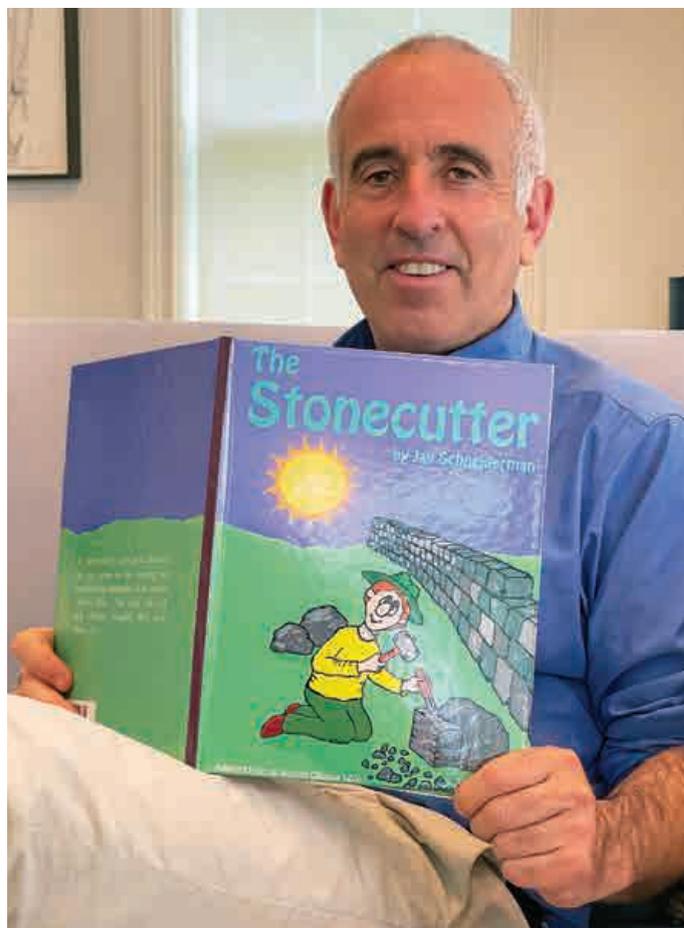
. . . wrote and illustrated the children's book *The Stonecutter*, which he has read at several East End elementary schools.

. . . has a passion for music and art. You may have seen him jamming on the drums with local bands or at art shows when his sculptural work was being displayed.

. . . is the only individual in NY State to have been elected supervisor of two different towns.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE HAMPTONS

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THE TRUTH ABOUT GUARDIANSHIP ABUSE

BY CHRISTINE MONTANTI

What happens when a guardianship or health care surrogacy gets into the hands of a mentally or morally unfit family member or individual? It can be extremely dangerous to the elder which is exactly what I see happening in the case of my mother.

As seen in the Netflix thriller, *"I Care a Lot"* starring Rosamund Pike who portrays Marla Grayson, an unscrupulous guardian, the cruelties that caregivers inflict on their wards is incomprehensible and have evolved into a real-life modern-day tragedy. In the movie, Grayson's incestuous relationships with doctors, court appointed attorneys, long-term care facilities and probate judges enable her to legally abuse and financially exploit elders; unfortunately, this is happening in real life. In reality, guardianship abuse has existed for more than half a century and is currently a national epidemic. An article in the *New Yorker* in 2017 revealed an estimated 1.3 million elders in the United States are under the care of guardians who control about \$273 billion in assets. What is even scarier is that a person doesn't need any medical or financial credentials to become a guardian: they only have to take a few hours of a basic training course and a guardianship exam. Worse, a geriatric care manager does not even need a license or training!

Morally and mentally unfit guardians, health care surrogates and geriatric care managers are engaging in physical and emotional abuse against aging adults for the sole purpose of financially exploiting them and misappropriating their funds. Oftentimes, they will overmedicate the elder to make them appear sicker than they are just to gain total control of their money, and sadly in a number of instances, the elder dies due to the physical and mental abuse.

When a dispute arises among family members, some courts will use "geriatric care managers" to protect the interests of the elder. It sounds pretty good, right? I also thought so in the very beginning; however, what I couldn't possibly know is the degree to which the care manager could turn my mother's life upside down! Remarkably, a number of these care managers gain unwarranted familiarity with judges that preside over these cases and are given a great deal of discretion. Essentially, they then have the ability to play God over the day-to-day decisions of the elder. They will align themselves with the family members who are in control of the aging adult's money and will immediately take the side of the family member who has control of the trust, so they can excessively bill the trust in exchange for providing a favorable outcome in court.



Christine Montanti, Photography by Stefano Giovannini

It is painful for me to share my personal story about my mother Karilyn, but by sharing her story I can shed light on the nationwide epidemic facing my mother and countless others by unveiling the truth about guardianship abuse. Throughout my grueling 3-year long experience trying to advocate for my mother's rights in Broward County, Florida Probate Court, my ability has been repeatedly thwarted by three individuals appointed by the very judge entrusted to protect my mother's interests, but who are instead engaging in abuse by keeping her locked up and isolated. When confronted, they collectively, proclaim their own innocence and heroism and blame any person who tries to protest their abusive actions. Although this matter is presently being litigated in court, the court has given the geriatric care manager a blank check to do whatever she wants. My mother's court appointed attorney's complete loyalty has been to the geriatric care manager, who he also represents despite the obvious conflict of interest.

What is heartbreaking about my mother's story is that she is currently in a jail-like atmosphere and essentially cut off from communication with the outside world. The abuse has taken place at two assisted living facilities in Broward County and is ongoing.



She is being isolated without any access to a telephone, a computer and is being blocked from seeing her family and only grandchild. She is not allowed to receive calls, letters, packages, food delivery or permitted to go outside the facility, not even on her balcony. Virtually, all of her property and money has been taken away from her. My mother was even forced to spend holidays and her birthday alone this year. Prisoners have more rights than she does!

What is even more outrageous is over the past year and a half my mother was overmedicated four separate times and suffered disabling symptoms while under the care and supervision of a health care surrogate, court appointed care manager and court appointed attorney. Presently she is being denied her right to see her treating doctor. How could this happen when she has three individuals who are being paid from my mother's own money, allegedly for the sole purpose of protecting her interests and ensuring her medical needs are being met? Never has my mother been overmedicated; not even when she was in charge of her own care. What is even more horrific is despite my mother's repeated requests to go to the hospital and see her doctor for disabling symptoms, the court appointed individuals and my mother's health care surrogate are doing everything in their power to prevent her from receiving necessary and urgent medical care. My mother's freedom and basic liberties have been stripped away leaving her isolated causing severe emotional distress and suffering. Due to this isolation, and blocking and denying her right to see doctors, she has lost substantial weight (three clothing sizes) and looks as if she has aged 20 years in four months.

Initially, I believed that my mother's victimization was just an isolated and tragic event. I could not fathom a judge would empower, and seemingly reward these individuals entrusted to protect her interests for engaging in this type of behavior. As I continue to encounter endless roadblocks along the way while fighting for my mother in court, I have connected with numerous others whose loved ones share strikingly similar horror stories. After doing substantial research and speaking to countless advocates, attorneys, law enforcement officers and care givers in the elder care system, I realized this outrageous conduct is a common practice, and unbelievably, the practice against defenseless victims is always the same: to isolate, medicate and liquidate. Needless to say, I cannot help but feel as if my mother has been kidnapped and is in a constant state of torture while I am powerless to save her.

All elders should be treated with respect, kindness and compassion and live their golden years to the fullest as they rightfully deserve. To those of you who are caught up in probate courts and are trying to protect the rights of a defenseless elder, whether it be a parent, family member, or friend, I hear you and stand with you! Together we can advocate for new legislation in the elder care system. Let's put an end to this abuse now and come together and create a movement.

Join me on my personal journey to save my mother Karilyn by allowing her voice to be heard. **#standupforkarilyn**

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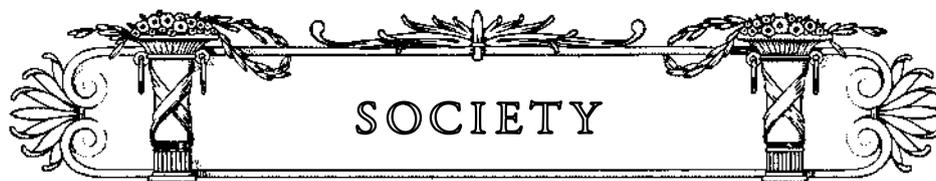
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JUDITH KASEN-WINDSOR

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS JUDITH KASEN-WINDSOR,
LGBTQ ACTIVIST AND PHILANTHROPIST

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

Judith, how did you become involved in philanthropy?

It started very early in life for me. My parents were very involved with various Jewish organizations and giving back always came naturally. During my time at American University in Washington, DC, I was president of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, and since then the plight of those in the LGBTQ community has been the focal point of my energy. It was through my involvement in the LGBTQ movement that I met Edie. Edie Windsor was the lead plaintiff in the Supreme Court of the United States case *United States v. Windsor*, which successfully overturned Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and is considered a landmark legal victory for same-sex marriage in the United States.

Where does your inspiration come from?

During our lifetimes we have witnessed “the impossible dream” of gay Americans influencing hearts and minds of people who have come to see us as human beings who live and love as they do. Edie and I were married on September 26, 2016, exercising those rights that Edie spent decades fighting to achieve. We refused to give in to the idea that equality for everyone was just a notion for some and a right for a few. Continuing Edie Windsor’s legacy is our inspiration to continue fighting against discrimination of all marginalized individuals and groups.

Why do we need the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center in Hampton Bays?

The new center stands as a beacon for the LGBTQ community. It provides accessible, compassionate, comprehensive,



state-of-the-art care to all members of the LGBTQ+ community, including LGBTQ youth, LGBTQ elders, transgender, and people living with HIV/AIDS. It also provides mental health services to patients and their families — all in a caring atmosphere while maintaining confidentiality and respect for each patient as an individual.

Tell us about the Windsor Heart project?

The Edie Windsor Heart Project is a way to remember Edie, with a space to inspire love, equality, and acceptance. Edie was a beloved figure of the Greenwich Village and the Hamptons communities. Her forward thinking and direct action helped shape a better future for countless members of these communities and continues to do so. Southampton Town Councilman Jay Schneiderman conceptualized the *Windsor Heart*. It will include an altar that doubles as a monument, a heart-shaped



stone terrace of interlocking smaller hearts, and four benches that will be inscribed with inspirational quotes about love. It will be located on the lawn outside of Southampton Town Hall, where many couples are married in civil ceremonies. To fund the construction of the *Windsor Heart*, individual inscribed hearts can be purchased at \$1,000 each. The benches and altar will also be paid for through sponsorships. No tax dollars will get used to fund the construction. A private endowment will be established for the maintenance of the tribute. Any additional donations will be used to fund the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center.

southamptontownny.gov/1613/the-edith-windsor-heart-project

ABOUT JUDITH M. KASEN-WINDSOR

Judith M. Kasen-Windsor is the vice president of financial investments and portfolio manager in the Private Client Group at Wells Fargo. She is also an LGBTQ activist, advocate, and philanthropist. She was the wife of the late Edith S. (Edie) Windsor. Kasen-Windsor has spent decades fighting for equal rights and social justice for all and is a recognized and respected champion of LGBT causes.

ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF

Jean Shafiroff — philanthropist, humanitarian, advocate, TV host, and the author of *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, NYC Mission Society, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of The Museum at FIT, Global Strays, The Jewish Board (honorary trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (honorary board). In addition, Jean is an ambassador for American Humane and the national spokesperson for its Feed the Hungry Covid-19 program. She is an ambassador for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. She is a New York Women's Foundation Board alumna who remains very active with this foundation and women's issues. Jean has been honored by countless charities, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, NYC Mission Society, and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, to name a few. Jean is the producer and host of the TV show *Successful Philanthropy*, which airs six times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton and on Sun20TV in Southampton. It also airs on MNN in NYC every Friday night at 8:30 pm. 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.

JOHN M. BRADHAM

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS JOHN M. BRADHAM,
CO-PRESIDENT OF SOUTHAMPTON ANIMAL SHELTER

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

Where does your love for animals come from, John?

I would say it is both nature and nurture. Both of my parents are animal lovers, and I was raised with lots of cats and dogs who were part of the family. My mother started a wonderful animal sanctuary in 1982 in Hollywood, South Carolina, called Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary. It is right outside of Charleston, where I grew up.

Are you more of a cat or dog person?

I'm very much both. My parents got a wonderful collie named Bess when I was 2 years old who quickly adopted me as her puppy. We were very close, and I have been blessed to have many other beloved dogs and cats since then.

Tell our readers about the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (SASF).

SASF is a 501(c) nonprofit that operates the Southampton Animal Shelter, an open-admissions shelter that takes in, cares for, and seeks adopters for homeless animals in 25 hamlets and villages in the Southampton community as well as animals in need from NYC and across the country. We have a full veterinary and training staff to make sure our animals get the veterinary care and training that they need before they are put up for adoption. SASF also operates a wellness clinic that provides low-cost veterinary services to the community as well as a veterinary mobile clinic that operates throughout Long Island and the state to provide low-cost spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and micro-chipping. As SASF receives only a very small part of its annual expenses from the town of Southampton, it relies on donations from the public to fund its life-saving operations.



Does SASF take in only cats and dogs?

Our primary residents are cats and dogs, but we also take in plenty of homeless rabbits, guinea pigs, and other animals in need. Whatever you are interested in adopting, we probably have. Come pay us a visit and check out our wonderful residents

that would just love to come home with you and be your best friend. We are conveniently located at 102 Old Riverhead Road West in Hampton Bays. Our number is 631.728-PETS.

Can you tell our readers about the SASF's Unconditional Love Gala that will take place this summer?

Jean, we are excited about the gala and we are delighted to have you chair it once again. You have been a great leader, donor, and fundraiser for SASF, and we are most grateful to you. Happily, with the new CDC and state guidelines, the increasing vaccination rates, and declining Covid rate, we are able to have our Unconditional Gala this year on August 21. As in the past, it will be a beautiful event with great music and food!

How can people purchase tickets?

For those interested in attending and purchasing tickets, please call 631.488.8000 or email UL@sasf.org. We will also soon provide a link on our website. You can purchase individual tickets or tables and of course donations are always needed. It will be a great event that no one will want to miss. After being cooped up during the pandemic, we are all ready to get out, socialize, and support our favorite charities.

Does SASF have a volunteer program?

Absolutely. We have a very active and important volunteer program to provide enrichment to our animals. It is very important to have the community involved with the shelter. To volunteer, please call us at 631.728.7387.

Can we bring an end to the homeless animal problem in this country?

We certainly can. We need to (1) make sure our pets are spayed and neutered; (2) adopt, don't shop; and (3) ban puppy and kitten mills and large-scale breeders. We hope New York will soon be the fifth state in the country to ban the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits from inhumane breeding facilities. We hope that wherever *Social Life* readers are based that they will please reach out to their local and national politicians and voice their support for the ban of puppy and kitten mills and large-scale breeders. Best Friends Animal Society, which we work closely with, has taken the lead nationally to bring the country to No Kill by 2025. Together we can bring this intolerable and senseless cruelty to an end.

Thank you for your time today, John. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you, Jean, for all you do for the Southampton Animal Shelter and many other charities. I hope everyone will come to SASF's Unconditional Love Gala on August 21 and come by

the shelter to meet our wonderful animals. And I hope readers who don't live in the Hamptons will please support their local rescues and shelters, too. And most importantly, adopt don't shop, spay and neuter.

ABOUT JOHN M. BRADHAM

John M. Bradham is a lawyer and animal lover. He is a partner at the Manhattan law firm Morea Schwartz Bradham Friedman & Brown LLP and has practiced commercial litigation for over 30 years. He is involved with many animal charities throughout the country and is the co-president of the board of the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation.

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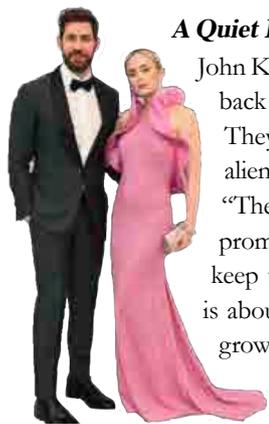
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In the Heights

The composer/actor Lin-Manuel Miranda, who wrote the book, lyrics, and music for the Broadway musical and movie *Hamilton* also wrote the music and lyrics for the Off Broadway musical and new movie *In the Heights*. You can see *Hamilton* on Disney Plus and *In the Heights* on HBO Max and in theaters. *In the Heights* stars Anthony Ramos, Stephanie Beatriz, Leslie Grace, and Corey Hawkins. The story was shot on location in Washington Heights, home to the movie's Latinx characters who are torn between staying in and leaving their community. Miranda said, "All art is political. If the work tells the truth, it will live on." Ramos added, "This is a film about real life, real things."



Melissa Barrera, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Grace, Anthony Ramos



John Krasinski, Emily Blunt

A Quiet Place 2

John Krasinski, Emily Blunt, and Cillian Murphy are back in the action-packed sequel to *A Quiet Place*. They're fighting for their lives in silence, against aliens that hunt by sound. Krasinski explained, "The first movie is about parenthood and the promise that you make to your kids that you'll keep them safe no matter what. The second one is about that promise being broken and it's about growing up, moving on and dealing with loss."

This thriller is in theaters now and will be streaming on Paramount Plus on July 12th.

Hat Luncheon

The Frederick Law Olmsted Awards Luncheon, aka hat luncheon, returned in all its glory with the perennial beauties in full bloom. The first benefit took place in 1983 when the Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy planned an event at Tavern on the Green and encouraged all the ladies to wear their fancy chapeaux. Since

its inception, the dedicated committee has raised \$195 million for the care and restoration of the city's beloved 843-acre backyard. This time around there were two days of intimate luncheons in seven locations throughout the park. Guests included Michael Bloomberg and Diana Taylor, Muffie Potter Aston, Audrey Gruss, Jamee Gregory, Gillian Minitier, Lauren Santo Domingo, Gillian Hearst, Janna Bullock, Kara Ross, Eleanora Kennedy, Laurie Tisch, Elaine Langone, Allison Aston, Margo Nelderlander, Suzy Welch, and Elyse Newhouse. Over 1,500 benefactors helped raise \$2.8 million. The co-chairs were Abigail Baratta, Sarah Britton, Liz Peek, and Cynthia Wagner. Also present were



Diana Taylor, Michael Bloomberg

the organization's current president, Yesim Philip, and former presidents Betsy Smith and Tom Kempner. The luncheon, which honored the conservancy's staff, was supported by JPMorgan Chase. The event was catered by Abigail Kirsch, with blue-and-white tablecloths provided by Scalamandré and flowers by Andrew Pascoe. Everyone received the traditional umbrella from Wathne, which luckily wasn't needed. centralparknyc.org



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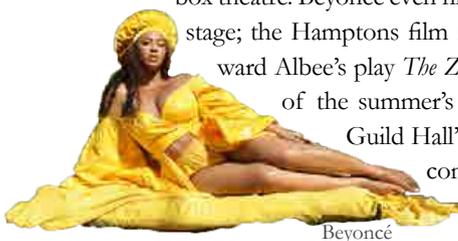
Guild Hall's 90th

Guild Hall celebrates its 90th anniversary with a splashy gala on August 6. When the philanthropist Mrs. Mary Woodhouse opened the building in East Hampton in 1931, she created one of the country's first multidisciplinary arts centers. She wanted to create "a meeting place where artists and the community could cross paths and open



Elaine de Kooning, Willem de Kooning

dialogues.” This concept still flourishes today. Fairfield Porter, Jackson Pollock, Lee Krasner, Willem de Kooning, Roy Lichtenstein, Thomas Moran, and Richard Avedon are but a few of the legends who have shown their works here.



Beyoncé

A-list Hollywood actors have walked the boards in the jewel box theatre. Beyoncé even filmed Disney’s *The Lion King* on this stage; the Hamptons film festival also uses this theatre. Edward Albee’s play *The Zoo Story* will open August 13. One of the summer’s most highly anticipated events is Guild Hall’s 75th Clothesline Art Sale, where contemporary artists sell affordable pieces on July 4th. guildhall.org

Southampton Arts Center



Eric Fischl, Brook Shields, David Kratz, Simone Levinson

The artist Eric Fischl has curated *Whimsy*, an outdoor sculpture installation, sponsored by Hauser & Wirth, at the Southampton Arts Center on Jobs Lane. Works by Louise Bourgeois, David Salle, Alice Aycock, Larry Rivers and other prominent artists will be on view free of charge. Another exhibition is eARTh — Artists as Activists. This show includes pieces by Roisin Bateman, Scott Bluedorn, and Erica Cirino. Art, photography, and film confront the unnerving state of the planet’s ecosystem. Workshops, panel discussions, and film, including the amazing *Fantastic Fungi*, will examine the climate crisis. The exhibition runs through July 11, for the fantastic price of \$5. southamptonartscenter.org

Hamptons Fine Art Fair



Rick Friedman with De Kooning paintings

Shimon Okshteyn, and the Chinese conceptual artist Linjie Deng are among the 400 plus artists featured at Rick Friedman’s Hamptons Fine Art Fair (HFAF). The fair will take place at the Southampton Arts Center over Labor Day weekend. The event, which will be both virtual and onsite, will feature 47 international galleries showing important 20th- and 21st- century artworks. In addition

to exhibiting works inside the center, there will also be a de Kooning and Pollock pavilion that will showcase original works by these art icons as well as a replica of the paint-stained floor in Jackson Pollock’s barn, where he created his drip paintings. hamptonsfineartfair.com

Watermill Center

The Watermill Center is reimagining its famous and always inspiring annual summer benefit and auction into a



Marina Abramović, Lady Gaga, Robert Wilson

two-week festival from July 31 to August 14. The event will offer the cognoscenti access to the art-strewn gardens and visiting artists from around the world. The festival will be curated by the center’s founder, the avant-garde director Robert Wilson, who will host a series of cocktail parties, intimate dinners, live performances, concerts, exhibitions, and installations. Wilson said of the center, “The situation here is open-ended. You start with a blank book and fill in the pages.” Tickets are available online and all proceeds support The Watermill Center’s year-round artist residency and education programs. watermillcenter.org

Rosé Soirée



Rosanna Scotto

Rosanna Scotto, the ever-popular co-anchor for *Good Day New York*, will host Rosé Soirée at Nova’s Ark Project, a Hamptons art center and sculpture park, on July 24. The event will feature rosé wines from the best wineries around the world and a sommelier who will be circulating throughout the tables to talk about the history and virtues of each wine. There will also be a five-course tasting menu from the chef Scott Kampf, one of the East End’s top culinary artists. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit All For The East End, which supports numerous charitable organizations and US Autism Homes. danstaste.com

Seth Meyers @ PAC



Seth Meyers

Seth Meyers takes the stage July 24, at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center on the Great Lawn. The Emmy Award-winning writer has been making TV audiences laugh ever since he began on SNL in 2001. Meyers said, “Art is not supposed to be safe. It’s supposed to be radical.” Adding, “Once you get past funny, my other qualities are so below average. It’s not like I’m handy.” whbpac.org

RACHEL'S RADAR

A DAY IN MONTAUK SUITABLE FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

BY RACHEL HELLER

Montauk sits at the easternmost end of Long Island. Over the centuries, it has changed identities from home to the native Montauketts to today's legendary luxury playground. While an entire stretch of eastern Long Island is known as the East End, Montauk is affectionately called "The End." The Montauk Point Lighthouse, completed in 1796, contains a museum in the keeper's house that displays historic documents signed by George Washington. In the 1950s sport fishing took hold off the coast of Montauk, and charters are still a popular reason people come to Montauk from all over. Six state parks offer swimming and plenty of trails for hiking and biking.

I have always gone to Montauk since I was a kid, and I remember getting the best rainbow cookies at Montauk Bake Shoppe. Another favorite is the candy store Candied Anchor, where the friendly owner, Jillian Renan, sources candy from all over the world as well as baked goods from Dawn's Delights, her mom's bake shop. I recommend trying the black licorice.

Montauk is such a spiritual place. Its removed from the scene of the other towns and for an entire summer you could wear jean shorts and a tee with flip flops. The simplicity of the town never gets jaded. The designer Ralph Lauren has a home in Montauk and the late artist and photographer Peter Beard, who recently passed away, spent lots of time with his family in this special oasis. I remember the magical shoot I partook in with Peter. He was a true legend and creative genius.

The restaurant scene is highly saturated with great sea food choices such as Duryea's Lobster Deck. This super romantic spot on the water is perfect for amazing sunsets, and it even has a place to park a boat. Another spot that's great fun for kids is Gosman's Dock, set on the water and full of shops, including Captain Kid Toys, close by a casual take-out restaurant.

The best activity for friends and family is the famous spot Puff and Putt. This can be a fun way to start the evening when it's not too hot outside. Ice cream places are nearby, including Ralph's, famous for its ice cream and ices.

With all the endless fun opportunities in Montauk you, should definitely spend at least three days to unwind. The Surf Lodge is a fun spot to go to for great concerts but make sure to book in advance. Most Sunday nights they have a new show scheduled.



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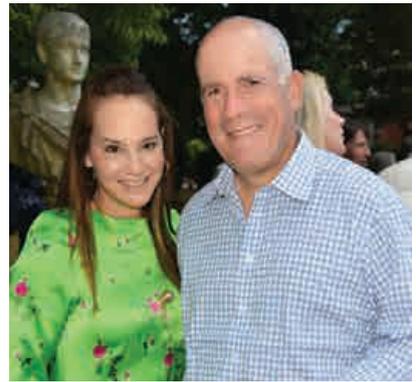
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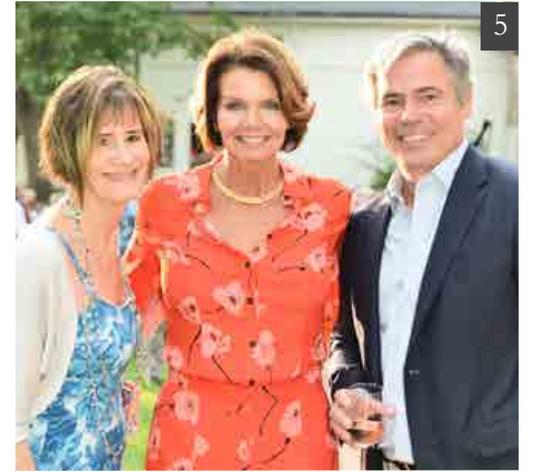
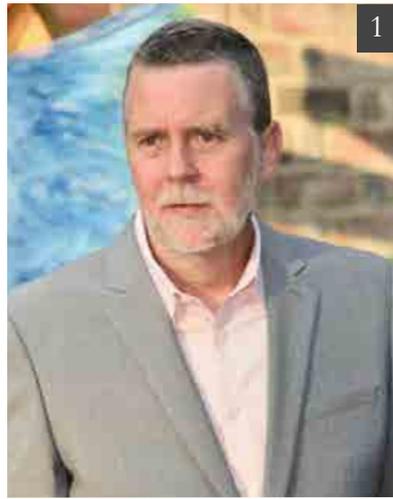


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THE AUTHOR LEESA
ROWLAND'S NEW BOOK

Best-selling author, animal rights activist, and actress Leesa Rowland celebrated the release of her new book at T-Bar Southampton. Family, friends, and supporters were in attendance to share in celebration of Leesa and her new book, *The Charisma Factor: Unlock the Secrets of Magnetic Charm and Personal Influence in Your Life*. *Photos courtesy of Rob Rich/Society-Allure.com and Patrick McMullan*



LEESA ROWLAND



RAMONA SINGER



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YOUNG FRIENDS OF SAVE
VENICE CELEBRATION

The host and Houston native Skylar Pinchal, along with the Young Friends of Save Venice, led by the chair of the Young Friends Steering Committee, Lizzie Asher, held a cocktail party at the Cohen House at Rice University in Houston, TX, as part of the 50th anniversary of Save Venice.

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ANH DUONG GALERIE GMURZYNSKA

Isabelle Bscher, Galerie Gmurzynska's third-generation gallerist opened a show by French-American artist, actress, and model Anh Duong, titled *La Tentation d'Exister* (*The Temptation to Exist*). The glamorous duo celebrated the opening of the show at Bscher's gallery in Zurich. Duong has created portraits for celebrities, including Susan Sarandon and Angelica Huston. Guests enjoyed glasses of Cristal as they walked the gallery floor, which featured more than 20 oil paintings dating from 1989 to today, each of which explored the question of self and identity in the 21st century. gmurzynska.com



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US Rep. Carolyn Maloney, NYS Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright, Henry Buhl, Martin Shafiroff, Robin Leacock, and the Southampton Animal Shelter's (SASF) Joe Sprague, Kate McEntee, and Beatrix Parash gathered to toast the philanthropist Jean Shafiroff for her work on behalf of the Southampton Animal Shelter. SASF depends on funds from its Unconditional Love Gala to help feed and shelter animals. Over the past year, SASF has found loving homes for more than 800 animals. southamptonanimalshelter.com

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CARLTON FINE ARTS QUEER ART 1950–2021

In honor of Pride Month, Charles Saatchi, the owner of Carlton Fine Arts, is presenting Queer Art 1950s–2021 at his Madison Avenue location. Featuring work by LGBTQ+ artists, including Andy Warhol, Linjie Deng, Keith Haring, Heather Fazzino, and their ally Romero Britto. The gallery is showing some of Warhol's iconic pieces, such as *The Witch* from 1981 and *General Custer* from 1986, as well as Haring works from 1982. Fazzino will be showcasing her work *Pride Herstory*. Deng has created specific Pride-focused pieces for the exhibition. carltonfa.com



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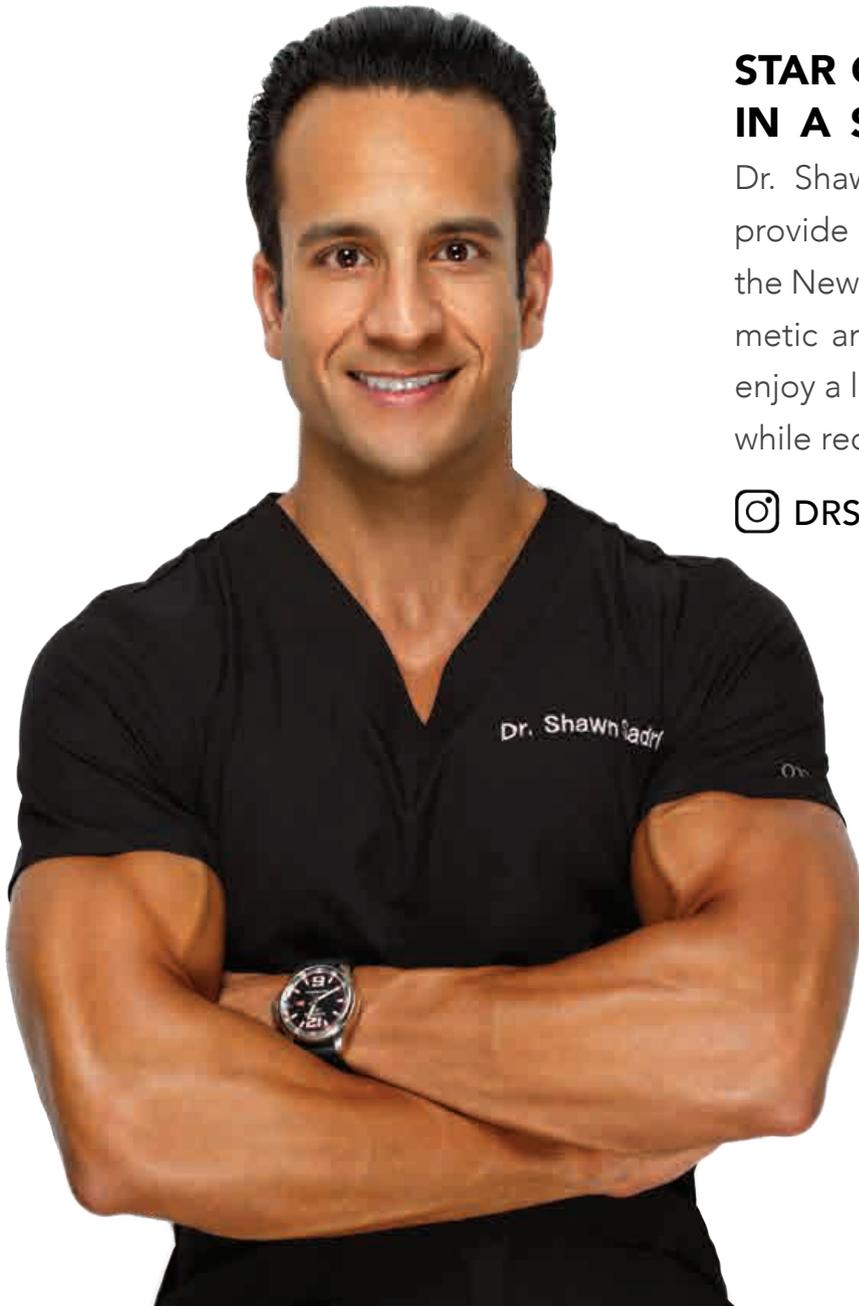
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BRIDAL

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

Bows Are Back

Bows have made a major comeback in bridal design. Not since the 1980s have large bows been considered this chic on dresses. Designers from Viktor & Rolf to Oscar de la Renta have shown variations on this trend in their summer 2021 bridal runways. Who doesn't love an elegant look in the front and a party in the back?



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A WATERFRONT MASTERPIECE

SPECTACULAR, SPRAWLING SHELTER ISLAND COMPOUND

BY FALLON HARRINGTON

Gary DePersia's name is synonymous with the best in Hamptons real estate. From Southampton to Montauk and from Sagaponack to Shelter Island, Gary has participated in over \$3 billion of real estate transactions since 1995. With hundreds of his exclusive listings sold and closed, as well as matching hundreds of his own buyers and renters with the right properties, Gary's 25 years in Hamptons luxury real estate has generated benchmark sales. You may have heard people refer to him in real estate circles as the "go-to man."

Gary realized early on the importance of deep local knowledge and the benefits of expert marketing that other brokers have come to emulate. Knowing each buyer or renter has his or her own idea of what defines his or her Hamptons experience, he is well versed on the inventory of each village and hamlet on the East End.

10 LARI LANE, SHELTER ISLAND

The location rivals the beauty of a Mediterranean coastline, but so much closer. Accessible by car, boat or sea plane, you can live in absolute beauty when you own this 16,000-square-foot, 9-bedroom, 11-bathroom, gated compound that sprawls across 3.25 undulating acres, stretching along 325+ feet of Coecles Harbor. With its own private dock to Ram's Island, Gardiner's Bay and beyond, this spectacular home was beautifully imagined by the architect Val Florio and masterfully built by Hampton Habitat.

This stunning assemblage of a 6-bedroom house; 3-bedroom, 3-car carriage house, and 2-story pool house is poised to begin its next chapter. The spectacular 10,000+ square-foot manor house on three levels of living space offers generous common rooms, including formal living room, den — both with fireplaces — and an





intimate paneled library. The spacious, sun-drenched kitchen, warmed by its own fireplace and augmented by a butler's pantry, looks past the octagonal-shaped dining area/family room to sunrises over the harbor. A guest master suite enhanced by its own screened porch and a powder room complete the first floor. Upstairs the vaulted ceiling master wing with fireplaced sitting area, luxurious bath with steam shower and jacuzzi, walk-in closet and wrap-around deck is joined by 3 additional bedrooms, all with baths ensuite, including one with sleeping loft and separate bath. The finished, walk-out lower level includes screening room, billiard room, living room with fireplace and full kitchen all under coffered ceilings as well as a staff bedroom with adjacent laundry room. An elevator connects all three levels of beautifully articulated living space. Fortunately invitees will find luxurious accommodations in the 3-bedroom, 3-bath, two-story carriage house offering water view living room with fireplace, full kitchen, and space for 3 vehicles. Outside you'll see 180-degree water views abound from the broad stone patios leading from the Caribbean-inspired, two-story cabana to the infinity-edged heated Gunite pool with raised spa. A verdant lawn spills down to the private dock and beach. A tennis court, contiguous to the estate, is shared by only four properties in this exclusive waterfront enclave.



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TOP REAL ESTATE TEAM IN THE HAMPTONS

THE POWER OF TWO: SAUNDERS & ASSOCIATES THE OAKLEY-LEICHT TEAM

BY BLAIRE BASS



The Saunders & Associates real estate team Patty Oakley and Brian Leicht make dreams come true for their clients. From Southampton Village to Shinnecock Hills to East Hampton, the dynamic duo's collective experience and knowledge of the Hamptons real estate landscape is unparalleled.

PATTY OAKLEY

Buyers and sellers frequently applaud Patty Oakley for her un-failing enthusiasm when it comes to finding the ultimate Hamptons home or successfully marketing and showing a property for sale. Patty's 30-plus years of sales experience has given her a great advantage in bringing a seller and customer together to reach an equal win for both. An East End resident her entire life, now living in Water Mill, she brings a deep knowledge of all things Hamptons, which helps guide customers in finding exactly what they're looking for.

BRIAN LEICHT

With 28 years in Hamptons real estate, Brian Leicht has built a successful business supporting clients in brokering real estate transactions for multimillion-dollar mansions to country cottages. Brian's diverse and expansive knowledge of the Hamptons inventory helps him keep his pulse on the latest market trends out East.

His expertise is valuable to anyone seeking a new home, from a luxury waterfront estate to high-tech new construction to a traditional village home.

76 MONTAUK HIGHWAY, SOUTHAMPTON



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JOHN BRADY OF SAUNDERS & ASSOCIATES

HAMPTONS POWER BROKERS

BY CECELIA DAWN

John Brady grew up in Montauk, graduated in 1996 from East Hampton High School, and attended SUNY Maritime College to study mechanical engineering. Prior to his real estate career, John and his wife, Paty Brady, owned a marketing company in Mexico.

A consistently top producer since entering real estate in 2006, John has been noted in the Fox Business Channel with Neil Cavuto, BBC, Crain's Business, the *Financial Times*, the *New York Post*, the *London Daily Telegraph*, *Dan's Papers*, the *Independent*, the *East Hampton Star*, *Social Life* magazine, and the front page of the *Southampton Press*, as well as having been featured in *Hamptons Real Estate Showcase* magazine.

John studies the real estate market like a stock broker studies stocks. He says, "As an expert, it is my responsibility to know the numbers." John is a firm believer that you can't truly know your market unless you work all

aspects of the market. This includes new construction, luxury homes, land, developments, first-time homebuyer programs as well as financing, foreclosure (REO) and short sales (default servicing). John is knowledgeable about all of them. Since 2006 he has been responsible for 50 to 70 new transactions every year (compared to the national average of 4 to 6 transactions per agent per year).

Outside of his real estate endeavors, John enjoys spending time with his family, sailing, and studying classical piano. He and his team are based in Saunders' East Hampton office.

Check out one of John's most recent sales:

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THE GARDEN MARKET

A GARDEN MARKET LIKE NO OTHER

BY ANTHONY MICHAEL

Frederico Azevedo, a preeminent landscape designer and founder of Unlimited Earth Care, Inc, is a local artist of the grandest scale. Known globally for his lush and modern environments, he says that whether he's putting together a book or a local garden market, he is inspired by his former home, Brazil. "Brazil and its unmatched environment are with me wherever I go and informs every project that comes my way," says Azevedo.

We were thrilled when we learned that Azevedo was the mastermind behind the new Garden Market, his most recent project and one that will allow many people to experience (and take home) Azevedo's talent for themselves. To learn more, we went straight to the source.

When people think of the Hamptons, they think of farmers markets, but this is something different, correct?

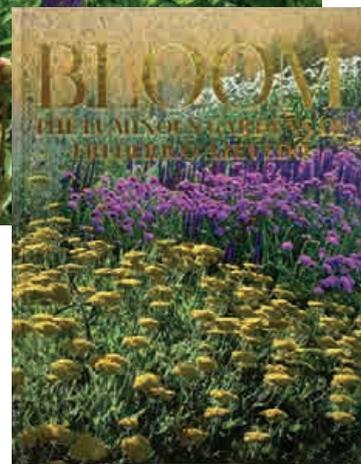
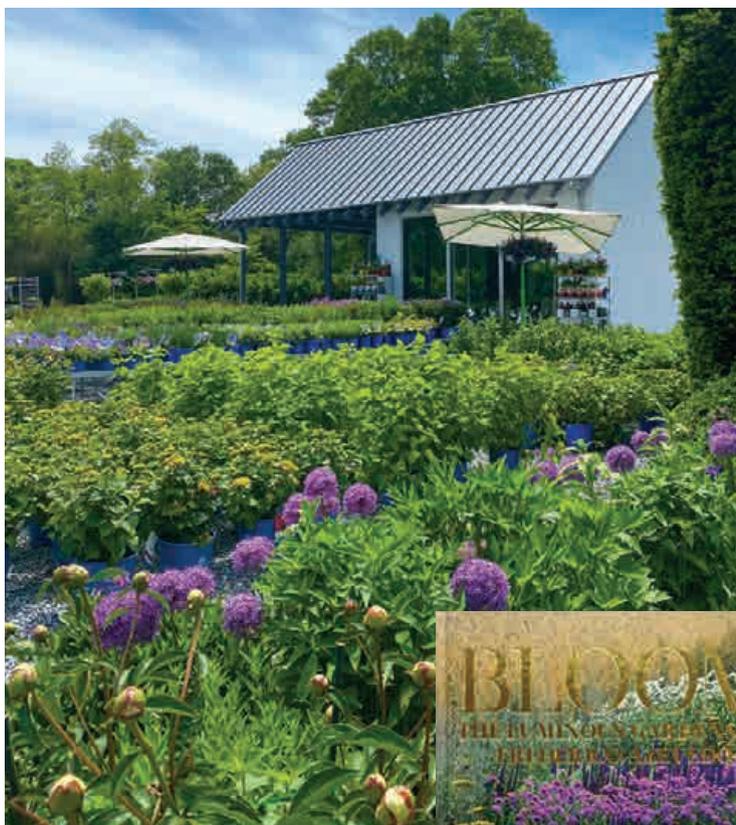
The Garden Market offers a selection of native and well-adapted plants and flowers that I've curated to suit the Hamptons and its array of sensitive and beautiful environments. It's really a unique place to be a garden and landscape designer because the Hamptons is farmland, coastal, woodland, bay-front, and tidal wetlands. I've always worked in a site-specific, sustainable way and the Garden Market allows me to share my aesthetic and design process in a way that's more accessible.

What will people experience when they visit the market?

A sea of green and blooms. The Garden Market has herbs, shrubs, grasses, flowers, and succulents; bee-friendly and native plants and flowers are all marked. The Garden Market also has garden accessories, tools, and unique planters, all housed in a new modern barn-inspired structure we completed in May. It's right next-door to our headquarters and the Garden Concept Store.

What can people find at this market that they can't find anywhere else?

Our collection of planters, sculptures, art objects, and garden accessories is a unique reflection of the Unlimited Earth Care aesthetic, and I often feature work from international artisans and designers. The plants and flowers are chosen according to what I use in my designs. What people will find at the Garden Market is a sustainable, contemporary take on the Hamptons garden.



What was your inspiration for the market?

I've always loved connecting with my clients and the Garden Market is a way to reach people through a mutual love of flowers and plants and help them create something sustainable and beautiful.

Other than the market, what is current and new with you and your business?

My book, *Bloom: The Luminous Gardens of Frederico Azevedo*, is available from amazon.com and my publisher at pointedleafpress.com. The book is organized into the eight essential concepts of my work, including stone, green, and water. Each chapter discusses how these come together in my design process, accompanied by hundreds of photographs.

► The Garden Market is located at 2249 Scuttle Hole Road in Bridgehampton next to Unlimited Earth Care and Garden Concept Store.

BEST IN HAMPTONS REAL ESTATE

MEET JAMES GUIGLIANO, NEST SEEKERS INTERNATIONAL NO. 1 AGENT

BY MAGGIE CHILDS

James Guigliano, a Southampton native, has catapulted his way to the top of Hamptons luxury real estate agents in only a few short years. Getting his start in real estate in 2014, James relied on his knowledge of his hometown and the surrounding communities, coupled with his ambition and drive, to accelerate his success, earning him the accolade of Nest Seekers' No. 1 agent four years in a row.

His understanding of the nuances of the Hamptons many neighborhoods, architectural styles, and home values, has solidified

him as an invaluable asset to his clients. Leading with honesty and integrity, James advises his clients — whether buyers, sellers, or investors — based on his historical knowledge of comps and trending market data. In addition to working with buyers and sellers, James has found a niche working with developers and investors to build 10+ luxury spec homes a year and bring them to market.

In addition to growing his personal business, James has built a team of young real estate professionals whom he mentors to find their own success in real estate. Check out James Guigliano on Netflix's *Million Dollar Beach House*, which follows young and rising Hamptons agents as they navigate the area's highly competitive real estate market.

410 OX PASTURE RD, SOUTHAMPTON

Hidden behind privet and an impressive gated entrance, you'll find a spectacular new home located within Southampton Village's prime estate section. Ox Pasture Road creates an ideal setting for this immaculate 15,352-square-foot home. This gorgeous 1.8-acre parcel has impeccably manicured grounds designed by the renowned landscape architect Dean Gomolka.

Entertaining is made seamless with smart technology that is embedded throughout the home. A grand, chef's eat-in kitchen comes



complete with custom marble countertops, prep areas, and high-end appliances from Wolf, Sub-Zero, and Miele. The rest of the first floor includes a generous family room, a custom ebony-paneled library with a wet bar and built-in floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, plus a junior master suite with custom walk-in closets and a soaking tub. The second floor has a generous master suite that features his/her bathrooms, separate walk-in closets, and a private covered balcony. Options for guests include four additional en-suite bedrooms and a two-room guest suite. The magic continues on the lowest level, which boasts a massive 22-seat movie theater! There is also a full-size gym with a sauna and steam shower to enjoy plus an additional oversized media room with a full marble bar and custom sliding doors that open to a 17 x 23-foot lower-level terrace. For those enjoyable summer days there is a sunken Har-Tru tennis court and a heated gunite pool surrounded by a beautiful bluestone patio.

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ALEXANDER DUDELSON

REAL ESTATE AND TRUST EXPERT

BY ROLISE RACHEL

Alexander Dudelson, the principal of a diversified law group that focuses on Hamptons real estate, has been in business since 2009. Dudelson, a part-time resident out East is familiar with the market, trends, and laws and pays attention to the needs of his clients and the government of Southampton and East Hampton townships. It's important to be in the know in such a bustling market with little inventory.

There has been a huge shift in real estate with many New Yorkers leaving their apartments behind to move to the Hamptons, either buying homes or making their summer abodes full-time residences. Just over a year ago, inventory was high and interest rates low, so it was an easy choice. The Hamptons saw an increase in population, rising prices, and dwindling inventory. According to Brown Harris Stevens, buyers spent \$5.49 billion on Hamptons real estate in 2020, compared to the last record of \$4.42 billion in 2014.

Buyers have been purchasing homes sight unseen as many homes have several interested parties. Having a diligent and assertive litigator is key. Dudelson offers rapid, responsive, and reliable advocacy out East for all of your real estate needs.

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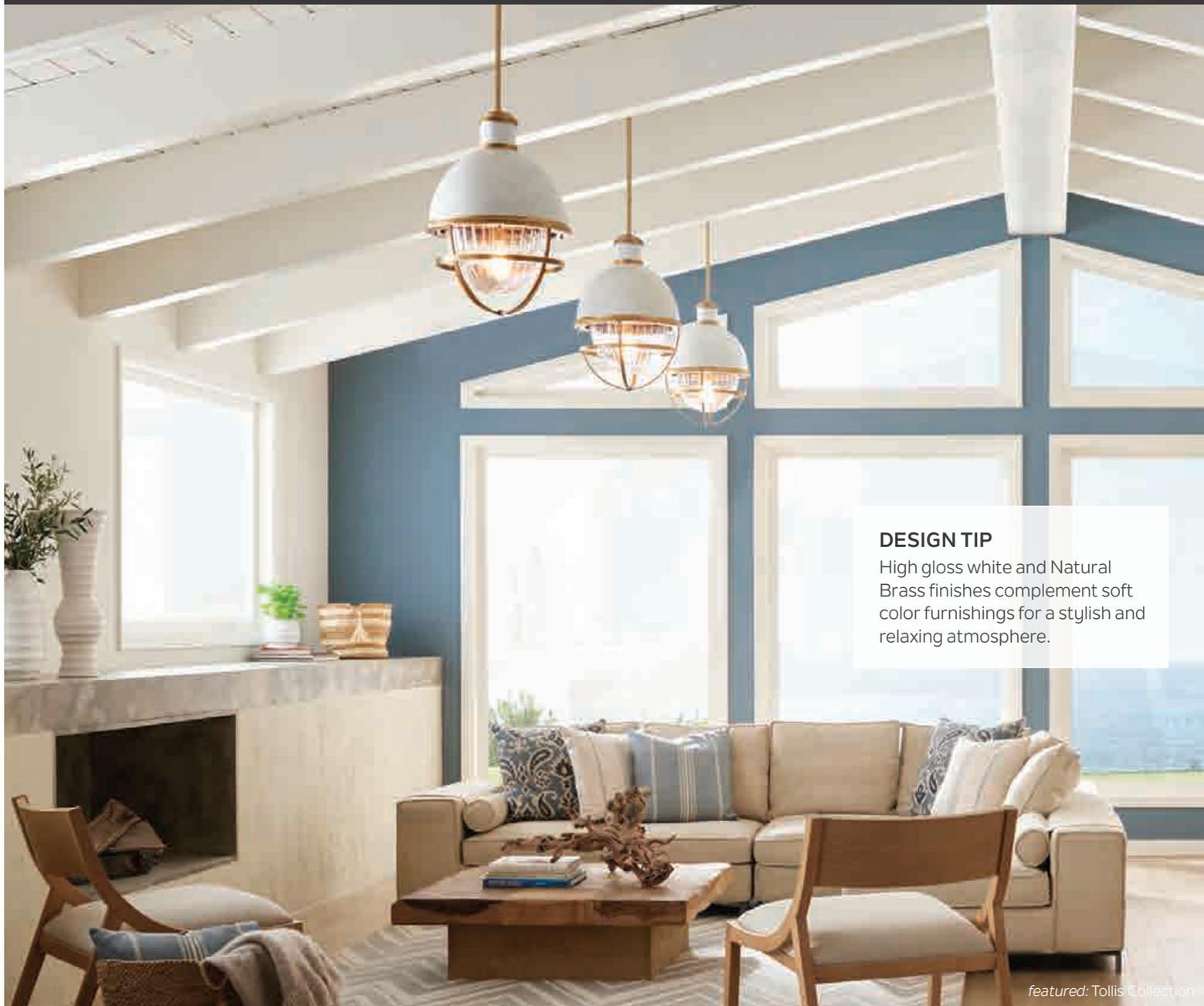
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A CONVERSATION WITH STUART ANDREWS & HAMILTON HOGE

BY BLAIR BASS

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Stuart Andrews



There is no shortage of spectacular homes and buildings on the eastern end of Long Island. In fact, modern-day waterfront mansions and farm-style compounds are just some of the awe-inspiring architecture styles in the Hamptons. Historically notable buildings and homes are abundantly strewn across the famed East End towns.

Social Life sat down to chat with Stuart Andrews of Shinnecock Pools and Hamilton Hoge (famed builder in the Hamptons) who bonded over the historical McLoughlin Building. Located at 280 Elm Street in Southampton Village, the quaint brick structure, adjacent to the Long Island Railroad Southampton station, dating back to the 19th century, was originally a potato and grain barn. Stuart, who recently purchased the building and Hamilton, whose office headquarters have been in the building for many years, are old friends. And they share a great affinity for this building and for helping to keep the Hamptons beautiful through their respective professional trades.

Stuart explained that he decided to purchase this building primarily because it was “the only light industrial building available in the market,” but that he also “fell in love with its beautiful construction.” The historical building has unique features like a grain elevator and

a wagon scale all dating back to around 1880. “The building and the location combined with the correct zoning and industrial heritage of the building made it a dream find for my business.”

When asked how passionate he is about helping to keep the Hamptons beautiful, he explained that the building represents a history of agriculture and labor that doesn’t exist anymore. “I have

“I have tremendous respect for the efforts to build such a practical and beautiful building that I took great care in transitioning my swimming pool business into the space without removing or altering any of the original elements.”

STUART ANDREWS

tremendous respect for the efforts to build such a practical and beautiful building that I took great care in transitioning my swimming pool business into the space without removing or altering any of the original elements.” And the building is truly one-of-a-kind.

In the front of the building is an authentic 1880s horse-drawn wagon, sitting on the original scale used by the merchants to weigh the potato-laden wagons. “I decided to use the original John Deere wagon to remind everyone what this location was, and the wagon has become a key part of Southampton culture in the short time it’s been there. I have received letters from farmers and individuals who remember the time when their relatives sold potatoes here and when the scale was in use. On an almost daily basis people stop and take pictures of the wagon.”



Hamilton Hoge, Stuart Andrews

Hamilton, what building, or house have you built that you are most proud of?

Hamilton Hoge: There are several, but the one that comes to mind is two in one. The house itself sits on a peninsula, one side of which is on the bay and the other side on the ocean. It has beautiful light air energy and fantastic views. The original house, built approximately 15 years ago had become too small for a growing family and consequently I was asked to return and enlarge the house. You know you have been in this business a long time when you are working with the same client over two generations. Other than being a fantastic canvas, it is rare to have the freedom to position a structure in such a way as to have fantastic flow and private spaces. This house is known to many and visible to all.

What do you love most about the Hamptons?

HH: The ocean, bays, farmland, and people. I love the fact that we have a great mixture of country and metropolitan lifestyle.

Tell us why you love 280 Elm Street.

HH: The moment Stuart and I met, we connected. We share the love of old buildings, the respect of history, heritage, and historic preservation. The building's history speaks volumes to the village's



past and its commerce. All of the building's details and its fenestration are one of a kind and original 19th century.

Do you have a signature style?

HH: My style is transitional with particular focus on my client's wishes. One thing I have learned is there is no one style fit for everyone. Communication, adaptation, and teamwork always yields success, resulting in a beautiful project.

LUXURY STYLE

AT HOME WITH NICHIIHA USA

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

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Judith Kasen-Windsor**

On Sunday, June 20, rainbow flags waved high. The artist Rachel Wilkins Blum exhibited her powerful work at Chase Edwards Contemporary Gallery in Bridgehampton. The colorful event featured Wilkins's *Shoulders of Giants* series, alongside a new series that celebrates the pillars and pioneers of the LGBTQ+ community whose tireless efforts helped to bring about major social and political change.

The exhibition was produced in collaboration with Judith M. Kasen-Windsor — who was married to the late Edie Windsor, the marriage equality trailblazer — and the Thea Spyer Foundation to raise funds for The Edie Windsor Healthcare Center at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Many guest speakers spoke at the event: Attorney General of New York Letitia James; Suffolk County Attorney General TJ Hatter and his wife, Isha Hatter; Chief Administrative Officer for Stony Brook Southampton Hospital Bob Chaloner, and New York State Assembly member Rebecca Seawright.



The Edie Windsor Healthcare Center is a new facility that provides medical and mental healthcare for the LGBTQ+ community, especially those with HIV/AIDS and in need of transgender health management.

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Pictured: MAGO, Bob Chaloner, Letitia James, Judith Kasen-Windsor, Jean Shafiroff, Rebecca Seawright, and Eric Lella

BETH O'DONNELL

TAINTED GOLD

BY MAGO

ASSISTED BY JORDYN AXELROD & RAY COLON

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARSIN MOGIELSKI

Inspired by art and culture, I have been honored to work with East Hampton-based artist Beth O'Donnell. Through curating her modern barn studio and documenting her latest project, I learned more about the mixed media artist, African wildlife, and the livelihoods of people across the world.

O'Donnell recently teamed up with the Lion Tusk Trail, a unique art installation that strives to raise awareness of the plight of the lion, and raise funds to support lives impacted by Covid-19 across Africa. On August 10, World Lions Day, life-size lion sculptures designed by foremost artists will roam the streets — all the way from London to the Hamptons to Kenya. O'Donnell said, "This project brings my life's work to a pinnacle, combining my multi-disciplinary process to create an expression of my lifelong journey as an environmental humanitarian artist."

Donna Karan, the creator of the eponymous DKNY clothing labels and owner of Sag Harbor's Urban Zen, is extremely passionate about wildlife, wellness, and social impact. Karan recruited O'Donnell and other renowned artists to design lion sculptures for the organization.

Goldilocks — completely composed of currency — is O'Donnell's 110-pound fiberglass lion, layered with 400 paper bills. The artist carefully assorted 40 bills each from the ten most egregious, trophy-hunting countries in the world. The money, tainted gold, represents the abuse that has left us with only fewer than 20,000 lions in existence. O'Donnell powerfully alludes to this, with a blood wound on her lion's side.



Goldilocks



Goldilocks
Beth O'Donnell and Donna Karan

After having spent much time in Africa and on guided safaris, O'Donnell was a perfect pick for the Lion Tusk Trail. In 2000, O'Donnell spent months working in the slums of Nairobi and Kenya, fostering her photo-



Goldilocks, MAGO, Beth O'Donnell and Donna Karan

journalism and art. Her photographs and mixed-media pieces were published in the *London Daily Telegraph* and *Marie Claire*.

On August 10, there will be a cocktail party to celebrate the lions at Duck Walk Vineyard in Water Mill, and on August 27, the lions will be auctioned off by Christie's Auction House at Wölffer Estate Vineyard in Sagaponack. Make sure to stop by, enjoy a glass of summer wine and beautiful art, all while doing good for the world.

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PICTURE PERFECT

FAMED HAMPTONS PHOTOGRAPHER LUCILLE KHORNAK
TEAMS UP WITH SAG HARBOR'S CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE ETHEL + ROW
FOR A FAMILY PORTRAIT CONTEST

By MAGO

ASSISTED BY JORDYN AXELROD & RAY COLON

As families head out East for summer, they know they can count on Ethel + Row for sustainable, yet chic, children's clothing. Located on 83 Main Street in Sag Harbor, the stylish store provides parents and their kids with a modern selection of organic children's clothing. Think neutral grays and creams, soft stripes, and youthful prints that will never go out of style.



Vanessa Hamer, photo courtesy of doddleandco.com

The store's owner and a mother herself, Vanessa Hamer notes that "basic silhouettes allow many of the pieces in Ethel + Row to be unisex, and can easily transcend generations as trends change." With over 15 years of experience in the fashion industry, it's no surprise that Hamer runs a successful shop today. Focusing on fashion for kids and environmentally conscious brands, Ethel + Row offers families a new and fresh way to dress their children that involves no cartooned clothing or garish colors.



Lucille Khornak

Like Hamer, the photography artist Lucille Khornak also has a career that revolves around children. Known for her beautiful and artistic group and individual portraits of families in New York and the Hamptons, Lucille is the owner of the Lucille Khornak Photography & Art Gallery, and is the author of three books on photography and fashion. I am honored to be

bringing these two powerful women together, and hosting events on their behalf.

"Everything that a child gives you is pure and untainted; it is beautiful and full of wonder," says Khornak. "There is something so special about the raw and emotive energy they carry with them wherever they go — the whimsy, the soul."



Ice cream poster taken by Lucille Khornak, hanging in the Candy Kitchen entryway

Interested in having photos like this for yourself? Now is your chance to win a complimentary two-hour family photo session styled by Vanessa Hamer and shot by Lucille Khornak.

How do you enter? Stop by Lucille Khornak's Art Studio and Gallery on July 24 or July 25, between 11 am. and 3 p.m. One Polaroid will be taken of each family (children up to age 12), which will then be entered into the contest. If you can't make it on either day, please contact us to set up another date that works. The final shoot does not include prints or a photo book, and must take place in the Hamptons by December 31, 2021. The winner will be selected by Hamer, Khornak, and me, and announced at Lucille Khornak's exhibition of children's photographs, which will take place at **Ethel + Row, on August 29, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

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GILLES DYAN

OPERA GALLERY

BY R. COURI HAY

ART WORLD POWERHOUSE

Gilles Dyan, the founder of Opera Gallery, representing major artists in exhibition spaces across the globe, had an unlikely path to art-world prominence. He grew up middle class in the Paris suburbs. His family maintained an interest in art, frequenting exhibitions, although they didn't have the means to collect. "Paris itself is a work of art and offers so many wonderful museums and exhibitions," says Dyan. "I went to the Louvre so many times as a child with my mother that I think I could find my way around it with my eyes closed."



Gilles Dyan, pictured with Picasso's *Tête de Femme* (1957) and Manolo Valdés's *Alabastro con Colores* (2019)

OPERA GALLERY: SINGAPORE & PARIS

Dyan studied medicine, but eventually gave that up to pursue his passion for art. He felt he couldn't get work in a gallery since he didn't have the right background, so he began selling prints and original paintings by local artists door-to-door. He loved doing it and found that he had a knack for it. "Somehow, I got invited to participate in an art fair in Singapore," he recalls. "My booth was such a success that I managed to find the financial backing to be able to open my first Opera Gallery there in 1994." He opened another one in Paris almost simultaneously, and that, he says, is how the Opera Gallery adventure began.

EXHIBITION SPACES AROUND THE WORLD

Today, Opera Gallery has 13 exhibition spaces around the world in New York, Aspen, Miami, Miami Bal Harbour, Paris, Monaco, Geneva, London, Dubai, Hong Kong, Beirut, Singapore, and Seoul. The openings happened gradually over 26 years as opportunities arose. "I never wanted to expand too quickly," says Dyan. "I want to show good quality and carefully selected art in each Opera Gallery space, and I don't believe you can do that if you expand too rapidly."

ESTABLISHED & EMERGING ARTISTS

His mission is to sell well-established artists alongside emerging ones, to create a dialogue between them. He wants

his galleries to appeal to everyone and not be intimidating. "Art should be for everyone," he says. "I love to see teenagers walking into my galleries, or just onlookers. We always try to make everyone feel as welcome as possible." This comfortable, egalitarian vibe, Dyan notes, is a way to develop collectors. "The more art you see, the sharper your eye becomes. New collectors often have no idea of the price range of artists, and they shouldn't be scared off by art. I think it is important to have good quality artworks suitable for every budget."

PICASSO, CALDER, DUBUFFET & BOTERO

Opera Gallery represents only twelve artists at a time, to devote maximum attention to a small pool of artists. Top-selling living artists currently in his stable include Manolo Valdés, Andy Denzler, and Hermann Nitsch, the latter a key figure of Viennese action painting of the 1960s and the latest talent Dyan has signed. "His work is incredible, and I am very proud to represent him." Manolo Valdés, a New York-based Spaniard, had a recent solo show at Opera Gallery in Manhattan, and some of his monumental sculptures are currently on exhibition in the parks of two exquisite hotels in the South of France, the Château Saint-Martin and the Hôtel du Cap Eden Roc, through October 15. Opera Gallery also handles resales of significant nonliving artists, including Pablo Picasso, Alexander Calder, Jean Dubuffet, Fernando Botero, Marc Chagall, and Keith Haring.



INTERNET & THE ART MARKET

As the art world has become increasingly global and fewer differences exist between markets, the internet has had a profound effect. “Our collectors travel so their eyes get accustomed to different styles, and if they don’t travel physically, the media and internet often do the job,” says Dyan.

While the internet and social media have been useful tools in the art world for years, their importance grew significantly as venues adopted virtual solutions. “A few years ago, I would have said that I didn’t believe people would buy art without seeing it in person,” Dyan admits. “But during this unprecedented crisis, we have had no choice but to find solutions to survive, and technology has allowed us to continue to show the public beautiful art.”

ONLINE VIEWING ROOMS

Dyan believes galleries, auction houses, and other actors in the art market will continue to use virtual tools, and that’s a positive development. “People are sometimes intimidated to enter galleries or museums. Opera Gallery has gained new collectors since we launched our online viewing rooms, collectors we perhaps never would have had without these digital solutions.” He notes



that some people simply don’t have the time to go to galleries or art fairs, and these new technologies have allowed them to explore what is available from the comfort of their living room.

IN-PERSON ART FAIRS

While digital tools work well, Dyan believes it is time once again for personal interaction with collectors. “I think the collectors are eager to see art works in person,” he says. “Later in the year, if all goes well with Covid, we have a few fairs programmed in Asia and in Europe, and we are participating in Art Miami.”

HOW TO INVEST IN ART

Dyan believes that the best criterion for investing in artwork is to always buy what you like. If you like a piece of art, the sentimental value will increase, and that’s the important factor. He still has the first piece he bought in 1982 — a small work on paper from Jean Dubuffet’s *L’Hourloupe* series — long before he established his business. “I still have it and it still makes me smile each time I look at it. Dubuffet was a wonderful artist, full of humor. “That said, it is always agreeable to know that an artwork you bought has increased in value. “There wouldn’t be an art market if art wasn’t a good investment.”

FAMILY BUSINESS

Opera Gallery’s global staff are like a big family. Some literally are family: Dyan’s two daughters, their husbands, and three of his nephews all work with him. “I love what I do, and I think I love it more and more,” says Dyan. “The more art I see and the more artists I meet, the more my passion for art increases.”

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MANOLO VALDÉS

PRESENTED BY OPERA GALLERY

BY R. COURI HAY



Manolo Valdés in his studio, 2021
Photography by Tom Powel

Meet Manolo Valdés, an internationally renowned artist whose work over nearly six decades has been exhibited in many of the world's top museums, including the Met and the Pompidou Center, as well as in prominent public spaces like Berkley Square in London and the avenue Georges V in Paris. Known for his unique method of relying on art history to create his paintings, prints, and sculptures, the Spanish-born artist divides his time between New York City, Miami, and the Hamptons. Valdés reinterprets details of works by great masters like El Greco, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, and Constantin Brâncuși, using vivid colors and a broad range of raw materials in pared-down forms.

APPROPRIATING FROM OTHER ARTISTS

Including images from other artists may seem unorthodox, but Valdés says it is part of a long tradition among artists. “In the end, painting comes from painting, and it’s not just me, but most painters have drawn from other painters in the history of art,” he says. In his case it is perhaps more obvious than in others’ because he actually creates from an original work of art. “I like to put myself in front of the work of art in a museum or somewhere else, a work of art that inspires me, in the same way that other artists will put themselves in front of a landscape or a still life.” Instead of working in front of a pond or a tree or a sunset, he’s working in front of other art. “What do I do when I put myself in front of a work of art from the 17th century? I comment on it from the point of view of art history, just as people from other disciplines, like literature or music, have done,” he explains.

FRANKENSTEIN TO JACKSON POLLOCK

While painting an image from a 17th-century work of art, Valdés can, for example, respect when a drop of paint falls on his work because he says Jackson Pollock showed him that that was okay. Valdés’s pieces are a bridge between the past

and the present. His process, he says, makes his work kind of like a Frankenstein. He uses different things he's been taught by other artists historically to take an original image from another century and manipulate it in such a way that he reinterprets it.

PAINTING IS A MYSTERY

Valdés chooses to reinterpret works from artists he really likes. "It's very organic. You just never know when you're looking at an image what's going to pop into your head. It's not always immediate; sometimes it comes right away, and sometimes it doesn't. It's kind of a mystery; there's a big unknown to it.

VALDÉS BLUE

Known for his vibrant color sense, Valdés likes pure colors, and makes his own oil paints. "I like to make it myself because I can use more or less pigment to change the intensity of the color," he says. His signature hue, a vivid blue known in the art world as the "Valdés blue," is full of pigment to give it vibrancy.

ETCHING, PRINTING, SCULPTURE & PAINTING

Valdés is rare among contemporary artists because he works in a variety of different mediums, including etching and printing in addition to painting and sculpture. How he brings a piece to life depends on the subject and his inspiration, and some images he reinterprets in multiple formats. "What moves me is the concept, because I want to comment on an image," he says. If what he's looking at is flat, he thinks about how he can make a commentary on that flat image through dimensional sculpture, amplifying the discourse. "If I can manage to do that through all the different disciplines, like etching, sculpture, and painting, on the same image, that is the most complete commentary on that image."

Working with a wide array of materials, including bronze, aluminum, stainless steel, burlap, and wood, Valdés is constantly on the lookout for others. "When I leave my house, I'm like a hunter, always looking at everything. I look for something that can be an asset to my creativity and to my production. I use everything I can."

OPERA GALLERY: SOLO EXHIBITION

His current solo exhibition at Opera Gallery on Madison Avenue in Manhattan consists of his newest work, directly from his Hamptons studio, where he was prolific this past year. "Having been isolated and sort of alone, I multiplied my working hours,



Manolo Valdés, *Matisse como Pretexto en Rosa*, 2021, mixed media, 77 x 150 in



Joseph De Paola, Regina Valdés and children Leonardo and Sofia, and Manolo Valdés

and I sort of explored certain paths that otherwise I wouldn't have had time to maybe do." However, the themes in the work that he produced over the last year haven't changed. "They're the same themes that have always been with me."

HIGH POINTS

Asked about high points from his illustrious career, Valdés demurs, "I'm not very conscious of these successes," he says with a shrug. "I just feel very privileged to have been able to paint and create my entire life."

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DESIGNER & ARTIST WALTER STERNLIEB

MODERN 3-DIMENSIONAL PAINTINGS SELL IN EAST END AT INSPIRATIONAL EXHIBIT

BY PETER ELSTON

Southampton is now home to A is for Art. Modern American artist and designer, Walter Sternlieb, has opened the Hampton's hottest new gallery, and it is part of the village's strong legacy with backing of curated collaborations in the community.

Located at 60 Jobs Lane, A is for Art brings to life the prolific vision of Walter, who is known out east as a respected designer, builder, woodworker, and master craftsman. Now his latest title as industrial artist will only further plant his applaudable achievements.

His charismatic work on display was brought forth by ingenuity and creativity. "I woke up one morning with this idea of a 3-dimensional flag, made a prototype of it, then built it, painted it and hung it," states Walter.

The specific vision of the then novice artist led to a series that includes his iconic pieces "The Staircase," and "5 Hearts." Eventually he established a professional portfolio that was so large it took up all of his wall space in his home where he displayed pieces. The colorful collection impressed visiting friends and fans and eventually led to thoughts of opening up a gallery to showcase his work.

"I knew there was a run-down property on Jobs Lane. I called the landlord and decided to rent it," he goes on about the inspiration to open his own place. "The interior was very run down, and I thought I could have a shabby-chic art gallery, but shabby chic just isn't me, so we went in and cleaned it up a little bit. We started hanging my work, and work of some of my friends. In a very short period, I was getting a very good response to my work."



Walter's expressive 3-dimensional paintings encompass powerful expressions full of rich color and bold design. The bright shapes are pops of color that bring bliss to anyone who uses them as part of the design of a home or office space.

The dazzling and virtuosic collection comes from a special place in Walter's personal history that many can relate to and why his artwork stands out as a popular choice to art collectors.

"As a child, my parents dragged me to museums, and historic sites. I didn't understand the purpose of all of it. I was very fortunate that they took me to all these places. It helped me in what I do today. All the things that I saw, and I have done in the past, have made me what I am today."

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RANCHO LA PUERTA: DESTINATION SPA

GODMOTHER OF WELLNESS: DEBORAH SZEKELY

By R. COURI HAY



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Deborah Szekely, founder of Rancho la Puerta



MOTHER OF THE MODERN SPA MOVEMENT

Deborah Szekely, 99 years young, is known as “the Mother of the Modern Spa Movement.” She and her husband, Edmond Bordeaux Szekely, founded Rancho la Puerta, North America’s first wellness spa, in 1940. In the ensuing 81 years, Rancho’s team has continually adapted the resort’s offerings to suit modern tastes, and today it remains one of the world’s top spa destinations. Fans include Kate Winslet, Madonna, Governor Jerry Brown, Claudia Schiffer, Arianna Huffington, and Judge Judy.

RESIDENCES

AT RANCHO LA PUERTA

The latest innovation could not be timelier. The Residences at Rancho la Puerta, a planned village of 108 private homes set amid the resort’s 4,000 pristine acres in Tecate, Mexico, is only an hour from San Diego. Sited beside a vineyard and a pond, boasting spectacular mountain views, the village will be separate from the ranch, yet connected, with access to the ranch’s extensive wellness amenities. Deborah is thrilled to bring private residences to the property. “People have asked for years and years, saying that they would like to retire here,” she says, “and their community will consist of people with common goals and common thoughts coming together.”

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH AND MEDICINE CENTER

The Residences will also have a state-of-the-art Integrative Health and Medicine Center specializing in personalized, predictive, and proactive interventions to prevent and treat chronic disease. This holistic model not only gets to the underlying cause of health issues, but also uses a functional and natural medical approach for personalized treatment protocols. Each offering blends the best of Western medicine with the wisdom of all-global healing traditions. Planned treatments will include stem-cell therapies, personalized IV nutrients, high-dose vitamin C infusions, mistletoe therapy, and more.

New Residences



THE SPA EXPERIENCE

Rancho, as insiders call it, began as a rustic wellness retreat: \$17.50 a week and bring your own tent. The full spa experience includes a plethora of exercise classes: Pilates, stretch, tai chi, and aerial yoga to name a few. Massages, reflexology, water therapy, facials, manicures, and pedicures are newer amenities at Rancho. “We never offered massage until I started [California spa] the Golden Door, 18 years after the first guests arrived at Rancho la Puerta,” says Deborah. One of the first treatments during the spa’s early days was an herbal wrap, created out of necessity. “Without it many of the guests, because they never exercised at home, were so stiff they literally crawled out of their beds after their first day of hiking and exercise,” Deborah says, laughing. “Herbal wraps were the answer. The heat relaxed the muscles.”

HAPPIER AND MORE ENERGETIC

Later, the Szekelys hired experts to begin programs in skin-care, and they were an immediate hit at Rancho. “Guests worked hard all day, and they looked forward to having the soothing attention of facials and massages.” Today, the spa has health centers for both women and men, and Deborah says they are as important a part of each guest’s stay as the hikes, exercise classes, cooking school, and other programs. “We emphasize balance,” she says. “Long ago I said it never has been enough that my spas simply make you better looking. I believe people can be happier and more energetic, and altogether more fulfilled human beings.” The number of spa treatments offered has quadrupled over the past decade, and there is an experienced staff of 75, many of them long-term employees.

FOUR-TIER HEALING PROCESS

Cleansing spa treatments comprise four types — cleansing, restoring, relaxing, and energizing. Cleansing rids the body of toxins, and treatments include a detox massage and the original herbal wrap, Rancho’s signature treatment that purifies and eliminates toxins. Fresh plants and herbs like eucalyptus, rosemary, or sage grown in the organic garden, or that grow wild in the nearby mountains, are used in treatments. The 30-minute wrap is often combined with a 20-minute massage, which opens up pores and allows moisturizers to penetrate skin. Rancho’s experts employ a method of cupping with plastic suction cups instead of glass, which don’t leave those horrid red marks on your skin.

Restoring might include a rosemary-loofah-salt glow, which starts with a loofah glove that helps remove dead skin cells, followed by a scrub and shower, and ending with a massage. This treatment will renew your skin, making it feel silky smooth.

Relaxing involves treatments like a head-to-toe massage with warmed candle oil in your choice of luxurious fragrances.

Energizing entails healing therapies that activate and strengthen, like reflexology on hands and feet; energy balancing, a special massage using figure-eight movements to open up chakras throughout the body, followed by the scent of fragrant herbs to relieve stress; craniosacral therapy, acupuncture, and reiki. The result is to remove energy blocks, allowing healing energy to flow and harmonize your whole body.

Residence Living Room



SPA AND FITNESS CONCIERGES

Rancho la Puerta's spa offers over 55 treatments, and choosing among so many options may seem overwhelming, but stay calm. There are concierges and other experts on staff to help you figure out what works for you. You are free to consult with experts, ask questions, and revise your program at any time during your visit. What you do on any day at Rancho is entirely up to you, but most guests enjoy a morning hike followed by breakfast, and then perhaps a meditation class or a visit to the gym. And you decide when to incorporate spa treatments throughout your day. Some people prefer to take a few classes in the morning, followed by a spa treatment, and then relax for the rest of the afternoon.

And while many guests want to exercise, no one needs to be huffing and puffing at Rancho la Puerta, unless they want to. You may simply choose to relax and be pampered. A popular choice for both women and men is the moisturizing treatment for the scalp and hair.

VISIBLE RESULTS IN ONE WEEK

You can actually see results after a week at Rancho. At the end of the visit your skin will look different — healthy and glowing because of the nourishing diet from the organic farm, healing body treatments, and exercise routines.



Garden Path

HEAVENLY VILLAS

Rancho accommodations include several *villas cielo* or “heavenly villas,” secluded private residences that offer a den that can be converted into a private gym or an office, with Wi-Fi. You can also receive private spa treatments in your villa.

Residence Bedroom



These villas were added in recent years as a bow to the modern world for guests who are unable to completely unplug from daily life for a week. At a villa, you get the full resort experience, but you can also work as much as needed.

NATURAL ORGANIC DINING

Food is an important part of the spa experience. From the beginning in 1940, Rancho la Puerta was ahead of its time, growing its food on the resort's organic farm and grapes in its vineyard. The rest is sourced from local farmers and fishermen — perhaps the original farm-to-table venue. Over eight decades, the resort has developed hundreds of recipes through extensive experimentation and dietary research, resulting in a superb all-natural menu.

CHEF REYNA VENEGAS

The executive chef, Reyna Venegas, was raised in Baja, California, and at the beginning of her career she worked as a hostess at Rancho's dining hall. She later traveled to Lyon, France, to intern at a two-Michelin-star restaurant under the chef Philippe Gauvreau, and after graduating from the Culinary Art School in Tijuana, she earned a scholarship and was a pastry major in Monte Carlo. Venegas honed her skills at acclaimed restaurants and eventually came full circle, back to



Salad and fruit bar

Rancho la Puerta where she combines French techniques with local ingredients for delicious, healthy meals.

COOKING CLASSES AT LA COCINA QUE CANTA

Cooking classes are offered at La Cocina que Canta — “the kitchen that sings” — which is set in the resort's six-acre organic garden. Venegas teaches classes, as do world-renowned visiting chefs and cookbook authors who regularly come to offer lessons. The “singing kitchen” is a reference to the sen-

The Singing Kitchen



sory experience — aromas, colors, and sounds as well as the energy of a lively group of people cooking together with just-picked ingredients. It all comes together in an explosion of taste: You dine on the meal you have just created.

STATE OF MIND: HEALTHY WAY OF LIFE

Dubbed the “Godmother of Wellness” by the media, Deborah calls herself a health nut. “To me, that’s a favorable term,” says the nearly 100-year-old wellness warrior. The most important key to leading a healthy life, Deborah believes, is a person’s state of mind. “It’s more than just positivity; people should enjoy what they do,” she says. “Whatever they work at should be a joy or pleasure, not work,” Deborah says. “Delight in the little things in nature and life. I think it’s hard to be truly healthy without that. I think the psychological aspects are very important, and that’s why the ranch is so successful. There’s a spirit here and that spirit is so important.” These are the basic tenets with which she started Rancho la Puerta in the forties, and they continue even though the resort has evolved from a barebones summer camp to a full-fledged luxury spa resort with every conceivable amenity.

WORLD WAR II SUMMER CAMP TO LUXURY SPA

The original no-frills camp had its origins in World War II, when Deborah and Edmond, a native of Hungary, were living in southern California. Because he refused to return to Europe to serve in the military, an order was issued for his arrest as a



Aerial Yoga

deserter. “We got a letter from U.S. Immigration and Naturalization saying that if he was found in our country on June 1, 1940, he would be arrested and shipped back to his country. So, we went to Mexico.” Her husband, a renowned scholar, had planned to teach a summer-school session in Oslo. “We knew we would have to hold the summer school because we were counting on the money from the students, and they had already signed up. So, we just wrote them and said the summer school instead of being in Oslo is going to be in Tecate. And we had to make it cheap because they had to bring their tents.”

Main Pool



HOLLYWOOD ELITE

What they started as a summer health camp was so successful that several participants wanted to come back and spend the winter because of the perfect weather. Soon, Rancho La Puerta became popular with Hollywood stars.

The Szekelys rented the land for many years before buying some, and gradually added more and more. “We acquired a lot of land because little old ladies would come and say, ‘My daughter married and lives in Los Angeles and we want to move there, won’t you buy our land?’” says Deborah. Although the locals originally thought the spa folks were somewhat odd, eventually several young women in town sought jobs at the ranch, and today the resort is one of Tecate’s largest employers. “So naturally we contribute to the community,” Szekely says. A few years ago, when a serious fire destroyed over 100 houses in town, they reached out to spa guests and raised over \$100,000 within a week. They help to educate Tecate’s children on the environment and sustainability and offer summer classes at the resort’s organic garden. They built the first public park in Tecate and bought the town’s first school bus. The children had to walk to school and often skipped classes when the weather was inclement. Deborah decided to buy a bus to bring her workers to work in the mornings, and on the way, it also picks up the kids and takes them to school. “It’s been sort of a double blessing,” she laughs. “The ranch has a very long, blessed history,” she says, “and I really do believe that doing good is rewarding, and we’ve been beautifully rewarded.”

MEANT TO BE HERE

“I had no dreams for the ranch,” Deborah says, adding that once the war ended, they expected to move to England. “We had no intention of staying. So — and I say this all the time — we were meant to be here. It was nothing that we planned, created, plotted, none of that.” Local lore asserts that Kuuchamaa, the mountain that overlooks Rancho, is spiritually special. “Kuuchama was a sacred mountain to the native people for generations,” she says. “And I do believe that the mountain has had a great influence on us. And you can believe, take it or leave it. I took it and kept it.” Today, Deborah’s husband is buried

on the mountain, as is her late son, Alexander. “That’s their home,” she says firmly. “We have a family cemetery. I’ll be buried there too eventually. No rush.”

SARAH LIVIA SZEKELY BRIGHTWOOD

Deborah’s daughter, the landscape architect Sarah Livia Szekely Brightwood who created Rancho’s world-class gardens, now runs the resort full time. But her mother is still at the resort at least once a week. She says her daughter is doing a terrific job. “Sarah is gifted, and I think in some ways it reflects her personality,” says Deborah. “She is very spiritual. She’s very musical. She’s an artist, and I think most of the classes reflect more of her.”

A PARADISE

But there are forces at work beyond human endeavor, she insists. “I know that we’re here because we were meant to be here. I believe that. And the reason it’s so successful is that we’re on the path that we’re supposed to be on.” Recently, Deborah roamed around the entire property, into every nook and cranny. “If you were trying to describe paradise, honestly I don’t think it could be much lovelier than Rancho La Puerta.”

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ASHFORD CASTLE

BY ANTHONY GIAMPETRUZZI



After more than a full year of living as a hermit, isn't it about time to return to a more princely existence? Well, with a subsiding pandemic and the European Union recommending the end of travel restrictions, opportunities are beginning to abound. The Republic of Ireland will end a quaranting requirement for U.S. citizens beginning July 19.

For many of us, fully spreading our wings to take in a global city may just be a little too much. More bucolic environs beckon and provide an opportunity to ease back into world travel. There's no need to skimp, though; you've earned a few days of royalty. You've earned an experience. You've earned Ashford Castle, one of Ireland's most luxurious properties.



To be sure, there are hundreds of castles in Europe, but few have made the successful transition to five-star resort. Ashford Castle, a historic 800-year old fortress in western Ireland, did just that some 80 years ago and ever since has played host to royalty, presidents, and celebrities.

The location, by every measure, is idyllic. Overlooking the shores of rippling Lough Corrib in County Mayo, Ireland, the Castle is surrounded by 350 acres of beautifully manicured gardens, verdant forests, and woodland rich with birdlife. The environment, anchored by breathtaking views of Lough Corrib, lends itself well to the sportsman seeking an all-in experience.

From country-classic pastimes such as horse riding, fishing, falconry, and shooting to more



modern activities such as golf, cycling, and kayaking, Ashford Castle is manna for anyone seeking classic European countryside extravagance. And, there's plenty to keep the kids busy while you take in more adult pursuits. (Check out the property's sensational movie theater — your little ones will thank you.)

Of note is the picturesque 9-hole, 2,996-yard, par 35 parkland course, perfect for golfers of all abilities to hone their skills. Also known for its falconry, Ashford offers the oldest established falconry school in Ireland. Don't miss a private Hawk Walk and the incredible opportunity to fly your very own Harris hawks.

The activities will wear you out, and that's a good thing. Repose will come in the sensational lodgings. Splurge on a suite for a kingly experience. Huge and well appointed, the elegant suites are named after Ashford's most famous guests: Kennedy, Reagan, and too many film and music stars to mention are among them. Modern amenities abound and lend to some well-deserved pampering.

Make time for what was awarded Ireland's best hotel spa in 2020 for the fifth year in a row: The Spa at Ashford Castle. The spa offers a relaxation pool, five exceptional treatment rooms, an invigorating Hammam, relaxing steam room, and a beautiful terrace. The talented staff will soothe you with luxury brands: Voya, B|Africa, Elemis and Natura Bisse among them.

Gastronomy is among Ashford's trademark offerings. Although there are a number of options for upscale dining, the most elegant (and a must) is the George V dining room. The graceful setting,



with rich, paneled walls and twinkling Waterford crystal chandeliers, is presided over by the acclaimed chef Philippe Farineau and the head sommelier Paul Fogerty. What's more, the restaurant earned *Wine Spectator's* 2020 Best of Award of Excellence.

Yes, it's time to get back to being (somewhat) carefree. A few days at Ashford Castle will expand your mind and remind you how to live large.

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LITTLE PALM ISLAND RESORT & SPA

BY ANTHONY GIAMPETRUZZI



There's absolutely no fuss.

That's a statement rarely uttered, regardless of how much time you spend planning your perfect trip, how much you invest in your voyage, or how remote you may wander to "get away from it all."

Getting away from it all left us with very few options this year. We were loath to even attempt to find extreme comfort and luxury state-side. But here's a hint: It does exist and not so far away: just off the coast of Florida. And, when you get there, from check-in to meals to libations to treatments to whatever you want (and that might just be nothing), there's quite literally no fuss. Little Palm Island Resort & Spa is, in a word, sublime.

Named one of "America's Best Beach Hotels" and consecutively ranked "World's Best" by Travel + Leisure, as well as consistently featured on Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List, the resort and its commitment to privacy and indulgence is a favorite of celebrities, CEOs, and other notables.

Why? Because if you blink, you'll miss it. And you get the sense that's just the way the resort likes it. Getting there is just the beginning of the fun. You're welcomed on Little Torch Key (about 45 minutes north of Key West) by friendly staff who take your luggage and give you a refreshing cocktail before you board *The Truman*, a striking reproduction of a '30s motor yacht.

Once on the island, a brief tour ensues — brief because the island is just big enough for the resort itself, yet roomy enough to ensure that each guest can achieve a sense of solitude. Little Palm Island Resort offers the convenience and safety of the United States, yet gives off a distinctly non-U.S. vibe.

A collection of 30 or so private bungalow suites mark the accommodations (and assure that a maximum of 60 guests may inhabit the island at any one time — yes, you must leave the kids at home — yay!). Dramatic thatched roofs blend with swaying palm trees to create unrivaled ambiance. The exterior of the bungalows is deceiving: Inside, elegant furnishings, fine linens, and luxe amenities quickly remind you that pampering has commenced. Each residence features breathtaking ocean views and private outdoor lounging areas. If bathing outside is your jam, you'll love the private outdoor shower — and you'll go crazy for the exclusive coconut-and-mango-scented amenities. Missing are phones and TVs. You'll thank the resort for this. As lovely as your bungalow may be, you'll quickly want to explore. Don't be shocked to bump into tiny key deer — they belong here and are protected given their status as endangered.

For those who get antsy to stay active, there's no shortage of watersport options, including snorkeling, diving, sea planing, dolphin



encounters, eco-tours and, naturally, angling of every sort. In fact, I was assured that if I caught something edible, the kitchen would willingly cook it for me. Uninspired (but impressed) by this feature, I opted for a few hours of lounging on one of the island's many beaches.

Luckily, I chose one in proximity to the generously sized Palapa Bar and nearby pool. Inventive tropical cocktails packed enough of a punch to lull me into some much-needed relaxation. They also triggered hunger. This was a welcome sensation that was quickly sated by mouthwatering ceviche (while at Little Palm, I had at least three varieties, each more delicious than the last, and all fresh from the sea). We'll get back to the food.

Nestled in the center of the resort are a couple of noteworthy features. First, the enormous (and thusly named) Great Room. Tucked in the palms and surrounded by stunning ocean views, this living area is the perfect place to escape the sun for reading, playing a game, or relaxing on the decks. If you get the shakes from Anderson Cooper withdrawals, this is where you'll also find the only television on the island.

Nearby is SpaTerre, the signature spa of Noble House Hotels & Resorts. Given the diminutive size of the island, you might think the spa would have limitations. You'd be wrong. From exotic four-hands massage to cutting-edge CBD treatments using luxurious macadamia nut oil and organic vanilla to exclusive body rituals using sustainably sourced seaweed, the treatments here lift every weight of the world or simply uplift. There's something for everyone and every need.

While nothing on the island disappoints, dining is the *pièce de résistance*. A private table for two on the beach to take in the famous key sunset? No problem. Perhaps you'd enjoy firmer ground but open air: plenty of room on the deck. If getting indoors is more to your liking, that will work too. Read: There's no shortage of places to dine and, regardless of your choice, the views and general ambiance are beyond comparison. You may even opt for a meal in your bungalow. It all can be arranged.

Little Palm has been recognized as the "Best Hotel Dining in Florida" and rated No. 3 in the United States by Zagat. Zagat described The Dining Room as "extraordinary to perfection" in every category: food, décor, and service.

And then there's the food. The gastronomy is unrivaled and there's something for everyone. From fresh-from-the-sea entrées to exquisite cuts of beef and pork to an array of options for vegetarians and vegans, there's nothing the kitchen can't do. While we've established that the cocktails are A+, so is the extensive and varied wine list. I myself was thrilled to find a rare bottle.

After dinner you'll likely want to retire after making your way along the crushed seashell paths. Or perhaps you'll pop into a romantic alcove, where, among the hammocks swaying softly and the lull of gentle waves you'll make a proposal or reaffirm an affection.

Eventually you'll find your way back to your intimate bungalow where you'll reflect on the joy of a no-fuss vacation.

Little Palm Island Resort & Spa

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FIVE STAR LUXURY IN PUERTO RICO

ST. REGIS BAHIA BEACH RESORT

BY INNA DESILVA



After a fifteen-year absence, I wanted to visit Puerto Rico with my family who had never been to the “Island of Enchantment.” We went during spring break in April of this year. The island was incredibly busy: partly because it had strict health protocols, partly because it is Caribbean, yet part of the United States. Old San Juan is one of the world’s most beautiful spots. It’s Seville, Spain, meets Atlantic Ocean. The narrow streets are lined in Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture. An amazing castle and incredible restaurants make it a great place to spend two nights. On day three, we were ready to relax and be surrounded by nature. And there is no better place than St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort, which sits on 483 pristine acres between the El Yunque National Forest and Espiritu Santo River State Preserve.

The resort, and its surrounding land, is owned by the billionaire John Paulson. Paulson invested heavily in Puerto Rico many years ago and is well known in the Hamptons for his philanthropic donations out East. One example is the emergency room at Southampton Hospital named after Paulson and his wife, Jenny.

The St. Regis is only a 45-minute ride from San Juan, but it might as well be another planet. If you’re lucky enough to book an ocean-front room, which I highly recommend, you can relax in the chaise lounge on your terrace while listening to lapping waves. You can also

enjoy private dining for gourmet breakfasts and yummy dinners. The resort boasts 139 rooms and suites, promising tranquil seclusion. For those who are living large, try the Penthouse or the St. Regis Suite.

The property has an in-house marine biologist and a green team who are happy to provide guests with bespoke nature trips and kayaking. Kids love the personalized nature adventures. The St. Regis also boasts a golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. With 65 percent of the property preserved as green areas, sanctuaries, and nature trails, the resort adheres to the highest standards of environmental sustainability and conservation. The resort is also home to the Caribbean’s first and only Certified Gold Audubon International Signature Sanctuary.

The resort’s dining features Paros, the best Greek restaurant on the island, and Iridium, a fabulous spa. I enjoyed my first body scrub in over a year and then relaxed afterward in their tranquil garden.

Mainland Americans are taking advantage of intact tax breaks to invest in the resort’s Ocean Drive Residences, new homes that face either the ocean or golf course. The residences have their own facilities, including a restaurant, pools, and golf course.

Enjoy this amazing place and please note they are sold out most weekends this summer.

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A SOUTH FORK IN THE ROAD

WINE, DINE, AND SLUMBER IN THE HAMPTONS

BY KAREN HOLLY BERLINER

Route 27, aka Montauk Highway and Main Street and other names too, depending on your exact location, will bring you through the town of East Hampton's Wainscott, East Hampton Village, Amagansett, Napeague, and Montauk. This part of the Hamptons is home to luxury hotels, historical inns, boutiques, top-notch restaurants, cultural attractions, and a landmark windmill or two, and, of course, beautiful beaches.



The Baker House 1650

THE MILLHOUSE INN, EAST HAMPTON



Enter and be instantly engaged by the welcoming staff poised to pamper you and see to your needs and fancies. The inn offers both large rooms and suites, each individually designed, some with a fireplace. Prepare to soak in your claw-footed tub and perhaps hear the occasional faint sound of a passing train, an unexpected retro lullaby. Mornings here are about breakfast, as the menu offers a variety of tasty choices such as signature wheat pancakes, fluffy and dusted with powdered sugar and cinnamon, or the yogurt and berry parfait with granola and more additions to add crunch and texture. The freshly brewed coffee and tea selections are made to order, and can be enjoyed anywhere you please, perhaps on your own private wooden deck or snuggled in your bed's luxe linens. The inn also provides delicious inn-baked snacks as a gift. Open year round.

THE BAKER HOUSE 1650, EAST HAMPTON



Dating back to the earliest settlers of the Village of East Hampton, this particularly charming locale is seasoned with hundreds of years of history. But no worries — this boutique hotel is stocked to the brim with contemporary enhancements such as flat screen TVs, Bose stereos with iPod docks, and mini-bars. L'Occitane toiletries, Frette towels and robes, two-person Jacuzzi tubs, and antique claw-footed tubs add touches of luxury. Most bedrooms have cozy wood-burning fireplaces to add to the ambiance if you visit after the summer season. This inn features a great room with a large fireplace, an ideal place for relaxing before or after dinner. Enjoy a full breakfast each

morning, either in the charming breakfast room or outside in the English garden. Continental breakfast can be delivered to your room, along with your choice of morning paper. Near the garden is an infinity-edge swimming pool surrounded by teak chaise lounges. Drinks are served from a well-stocked bar, including a selection of wines by the glass, half-bottle, and bottle. The onsite Baker Spa has a Jacuzzi, steam shower and sauna and offers a variety of massages, and more. Guests receive a parking permit for the East Hampton Village ocean beach, beach chairs, towels, and umbrellas. The Baker Carriage House, located directly behind the main house, is an additional sprawling lodging space, with charm galore.

THE PALM, EAST HAMPTON

The Palm restaurant at The Hunting Inn (another historical landmark nestled in the heart of Main Street in East Hampton) is where you can reliably expect consistently top-notch hospitality and fine fare. Favorite appetizers are lobster bisque made with fresh lobster meat, cream, and sherry and old school oysters Rockefeller. Enjoy a hearty portion of plump and juicy scallops, filet mignon, or prime New York strip steak, or order a classic surf and turf steak and grilled half lobster. Afterward, enjoy an after-dinner drink or two at the bar before you retire for the night. Nobody is rushing you out the door.

The Palm



Rita Cantina



RITA CANTINA, EAST HAMPTON

The chef Eric Miller, who owned popular Bay Kitchen and Bar, has now turned his efforts and expertise to Rita Cantina, featuring modern Mexican food. Crescent Farms duck carnitas with butter lettuce wraps, guacamole and salsa; local harvest fluke with pickled cabbage slaw and crema; and lamb barbacoa taco name a few. The vibrant menu features a range of ceviches, tacos, quesadillas, slow-cooked birria, and large plates with fresh, locally sourced ingredients from East End purveyors like Multi Aquaculture System and Gosman's Dock and independent local fishermen. The seafood ceviche with fluke, scallops, squid, shrimp, habanero, and pomegranate is outstanding. If you are more of a carnivore, the Niman Ranch short ribs birria are braised in adobo sauce and consommé and the Crescent Farms duck carnitas with butter lettuce wraps, guacamole, and salsa satisfies. The local market catch whole fish roasted on cedar with citrus is simple and delicious. To complement these fine dishes, the bar menu features various tequilas and mezcal. Rita Cantina's bottled cocktails include tried-and-true recipes updated and ready to go. Enjoy frozen margaritas, spicy margaritas, and a margarita of the week featuring in-season ingredients. Rita Cantina also sells branded retail merchandise and a treasure trove of to-go bundles, perfect for a beach picnic. Signature picnic bags with margaritas, tacos, and more are available as well as "bonfire bags" containing Mexican chocolate, house-made graham crackers, marshmallows, and house-made drinks.



Moby's

MOBY'S, EAST HAMPTON

Moby's returns for its ninth season. Four acres include indoor and outdoor seating, a covered patio, a private courtyard, and a bocce court. Stay tuned for the soon-to-open Moby's Market that will serve cafe-style breakfast and lunch. The market will also offer a curated selection of beachside essentials, apparel, and housewares. Moby's features a coastal Italian menu, including its signature wood-fired pizza, pasta, seafood and seasonal vegetable dishes. Menu offerings include such delightful options as soppressata pizza with red onion, tomato, mozzarella, and olives.

IL BUCO AL MARE, EAST HAMPTON

Featuring local choice seafood and farm-to-table produce along with a menu inspired by Bottega il Buco in Ibiza, Spain, this restaurant is a true dining experience. Ingredients include



il Buco al Mare

healthy ancient grain focaccia and imported tinned fish. Food is cooked in a wood-burning oven, and a boutique wine list enhances the menu. Inventive dishes such as tuna cheek sashimi with colatura and citrus or blistered prawns with Fresno chili and ginger make for unique menu options. Cocktails such as Rome with a View (campari, dry vermouth, lime and soda) are whimsically named and refreshing. Wines from a variety of countries and regions allow for sublime pairing. Delicious desserts range from a panna cotta with 10-year-old balsamic vinegar to mint chocolate ice cream. The restaurant offers al fresco dining in its backyard garden and front patio on Main Street that connects the restaurant to its retail store, il Buco Vita.

The store offers a coffee bar and merchandise from salts, vinegars, and olive oils to home goods and fashion. In addition to the artisan home line of il Buco Vita, the exclusive decoupage collection by John Derian is showcased, along with some of his antique pieces as well as the sculpture and jewelry of New York's renowned Jill Platner. Il Buco Vita also carries the handmade organic ceramics of Lana Kova. Picnic baskets are available for a perfect grab and go option.

ROSIE'S, AMAGANSETT

Located in the heart of Amagansett, Rosie's features an open dining area, a semi-private dining alcove and a bar, with ample outdoor seating. Rosie's signature brunch, which it calls "blunch," features house-baked pastries and bread, with an extensive and inventive espresso menu, rose or turmeric ginger latte, and standards like fresh drip. Rosie's house-made ice cream favorites are classic vanilla bean, salted chocolate, and pistachio. The beautifully designed bar was built to bring people together for revelry and shared experiences. The evening menu offers both light bites and full dinner options. Cocktails, wines, and craft beers are also available.



Rosie's

ROUNDTREE, AMAGANSETT

Opened in 2020, The Roundtree sits steps from the hamlet's quaint village and the ocean. The property includes modernized historic cottages and a barn on two acres of manicured lawn and gardens. Designer furnishings create a sleek and airy atmosphere. One-, two-, and three-bedroom accommodations set in private cottages feature large living areas decorated with works of the beaches, bays, and woods of Long Island by Alexander Eberle, a local photographer. Seasonal amenities and activities include bikes beach gear, yoga, afternoon tea, and evening s'mores around fire pits.

THE CLAM BAR, NAPEAGUE

The Clam Bar with its summery atmosphere is perfect for a quick but satisfying meal. Enjoy its casual, seaside vibe that features tables with umbrellas, and a bar area that looks into the open kitchen. The clams and oysters here are iced and tasty. The overstuffed lobster roll is signature and popular, as are the plump and perfectly seasoned fried clams. Burgers, hot dogs, and salads are available too. A slice of key lime pie finishes your meal nicely.



The Clam Bar



Roundtree

MORTY'S OYSTER STAND, MONTAUK

Morty's Oyster Stand captures you immediately with its relaxed, open, and airy set up. The team behind Morty's menu are Eric Miller, culinary director; Richard Biondo, chef de cuisine; and Annmarie Sagoi, beverage director. The indoor and outdoor dining space features navy cedar shingles and pale grey accents throughout the area. The inside walls are papered in French toile with iconic local images. The menu here is all about sustainable, freshly caught East Coast seafood. Some appetizer options are tuna poke nachos piled high with chunks of fresh tuna and calamari and seafood fritti, complemented with peppers with a bit of sass. One-and-a-half pound lobster, local fish, American waxy marinated skirt steak, frozen cocktails, specialty concoctions, craft beers, and wine offer a variety of perfect options. Fiddler's Green (tequila, celery, lime, and chartreuse) or Morty's Blush Froze (vodka, rosé, grapefruit) are a small sampling of delicious options that round out the menu.

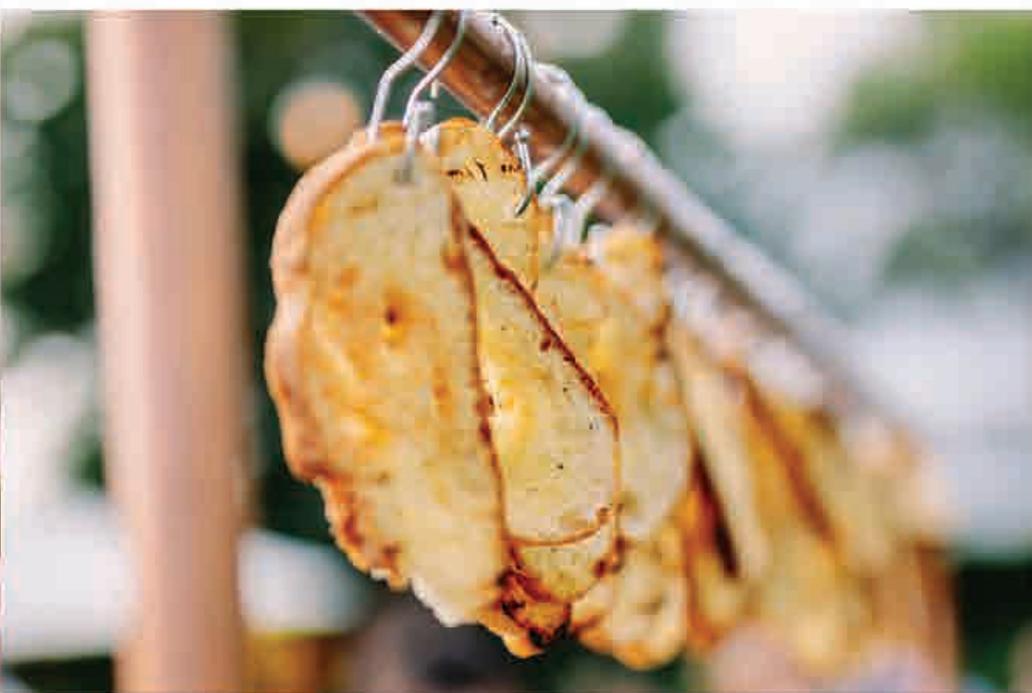


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TEQUILA TOASTING TIME

BY SHARON ROTH

The Big Fourth takes on new meaning this year, as we celebrate our (semi) liberation and finally reunite with friends and family in person. What better way to toast our newfound return to some normalcy than with one of our favorites — tequila.

Aside from its smooth, nutty, medium-weight texture that lacks the wintery richness of scotch but is not as light as vodka — making it an ideal libation for all seasons — tequila is considered one of the healthiest of spirits. Some experts even go so far as to say drinking tequila is good for you (beyond how many new friends we make while drinking it). Here are some of the cited reasons why:

Tequila . . .

- Is good for bones.
- Boosts digestion.
- Controls blood sugar and promotes weight loss. (Ok — blood sugar maybe. Weight loss I must question.)
- Aids sleep
- Is a probiotic
- Numbs pain (That one we already knew!)

Health myth or no, all seem to agree that tequila overall seems to be one of the safer choices for waistline maintenance. So let's go . . . here are a few options for your summer imbibing variety:



The Perfectomundo Watermelon

Not so skinny — but delightfully aromatic and beautifully photographable. Fruity with a hint of smoke, the Perfectomundo Watermelon is a perfect accent for summer beach barbecues.

Ingredients:

- 1 oz. Cointreau
- 2 oz. Perfectomundo Tequila
- 1 oz. fresh lime juice
- ½ oz. grilled watermelon syrup
- ½ oz. fresh grapefruit juice

First, we need watermelon syrup — and put some good music on because this one takes a few minutes: Take your watermelon, shake it to your tunes (ok, that part's optional), cut into slices and grill until both sides of the watermelon have grill marks. After letting it cool, blend with simple syrup (1:1) and then strain. Add all ingredients to shaker with ice. Shake and strain over ice into rocks glass rimmed in Tajín-salt (3:1 Tajín to kosher salt), or your favorite spiced salt. Garnish with lime, drink!



Orange Strawberry Moon Fiesta

If you missed the exquisite June Strawberry moon from Gurney's fire pit, drink the below under July's Buck Moon and August's Sturgeon Moon. All will work equally well for this tart, jewel-toned refresher:

Ingredients:

- 1½ oz. Tequila Avión
- ¾ oz. Cointreau orange liqueur
- 1 oz. blood orange juice
- ½ part fresh sour mix
- Strawberries and orange twists for garnish

Directions:

Very complicated: Put all ingredients except garnish in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake, strain, garnish, drink — and enjoy!



Skinny Margarita

To make our tequila even healthier, drink it this way. Light and invigorating:

Ingredients

- 1 oz. añejo tequila
- 1 oz. Cointreau
- ½ oz. lime juice
- 1 pinch pink Himalayan salt
- Lemon or lime flavored seltzer

Directions:

Pour first four ingredients into a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously until condensation forms. Pour into your favorite glass — this cocktail deserves it — and top with seltzer. True to its name, the Skinny is very low in sugar for guilt-free enjoyment.

And there we have it. You know the rest: Put your toes in the sand, prepare your libation of choice, and drink up to a healthy, safe and joyous Fourth.

PROFILES

MARIANNE E. BERTUNA & ARTHUR AIDALA

POWERHOUSE NYC LEGAL COUPLE

BY BENNETT MARCUS

NOW ON THE EAST END

Attorney Marianne E. Bertuna has been with the New York City law firm Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins for nearly two decades, becoming a partner and marrying Arthur Aidala, the firm's founder, along the way. Bertuna and the firm's other partners all have deep roots in the Hamptons. Now Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins has opened an office in Southampton. "I've been representing clients out here for 20 years but never had an office, and it was time," she says. Having been a summer resident in Southampton for over 25 years. The East End is truly her second home and a community for which she cares deeply. A significant reason for opening the office now is many of their clients have been spending most of their time on the East End, working remotely. Now they can meet with clients in Southampton year-round. "I have always had roots here.



Arthur Aidala and Marianne Bertuna

REAL ESTATE, DWI, FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS

Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins is known for its litigation practice, representing high-profile clients like Rudy Giuliani, Alan Dershowitz, and Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. In addition, Bertuna specializes in transactional real estate matters, estate law, and knows her way around the criminal courthouses of the East End. With the Hamptons housing market in overdrive, Bertuna's real estate practice has increased tenfold over the last year, with so many people building or buying second homes. Her criminal practice had been quieter. Because nobody was allowed to go anywhere, not as many people were getting into trouble. As things are opening, that's changing. "My vehicular crime practice, which includes DWI, is busy again. People are driving and going out; restaurants and bars are open."

LAWRENCE TAYLOR & ABE HIRSCHFELD

While she does work on the firm's high-profile cases like those of Lawrence Taylor and Abe Hirschfeld, Bertuna emphasizes that they typically represent many people who have been arrested for the first time: younger people heading to college or in college or graduate school, and professionals like accountants, teachers, firefighters, or lawyers facing legal issues that can create academic or career problems.

NEW YORK MAGAZINE: TOP ATTORNEY LIST

Bertuna knows that her years of litigation and defending clients have made her the perfect advocate for her clients in real estate transactions. "It is important to have someone by your side who will ensure that not only the big-ticket items in the contract are accounted for but also the fine details which are often the most important to a client." Bertuna has been featured in *New York Magazine* as a top attorney in the real estate world. She has closed multi-million-dollar homes on the East End for close to two decades.

AIDALA, BERTUNA & KAMINS

Bertuna first began at the law firm as an intern when she was a first-year student at New York Law School. She knows that hard work and dedication to her practice have contributed to her success. After graduating, she joined Aidala's firm and built its real estate practice, and she also created a niche in surrogate court work. She and Aidala married in 2016 and have a young son, and yes, she admits with a laugh, they do talk about work at home. "But we enjoy what we do and so it never feels like a job.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY & HONORS

Bertuna has been recognized as one of the top 100 attorneys by the National Academy for DUI Defense and has been recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine. She was named a member of 2021 Lawyers of Distinction in Real Estate Law. Bertuna is a graduate of Georgetown University. She is a past president of the Columbian Lawyers Association, a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association, and a member of the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee.



Hon. Barry Kamins, Marianne Bertuna, Arthur Aidala



Aidala, Bertuna and Kamins PC Team

MEET LEGAL EAGLE ARTHUR AIDALA

Fox News, Court TV, MSNBC, & New York 1.

You may recognize Arthur Aidala, as he has appeared on television for years as a legal commentator analyzing complex cases for Fox News as well as Court TV, MSNBC, Fox 5, and New York 1. Aidala is one of New York's top criminal defense attorneys, taking on some of the most high-profile cases making headlines in recent years, including those of Rudy Giuliani, Alan Dershowitz, and Roger Ailes.

PRO-BONO FOR BRIGITTE HARRIS

This husband-and-wife legal power couple and their team successfully defended the NFL Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor, who was accused of sexual misconduct. Another famous case that they took on pro-bono and won despite long odds was that of Brigitte Harris, who killed her father after he had abused her for years. Yet another was the crane operator in the fatal 2008 collapse in Midtown Manhattan. *Crain's New York Business* called Aidala a "master of defense" and "the go-to lawyer for those in big trouble."

WANTED TO BECOME AN ACTOR

Aidala did not originally want to pursue a career in law; he wanted to become an actor: He studied theater in college, but acting was not to be. Because his father, a Manhattan assistant district attorney, seemed to enjoy his work, Aidala followed in his father's footsteps, beginning his law career as a prosecutor. "Shortly after joining the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, I got to fulfill my theatrical dreams by writing, producing, directing, and starring in my summations at the end of trials," Aidala says, laughing. "When you're on a trial and you're in front of twelve jurors, one of the challenges is to hold their attention. And a lot of the theater skills that I learned about body-positioning and voice intonations have helped me in front of jurors and judges throughout the years."

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

That theatrical training no doubt comes in handy for his frequent television appearances, where he's often invited to analyze cases like the shooting and riots in Ferguson, Missouri; the Boston Marathon terrorist bombing; and Supreme Court decisions, such as the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act and same-sex marriage.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

Aidala did not become a lawyer to gain wealth. "Anyone who becomes an assistant district attorney doesn't do it for wealth or fame. That office was one of my initial forays in the profession, and I loved it," he says. "And I had tremendous role models there regarding ethics and morals and values." His father, with whom Aidala worked after starting his firm, and the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia are among the mentors who inspired his passion for service.

PRESIDENT OF THE BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION

During his 25+ years practicing law, Aidala has been a pillar of the legal community, both locally and nationally. A past president of the Brooklyn Bar Association, he has served on the boards of numerous other groups in the field and has been honored by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club, and the Guild for Exceptional Children, among others. He often appears as an invited speaker at local and state bar associations and has lectured at Harvard Law School alongside Professor Alan Dershowitz.

DEAN OF THE FRIARS CLUB

Aidala, who is now the Dean of the Friars Club, has two children and is an avid gardener. His law practice, TV appearances, and even cooking for family and friends all have one thing in common: people. "I love talking to people and hearing their stories. I'm very much a people person."

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BURKE'S LAW

IN THEIR BLOOD

BY JACOB PUCK



Joseph Burke, Denise Burke O'Brien, Edward D. Burke Jr., and seated, Hon. Edward D. Burke Sr.

When one thinks of the word “dynasty,” many grandiose and powerful names come to mind: Carrington, Murdoch, Ming. For the Hamptons set, another name is just as powerful: Burke.

“The legal profession is in our blood and, like the custodians of fine art or a superb bottle of wine, our family has done its best to protect and grow our brand,” says Eddie Burke, Jr. The entire family has made it their mission to continue to advance the name and reputation of the East End legal powerhouse that is the Burkes. Today, they comprise Judge Edward Burke Sr., Denise Burke, Joseph Burke and, of course, Eddie.

Since 1970, a Burke has held the prestigious position of Southampton Town Justice, State Superior Court Justice, Suffolk District Attorney, or Southampton Town Attorney. One can easily understand why they have become the go-to lawyers in the Hamptons. They continue to service their clients with a tremendous work ethic, immense knowledge of the law, and a commitment to the communities they serve.

And, watch out: The trend is set to continue with a third

generation of Burke attorneys currently being groomed. “Let’s just say that we’ve passed our passion for law on to the kids, and the Hamptons is an incredible venue to practice our expertise,” says Burke.

The Burke skill set continues to specialize in criminal, negligence, and real estate law. When Eddie talks about what sets his firm apart, he knows that it is more than legal representation that people seek — it is an attorney with a deep understanding of the jurisdiction and the nuances of the legal framework within it. “Our philosophy is two-fold: First, provide an aggressive legal representation that includes attention to detail, focusing on the strengths of

your case; second, exploit the weaknesses in the other party’s or prosecutor’s case,” he says. Those who know Eddie might add a third or fourth fold to this philosophy — his notable empathy for his clients, and his acquired understanding for the peculiarities of legal work in the Hamptons.

The Burkes have been involved in several high-profile cases as well as several high-verdict negligence cases. They have been the topic of articles and discussions in national media ranging from the *New York Times* and *Vanity Fair* to Court TV News, the *Sag Harbor Express*, and legal documentaries. “We have built a very solid reputation by striving to be the best attorneys possible and by being good people who will always do what is best for our clients,” says Eddie. “A firm is built one client at a time, and 50 years of clients has given us a law firm that we are very proud of. We look forward to many more years of service.”

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ASAF GERMAN

THE TAKEOVER

BY ROLISE RACHEL

Asaf German, one of New York's most respected, influential, and connected real estate attorneys has expanded to the Southern Florida real estate market with Black Rock Title Group. German has become a go-to real estate attorney in New York City and all areas of Long Island from the Gold Coast to the East End, and now his reputation will follow him to Florida.

German and his partners, Ian Chaiken and Michelle Silverman, who are both well respected, ultra-experienced Florida-licensed attorneys, formed Black Rock Title Group. Black Rock prides itself on personalized, concierge, white-glove service in all aspects of residential, commercial, and settlement/lending real estate transactions. Black Rock has already secured an impressive list of real estate companies, lenders, investors, and companies as clients.

German says, "Your title company must be razor sharp and be ready to navigate and focus on the importance of providing quality service to its client in a timely manner." German has established a name for himself in the New York real estate industry through integrity, commitment to top-notch customer service, and to his firm belief in teamwork. "I didn't get here by myself. My staff and team have always played an essential role in establishing who we are today and who we will continue to be in the future," says German.

These fundamental principles along with deep experience in the title, closing, and settlement fields are integral to the day-to-day operations of a successful business.

With its attorney partners having over 47 years of experience in the real estate industry, Black Rock prides itself on integrity, experience, expediency, and great communication. Black Rock brings the best of the best together, and its three



Photography by Lenny Stucker

partners, who are well versed in South Florida's trends, are ready to establish the company as a title/closing/settlement company like no other.

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DIRECTOR AUSTIN STARK

THE GOD COMMITTEE

BY BENNETT MARCUS



The Runner | Ciera Payton, Nicolas Cage, Austin Stark

STARRING: KELSEY GRAMMER, JULIA STILES & NICOLAS CAGE

When Austin Stark offered Kelsey Grammer a supporting role in his movie *The God Committee* (in theaters now), Grammer turned the tables, requesting instead to play the lead role. But it wasn't an ego trip; after reading the script, the *Frasier* star fell for the lead character. "Kelsey called me and said it was an amazing script that resonated with him, but that he could play the supporting role of Father Dunbar in his sleep. He thought it would be interesting if he played Dr. Boxer," says Stark, who wrote, directed, and produced the film about an organ-transplant committee with one hour to decide which of three patients deserves a life-saving heart. Grammer felt the role would be different from any he'd done before.

Upon reflection Stark realized it was a great fit. "I wasn't thinking about Kelsey for Dr. Boxer in the beginning, but it's very interesting, because now it's hard for me to imagine anybody else playing him."

TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

The film, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in June, also stars Julia Stiles, Colman Domingo, Janeane Garofalo, and Dan Hedaya. The action is set both in 2014 and 2021, when the committee members choose a recipient and then struggle seven years later with the consequences of their fateful decision. A true story about a wealthy man in desperate need of a liver transplant bribing a hospital for the organ captured Stark's imagination, and a powerful play by Mark St. Germain that offers a comprehensive look into the organ transplant system were the inspirations. The fact that biotech companies are attempting to solve the worldwide organ shortage provided another dimension.

Though it was shot before the pandemic, the film eerily resonates in the current circumstances. "The film asks the question: Is it justifiable to sacrifice one life to save many? That question has always been relevant, but in light of Covid, it may remind us of various situations, from who gets a ventilator to

who first gets a vaccine, hospital beds, etcetera,” says Stark. “The film explores the relevance and usefulness of medical intervention and that’s certainly something we’ve heard a lot about over the past year.”

THE HAMPTONS FILM FESTIVAL

Stark debuted his very first film, a short called *Wrong Number*, at the Hamptons Film Festival back in 2004. A New York native, he studied English with a concentration in film at Georgetown University. “By my sophomore year in college, I knew I was going to be in film,” he says. He started out working for the late, legendary *Chicago* producer Marty Richards, who’d seen some of Stark’s short films and hired him to write a couple of scripts. That early gig proved invaluable. “Working with Marty gave me experience that I’ve used throughout my entire career. He was a very intelligent man, and a kind man as well.”

PAPER STREET FILMS ADRIEN BRODY, MARK RUFFALO & WILLEM DAFOE

The projects with Richards did not ultimately become movies, and that’s one of the reasons that Stark co-founded his own production company, Paper Street Films, with two life-long friends, in 2007. “I didn’t want to have to rely on anybody but myself to make films.” His producing credits include *Infinitely Polar Bear*, for which Mark Ruffalo earned a Golden Globe nomination; *Detachment*, starring Adrien Brody, Christina Hendricks, and James Caan; *HAPPYTHANKYOUMOREPLEASE*, with Josh Radnor and Malin Åkerman; and *My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done*, starring Michael Shannon and Willem Dafoe.

SARAH PAULSON, PETER FONDA & NICOLAS CAGE

Stark is known for films highlighting social issues; in addition to the organ transplant system, he’s taken on bipolar disorder. His first feature as writer/director, in 2015, was *The Runner*, about a Louisiana oil spill, starring Nicolas Cage, Sarah Paulson, and Peter Fonda.

He didn’t know Cage very well before the shoot, so he had no idea what to expect. When Cage showed up on set in New Orleans, he had put on some weight purposefully for the role, something they had discussed months before. “I think what surprised me most was that he knew every line, had every motivation ingrained, and it was really interesting to see how hard the guy worked,” says Stark. “I was not expecting that from Cage. I mean, he’s an eccentric guy; he’s very cool, but I didn’t realize how prepared he would be, and that kind of blew me away.”



Austin Stark, with girlfriend, Daria Pahhota

DIRECTING, WRITING & NEW BABY

At this point in his career, Stark is mainly focused on directing, but he prefers to write the films that he directs. “I believe it gives me deeper insight into the material.” While sprinting to the finish line bringing his new movie to audiences, Stark became a first-time father. His daughter was born just three months ago. “That’s certainly a new experience. She’s beautiful and healthy, and it’s quite a trip,” he says. “And certainly, like with this film *The God Committee*, it has given me a whole different perspective, and made it more meaningful to explore life-and-death decisions.

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'GLEEM'-ING BEAUTY FROM EAR TO EAR

MARLENE WALLACH: QUEEN OF ALL THINGS BEAUTY

BY CECILIA BLOOM

Marlene Wallach is one of those rare jewels of a person who shines brightly when you see her, whether from across a room or sitting right next to you. She has a warm and beautiful light that emanates from within. She gleems. So, it's no wonder that this smart and savvy former president and founder of Wilhelmina Kids & Teens and Wilhelmina Creative Management is known as the queen of all things beauty. "A proponent of self-care and self-beauty, Marlene was an early leader in the industry, promoting self-esteem and beauty from within to her community of models," explained the American actress and model Aitana Rinab, a familiar face on Netflix.



WILHELMINA MODELING AGENCY

While working at the Wilhelmina Modeling Agency, Marlene noticed that even the most gorgeous models who strutted confidently down the runway while all dolled up had noticeably lower levels of self-esteem when their skin was visible without make-up. That's when an idea took flight and Marlene set on a steadfast mission to learn all she could about skin science. She earned certifications in esthetics, acne-care, and LED light therapy. She even worked in a med-spa to gain hands-on treatment experience. And finally, she developed products that would help heal and beautify all types of imperfect skin, especially tackling problems with hyperpigmentation and acne.

"Marlene always preached to her models how important it is to take good care of your skin, so it was no surprise when she released

Gleem Beauty."

AUTUMN GRECO

Former model and biomedical engineer at Columbia University



INTRODUCING GLEEM BEAUTY

The Gleem Beauty philosophy is simple. As Marlene says, “Whether you are strutting down the runway or walking down the street, feeling the gleem is what life is all about.” What makes the skincare line fabulous is that all Gleem Beauty products have a base of nutrient-rich aloe vera, used in healing for thousands of years. Even the legendary beauty Cleopatra is said to have used it in her beauty routine. Aloe vera is a rich source of amino acids, antioxidants, and minerals that help protect, hydrate, and heal your skin. Its antibacterial properties help reduce the presence of acne-producing bacteria and its naturally present salicylic acid is an exfoliant that can help to unclog pores. It is generally good for all skin types, including skin of color. “We use a concentrated, organic, clinical-grade aloe vera in all Gleem products, and we don’t keep it a secret,” shares Marlene.

GORGEOUS SKIN FOR SUMMER

Social Life editors have tried scores of products in preparation for our summer issues and hands down the Gleem Beauty dynamic duo is our favorite. RxFoliant leave-on mask and the Soft Immersion moisturizer work together for powerful results. Talk about heavenly soft and supple skin. Just love them!

The Rxfoliant leave-on mask is a near-clinical grade chemical exfoliator that cleanses the skin of dead skin cells and promotes the production of collagen and elastin.

The Soft Immersion moisturizer is rich in emollients and humectants that lock in moisture. It leaves skin feeling more comfortable and looking smoother. And for those who experience chronic or seasonal dryness, sensitive skin, eczema or rosacea, this soothing aloe-based cream brings immediate relief. Trust us, get it.

► Check out gleembeauty.com or stop by Marlene’s pop up in Soho, at **437 Broadway**, between Grand and Howard Streets.



“Most people my age work out of necessity;
for me it is a calling.”

MARLENE WALLACH

We hear you have an adorable dog?

Trixie Wallach, a nine-pound Havanese, with big black spots, just had her 17th birthday, and we have been together for her whole lifetime. She is known in the modeling business because I used to take her everywhere with me and she also had the role of mascot at Wilhelmina. At the agency, I would often be seen showing off Trixie’s comp card and bragging to anyone that would listen that she was the fit model for Ralph Lauren Pup Shop. These days Trixie spends her retirement doing what she loves: at the beach running after the waves.

What motivated you to write *The Official Book of Me*?

I had written a collection of lifestyle books for Simon & Schuster — *My Style, My Life, My Beauty* — all oriented to leading a healthy and confident life. I thought it was important for young women to have a guide to life with answers to some questions they were afraid to ask. *The Official Book of Me*, available for purchase on Amazon, followed several years later with highlights from the earlier collection.

Marlene Wallach, Instagram [@gleem_beauty](https://www.instagram.com/gleem_beauty)

YOGA PANT NATION

THIRD BOOK IN THE CLASS MOM SERIES BY LAURIE GELMAN

BY LILLIAN LANGTRY

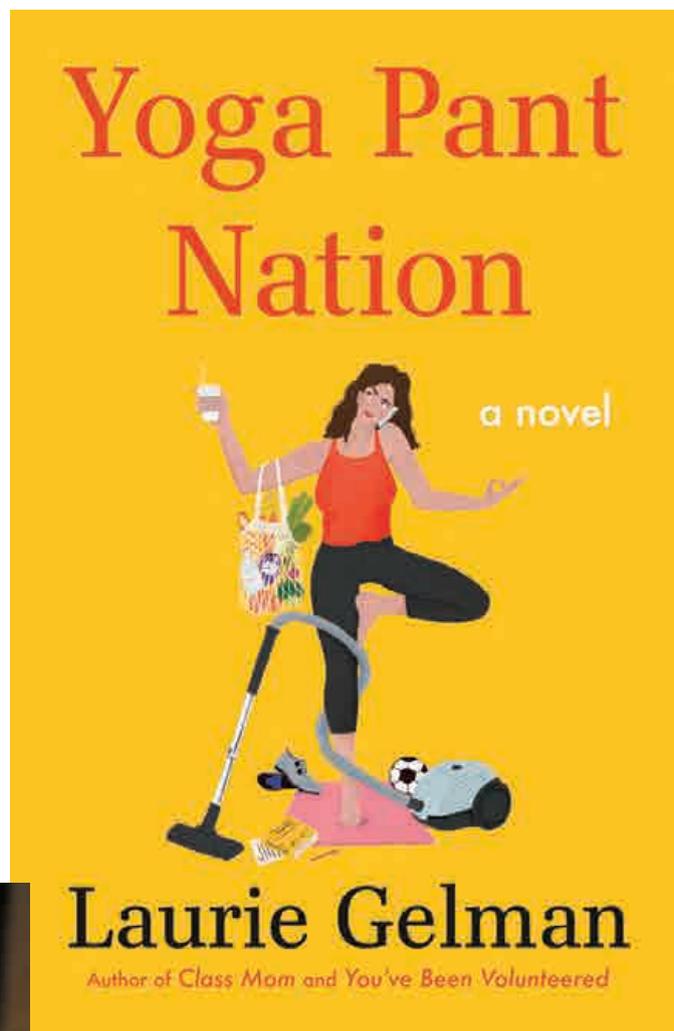
The hilarious and irreverent Jen Dixon is class mom—again—in *Yoga Pant Nation* (Henry Holt and Company; 978-1-2507-7757-7; July 13, 2021; \$26.99; Hardcover) by Laurie Gelman. And Jen's final year as class mom is a breeze until the PTA president asks her to champion the school's annual fundraiser, a notoriously challenging job which, as we know, is right up Jen's alley.

It's pretty much mayhem as Jen deals with a temperamental fundraising committee, the Hindenburg of bake sales, and countless other natural and unnatural disasters that deter her from reaching her goal of raising \$10,000. She is also dealing with her ten-year-old son Max, who may or may not be a fifth-grade bully.

But outside of William Taft Elementary, Jen's life is good, even if she and her daughter Vivs don't see eye-to-eye on the whole parenting thing. She's a grandma for the first time to two-year-old Maude who is, by Jen's description, "delightful and delicious." And she's taking her love of spinning to the next level by attempting to become an instructor and finding an unlikely ally in her husband Ron's crazy ex-wife Cindy.

As ever, when life gets crazy, humor is Jen's best stress relief. Her acerbic emails to the class parents and friendly spars with her daughter over how organic is organic-enough for baby food will have readers laughing out loud and texting Jen's best lines to their friends.

Laurie Gelman was born and raised in the Great White North. She spent twenty-five years as a broadcaster in both Canada and the United States before trying her hand at writing novels. The author of *Class Mom* and *You've Been Volunteered*, Laurie has appeared on *Live with Kelly and Ryan*, *Watch What Happens Live*, and *The Talk*, among others.



She lives in New York City with her husband, Michael Gelman, and their two teenage daughters.

► *Yoga Pant Nation* and other publications by Laurie Gelman are available on hudsonbooksellers.com

GAWKER SLAYER

BY FAMED ATTORNEY CHARLES HARDER

By CECILLE LANGTRY



Charles Harder is a national litigation and trial attorney who practices in the areas of media law, First Amendment, defamation, privacy, reputation protection, entertainment, intellectual property, and business litigation.

Licensed to practice in California, New York, and the District of Columbia, Harder litigates cases in federal and state courts throughout the country, as

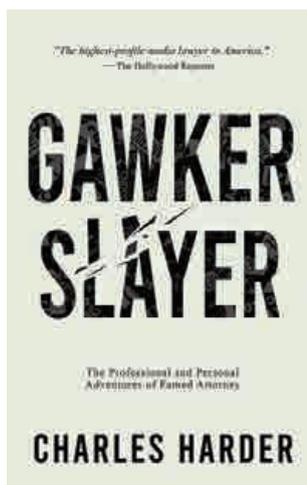
well as arbitrations and administrative proceedings. His experience includes matters in a variety of industries: from representing Fortune 500 companies to some of the most famous public figures in the world, including A-list film and television actors and producers, and several high-net-worth individuals.

Harder recently released his new book, *GAWKER SLAYER: The Professional and Personal Adventures of Famed Attorney CHARLES HARDER*. Dubbed “the highest-profile media lawyer in America” by *The Hollywood Reporter*, and “Hollywood’s favorite lawyer,” by *Financial Times*, Charles Harder tells his story for the first time. With *GAWKER SLAYER*, Harder takes readers on a journey of his biggest cases, including his landmark \$140-million trial-victory against Gawker Media on behalf of his client, Hulk Hogan — on the fifth anniversary of the famous trial verdict. The book intertwines fascinating narratives from Harder’s 25-year career as a high-profile media and entertainment attorney, with personal stories about his life, upbringing, and legal career, and also commentary on the media, law, and major topics of the day, including media bias, journalistic ethics, and cancel culture.

GAWKER SLAYER is about doing what’s necessary, sometimes through extraordinary measures, to protect fundamental rights, including free speech and free expression, and in the process protect individuals against the excesses of powerful media corporations, and promote responsibility and civility in society.

► For more information on Charles Harder, visit harderllp.com

► *GAWKER SLAYER* is available from amazon.com



SUPER LAWYER, RANDY ZELIN

GUIDES CLIENTS IN THE NEW WORLD

By PETER ELSTON



The New York criminal defense attorney and head of Wilk Auslander’s criminal law practice Randy Zelin is a leading legal expert in his field. In the year 2020, his highly sought-after practice became a top source for guidance and proper courtroom appearances despite the setbacks of the pandemic.

Zelin’s savvy recognition of the shifting courtroom setting has led to

his being on the forefront of understanding his clients’ needs. An in-depth perception and embracing of changing times is what has made him in demand.

And in this new world, it is more important than ever to have a strong lawyer like Zelin on your side. He has been named a New York Super Lawyer in consecutive years from 2011 through 2021; and has over 30 years of experience defending individual and corporate clients in both State and Federal Courts across the United States.

Zelin, who started his career as a prosecutor, has represented many types of business organizations, boards of directors, special committees, professionals, and individuals in all aspects of criminal, regulatory, self-regulatory, and civil matters, including frauds related to securities, banking, tax, customs, bankruptcy, and insurance to name a few. In other words, Zelin is a true trial lawyer, having built his career trying complex fraud and business crime cases.

He hasn’t been named a Super Lawyer for nothing; Zelin has successfully defended many high-profile cases. He received world-wide acclaim for his representation of the high-profile scion of an industrial dynasty, as he negotiated and obtained a dismissal of all criminal charges against his client before charges were ever filed in court. In another case, Zelin successfully defended a federal insider trading case where the government dismissed the case after the jury could not reach a verdict and a mistrial was declared. And most recently, Zelin negotiated the dismissal of criminal charges against Akbar Rogers, who was beaten, tased, and suffocated by Freeport Village police officers (including the mayor’s son) and then charged criminally as part of the cover-up of the officers’ wrongdoing.

When he is not in court or appearing in the media, Zelin is an adjunct professor of criminal law at Cornell University’s Law School, where he says he teaches “what really goes on in a federal criminal case.”

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CHUCK'S VINTAGE MEETS GOTHAM

BY ANTHONY MICHAEL

For those in the fashion know, a recent announcement was more than welcome news: Chuck's Vintage, an iconic California brand renowned among celebrity elite and fashion enthusiasts alike is heading to New York City. Setting up its new headquarters, with plans for a flagship retail outlet in North America's premier luxury district, Chuck's Vintage will soon become a New York City favorite.

James DiPrima, the proprietor, is probably best known these days as the president of Green Stream Finance, an investment firm focused on developing a number of shared community solar projects with an emphasis on the emerging cannabis industry and its evolution from electric to solar growing sources.

And this move for Chuck's Vintage is bittersweet and a labor of love for those who knew and worked with Madeline Cammarata. Less than a year ago, Madeline Cammarata, who founded both Chuck's and Green Stream Holdings, was lost to a sudden illness. "This is our way of not only keeping Madeline's legacy alive, but also growing the brand that she grew from the ground up and made into a sensation worldwide," said DiPrima in a recent interview. "I and everyone who knew and worked with Madeline want to share her passion and innovation with everyone."

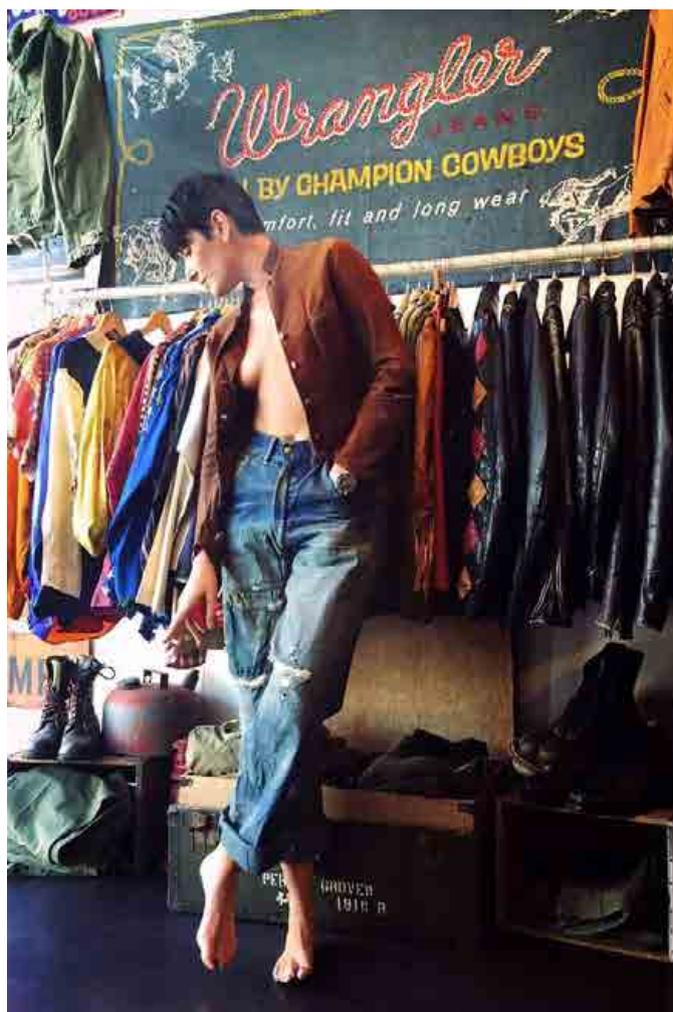
Established in 2006, Chuck's Vintage is a store unlike any other; it's a true American original. The moment you step over the threshold at 16618 Marquez Avenue, Pacific Palisades, you find yourself in the midst of abundant treasure. In fact, the selection of vintage denim has to be seen to be believed. The store's jeans range from Strongholds (worn in the gold rush mines of California) to Levi's, Lee's, and Wrangler's jeans dating to the World War II-era as well as 1960s ladies high-waisted and groovy deadstock Levi's bells.

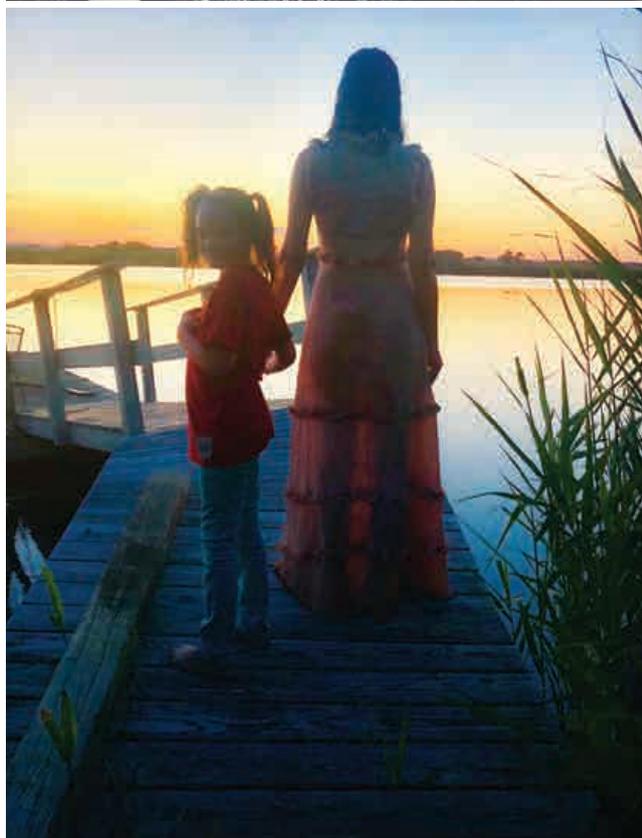
Madeline once sold a \$1 million pair of jeans (the most expensive ever sold). She was literally one-of-a-kind, even for Hollywood! DiPrima added: "Madeline was amazing at building brands, and I have been fortunate to bring my strong financial background to projects focused on renewable energy. Our hearts and our brains were completely in sync as we brought Chuck's to the next level; it truly was a perfect match on so many levels."

Despite some early bumps in the road, including a bad accident which left Madeline in poor health, she persevered, and continued to grow the businesses while focusing on her health, relying on her spouse for caring and comfort. "My husband, Vincent, has never left my side, not even as we have travelled all across the country and been to every doctor," Madeline told

Social Life in 2018 "This man has loved me unconditionally. My life, to me, is a real love story, and I don't think it's something that other people have experienced the way I have." In addition to her husband, Madeline is survived by her children from her first marriage, William and Emma Harmon. Now, her husband is focused primarily on his step-children and on growing his many businesses, but primarily on keeping Madeline's legacy alive through the new incarnation of Chuck's and to one day have Madeline's son, William, become the president of Chuck's Vintage.

Most people go to Chuck's for the denim, but they stick around and complete their look with the founder's sampling of vintage American workwear: rugged military and work boots; buttery leather bomber jackets; and soft, perfectly worn-in vintage '70s rock tees. Classic American Cool.





Madeline Cammarata (f.k.a. Madeline Harmon) hailed from an illustrious background in fashion. Her career began as a fashion model, and she was soon discovered by the iconic and provocative fashion photographer Helmet Newton, launching Cammarata onto the runways of Europe. Returning to the United States, Madeline found a powerful niche in the high-fashion world of denim, where she was instrumental in providing fabric development for powerful brands like 7 For All



Mankind and provided thousands of pieces to business and celebrity clients from Steve Jobs to Morrissey, Dolly Parton, and Robert Plant, and a multitude in between. “Not a day goes by that I’m not reminded of the incredible talent and commitment that Madeline brought to this business as well as to the industry overall,” says Vincent “I couldn’t be more thrilled to bring the brand closer to the Gotham set.”

Luke Lampasona, a fashion up-and-comer, will now be helping the new venture. Most recently the brain and the creative energy behind the emerging One of One brand, Lampasona cut his fashion chops at some of the most iconic brands in the world, including Barney’s. He’s also well known in the trendy New York City flea scene, where people have been scrambling to see what he has to offer. “I know Luke is the exact right person to advance Chuck’s, and I have so much confidence in both his business acumen and his well-trained eye for the hottest trends,” said Vincent Cammarata. “Keep an eye on him, because he is destined for big things,” added James DiPrima.

ABOUT CHUCK’S

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