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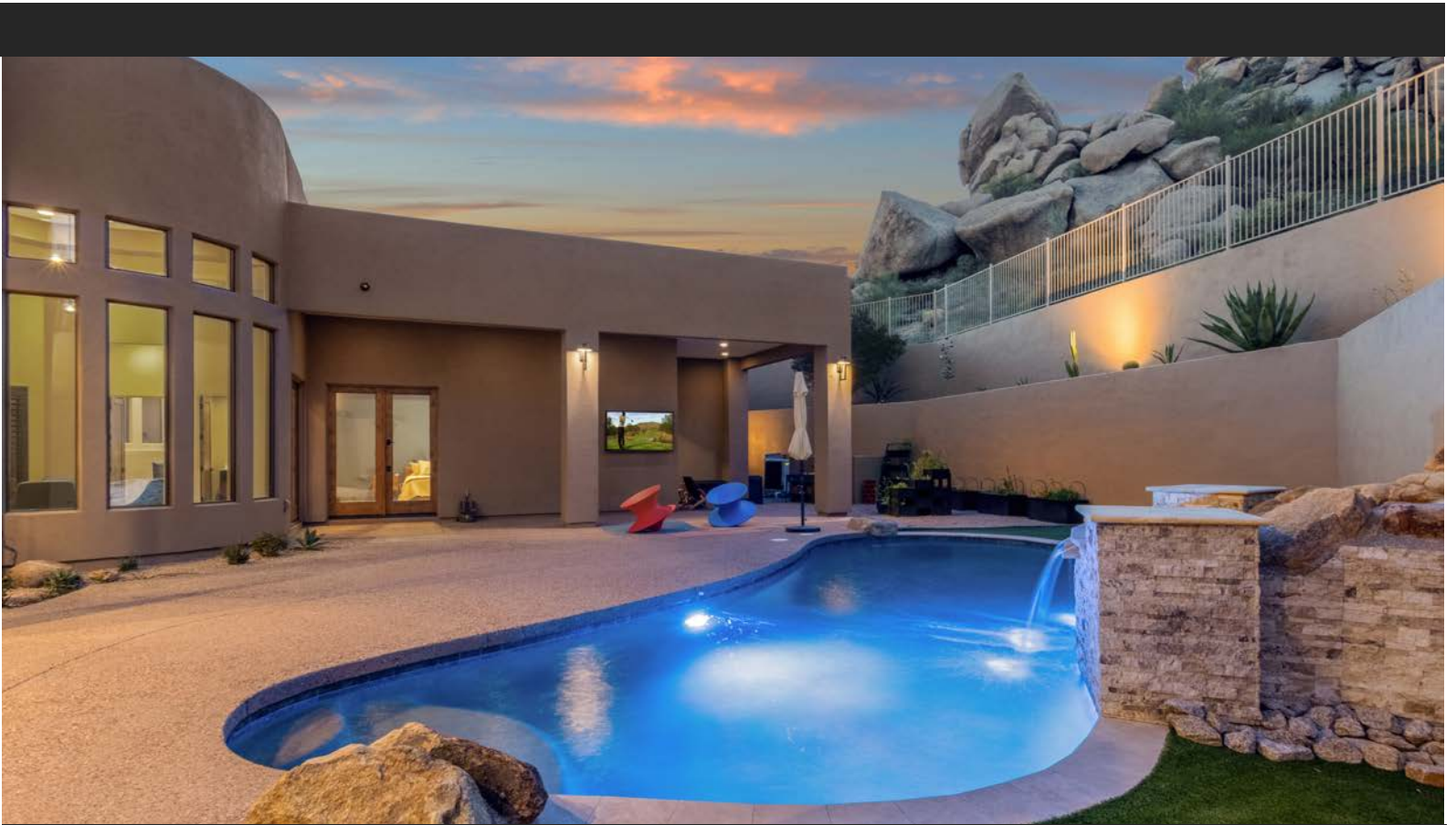
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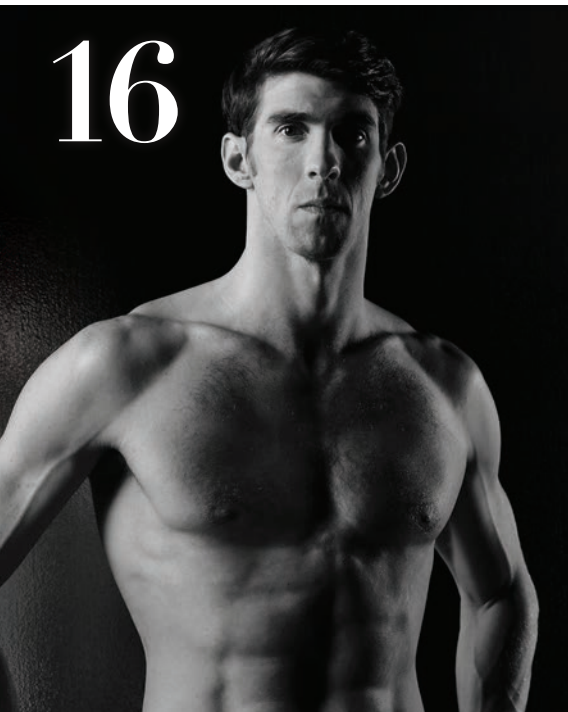
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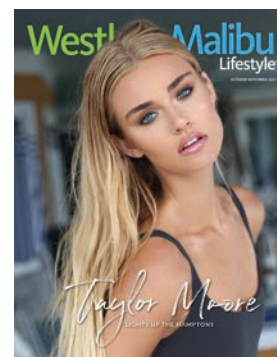
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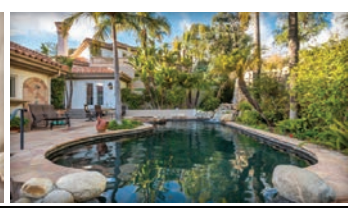
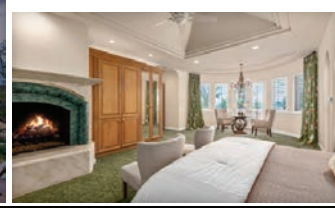
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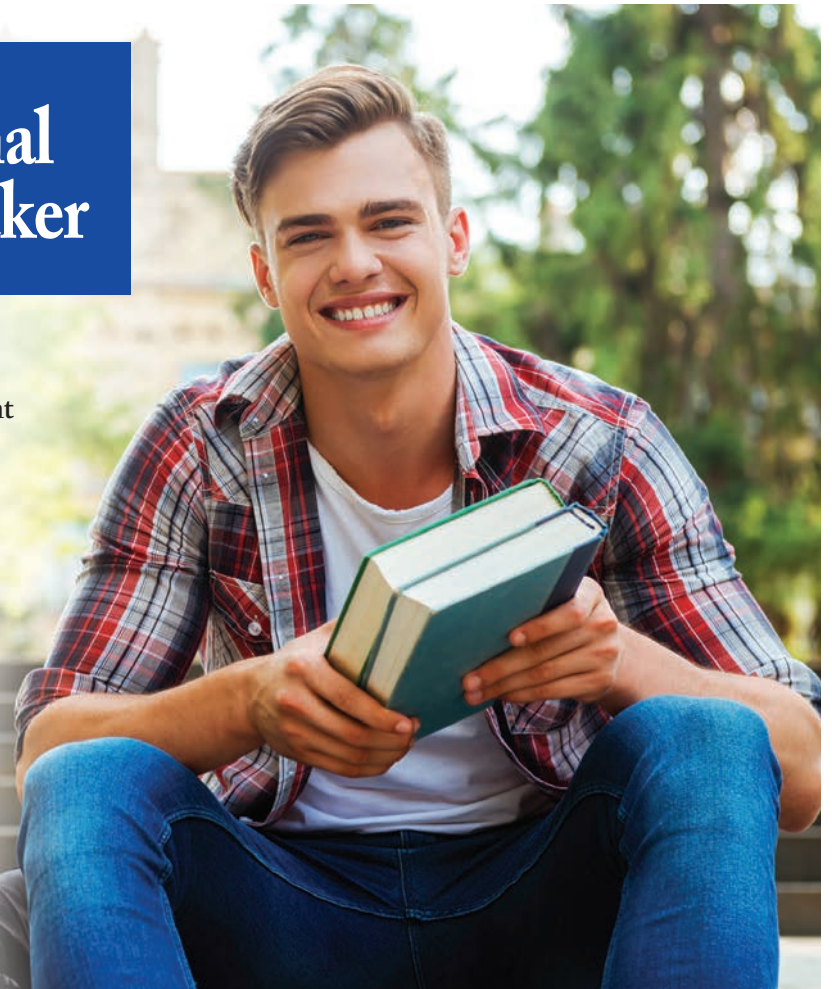
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**W**We are over-the-moon excited to introduce you to our stunning cover model, Taylor Moore, who is ready to take on the world. This emotionally sturdy six-foot-one-inch beauty has everything vital for a promising future. She is committed to achieving her goals and is forging forward with a strong work ethic, loads of passion and a heart that empathizes with others. We traveled to the Hamptons outside New York so that famous photographer, Fadil Berisha, could brilliantly capture Taylor Moore for this special cover story (page 66).

Our introductory article, 'Understanding Great Athletes' (page 16), is a fascinating examination of the ingredients that produce athletic prodigies. It's not what you would always expect, and in Peacock App's documentary, 'Search for Greatness', the topic of creativity and flair are examined as vital contributory elements in exceptional athleticism.

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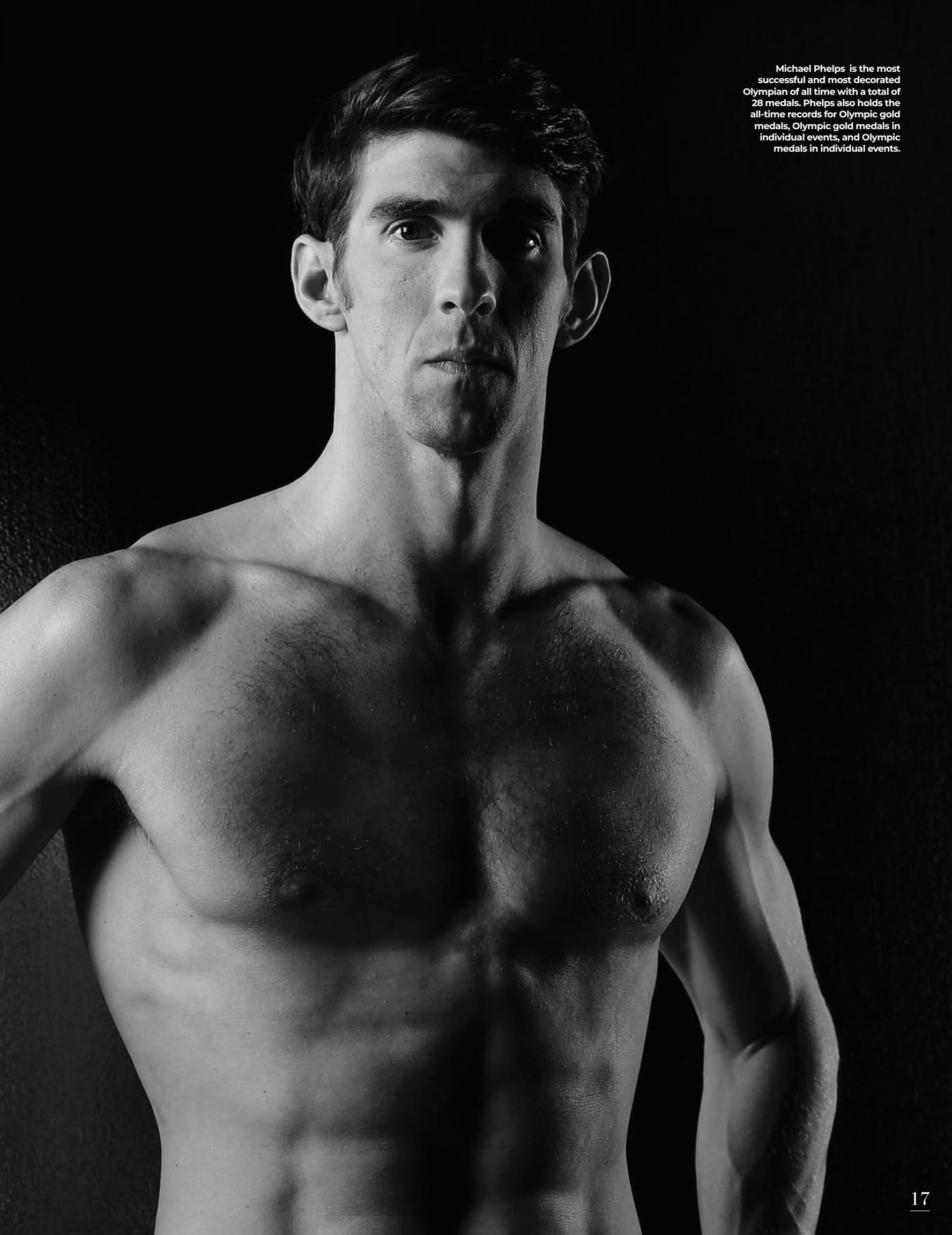
STORY BY DIANA ADDISON LYLE

Researchers agree that child prodigies display two key components: **1) A rage to mastery.** **2) An ability to learn quickly.** When those two elements are combined with a third dimension: a voracious work ethic, unimaginably great heights can be achieved.

## MICHAEL PHELPS

Michael Phelps, the greatest Olympian of all time, strongly displays those three vital elements: a rage to mastery; an ability to learn quickly, and an indescribably committed work ethic. In his chosen sport of swimming, 6-foot-4-inch Phelps also has a fourth gift: the perfect swimmer's body with a very long torso that propels him through the water like the hull of a boat; comparatively shorter legs that produce less drag (water resistance); flipper-like feet, and most importantly, a huge wingspan that branches off from a large chest. A wider wingspan means his arms can reach farther, and when winning a race is oftentimes a fraction of a second, even a small advantage in wingspan can make a big difference. Swimming is a particularly lonely sport, and it took Phelps' intense passion and determination to achieve his goals so seismically. He and coach Bob Bowman worked on precision excellence in every facet of the sport. Phelps' acute intelligence also played a large part in his success. He displayed exceptional awareness in Olympic races and was a savant when it came to stats and kinesthesiology.

'Search for Greatness' (Peacock App) is an in-depth movie on what makes an athlete truly great. Those who have reached greatness in their respective sports explain where they started and how they achieved long-term success. Interestingly, Wayne Gretzky and Jerry Rice, disagree with some of the theories, and experts weigh in on the multi-dimensional factors – both genetic and environmental – that lead to greatness. It's a fascinating study.



Michael Phelps is the most successful and most decorated Olympian of all time with a total of 28 medals. Phelps also holds the all-time records for Olympic gold medals, Olympic gold medals in individual events, and Olympic medals in individual events.

Nicknamed "The Great One", Wayne Gretzky is the leading goal scorer, assist producer and point scorer in NHL history, and has more career assists than any other player has total points.



## WAYNE GRETZKY

Immediately negating the theory on physical prototypes for a particular sport, Wayne Gretzky says: “If they had me in the hockey Combine, I’d probably be rated at the lowest end because I couldn’t bench 195 pounds. Jumping is not something I’m great at. My cardio is my forte, so I would do well at the anaerobic part of it. But that doesn’t make you a great hockey player. That’s only part of it. Sometimes, way too much is read into this stuff. I didn’t have the hardest shot in the game, but I guarantee you that I had one of the most accurate shots. If I saw a spot, I made sure to put it there. The game is about having the puck! The game is about scoring goals. It’s not about pushups and how high a guy can jump off the ice. One of my key strengths was survival. I didn’t have the strength and size to protect myself physically against the other guys. At age 14, I was 5’6” tall and weighed 120 lbs., and I was playing with some huge 19 and 20-year-old men. On my very first practice, my coach advised me to go home and study a player who played the game out of the corners. I started to play from the corners and behind the net. Nobody had ever done that before, and I started to use the net as a decoy. Consequently, I wasn’t standing in front of it and being knocked over all the time. I never relied on speed or power. What I knew was going to get me to the next level was my wisdom and my vision on the ice. When I was 4 years old and watching hockey in Canada, I’d take a piece of paper and draw a rink. Without looking at the paper, I’d watch the hockey game on TV and I’d follow the puck with my pen on the paper. I became adept at seeing which part of the ice the puck was in more often, and I’d do that every game. Being a kid is about playing with your friends, and in the process, you get highly creative.”

Gretzky’s father also had a profound impact. Wayne remembers being in the car with him when he was 10 years old and his dad said, “There are players in the NHL who are too structured. The defense stays back; the left or right wingers stay in their space.” Gretzky said that his father was absolutely correct. “If I look at kids today, they are all so structured and everything is so analytical, so if you said to them, ‘let’s go to an iced-up pond and play hockey’, they’d likely ask you what they should do. Creativity and imagination are not enhanced when there’s too much structure. The problem is that there is so much competitiveness and money in sports today that parents of 8, 9 and 10-year-old kids are putting them in home schools; they go to hockey or football academies. They specialize very early. What I have learned is that every sport you participate in helps you to perfect your eventual chosen sport. When I was a kid and hockey season was over, I couldn’t wait to put my baseball glove on and go out and play. Lacrosse is all about eye hand coordination. Baseball is about all the mental thinking that feeds the creativity and imagination. Those components became vital to my hockey career. Parents often come up to me and say, “Can you tell my kid how many hours a day he must practice.” My response is always, “I never practiced. Hockey was a passion, and I did it all day long because I loved it. I was never told to go out and practice. I went out into the backyard and shot pucks for hours because it made me happy.”

Gretzky also subscribes to the non-conformity theory. He says, “I left a particular coach because his rigid style of play wasn’t copacetic to the style of play that I was used to. My awareness was my creativity. I knew instinctively what to sidestep or what to move towards. The game is so fast and played at such an intense physical level that you truly don’t have time to think on the ice. You allow your instincts to direct you. In hockey, I can remember every single play of every single game of every single night because of my passion. It was easy.”

## CREATIVITY

According to David Epstein, author of ‘The Sports Gene’, the key is not to become a slave to data analytics. Some things that aren’t measurable are sometimes much more important. He says, “I think the Combine measurements can be stupid. One of the major reasons is that they don’t test for creativity. What we know is that networks of genes work together in concert with the environment. While there’s no such thing as a sports gene, there are some innate biological factors that predispose some people to being successful in some sports, but I don’t think that’s where we should look for the competitive advantage anymore.”

Epstein talks about the importance of teaching a young child skills like language and sport where they aren’t articulating what they are learning. It just becomes natural through a process of self-discovery. You work on yourself by making changes. It’s a completely autonomous learning curve in which you are in charge. We see this in chess. If kids study too rigidly, they become stuck in their play and hit a plateau with no improvement. Unstructured time allows them space to figure out and surmount the plateau. But many parents believe that their kid has to specialize as early as possible and that limits their horizons. The development of an elite athlete means that they should sample a variety of sports early on – and only later in life – should they specialize. Kids who question a coach’s goals are also the ones who usually end up excelling in the sport. When they do repetitive drills, they are more likely to say to the coach, ‘Why are we doing this?’

## INTUITION

Elite athletes quickly master the fundamentals, so excessive repetition bores them. They also have enhanced intuition. They instinctively move their body parts to places that the average person wouldn’t know to do. A classical pianist intuitively knows where their fingers are going to move in the next minute. They see what’s going to happen before it actually happens. It’s an intrinsic instinct. Epstein talks about how a gifted athlete performs in a team game: he/she has an instant ability to group players in a team game and draw information at terrific speed from it.

Sir Ken Robinson, author of ‘Out of Our Minds: Learning to be Creative’ agrees with Epstein. He says, “I’m not against stats diagnostically. They can be useful. But it’s oftentimes the unconventional player that stands out in sport because he/she becomes highly creative and adept at outfoxing the opposition. This was particularly evident in heavyweight boxer, Rocky Marciano, who didn’t fit the textbook stats at all. His undefeated career was a testament to his strategy.”

## FREEDOM TO EXPERIMENT

Robinson continues: “The earlier you expose a young child to things like language and sports, the easier they pick them up. Look at Tiger Woods as an example. He was hitting a golf ball the second he could stand. It became innate and implicit. A big part of success is giving people the freedom to experiment and to learn from mistakes. That trial-and-error format in childhood is a vital bedrock for skill enhancement. There’s too much structured time in schools now. Kids in urban settings in the USA have less unstructured time than prison inmates. That’s not good. Kids who are over-scheduled - suffer. Childhood is a precious time, and it lays the foundation for the rest of your life.”



Tom Brady is the winningest quarterback in NFL history, Brady won 251 regular season games and 35 postseason games for a combined 286 wins. He is the only NFL quarterback to win 200 regular season games and his 35 postseason victories are more than twice those of any other quarterback, and owns seven Super Bowl titles

#### NON-CONFORMITY, IDEAS, AND IMAGINATION

“When it comes to coaching sports,” says Robinson, “there’s this pressure to conform. Follow the formula; be compliant. That’s essentially the death knell recipe because people are diverse, creative and they want fulfilment. Drudgery and dreary repetitiveness are what turn people away. The people who achieve real greatness don’t fit the formula at all. They break the mold. Kids who question the rule book aren’t necessarily showing disrespect. They just think that there may be a better way of doing it. Look at John McEnroe who stood up to the umpires at Wimbledon and told them that their calls were flat wrong. He was correct and as a result of his emotional outbursts on center court, the Wimbledon authorities were forced to enhance and upgrade their systems to combat human errors – that had a calamitous effect on players’ tennis careers.”

Humans are a species that thrive on ideas and imagination. If you look at Tom Brady, the most successful Quarterback in NFL history, the stats at the inception would have given him a terrible report for his potential football playing career. He was ‘skinny’, supposedly ‘poorly built’, lacked a strong arm, lacked ‘physical stature’. Boy, were all those data markers wrong on this one! There’s a much-played televised altercation of Tom Brady and Bill O’ Brien having a heated argument on the football field. Clearly O’Brien wanted Brady to do things his way, and Brady, the gifted athlete, was frustrated with a completely different viewpoint to O’Brien.

#### PELÉ

According to soccer great, Pele, the most impressive athlete he ever saw was a player named Garrincha. He rose to the top of soccer even though he was born with a leg disability. He had non-symmetrical knees that bowed in and out in the wrong places. In theory, he shouldn’t even have been able to walk. Yet his disability became an asset and influenced his unique style of play. More importantly, he was on fire during every game. An important aspect about Pelé is that he never had any formal training in soccer as a child. He was street taught. According to Epstein, the German soccer team that recently performed exceptionally well had one thing in common: Most of the men in the team grew up playing street soccer where there was zero structure.

#### JERRY RICE

Just like Wayne Gretzky negated the emphasis on Combine stats, football great, Jerry Rice, agrees. “I don’t think I was the most talented receiver to play in the NFL. I’m referring to my size and speed. You look at the NFL Combine, they base so much off the 40. If you can run a good 40-yard dash time, that can throw you right up into the first round, but that doesn’t mean that you are going to be a great football player. I never had a good 40-yard time, but I knew that I had good football speed.”

On the topic of genetics, Jerry laughed. “I didn’t have better genetics. What I did was work on certain qualities. Maybe, because of my speed, I had to run disciplined routes. Timing is everything in foot-



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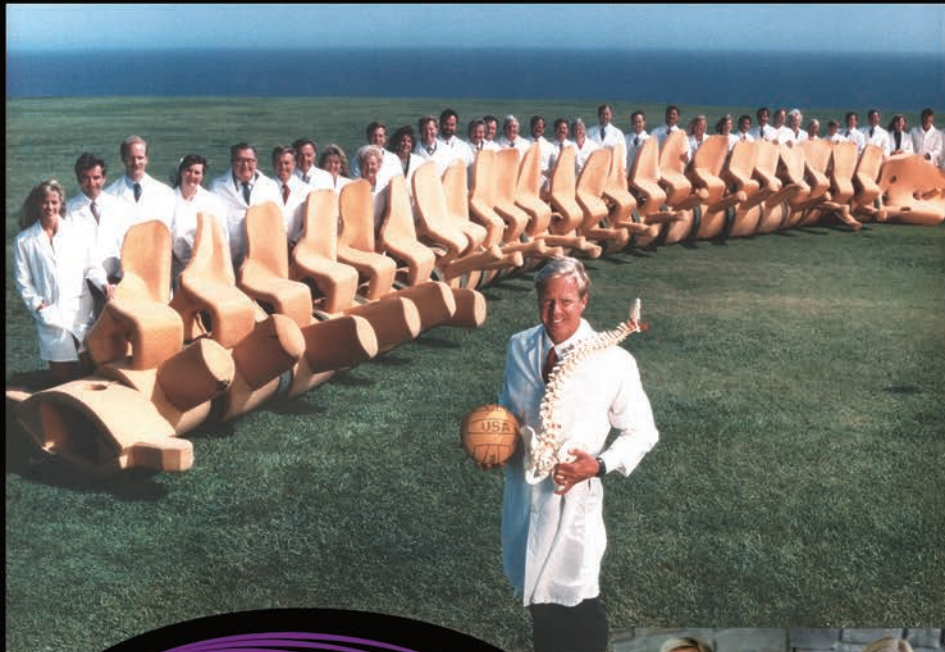
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ball, so I had this clock inside my head, and the ball was halfway to me before I came out of my route.”

In complete agreement with Epstein’s and Robinson’s assertions that childhood is a critical time to learn skills that become naturally innate, Rice describes himself in childhood.

“What I’d do as a young boy is have the football in my hands all the time – to get the feel for it. At night when I was in bed and the room was dark, I’d toss the ball up in the air, and I developed an ability to catch the football in the pitch black. It was about knowing exactly where I’d positioned the ball and instinctually knowing where to catch it.”

“I didn’t start playing football until my sophomore year in high school,” Rice explains. “I’d watch Bruce Lee movies and I was enamored with his physical toughness. I subconsciously took so many of those Bruce Lee moves with me when I became serious about football. I learned to fight for my ground on the field by remembering some of those wonderful Bruce Lee moves!” It speaks to the importance of having a childhood in which lots of activities and interests stimulate and light up a young person’s imagination.

Rice continues: “The rotation of the ball became something that was so large in my imagination. It’s as if the game slowed down. I remember every minute detail of how the ball used to rotate as it came towards me. I was told that I was always running in my sleep. You play the game in your sleep. It permeates your subconscious at all times. The incredible thing is that my dreams often played out in games. It became part of my visualization.”

#### VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS

Venus and Serena Williams’ father had a vital part to play in their unconventional childhood. They grew up poor in Los Angeles, and Richard Williams would have Venus and Serena throwing tennis racquets as far as they could on grass to develop their throwing skills. That eventually built up solidly strong muscles for their tennis game wherein they both had lethally strong serves. Serena Williams went on to have the more successful career because she had determination second to none. Her mental strength was inestimable.

What all elite athletes agree upon is that possessing that driving passion for the sport is imperative. They all possess that rage for mastery, and the ways to achieve that include creativity, intuition, visualization, and speed. They master the skills much more quickly than an average athlete. A strong work ethic is also vital – although many athletes don’t view it as work because they love what they do. Elite athletes all endure physical pain, massive disappointments that make world news, and hardships, but they have immense mental fortitude.

While Michael Phelps’ physical attributes have been a strong component behind his successes, other greats in other sports don’t view a genetic prototype as essential in their field. Passion, drive, and an ability to survey the landscape quickly and expertly – appear to be critical advantages. Intuition is inestimably valuable. Outfoxing the opposition requires imagination, creativity, and speed. Split-second decisions are often innate in the brain of a truly gifted athlete. 🌱

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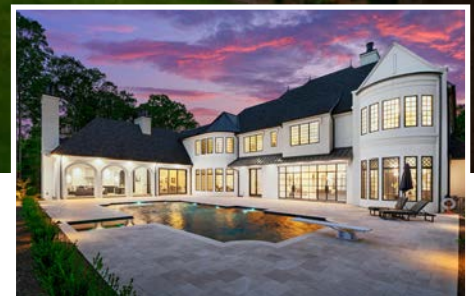
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# Hugh Jackman



Hugh Jackman and Deborra Lee Furness. Courtesy HELLO Magazine

Australian actor, Hugh Jackman, might well be one of the greatest showmen in entertainment history. You'll remember his dazzling performance in the 2017 box office hit, *The Greatest Showman*, where his stage talents shone. *Les Misérables* was another box office hit – as was *The Prestige*. Jackman's career and repertoire are vast, and the accolades for his work have poured in for decades. He landed his breakthrough role as Logan/Wolverine in the X-Men film series (2000 – 2017), a role that earned him the Guinness World Record for “longest career as a live-action Marvel character.” He has received a Golden Globe Award, a Primetime Emmy Award, a Grammy Award, and two Tony Awards, in addition to nominations for an Academy Award and a British Academy Film Award.

Jackman reprises the role of Wolverine in *Deadpool 3*, starring he and Ryan Reynolds. The movie is scheduled to be released on May 3, 2024.

On a personal note, Jackman has nurtured one of the best long-term relationships in the industry. His wife, Deborra-Lee Furness, and he have been married for over 27 years. They met on the set of an Australian TV show and Jackman personally designed an engagement ring for Furness, and their wedding rings bore the Sanskrit inscription “*Om paramar mainamar*”, translated as “we dedicate our union to a greater source”. According to Jackman, he and his wife never spend more than two weeks apart, and they never go to sleep on an argument.

Jackman gives back to society generously. He is a global advisor for the Global Poverty Project, and he and the project's founder visited the UN (United Nations) for the cause in 2009. Jackman's philanthropy is multi-directional. He is a longtime supporter of Microcredit – which is the extension of very small loans to prospective entrepreneurs in impoverished countries. Microcredit's pioneer won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. Both Jackman and Deborra-Lee Furness are patrons of the Bone Marrow Institute in Australia, and they continue to do extensive work with the David Lynch Foundation to “bring meditation to everyone from PTSD sufferers to inner-city kids.”



Hugh Jackman in London at Wimbledon 2023. IG Photo: @RealHughJackman



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Spain's Carlos Alcaraz celebrates after winning a point against Serbia's Novak Djokovic in the final of the men's singles on day fourteen of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London  
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# George and Amal

George and Amal Clooney were the epitome of stylish elegance at the recent Venice Film Festival which ran from August 30 – September 9, 2023. It was fitting that ten years after their grand romance began in Venice in 2013, the Clooneys were looking radiantly in love and relaxed in the city that matches them so well.

The Clooneys traveled from their Lake Como house 200 miles away after being seen there a few weeks earlier at Gatto Nero restaurant on Lake Como. As they arrived ahead of the Film Festival in Venice, Amal looked classically chic in a white shift dress and slingback Roger Vivier shoes. George complemented his wife in a navy polo, pinstriped pants, and tan suede loafers.

It would be a busy week as Amal was also being honored at Diane von Furstenberg's 14th Annual DVF Awards with a DVF leadership award for her global work for victims of human rights abuse. Her work as a barrister has produced epic results across the world. Both George and Amal share a passion for humanitarian causes – so much so that they created the Clooney Foundation for Justice together.

The couple married in 2014 and have 6-year-old twins, Ella and Alexander. In an earlier interview with *Elle* and *TIME Magazine*, Amal spoke candidly about why the relationship with George works so well. She said:

“Marriage has been wonderful. I have in my husband a partner who is incredibly inspirational and supportive, and we have a home filled with love and laughter. It is a joy beyond anything I could

ever have imagined. I feel so lucky to have found a great love in my life, and to be a mother — this is how I get my balance.”

George shared similar thoughts about his wife with *PEOPLE* in December 2020, saying,

“I feel very lucky in so many ways to have met her,” he said. “We haven't ever had an argument. You know, everybody's been slammed together because of the coronavirus, and a lot of friends' relationships have been tested. For us, it's been really easy.” He went on to say, “Amal succeeds in so many different ways and stands up for what she believes in. We didn't fall in love because of our work, but it ended up being something unusual that we share. We are really lucky and we know it.”

As the Venice Film Festival ensued, George and Amal were seen boarding a speed boat which took them to Hotel Cipriani, famed for its unrivalled views of Venice's St. Mark's Square.



Amal & George Amal and George Clooney in Venice, Italy, on Aug. 29, 2023.  
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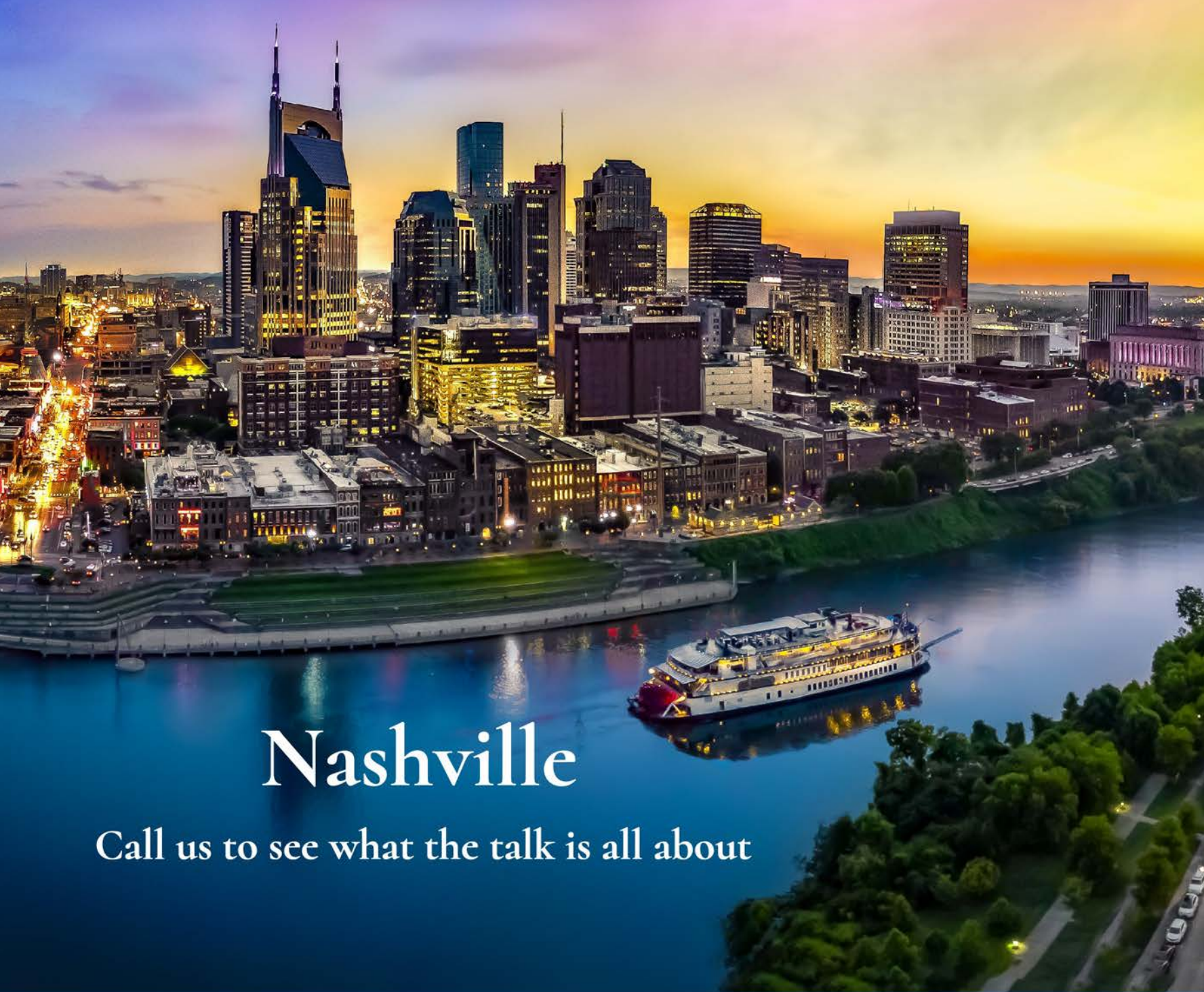
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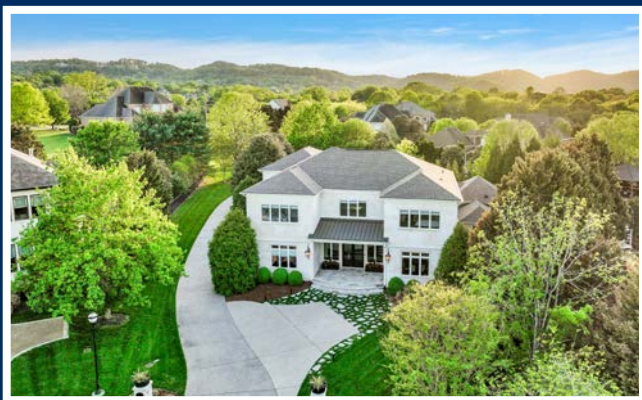
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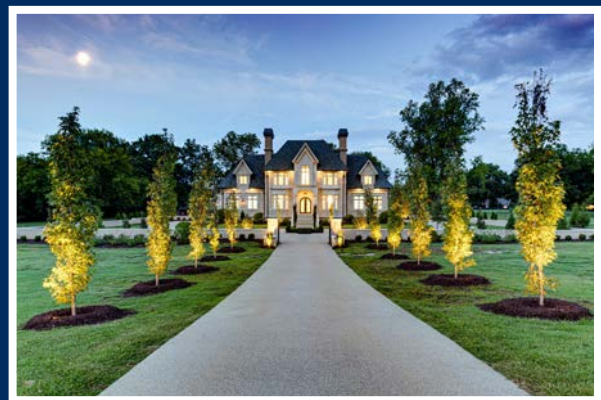
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# Stetson Bennett

Brings New Life to the L.A. RAMS

The Los Angeles RAMS nabbed Quarterback Stetson Bennett in the fourth round of the 2023 NFL draft out of Georgia where he won back-to-back National Championships and threw for 8,429 yards and 66 TDs.

Bennett's pedigree is vast: not only did he win two National Championships, but he was a two-time National Championship Offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP). He was also a Manning Award Winner; a Burlsworth Trophy Winner, a two-time NCAA Southeastern Conference Football (SEC) Champion, and SEC Championship Game MVP.

With the Rams No.1 Quarterback, Matthew Stafford, bowing out in 2023 due to injuries, Coach Sean McVay brought in Stetson Bennett and Brett Rypien as his No. 2. Quarterbacks – choosing to hold his ultimate decision close to his vest.

Travis Rodgers, host of 'Locked on Rams,' gave this insight:

"I think Bennett will have the inside track simply because they used a relatively high draft pick on him. He has a pedigree of winning, of being around good football players and good football teams, so maybe that

gives him a little bit of an inside line."

Passionate Bennett fans are going to have to adjust to their hero wearing a Rams uniform. Their illustrious QB enjoyed unparalleled success at Georgia – even in the face of persistent cynicism about his size.

A well-informed Rams supporter had this to say: "I think that Stetson Bennett will flourish in McVay's system. I'm impressed with his swagger. An NFL Quarterback has to take full control on the field, and Bennett has that confidence in his body language. He also throws a nice spiral – which is a sign of his high skill level." Other experts commented on Bennett's quick-release expertise, his unfazed ability to counteract obstacles in split seconds – and his veteran response to pressure.

It's looks to be an exciting new season for the L.A. Rams and Bennett should feel right at home in SoFi stadium. On January 9, 2023, Georgia destroyed TCU 65 – 7 in the National Championship game at SoFi. It was the biggest margin of victory ever in a Bowl game, and Bennett played a major role in the annihilation. 🍀



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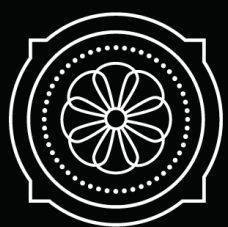
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# The Bugatti Chiron Super Sport

**T**he Bugatti Chiron Super Sport1 'Golden Era' is perhaps the most challenging bespoke project that Bugatti has ever undertaken. It is the result of two years of innovative and bespoke craftsmanship, featuring entirely new techniques that elevate it from the world of automotive and into pure artistry. It is the very embodiment of the Bugatti Sur Mesure offering, in which customers' ambitious visions for their vehicles – which stretch beyond the already near-infinite levels of Bugatti customization – are brought to life in a collaborative process with the design team.

In this case, that vision came from a Bugatti collector with a deep appreciation for Bugatti history and for the intricate engineering of the W16 engine. Not only did he choose a Chiron

Super Sport to celebrate the combustion engine design, but he wanted to appropriately pay homage to the history that had led to the creation of this engine. With this vision presented to Bugatti, the design team developed a proposal that captured the essence of what makes Bugatti special, told through its most memorable and extraordinary creations. And the result is: 'Golden Era'. Achim Anscheidt, former Bugatti Design Director in charge of this creation, explains the ideation's starting point: "Our customers can be incredibly creative, and we take great pride in helping them realize what they dream of, but extensive special commissions such as this are exceedingly rare – we usually see no more than one or two creations on this scale each year. Given the vision and exacting nature for this

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project – and the fantastical ideation we wanted to realize – ‘Golden Era’ is probably the most demanding piece of tailored personalization work that my team and I have ever worked on.”

“A very important customer came to us and during our conversations, he expressed that he believed the Chiron Super Sport and its W16 engine represented a landmark moment in the world of the automobile. He wanted to do something truly unique in celebration. We looked back through Bugatti history to find a number of these landmark moments, including the times of Ettore Bugatti, Jean Bugatti and Roland Bugatti, which really marked the first golden era for the brand. And then, of course, the modern-day incarnation of Bugatti from 1987, picking out the icons from these times that came to define the Bugatti brand. Our team proposed a concept featuring 45 sketches of the brand’s icons that would be hand-drawn directly onto the car itself, and the owner immediately fell in love with the idea. The implementation may sound quite straightforward, but achieving a perfect finish, and one that would last the test of time, took more patience and craftsmanship than you could ever imagine.”

The customer himself has a great appreciation of Bugatti, and the designers’ collaborative process with the owner – in which he made countless visits to the team to see the vision come to life – was sparked by his unbridled passion. Initiating the relationship between the customer and the Bugatti team in Molsheim – and overseeing the project through to its final stage – was Bugatti’s trusted dealer partner located in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Bugatti Managing Director, Hendrik Malinowski, says: “Sur Mesure literally translates as tailored and it is this complete ultra-luxury customer-centric approach to car design that really sets it apart. Our teams will work hand-in-hand with our customers to craft exactly what they want, and then work closely with them over the course of months or even years to transform it into a reality. Each step, every decision and – in the case of the Golden Era – every stroke of the pencil, was completed with the close oversight and input of the owner to exceed his expectations in a way that no other brand is able to do.”

The overall project for the car would capture the incomparable legacy of Bugatti, a story told through a composition of beautifully

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intricate sketches depicting milestones from the legendary brand. On the passenger side, 26 hand-drawn sketches reveal icons like the Type 41 Royale – lauded as the most luxurious car when revealed in 1926 – and the Type 57 SC Atlantic, widely regarded as the most beautiful car ever designed. It is a showcase of the moments when Bugatti changed the course of automotive history with its new innovations. On the driver's side, 19 sketches portray the rebirth and enduring success of Bugatti since 1987, tracing from the EB110, through the Veyron and Chiron2. A beautifully simple representation of the 3,712 individual components that come together to create the legendary W16 engine – the most advanced automotive engine ever built – rightfully takes its place as a part of the masterpiece.

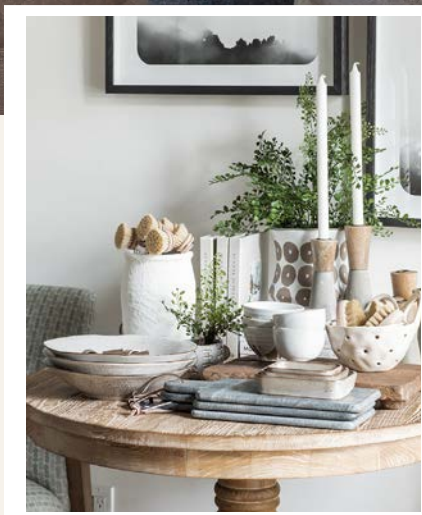
The team honed and refined their artwork for the project until they achieved precisely the right scale, proportion and form for each of the individual sketches, bringing them together to form

one beautiful artwork. But this art would need an appropriate canvas. A bespoke color, a timeless and celebratory shade of gold named 'Doré', was created and applied to the car with a graded color split into a special metallic variant of 'Nocturne Black', creating the perfect base for the designers to begin the daunting process of sketching directly onto the car.

Achim Anscheidt continues: "It was very clear to us from the beginning that we can only achieve an authentic finish for these sketches – and at Bugatti authenticity is paramount – if we actually used the pencils that we use for sketching on paper – anything else would result in something looking fake or low in quality. So that's why we had to find a process that would allow us to use pencils and do all of the sketches by hand, directly onto the paintwork."

Of course, even for the most experienced and skilled designer, the task of sketching, purely by hand, onto a specially commissioned





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hyper sports car, was extremely intimidating. From the very first stroke of the pencil, this painstaking, manual process saw Bugatti's uniquely talented team of designers elevating their craft further still in pursuit of perfection. Inevitably, this took a great deal of time, and involved some setbacks along the way. But with extremes of passion, a degree of trial and learnings, the last one of the sketches was eventually completed, having developed a brand new technique to achieve the desired finish for the exterior artwork. In all, this stage of the process took more than 400 hours – testament to the complexity of the artwork.

To create a fully immersive celebration, the design team ensured their proposal would be reflected in the interior. On each of the door panels, three Bugatti icons were hand-applied with a bespoke paint and fine paint brush that would allow one of the design team to draw directly onto the leather. The EB110, Veyron and Chiron, legends of the present day, are facing the icons of the past that had inspired them: the Type 35 – the world's greatest racing car – Type

57 SC Atlantic – the most beautiful car in the world – and Type 41 Royale – renowned as the most luxurious car ever created – applied to the opposite side of the interior. When Bugatti's innovative past meets with its revolutionary future in a car that symbolizes the epitome of Bugatti's savoir-faire. New methods and processes were crafted to ensure that these details would stand the test of time. They sit proudly within the interior as a focal point of beautiful bespoke touches, including subtle 'Golden Era' stitching and hand-written 'One-of-One' motifs.

A timeless and incomparable homage to the era-defining moments in Bugatti history, the Chiron Super Sport 'Golden Era' is beyond comparison in the scale of its bespoke ambition; a project that could only have sprung from the minds of true Bugatti enthusiasts, and one that could only have been finished to such a perfect level of detail by the craftsmen in Molsheim. The car now awaits an official handover to its owner at Monterey Car Week. 🍷



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# Short Stories About Big People

By Bob Eubanks

Hello there, it's time for more short stories about big people.

Have you ever heard of the website Cameo? My friend Jamie Farr from M.A.S.H. told me about it. If there's someone you know who is celebrating a special event in their life, I have the perfect gift. Just log on to [cameo.com](https://cameo.com), search for Bob Eubanks, and I'll record a video just for them. Don't you just love technology?

We live in a special community. I've been writing this article for over 15 years. I'm proud to say I'm on the advisory board of this great magazine. The owner and publisher is Diana Addison Lyle. The magazine is her life. She has so many talents. There are other magazines in our community, but I happen to think that Westlake Malibu Lifestyle outshines all the others.

I've worked with all kinds of people during my career. I was sad to learn that my friend Dick Biondi passed away recently at the age of 90. Dick was a big star on radio in Chicago before he came to Los Angeles and worked with me at radio station KRLA as a disc jockey. He told me some very funny stories. He told one about his time as a DJ in Chicago when he was making good money. He held record parties for the Mafia. I guess crime does pay (sometimes)!



Bob Eubanks with Brian Epstein and The Beatles

Brian Epstein is famous for having managed the Beatles in the early years of their career. Brian would have been 89 years old this month. He and I crossed paths several times as I negotiated deals to bring the Beatles to the Hollywood Bowl in 1964 and 1965 and to Dodger Stadium in 1966. I tried to persuade him to let me bring the Beatles to the Bowl for two nights the first year. Even meeting him at the Beverly Hills Hotel and pointing out the fact that his fly was open wouldn't make him change his mind. It wasn't until 1965 that Brian agreed to two shows, when he was sure there would be sold-out audiences both nights. I sure worked hard for those shows!

I'll leave you with this thought - being negative only makes a difficult journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it.

Well there you have it, more stories about big people. I'll see you next time. 🌵

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# Fall Tablescapes from the Outside In

By Model Gardener Kelly Emberg



**F**all symbolizes plenty, ripening, harvest, and abundance! It is also a reminder that the holidays are just beginning, encouraging us to create festive tablescapes.

And during Fall there are so many natural gifts from your garden that are right there for the taking. Here are some ways to bring the outdoors in, so you can decorate your holiday tables with seasonal nature & color.

## LEAVES

Yes leaves! Collect leaves from your neighbor's Liquidambar. You shouldn't have a hard time finding colorful leaves that have fallen beneath the trees or collecting a few of its branches. Incorporate them in your holiday table decoration. Branches full of golden, red

and brown leaves make a striking center piece all on their own. Slip branches of colorful leaves into a variety of glassware and stagger them in the middle of your table.

Find the perfect leaves and spray with gilded paint, on both sides including the stems. Let dry and write the names of your guests with a Sharpie. Use as place holders. This will make your guests feel special.

## BERRIES

Pyracantha is a tall, dense hedge, but come fall masses of bright red-orange berries cover the shrub from head-to-toe. Clip branches and tuck into a few simple small pitchers or a decorative glass.

Make an arrangement made of berries, add clusters of brilliant orange rosehips, collect the dark, inky berries of hawthorn

shrubs, try bunches of cherry-red dogwood berries. If you don't have these exact elements at hand, any berries will do!

## HERBS

Newly harvested herbs are perfect for fragrant arrangements, tied in small bunches and strategically placed on a burlap tablecloth, placed in small wood boxes or galvanized pots in clusters.

Here's a great tip from [aprettylifeinthesuburbs.com](http://aprettylifeinthesuburbs.com) on making fall inspired napkin rings.

- Starting with a single, young, tender, spring of rosemary, thyme or sage and a wire, bind the herbs into a long strand by wrapping the wire around each sprig as you lay it on top of the one before it, working down. When you've gone a few inches, you should have enough to wrap around the napkins.



Artichokes & purple asparagus



Fall-berry-basket



Fall table herbs & gourds

### PUMPKINS & GOURDS

They come in so many different colors, shapes and sizes! Hopefully you planted your pumpkins in late May or early June for this Fall's harvest. But if you haven't, you can probably find some unique varieties at the farmer market. If you have room in your garden, put a reminder in your calendar to plant them next year. They are not hard to grow, and kids love them.

For a simple monochromatic look, use a

white table cloth and line mini white pumpkins like Baby Boo, White Gooligan, and Casperita down the center of the table with scattering of small green leaves or branches like eucalyptus.

### SPICES & SEEDS & NUTS

Nuts, seeds, pinecones, and seed pods abound in the fall. Put these items to use on your Thanksgiving table. Fill a glass container with edible nuts and tie a burlap ribbon

around it, or hot glue your findings to a grapevine wreath. For a fragrant centerpiece, take a wooden bowl large enough for a pillar candle surrounded by acorns, pomegranates, nutmeg and cinnamon sticks. Hot glue bark around the pillar candle and use jute or ribbon to hold the bark in place.

### INDIAN CORN

Take a glass cylinder vase around 8" tall and 6" wide. Use a few large elastic bands to



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secure the ears of corn vertically around the center of the glass vase. One by one, add the ears of corn until they surround the vase. Place a ball of chicken wire in the vase to keep the leaves, flowers whatever you want to fill your Indian corn vase with, in place.

**FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Try mixing pomegranates, gourdes, turnips with their cranberry shoulders, dehydrated citrus slices, incorporate savoy cabbages and kale. I love all the colors of fall. Take artichokes, open up the center and insert a small glass votive for ambient table lighting.

**GRAINS & GRASSES**

Dried wheat with its golden wispy ears can make a handsome wheat tree just by binding a large bunch together with twine or ribbon. Cut off the bottom making the ends line up so it will stand on its own. Use two wheat trees to flank your dining table. Add a garden-inspired centerpiece in the center.

Incorporating different grasses and/or herbs in your flower arrangements always adds lots of texture and color that work well on an autumn-inspired tablescape.

Earth tones such as browns, oranges,

greens, yellows and reds scream autumn is here! I have always enjoyed decorating my dining table, especially when Fall arrives. I enthusiastically dive into my garden taking advantage of what the season has left me. I'm always discovering something new that I can add to my fall-inspired dining table.

Happy Fall tablescaping! 🍂

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# Meg Ryan

Returns to the Big Screen

Get ready for autumn and snuggle up in cozy clothes to watch the much-loved Meg Ryan return to the big screen. We adored her in ‘When Harry Met Sally’, ‘Sleepless in Seattle’ and ‘You’ve Got Mail’. After more than 20 years’ absence from the romantic comedies in which she excelled, Ryan is returning in ‘What Happens Later’ with David Duchovny as her love interest. The two are ex-lovers who see each other for the first time in years when they both find themselves snowed in, in-transit at an airport overnight. The movie is due for release in theaters on October 13th, 2023.

Ryan co-wrote and directed the movie, and it



promises to be romantic and sexy. When asked why she had taken such a long break from Hollywood, she replied, “I never wanted to be an actress. I was a journalism major at school, and a curious person, and I wanted to go back out into the world and figure out who I was – am – in relation to other things and other people and other environments.”

Ryan went on to tell Gwyneth Paltrow, “When you get labeled ‘America’s sweetheart’, I didn’t even know what that meant.”

‘What Happens Later’ is sure to be a rom-com treat with Ryan’s essential comedic timing providing the unique touches that her repertoire so effortlessly delivers. 🍷





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1. 2582 Ridgebrook Place, Thousand Oaks • Sold for \$1,305,000
2. 1676 Camberwell Place, Westlake Village • Sold for \$1,270,000
3. 93 Lake Sherwood Drive, Lake Sherwood • Under Construction
4. 31574 Foxfield Drive, Westlake Village • Offered at \$3,300,000
5. 2849 Great Smokey Court, Westlake Village • Sold for \$1,495,000



# TAYLOR MOORE

*Lights up The Hamptons*

Taylor Moore and her family accompanied me on safari to Africa five years ago, and while there, I studied facets of her character that were compelling. One scene etched in my memory occurred on a pitch-dark African night. Taylor was sitting upfront in our safari jeep – determined to use her well-honed natural instincts to find three massive African lions that trackers had reported seeing in the vicinity a few hours earlier. As our jeep thundered through acacia thorn tree territory with only a few twinkling stars lighting our way, Taylor signaled for our driver to stop.

“I know the lions are here,” she whispered intensely. “It’s a vibration on the ground.”

We circled the area twice with Taylor assuring us that switching off the jeep engines would yield results. As this young 13-year-old sat in disciplined silence, she channeled all her energy into the about-to-unfold sight. Three magnificently muscled lions emerged from dense foliage, and as their large menacing eyes stared at Taylor within eight feet, she sat solidly and statuesquely still in deference to the lions’ formidable presence. It was my first glimpse into Taylor’s unflinching bravery.

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**T**hat reliable character trait has resolutely helped her to navigate her teenage years, and most importantly, it has motivated her to move out of her comfort zone and to take calculated risks. As she approaches her 19th year and this special Hamptons cover shoot, Taylor Moore has metamorphosized into a multi-faceted young woman whose lion heart and six-foot-one frame are ready to take on the world. Being raised in an exceptionally loving home has provided her with a formidably sturdy bedrock. It has also taught her that showing empathy and compassion is vitally fulfilling. Moore Creek Farm in Agoura Hills has been Taylor's family's sanctuary during her teenage years. It has enriched her with a natural and organic lifestyle that she relishes, and this has made the past six of her eighteen years particularly special. Taylor credits her parents for making sure that she experienced an adventure-filled, wholesome childhood.

"Throughout my childhood, modeling was never my focus in life," Taylor explains, "and I was never homeschooled like many of my fellow child models. I was far more interested in riding horses, spending time with friends and taking care of my animals. It wasn't until I got older that I became aware of the amazing job my mom did at balancing my life, making sure I still had a normal childhood. Those days were always full of adventure and laughter. I spent my summers at horse camp and when I got home, I played with my dogs, hamsters, chameleon, and later, chickens. Growing up an animal lover has helped shape me into the loving and nurturing person I am today."

Taylor expands on her childhood life picture:

"I loved spending time with my family and friends, and being outside in nature is so important to me. I got my first horse, Tyler, at age 10, so every day after school, my mom would drive me and my younger sister, Brooke, to the barn. I would ride Tyler for an hour, then do my homework in the car on the way home. For as long as I can remember, horses have always been an essential part of my life. They're my way of escaping from the uncertainties and troubles of the world. When I'm riding, my brain is only focused on what I'm doing with the horse and what they're thinking. Though I've grown up with dogs, there's something special about horses that dogs don't have. They're a lot different in the sense that horses are prey and dogs are predators. Keeping this in mind while interacting with horses is an essential element

to understanding their behavior and tendencies. For example, the smallest noise or sudden movement in the distance can spook a horse whereas a dog would probably notice but wouldn't care. Being outside on the trails with my horses encourages me to experience life through a new lens. I'm not just taking a hike on the trails. I'm riding a 1,000-pound animal that can decide at any moment that he doesn't like the way a lizard darted out in front of him, and he'll spook. Even though trail rides are relaxing for me, I'm constantly studying my horse's behavior and body language. Is he comfortable? Is something on the trail bothering him? Is he listening to me? Since living on our farm in Agoura Hills, I have found peace in the farm life. Taking care of our tortoise, chickens, dogs, and horses gives me a purpose. Every morning I wake up and there is always someone on the farm who needs food, water, or special attention."

Taylor's parents have been conscientiously dedicated to being there wholeheartedly for their children, and their guidance and influence have reaped dividends. Taylor supplies the details.

"My parents raised me to be loving and nurturing to not only my peers, but to all of God's creation. Growing up, one of my favorite things to do was to raise caterpillars and watch them grow up into beautiful butterflies. This taught me the importance of all stages of life and how the changes we experience are necessary for personal growth. Between me and my sisters Sophia and Brooke, my mother emphasized to us

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the importance of strength and independence. As women, we are often subjected to the false societal idea that we are submissive and weak, but, in fact, we're just the opposite. I am so grateful that my mom has been such a strong role model in showing me this."

"My father has taught me the importance of having fun and taking risks. Dad has always had a strong passion for cars. We used to play a game while driving together where I would point out a classic car, and he would tell me exactly what kind of car it was and the year. It came to where I would point out a car, hoping maybe this time he would get it wrong, but without fail, he would say, 'oh yeah, that's a Cadillac El Dorado, I love those cars.' My love and appreciation for cars started because of that first Ferrari ride with my dad. I learned from him that it's important to have fun and that life should never be boring. Taking risks in life is scary because we fear the unknown, but dad has instilled in me the importance of taking them because without them, we might never know what our life could've been."

I ask Taylor about some of her best experiences.

"I love traveling," she says enthusiastically "and being fully immersed in different cultures and languages across the world. I think it's so important to see different lifestyles. What I notice is how respectful of others some other cultures are. We tend to live in our own bubble in the USA so it's important to witness how the rest of the world lives."

"Africa," Taylor expands, "is truly one of my favorite continents to visit. The most magical thing I experienced on safari was waking up to the sound of crackling tree branches and looking right outside my room to see an elephant in the creek below us getting a drink. After a few moments, he noticed me, and then he continued to drink while I sat there and admired his beauty. The proximity to him was so thrilling."

Closer to home, Taylor has these wonderful memories.

"One of my favorite things to do is take road trips with my family. Every year after Christmas, we take a road trip to Las Vegas. The strip is always decorated with lights and every hotel has at least one Christmas tree in the lobby. Spending long periods of time in the car allows us to tell stories and play silly games. Along with road trips, my favorite activity to do is a family trail ride. Sharing my passion for riding with my parents and sister Brooke, is one of my favorite ways of bonding with them. I am most grateful that my family is in good health. We try to live a very stress free and healthy lifestyle. That includes spending time outside with the horses, swimming in the pool, hiking or doing yoga. We always stay active."

The all-important topic of Generation Z (anybody born between 1997 and 2012) is something that we delve into deeply. Taylor thinks for a few seconds while her eye movements indicate the width of her thoughts on this vital topic.

"There are some great positives about being a Gen Z and some real negatives" she emphasizes.

"Our generation likes to challenge societal norms, which I think is healthy. If we all just conform to them, we put ourselves into a box that is not expressing who we truly are. I think it's important to stand up and speak your mind when you don't agree with something. Of course, you must back up your disagreement with a logical set of facts."

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Whether it's parenting issues or societal issues, our generation believes it's important to challenge things. We don't want to repeat the mistakes that have been made in history, and we feel that we should learn from our past mistakes."

We discuss the impact of technology, particularly in this decade, and Taylor explains:

"Our generation is much more informed on a variety of issues because of technology. Through it, we have instantaneous access to information that previous generations didn't have. With all that information at our fingertips, why wouldn't we challenge something that may be factually inaccurate, or a tunnel-vision viewpoint? We are more likely to question if a cause is valid and we are less likely to rally towards something until we have fully checked it out. Our generation sees that as a plus. Beyond that, technology has made our lives so much easier and so efficient. There are virtually no limitations with technology."

"Another plus about Gen Z," Taylor continues, "is that we tend to have a lot of confidence. In my case, I had the added benefit of watching my mom be a strong, confident woman, and I really looked up to her, and wanted to make sure that I carried forward that confidence. Being in the modeling industry has really opened my eyes to the way people can be taken advantage of, and because of that, I have developed a lot of self-respect by establishing boundaries."

Taylor explains the complexities inherent in Gen Z's.

"Many of us have been given so much by our parents that we don't feel motivated to work as hard as previous generations. When it comes to raising children, I have witnessed them being given everything – materially - by their parents. They don't have to wait for anything. In my case, when I was 10 years old, and I got my first horse, I had been working at modeling, and my parents put what I had earned in an account. They insisted that I pay for half the horse, and I did. It taught me that I have to earn what I want in life, and not everything is going to be given to me. One of my closest friends, Colette, is someone whom I admire and respect so much. Not only is she highly ethical but she works so hard at her job. If children have had everything given to them their whole life, and they go off to college, they are pretty much lost because they have no concept of the value of money, and they have to start learning that adulthood is about working for money, and bills have to be paid. Interning and getting jobs as teenagers creates a realistic sense of the value of money. My sister Brooke has a responsible job, and so does my boyfriend, Luke. I so respect that. Saving money is a skill that is very valuable from an early age. It's so important that young people develop a strong work ethic and that they understand that blowing money isn't wise."

We discuss mental health among Gen Z teenagers.

"Mental issues can be a reflection of a child's relationship with his/her parents and peers," Taylor explains. "Parents who are checked out on actual hands-on

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parenting will create a void between themselves and their children. If young people don't have strong relationships with their parents, they become isolated, and loneliness can create huge mental issues. The good news, though, is that we live in a country where help on mental health issues is readily available. There are excellent therapists out there."

Technology carries the weight of some negative consequences, and Taylor highlights that with strong conviction.

"Social media makes it really difficult," she says, "because you are constantly being judged and criticized. People will bully more on social media because they can hide behind a screen and not have to see the person in front of them. It gives people license to be crueler. Our generation is also brutally honest and not a lot of people can handle that bluntness. We should all remind ourselves that social media is mostly fake – and therefore, we should never compare ourselves to the fictitious pictures that are posted. On a positive note, I think that our generation is more accepting of diversity, and therefore, being unique and different from other people is something to be celebrated."

We spent a glorious day in the Hamptons photographing Taylor for this cover story. She expresses her deep gratitude for world-renowned photographer, Fadil Berisha.

"Before working with Fadil," she explains, "I did my research online to see some of his work. I was very impressed by the composure of his pictures and the famous people with whom he's worked. You don't really know how good a photographer is until you're behind the camera. Once Fadil started shooting, I recognized that he was a master at his craft, and I also knew that it was going to be a fun shoot. Fadil sets the tone on set with his amazing energy. He's also a great coach and encourager. His mastery is evident in how he studies your face through the lens, and he enhances various angles."

Taylor graduated as a senior from Oaks Christian School this year. I ask her about the aspects of that education she's grateful for:

"Oaks has taught me a lot about leadership and how important it is to be a leader. The school's motto is 'Minds for Leadership and Hearts for Service'. Leaders courageously stand up for things in every aspect of life. I have also particularly appreciated the extent to which the teachers at Oaks will go out of their way for you - and check in with you – whether it's school related or not. They genuinely care, and they also understand that we have a life outside of school."

A lifelong Los Angeleno, Taylor is preparing for a big transition in her life: she's moving to New York City – having recently signed up with Ford Models NYC.

"I've been working in LA since I was little," she explains, "and believe that working in a different market such as NYC, will open new doors and opportunities. Ultimately, I'd love to work in Europe."

I ask Taylor what she's most enjoyed about her 2023 summer.

"My boyfriend Luke's family has a 30-acre farm in Ojai California. They grow avocados, pixie tangerines and blackberries. In the summer, Luke and I drive to the farm to pick blackberries and enjoy time in nature. While trying to figure out what to do with all these blackberries, I remembered that I have an ice cream machine. So, I found a recipe online and made fresh blackberry ice cream which was so delicious and refreshing. I love finding little ways to incorporate fresh produce into my cooking recipes. Living on a farm myself, we always have fresh eggs and produce, so I tend to bake a lot with our farm-fresh eggs."

I ask Taylor what her absolute favorite food dish is. Without hesitation, she shrieks,

"Pasta! I could eat it for breakfast, lunch and dinner."

Her favorite relaxation activity?

"Drawing. I took several art classes throughout middle school and high school and have learned to appreciate all kinds of art. I love the creative freedom that is expressed through art - whether it's drawing or painting. Art calms my brain and helps me relax."

We end our interview with the expansive question of what Taylor most wants out of life. She smiles broadly.

"I want to prioritize living happily and healthily. I'd also really like to be successful in my career. One day, I definitely want to start a family of my own and raise children with my husband in our dream home."

On the eve of going to press, I visited Moore Creek Farm to enjoy a balmy summer dinner. As Taylor bounced through to greet everyone with her warmth and ebullience, my memory bank took me straight back to the courageous 13-year-old girl who, five years earlier, was unflinching in her determination to find three massive black-maned lions in darkest Africa. Courage is particularly admirable when it is tempered by empathetic sensitivity. Later that night, I saw Taylor disappear into the darkness of the family's garden, and I wondered if a horse might be in trouble. I was delighted to discover that the late-night activity was to surprise me with the simple thoughtfulness of a freshly harvested bouquet of lavender and rosemary. That spontaneous gesture spoke volumes about the generosity of Taylor's heart. It also confirmed what I already knew: that this beautiful young woman will continue to light up the world in so many life-affirming ways. 🌟

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# The ‘Wait, What!’ Moment and Other Fall Essentials

By Magda Pescariu

I never thought I'd say it, but I'm happy to see Fall finally enthroned. Rest assured, that roar you hear is the incredulous laughter of everyone who knows me, no matter how briefly. I used to have the established reputation of a serial summer lover, with an insatiable longing for everything estival and decades of trusting the summertime's power to restore and renew. But not anymore. This year, the spell has been broken somehow and the magic was spoiled.

In hindsight, I can see how it happened. The summer we just left behind had very little to do with the things I loved most about the season, and it messed up the delivery on almost all its inherent promises. With all the oppressive heatwaves, raging wildfires, devastating rainfalls, escalating pressure at work, and the inescapable financial burnout, if I have to describe using only one word how I felt during the summer of 2023, it would be 'exhausted', with no care to elaborate whatsoever. Maybe it's just me getting older or maybe it's the way of the world, lately going awry. In any case, this year I discovered a newfound appreciation for the arrival of autumn, as it provided a much-needed respite from the rat race anxiety. Fall puts everything in perspective with its distinctive maturity, and therein lies not only the offer of a well-earned rest but also the possibility of redemption, and the implicit hope of renewal.

In nature's seasons, as well as in the seasons of life, fall is the time when we

truly understand how the law of cause and effect works, just as we see the results of our efforts, the consequences of our actions, what we missed out on, and - most importantly - who we have become. Fall is the moment of truth. That's valid in all aspects of life, but, and not by coincidence, is instantly visible in fashion.

Speaking of who we have become and how our style reflects precisely this process of change, I wrote at large last time about

the **two main fashion approaches of the 2023-24 Fall-Winter season** - **one focused on dressing for individuality**, with a flair of drama and the power infused by monumental elegance, **the other holding dear the staying power of wearability, relatability, and comfortability**. Both approaches communicate, each in its own way, the **deep sensitivity and multi-faceted aesthetics of feminine empowerment**, which came to define not only a long succession of fashion seasons but the very spirit of our times. The fall fashion styles, created with this philosophy of beauty in mind, are all about adulthood and readiness, reflecting a mix of **conscious seduction and mature romance**; a beautiful **fusion of nature** - at its best in the ephemeral beauty of the nocturnal blossoms - **and the smokey elegance of after-dark allure**; as well as the vivid expression of **true inner freedom**.

The **Fall-Winter Collections** introduce us to **an adaptable wardrobe**, combining masculine tailoring with



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lightweight slip dresses, impeccable suits with oversized tartan shawls, leather blousons with skirts layered over pants, trench coats approximating capes with ethereal dresses of deft transparencies, in addition to shearing coats and veiled tunics. For the fabrics used, the season's keyword is **softness**. We wrap ourselves in the cocoon offered by **bonded crêpe, cashmere bouclé, soft wool knits, classic plaid, devoré velvet, fil coupé, silk, and lace**, complemented by contemporary elements like **hot fix mesh, macramé, and sequins**. Styles are rooted in the rich

heritage of **craftsmanship and savoir-faire**, with designs that are timeless and enduring, showcasing **femininity as a display of strength and distinction reminiscent of the 50s era**.

Fashion gives away a sense of **courage and escape**. Details resembling armor, **metallic features that speak of hidden strength, mysterious wide-brimmed hats, Laulhère-style military berets, and the obvious preference for solid colors and color-blocking** define the image of a woman emboldened to face any challenge

with poise and confidence, and to prevail - no frills, no fuss.

In the **almost patternless aesthetic of fall-winter fashion**, we get to enjoy an innovative and bold color palette that combines **vibrant and joyful tones with essential, refined, and timeless ones**, inviting experimentation. Alongside the infallible classic and style *absolute black and white*, clearly here to stay, the chromatic trend for the cold season presents sophisticated **hematite-black and dark grays**, sensual tones of **red, magenta, plum, purple, powder pink, and rose violet**, vibrant shades of **blue and yellow**, as well as delicate neutrals such as **beige, camel, and off-white**.

Always a fashion staple, **red** tells a story of **passion, energy, and boldness**. It's also the **color symbol of both femininity and women's empowerment** - our war paint forever. If omnivalence was a color, for sure it would be red, as it represents simultaneously something as sweet as love and as vigorous as strength. It comes as no surprise that this cold season, we get our emotional charge from wearing a **vibrant and intense fiery red**, as well as a darker but extremely igniting shade of red with purple undertones - **magenta**.

Selected also as the Pantone Color of 2023, **Viva Magenta** proves its **utmost force of attraction** in any style presented on the



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catwalks, be it a vinyl trench coat cinched at the waist with a triple belt, a leather trench coat coordinated with cuissardes boots, or a shearling or furry coat worn with tone-on-tone lingerie. Every time, it creates the **bold and sensual look of strong femininity with a powerful mindset.**

On the same vibe is **purple**, a color tied to kings and queens since back in the ancient world, this time in its *sparkling grape* shade - the perfect tone to add a touch of royal status to our winter wardrobe.

At the romantic end of the femininity spectrum, three **shades of pink** infuse sweetness and blushy grace into our cold-season style: *powder rose, tender peach, and candy.*

Quite a rare shade on the runways usually, **gray** is one of the most beloved neutral colors for the upcoming season, highly valued for its **discretion and refinement**, as well as for its **capacity to convey elegance** without the predictability of black. As *lava smoke gray*, it took the runways by storm, used by designers as a **synonym of rigor**, for women who love a masculine but cool style; to create outfits that embody **the bourgeoisie style**; or as a sophisticated shade, **imbued with gravitas** just perfect for intellectual femininity.

As a refreshing counterpoint to the dark tones' dramatic intensity, **yellow** is another undisputed protagonist of fall-winter fashion. It may have something to do with our continuous craving for lightness and high spirits, but this versatile, intensely

bright color, associated with the **warmth and vitality** of the sun, with **joy and good cheer**, is gaining more and more space in our wardrobes, becoming a **trend destined to last**. In **shades ranging from mustard to canary or high-visibility neon**, it creates outfits with a unique and original style, either as a saturated and enveloping shade, or used with contrasting magenta, lava gray, and burnt brick.

Another color perfect to bring **freshness, serenity, and level-headedness** to our lives, via our winter wardrobe, is **blue**. The captivating shade, reminiscent of the sky and the sea, inviting **dreamy thoughts of a tropical getaway**, is gaining more and more space in our closets. *Atoll blue, teal, ocean blue, and Lacecap Hydrangea* are the popular shades of blue proposed by fashion designers for the cold season, to all women who want to showcase their originality.

The ultimate exercise in color expression, **beige** tones have been widely used on the runways, applied to **fluid, glossy, and semi-transparent silhouettes**. From *cappuccino* to *neutral skin* and *sand*, beige tones suggest a **warm and welcoming atmosphere**, perfect for creating elegant and comfortable outfits. Beige has been used to create **monochromatic looks**, which play with **softness, strength, and volume** to create a refined effect, perfect for formal occasions, including the holiday season variety. Since, hey, whether we are ready for it or not, the end of this year is within reach.

If what they say about fall proves right, and

we are indeed in the year's moment of truth, then it's time to admit that we've changed. Of course, it was unavoidable. Everything has changed in the last few years - the world, our lives, the way we see ourselves, who we are. We strayed from our lane slowly but surely, stepping out of a race we didn't want to be in anymore. We won some, we learned some, we grew some. We moved on. There is no way back into the old lane.

Why should we? After all, we are on a road we built from scratch in the meantime, entirely on our own design. Let's see where it takes us. 🍃



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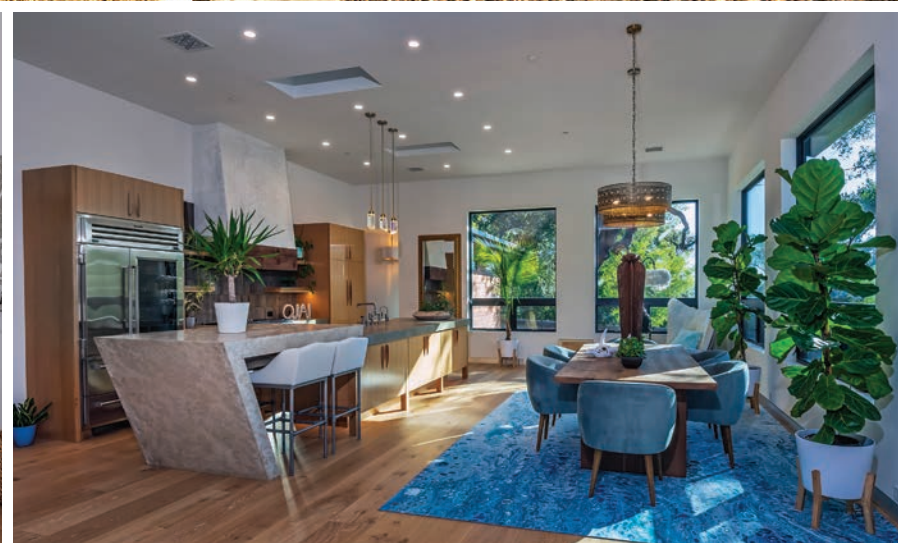
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# Is A Money Market Fund A Good Investment?

By Ray DiBartolomeo

A money market fund is an open-ended mutual fund that invests in short-term debt securities such as US Treasury bills and commercial paper.<sup>[1]</sup> Money market funds are managed with the goal of maintaining a highly stable asset value through liquid investments, while paying income to investors in the form of dividends.<sup>[2]</sup> Although they are not insured against loss, actual losses have been quite rare in practice.<sup>[3]</sup> Money market funds seek a stable net asset value (NAV) per share (which is generally \$1.00 in the United States).<sup>[4]</sup> They aim to never lose money. The \$1.00 is maintained through the declaration of dividends to shareholders, typically daily, at an amount equal to the fund's net income. If a fund's NAV drops below \$1.00, it is said that the fund "broke the buck".<sup>[5]</sup>

## MONEY FUND SIZES

Recent total net assets for the US Fund industry are as follows: total net assets \$2.6 trillion: \$1.4 trillion in Prime money funds, \$907 billion in Treasury money funds, \$257 billion in Tax-exempt. Total Institutional assets outweigh Retail by roughly 2:1.<sup>[6]</sup> The largest money market mutual fund is Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund (Nasdaq:VM-FXX), with assets exceeding US\$120 billion.<sup>[7]</sup> The largest retail money fund providers include: Fidelity, Vanguard, and Schwab.<sup>[8]</sup> The fund industry generally categorize money funds into the type of investment strategy: Prime, Treasury or Tax-exempt as well as distribution channel/investor: Institutional or Retail.

## TYPES OF MONEY FUNDS

### PRIME MONEY FUND

A fund that invests generally in variable-rate debt and commercial paper of corporations and securities of the US government and agencies. Can be considered of any money fund that is not a Treasury or Tax-exempt fund.<sup>[9]</sup>

### GOVERNMENT MONEY FUND

A Government money fund is one that invests at least 99.5% of its total assets in cash, government securities, and/or repurchase agreements that are "collateralized fully"<sup>[10]</sup>

### TREASURY MONEY FUND

A Treasury fund is a type of government money fund that invests in US Treasury Bills, Bonds and Notes.<sup>[11]</sup>

### TAX-EXEMPT MONEY FUND

The fund invests primarily in obligations of state and local jurisdictions ("municipal securities") generally exempt from US Federal Income Tax (and to some extent state income taxes).<sup>[12]</sup>



## INSTITUTIONAL MONEY FUND

Institutional money funds are high minimum investment, low expense share classes that are marketed to corporations, governments, or fiduciaries. They are often set up so that money is swept to them overnight from a company's main operating accounts.<sup>[13]</sup>

## RETAIL MONEY FUND

Retail money funds are offered primarily to individuals. Retail money market funds hold roughly 33% of all money market fund assets.<sup>[14]</sup>

## ULTRASHORT BOND FUND

Ultrashort bond funds are mutual funds, similar to money market funds, that, as the name implies, invest in bonds with extremely short maturities. Unlike money market funds, however, there are no restrictions on the quality of the investments they hold.<sup>[15]</sup>

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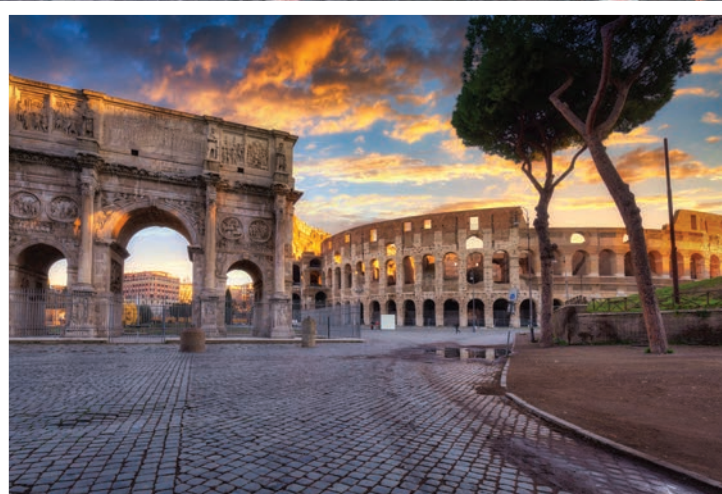
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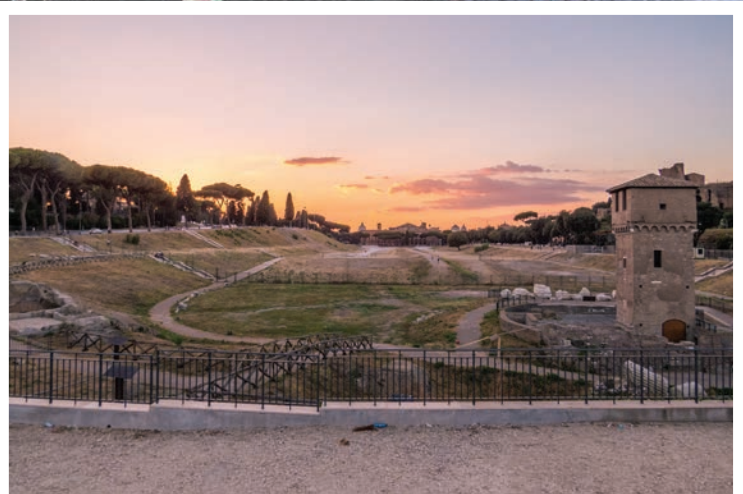
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Trevi Fountain, Rome, Italy



Arch of Constantine the Great and the Colosseum at sunrise, Rome



View from the Circus Maximus (Italian: Circo Massimo)

### ROME

Rome was named the “Eternal City” by the ancient Romans because they believed that no matter what happened in the rest of the world, the city of Rome would always remain standing. Exploring the city center by foot surrounded by glorious monuments and colossal remains takes you back in time to the “glory that was Rome”. It is still a glorious city. Visit the Vatican, the famously beautiful Trevi Fountain, and the city’s impressive monuments and archaeological

sites. Explore the Colosseum, the Circus Maximus and picture the chariots crashing into each other in order to be first in the race. The Roman Forum will give you an idea of what public life looked like.

### FLORENCE

Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance - pulls some 10 million visitors each year for its frozen-in-time palaces and legendary attractions, to say nothing of its tourist-friendly Tuscan cuisine and

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Palazzo Vecchio and Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo) at dusk, Florence, Italy



Aerial view over city of Siena



Interior of Siena Cathedral in Tuscany, Italy



The contrada of Valdimontone parade through the streets of Siena

gelato stands. There's a reason that this city has thrived since the 14th century. Ever up for reinvention, Florence is modernizing. You can see it in the dining scene, where younger, well-traveled restaurateurs and chefs are loosening some of the stricter culinary rules alongside the enduring trattorie, and in the bar scene, where attention to a properly made cocktail in a swinging barroom is as common as a wine bar. It's evident in new markets and museums, and behind those classic facades, be it hotels or boutiques, where you'll find smart design and influential spaces.

### SIENA

In the heart of Tuscany in central Italy, Siena is distinguished by its medieval brick buildings. The fan-shaped central square, Piazza del Campo, is the site of the Palazzo Pubblico, the Gothic town hall, and Torre del Mangia, a slender 14th-century tower with sweeping views from its distinctive white crown. Discover Siena's abundant wines, winding streets, and medieval architecture. The top sites to see there: 1) Siena Cathedral 2) Palazzo Pubblico 3) Piazza del Campo 4) Basilica-Cateriniana 5) Santa Maria della Scala 6) Brolio Castle.



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Venice, view of grand canal and basilica of santa maria della sa



La Fenice Orchestra



Landscape with gondola on Grand Canal, Venice, Italy

## VENICE

Venice is as much an ancient city of placid canals as it is a modern metropolis, full of fashion, art and culture. The top sites in Venice are 1) Doge's Palace 2) Saint Mark's Basilica 3) Grand Canal 4) Gran Teatro La Fenice. The most important working opera house and theater in the city, the Gran Teatro La Fenice is as stunning as it is historic. Imposing and majestic in all its neoclassical glory from the outside, you can only visit its truly beautiful interior if you're lucky

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