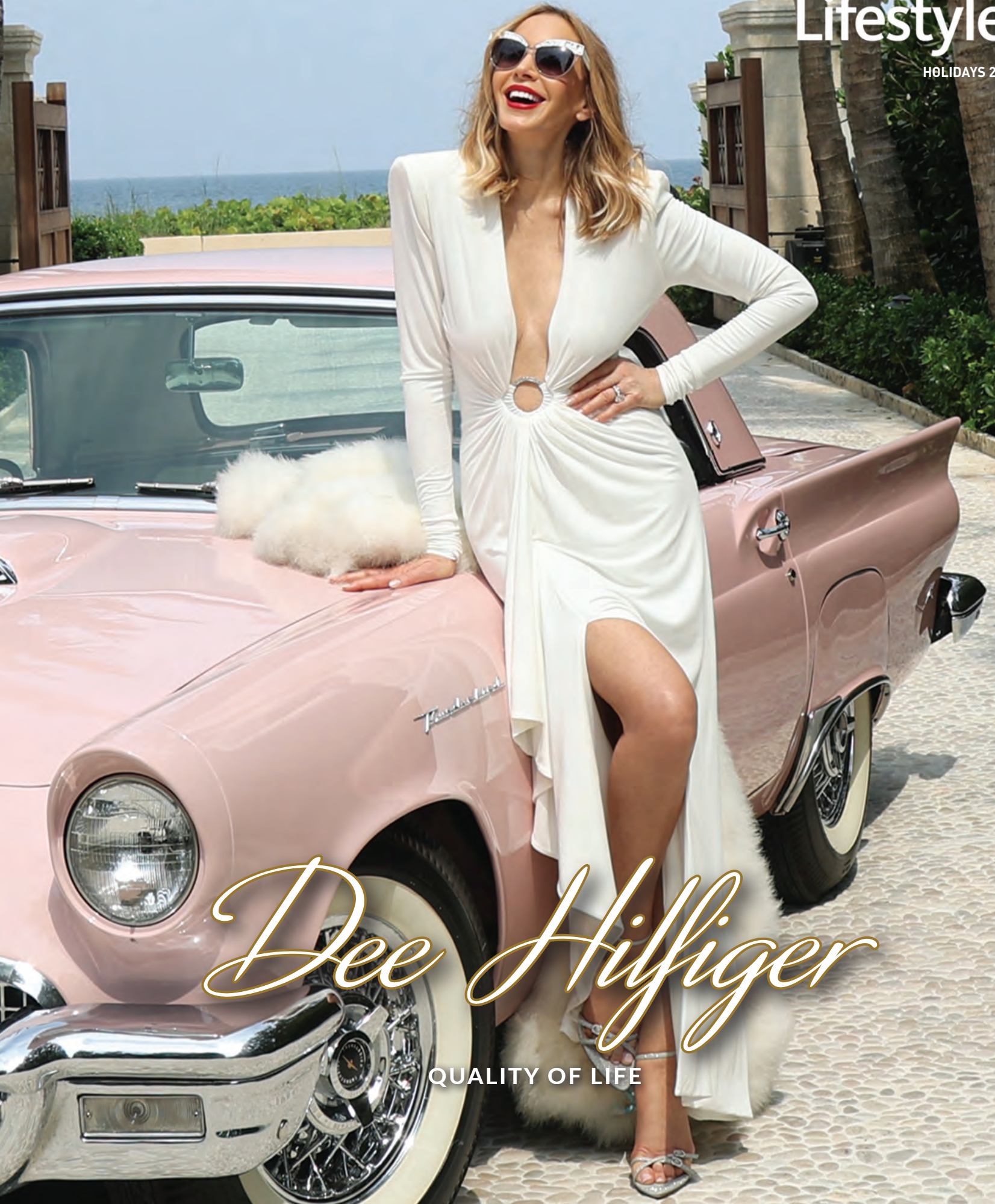


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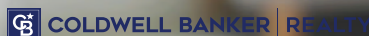
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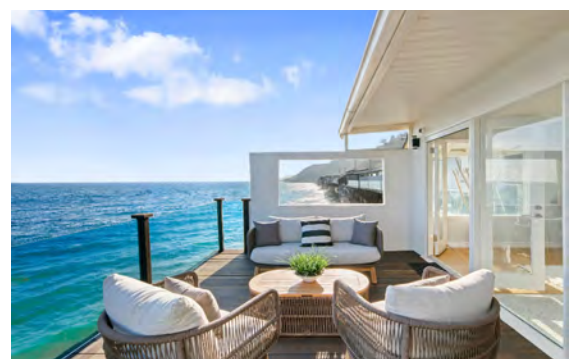
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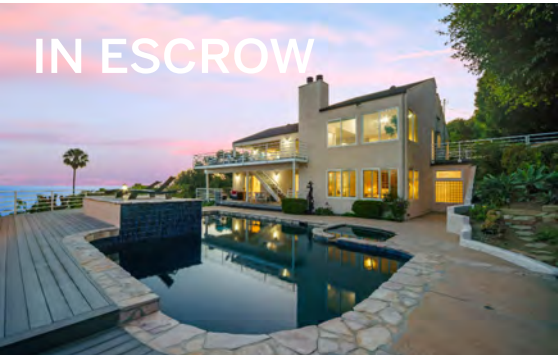
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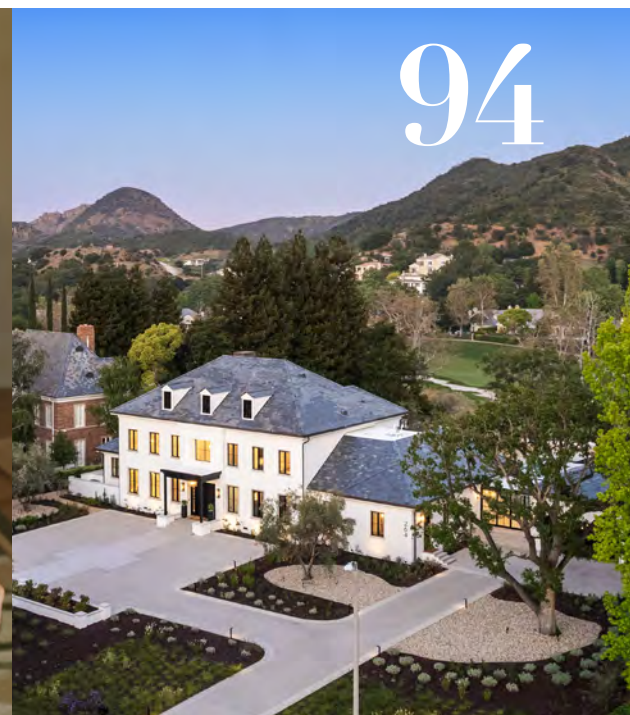
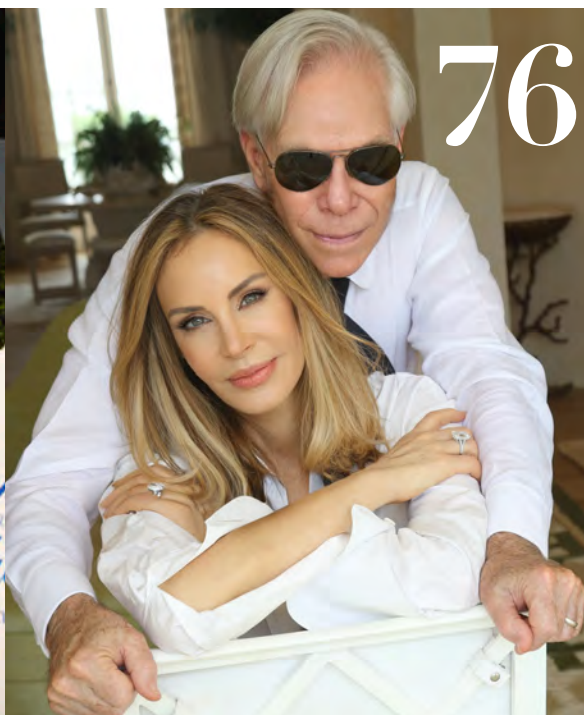
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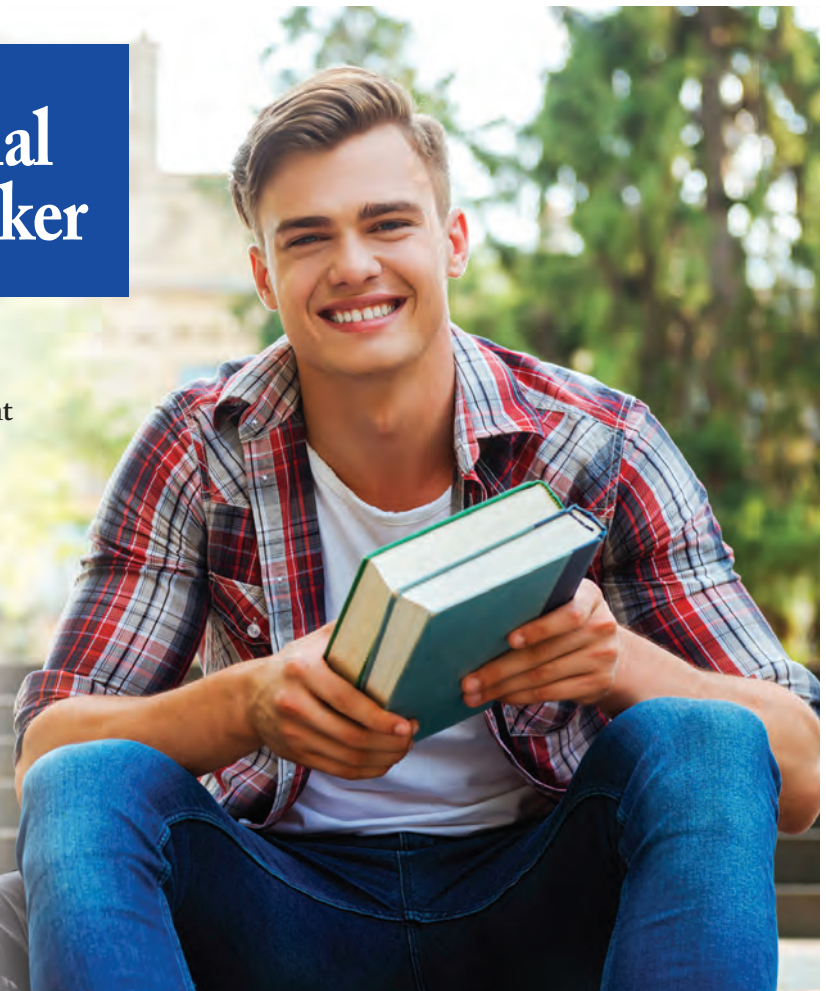
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The JBS Collection's 1934 Packard Twelve 1108 Custom Convertible Sedan by Dietrich won two awards at the 2024 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Car aficionados will be delighted with that article (page 52).

We are starting to scrutinize the ingredients in our food to grasp how it is produced, and with that knowledge, we are opting for healthier lifestyles. Kelly Emberg, our Model Gardiner, is a leader in that shift and she urges us to gain a better understanding of what we are consuming (page 64).

The Clooneys have just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary (page 16) and we say cheers to that.

Most importantly, it's that time of year when we put our hearts and our generosity into serving others. So many members of our community do so much for the vulnerable, and we cover those evenings of giving in this season of compassion.

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Amal Clooney and George Clooney arrive for 2nd Annual Academy Museum Gala on October 15, 2022 in Los Angeles, CA



George and Amal *10 Years*

George and Amal Clooney have just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and it was fitting that they celebrated it in Venice – the city where they tied the knot in 2014. They were both attending the premiere of George’s new film, ‘Wolfs’ at the 2024 Venice Film Festival.

Amal was dressed in an Atelier Versace lace gown featuring a ruffled skirt in one of this year’s most vibrant colors – butter yellow. George wore a black tuxedo with lace-up Oxford shoes.

The couple’s world-famous love story is a testament to the power of meeting the right person. In an interview with Vogue, George described how Amal, the Oxford law graduate, turned up to a dinner party at his Italian villa in Lake Como in July 2013. A mutual friend had brought them together.

“It’s the wildest thing,” George said. “A mutual friend of ours said, ‘I’m stopping by, and can I bring my friend?’ And I was like, ‘Of course.’ The funniest thing was my mom and dad were visiting,



George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin leave the day after the gala dinner from Aman Hotel in Venice, Italy in September 28, 2014 in Venice, Italy



Amal Clooney and George Clooney appeared at the 81st Venice International Film Festival

so my parents were there, and we just talked, and we stayed up all night talking.”

He went on to say in a New York Times interview: *“I dated a lot of really terrific women, but Amal showed up and suddenly it was like, ‘Well, this is different on every level for me.”*

Suddenly, spending his life with this right person became his most obvious choice.

“There is no question that having Amal in my life changed ev-

erything for me. No question, it was the first time that everything that she did and everything about her was infinitely more important than anything about me.”

In an interview in 2018 with Vogue, Amal said:

“I always hoped there could be love that was overwhelming and didn’t require any weighing or decision-making. It’s the thing you have the least control over. Are you going to meet this person? I was 35 when I met George.”

George told the Hollywood Reporter:

“We were a team from right off the bat. Immediately, we felt we were just happy, and we have been happy ever since.”

He also described his first official romantic date with Amal in London in October 2013.

“She was living in London, and I went to London to score a movie. And I thought, if you’re ever gonna impress anybody, it’s at Abbey Road with a 150-piece orchestra. I called her up and said, ‘You want to come see and visit over at Abbey Road?’

11 months later, the couple had their romantic and elegant wedding in Venice.

Their twins, Ella and Alexander, completed their family in June 2017. In an exclusive interview with E!News at their annual Albie’s event, hosted by the Clooney Foundation, Amal confirmed that their 7-year-old twins definitely knew that their mama was a lawyer.

“Yeah, when they play games, when someone goes to prison, they’re like, ‘It’s okay, Mama can get them out.”

But on whether they’ve seen anything from their father’s filmic repertoire, George gave a resounding, “No.” He explained further:

“I don’t want them to for the most part. But they did say to me one day when they came home from school, ‘What’s ‘famous?’ We didn’t want to explain.”

The Clooney family continue to write their next love chapters and we’ll keep you posted. 🍷



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22-year-old Caitlin has taken women's basketball to another echelon, becoming an investment dream as she continues to inspire a new generation of fans and players. Sponsors have found a young woman who is a great role model. Everything she does on and off the basketball court draws admiration and support.

After being named Rookie of the Year, she immediately paid tribute to boyfriend Connor McCaffery, celebrating by sharing a shoutout to him for being her assist. Despite her own success, she has always transferred the spotlight to Connor and his achievements – something that says a lot about her unselfishness.

The No.1 overall pick of the draft certainly lived up to expectations. Caitlin's first season in the WNBA was a slam dunk—with an average of 19.2 points, 6 rebounds and 8.4 assists per game in her first season in the league. And the judges panel knew it—with the 22-year-old receiving 66 of the 67 first place votes from the panels of writers and broadcasters who decided on the achievement.

Caitlin helped lead the Indiana Fever to their first postseason berth since 2016. Although Indiana made a first-round exit, Clark averaged 18 points, 5 rebounds, and 8.5 assists over two

games. Fever's jersey sales increased by over 1,000% mid-way through the season. Attendance at games Caitlin competed in was 88% higher compared to games without her star presence.

She not only broke rookie records but also shattered league records. Beyond the court, her presence in the league brought tens of thousands of new fans to the WNBA. In her record-breaking career, Caitlin scored the most points by any college player in NCAA history. She's also the first player to have at least 3,800 points, 1,000 assists, and 950 rebounds in a career.

She ended her phenomenal 2024 season with these words: *"I am incredibly honored to be named Rookie of the Year, but more than that, I am grateful to everyone that supported me throughout this past season — my family and friends, my teammates, the Fever organization and everyone that cheered us on all season. I am so proud of what we accomplished and so excited for what the future holds."*

If one studies what makes a great team athlete exceptional – Caitlin is pretty much the definition of perfection:

1. She has speed, strength and exceptional coordination
2. Intelligence
3. She has exceptional scoring ability
4. Elite passing skills
5. Overall playmaking prowess
6. She elevates the standard of play of all her teammates
7. She has the presence of mind to be an offensive force on the court
8. She has the power of vision to create scoring opportunities for her team
9. She has a champion's mental strength and determination

STORY BY DIANA ADDISON LYLE



Caitlin Clark celebrates Iowa's first trip to the Final Four in 30 years.
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Caitlin Clark (22 Indiana Fever) reacts to a play during the game between the Chicago Sky and Indiana Fever on Sunday June 23, 2024 at Wintrust Arena, Chicago
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GENETIC APTITUDE

If you combine all these championship skills with her undeniable genetic talent, you have a veritable force of nature on the basketball court. But it takes far more than that to be as good as Caitlin is. She has a work ethic second to none, and a level of determination that is rare. As a five-year-old, she played with boys and frustrated them by mastering dribbling the basketball around them. But it's the countless hours she devoted to the sport that became her passion that made the significant difference.

ENVIRONMENT

Caitlin grew up in a family of sports champions and high achievers who were highly supportive of her goals and dreams. Her parents, Brent and Anne Nizzi-Clark, and her two brothers, Blake and Colin, were gifted. Dad, Brent Clark, a former college basketball and baseball player at Simpson College in Iowa, coached Caitlin as a child. He said that she was a natural at basketball from a young age, and by the third grade, she had her sights set on the WNBA.

MICRO-EXCELLENCE

While Caitlin's work ethic is exceptional, she's an expert at micro-excellence. She's obsessed with perfecting the tiny details and trains aggressively to develop the endurance and strength needed to sustain quick, high-stress games. Her training includes strength training exercises like squats, jumps, and dead lifts, as well as shooting drills in which

she takes 300 shots in quick succession. She's perfected several ways of shooting, and she studies how to create the necessary space around her so that she can best execute her shots. For a shooter with the vast range that she has, distance is less of a factor. Having the space around her becomes the more important element. She has an average 3-point shot distance of 28.09 feet through 28 games of her rookie season. Her strategies include biomechanics, and she's probably studying other great athletes across other sports to incorporate the latest strength-training techniques and dietary needs.

It's no exaggeration to say that this 22-year-old Iowa native is an athletic revelation: she is currently the highest-scoring athlete in the history of college basketball, and Lisa Bluder, her coach at the University of Iowa, has referred to her as 'the best player in America.'

The endorsements are pouring in from major brands like Nike and Gatorade. Corporations are lining up to sign contracts with an athlete whose talent and transcendent presence have broken viewership records, drawn capacity crowds at home and on the road, and attracted 17,000 spectators to an open practice during Final Four weekend. Her WNBA jersey sold out within hours of her being drafted No.1 overall by the Indiana Fever, and multiple teams have moved upcoming games to larger venues to accommodate 'unprecedented demand' for Fever games. Caitlin has earned every business opportunity including a reported \$28 million Nike pact that includes her own signature shoe line.

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LA Rams Night for Wishes

The 7th annual Rams Night for Wishes was held at Sherwood Country Club on October 14th, 2024. This event partners the Los Angeles Rams with Make-A-Wish Central Coast and Southern Central Valley to grant wishes for children in our community battling life-threatening medical conditions. 2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year and Super Bowl LVI Champion Andrew Whitworth was the emcee for the evening's programming and entertainment. To date, LA Rams Night for Wishes has sold out each year and raised more than \$4 million to grant life-changing wishes for critically ill children in the community. *(Continued on page 24)*



Event Host Andrew Whitworth
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L-R: Event Captains Quentin Lake, Rob Havenstein, Kyren Williams, and Tyler Higbee with Wish Kid Olivia, sister Erika, and dog Liberty
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Wish Kid Jose with LA Rams Cheerleaders
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Kyren Williams with Wish Kid Matias
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Sarah and Melissa Whitworth
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Andrew Whitworth and Kyren Williams, winner of the Players Challenge
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Andrew T. Cohen, MD, F.A.C.S. is a Board-Certified Plastic Surgeon dedicated to providing the highest quality care in an advanced, safe environment with attention to detail and patient confidentiality. A native of Southern California, Dr. Cohen has an office and an accredited, state-of-the-art surgery center in the heart of Encino, California. Since moving his practice from Beverly Hills, Dr. Cohen offers comprehensive, concierge plastic surgery care at his Encino office and Quad-A Surgery Center. Dr. Cohen is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and proudly served, twice, as the Clinical Chief of Plastic Surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He completed both his general surgery training and plastic surgery residency at Loma Linda University.

Dr. Cohen has specialized fellowship training in aesthetic and oculoplastic surgery, making him a highly specialized plastic surgeon of the face and eyelids. Body contouring, liposuction, breast reduction, breast augmentation, and tummy tucks are some of the cosmetic procedures regularly performed at Dr. Cohen's practice. Dr. Cohen regularly instructs plastic surgery residents at USC and Loma Linda University and is an invited lecturer for various Plastic Surgery organizations. He has participated in missionary work in Argentina where he operated on children with cleft lip and palate defects.

Dr. Cohen is happily married and the proud father to three sons. He is a competitive half marathon runner, and enjoys SCUBA diving, pickleball, and cooking in his spare time.

Q: What makes the patient experience different at your office over other offices?

A: From the initial consultation, we focus on a patient's overall health and preparation for upcoming surgery. All superior surgery results are made better when we take care of our skin and our overall health. Prior to surgery, we focus on healthy eating, supplements, skincare and overall health, which allows you to the opportunity for a smooth recovery and to get the most out of your surgical investment. We would rather a patient invest in overall health and wellness, and then make the commitment to maintaining their surgical results. We want all of our patients to feel great about their results, and work with our office team to continue their success.

Q: Besides head to toe surgery offered, what are some of the most popular complimentary non-surgical options in your office?

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L-R: Doron Kim, Neal McDonough, Krista Shue, Ruvé McDonough, CEO Pattie Mullins, Leslie Schuler, Ryan Sorenson, and Brenda Epperson-Moore
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Stephen Hearst with Rampage and LA Rams Cheerleader
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Make-A-Wish Central Coast and Southern Central Valley CEO Pattie Mullins
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Colin Farrell with Jenny the Donkey in 'The Banshees of Inisherin'. PHOTO: JONATHAN HESSION/SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES



Colin Farrell

There are few actors as gifted as Colin Farrell. His ability to profoundly understand his character produces a depth in his performance that moves audiences. Farrell is intensely passionate and embodies his character wholly. He's won two Golden Globe Awards and is an Academy Award nominee. Time Magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2023. Ever since 2000, this leading man has wowed audiences in blockbusters and independent films, amassing a diverse, eclectic filmography across the board – from dark comedies and dramas to thrilling vampire spectacles.

His 2022/23 success in *The Banshees of Inisherin* is one of the highlights in his career. It's a captivating film which is set in 1923 during the Irish Civil War. It tells the simple story of two men whose friendship is tested with reasons that are as perplexing as the Irish Civil War. It's an exploration of the human condition.



Colin Farrell arrives at the Los Angeles Premiere Of Amazon Prime Video's 'Thirteen Lives'

The Penguin is a recently released HBO Original limited series which continues the epic crime saga Matt Reeves began with *The Batman*. Farrell is spectacular in the lead role as the titular Batman villain.

In an exclusive press conference for the HBO series with select media, he described the experience:

"It was the first time ever at work, as an actor, that I got in before the crew and I left after the crew. Usually, actors have such an easy time. We get in after everyone, we leave before everyone, and we're overpaid," he said.

"We'd start at half four, five o'clock in the morning, and, uh, and we'd be leaving at nine or 10 o'clock at night."

"There was costume, there were the people who were designing the bodysuit. There was art who did the teeth, and there was somebody who was doing the hair and it was just extraordinary to see this village of people come together to bring this character to life," he said. 🍀

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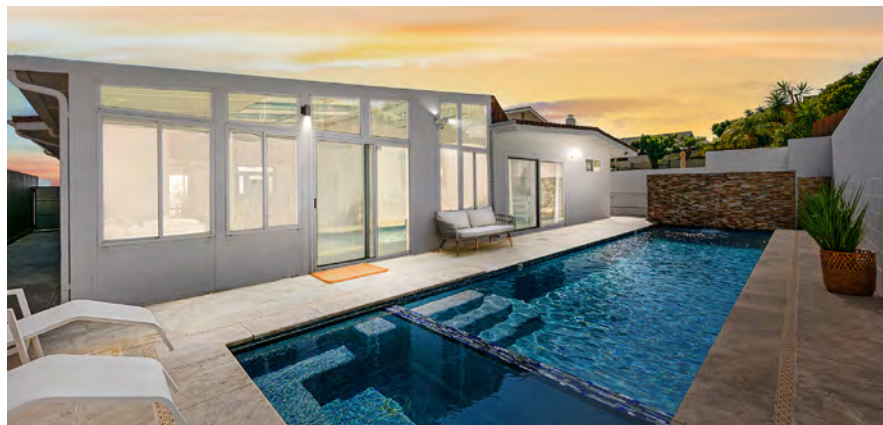


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YMCA 60th Anniversary Gala

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The Southeast Ventura County YMCA 60th Anniversary Gala was held on September 21 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to building positive relationships, impacting lives and strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living programs and social responsibility.



Wyatt McCrea, Ronnie Stone – President/CEO of Southeast Ventura County YMCA, Larry Persons – Board Chair and Joel and Frances McCrea Memorial Award Honoree, Neal McDonough – Event Host



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Victoria's Secret *Rebranded*

After a 6-year hiatus amid backlash for its lack of diversity, Victoria's Secret made a triumphant return to the runway with a star-studded supporting cast. Even the Empire State Building was lit up in the lingerie label's signature pink. Kate Moss made her debut at age 50, joined by Carla Bruni (56) and Tyra Banks (50). Curvy models like Paloma Elsesser received a huge welcome. Cher set the standard in the musical performances and guitar maestro, Orianthi Panagaris, rocked the crowd with *I Love Rock 'n Roll* and *Are You Going My Way*.



Orianthi Panagaris performing
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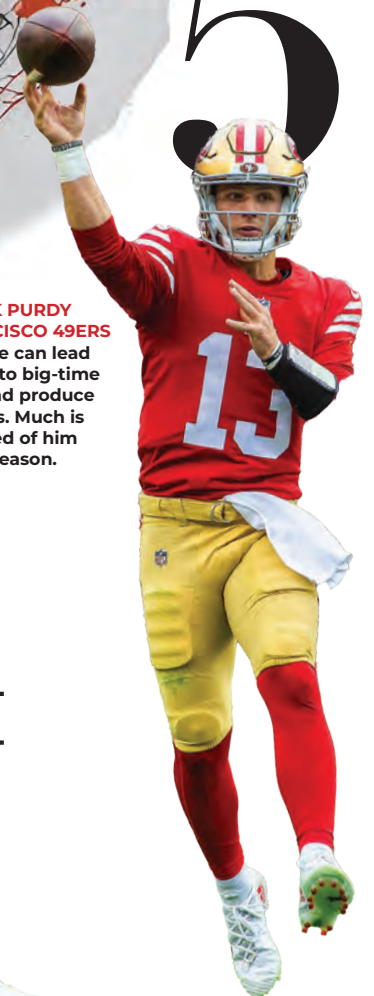
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Sherwood Cares

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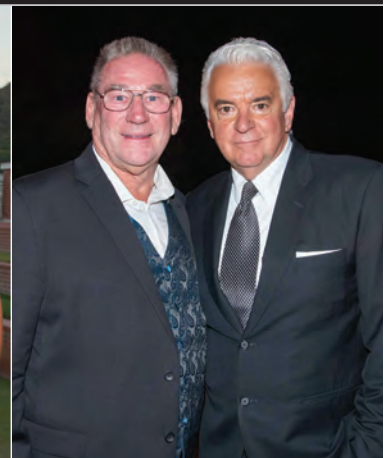
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Exterior of Cher's magnificent Malibu home - her Bentley parked in front. PHOTO COURTESY REALTOR.COM

Cher's Malibu Mansion

According to Realtor.com, earlier this year, Cher's Renaissance-style Malibu mansion is reportedly on the market. In an interview with Architectural Digest, she described the building of her home a result of being inspired by visits to Venice and Casa Casuarina, the mansion of her late friend Gianni Versace in Miami's South Beach. The seven-bedroom, nine-bathroom, 13,126 sq. ft. home that overlooks the Pacific Ocean is situated on 1.73 acres of land and is surrounded by a tennis court and infinity pool. The Italian palazzo's gated, arched entrance leads into its private courtyard. The living rooms are stately with floor-to-ceiling windows and diamond-coffered ceilings. [Realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com)



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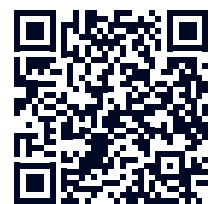
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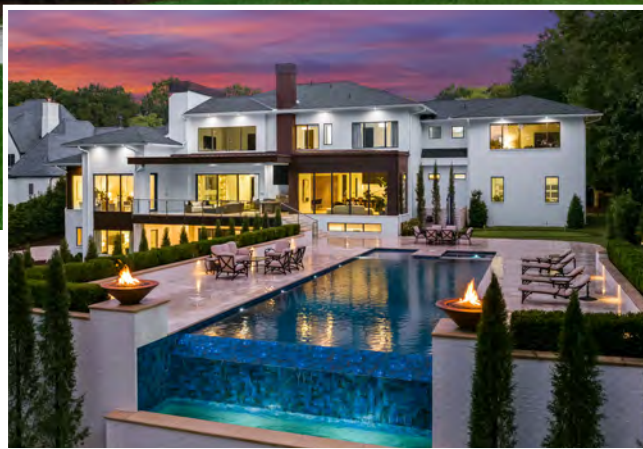
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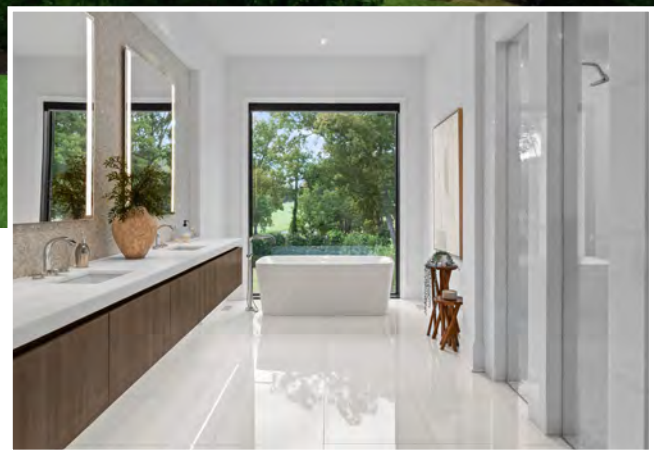


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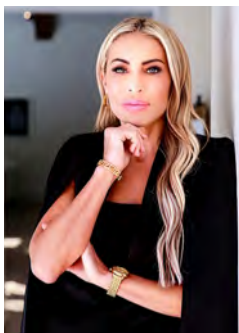
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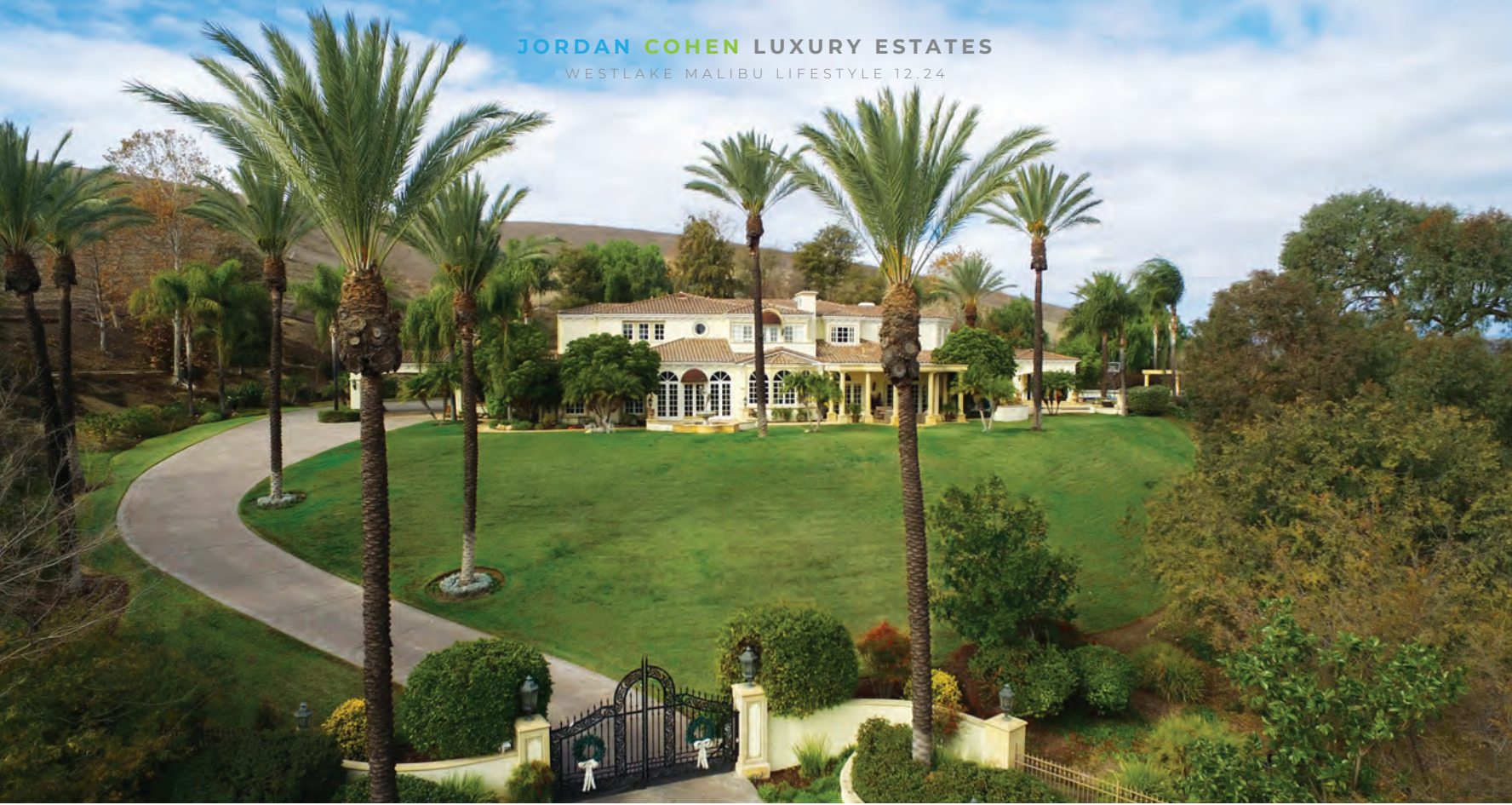
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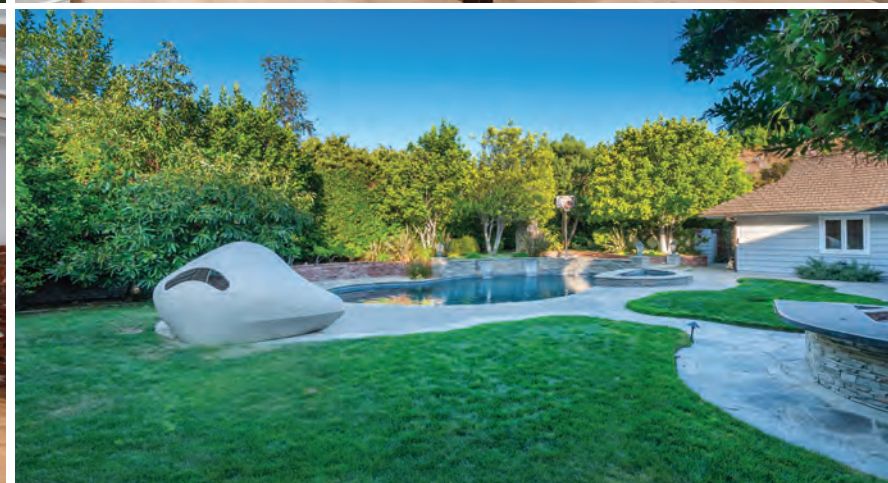
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King Frederik, Princess Josephine, Prince Vincent & Queen Mary of Denmark.
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King Frederik, Prince Vincent, Princess Josephine & Queen Mary of Denmark in Greenland this year.
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Danish Royal Family

Queen Mary and King Frederik of Denmark's love story has touched people all over the world. Mary, a smart Australian lawyer, met Frederik (who was then the Crown Prince of Denmark) at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and had no idea who he was. His anonymity was deliberate as it allowed them to get to know each other naturally. They married in 2004 in Copenhagen and their deep love and respect for each other was palpable. They have four children: Christian, Isabella, Vincent and Josephine. Queen Mary learned Danish fast and has accomplished much. She serves as patron of over 30 charitable organizations, including the United Nations Population Fund, the European office of the World Health Organization, and the Danish Refugee Council. The pictures feature Princess Josephine and Prince Vincent accompanying their parents to the town of Sisimiut on Greenland's west coast this year. 🌿

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Back on its Historical Journey

Pebble Beach 24-The JBS Collection



The JBS Collection's 1934 Packard Twelve 1108 Custom Convertible Sedan by Dietrich, originally owned by heiress-turned-explorer Louise Arner Boyd, won two awards at the 2024 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and is the first automobile to be featured in the upcoming interview series, *The Journey*.

The JBS Collection and owner Jack Boyd Smith Jr. had a day to remember on Sunday, Aug. 18, in Monterey, California. At the 2024 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, the collection's freshly-restored 1934 Packard Twelve 1108 Custom Convertible Sedan by Dietrich was awarded both the Gwenn Graham Most Elegant Convertible Award Sponsored by Lalique North America, and the Briggs Cunningham Trophy Sponsored by Ford Motor Company.

Argent Packard





Pebble Beach 24-The JBS Collection

The 12-cylinder 1934 Packard 1108 Custom Convertible Dietrich Sedan—its restoration recently completed to original specifications by LaVine Restorations, Inc. of Nappanee, Indiana—was originally owned by infamous California heiress-turned-explorer, Louise Arner Boyd. Boyd was a U.S. delegate to the 1934 International Geographical Congress in Warsaw, Poland, and had this very Packard custom built for her three-month journey across Poland.

Referred to as “The Girl Who Tamed the Arctic” by newspapers during the 1920s, Boyd originally gained notoriety for arctic explorations and research expeditions that sometimes included hunting polar bear. In 1934, as a U.S. delegate, Boyd toured the Polish countryside in this Packard, photographing and recording the customs and cultures of the ethnic groups in the area. Her journal from the trip,

supplemented with over 500 of her photographs, was published by the American Geographical Society in 1937 as ‘Polish Countrysides’, and includes myriad black and white photographs of this very automobile.

“This particular Packard has such a fascinating history,” said Smith Jr. “When I sat down with Vivian, Eric, and Travis LaVine to envision this restoration, we were so excited about the prospect of bringing this Packard back. The goal was to restore it to its original glory in every detail, just as it was when Ms. Boyd owned it. This project was painstaking—we even custom built the original, one-of-a-kind polar bear hood ornament. We’re honored to have our work acknowledged and awarded at Pebble Beach, and we look forward to sharing the story of this Packard’s restoration in the debut of our video series, *The Journey*.”



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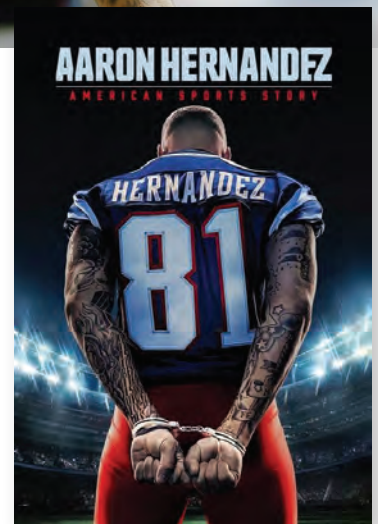
American Sports Story

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How does a gifted athlete with Herculean physical capabilities - sweat his way to the top of the National Football League with abject determination - and then blow up his life and his career with a series of choices and behaviors that destroyed everything he'd ever worked for. It's a story that societally we still can't put down, and that's why *Aaron Hernandez: American Sports Story* was released at the end of 2024. The 10-episode limited series charts the rise and fall of the NFL superstar, and explores the disparate strands of his identity, his family, his career, and his eventual suicide in prison in 2017. It invites the fascinating debate of genetics versus environment, and to what extent each played a role in Hernandez's destruction. Showrunner Stu Zicherman and Josh Rivera spoke to *The Hollywood Reporter* about why they revisited Hernandez's story. In the series, we are introduced to this muscular athlete who is capable of so many emotional facets: he is sweet and tender while also being explosive and aggressively temperamental in split seconds. He's been raised by a tough father who displays all the characteristics of toxic masculinity, and yet Hernandez idolizes his father. He grows up in a volatile, unstable home and battles with his own identity while trying to live up to his father's expectations of him. The New England Patriots recruited Hernandez despite his troubling drug history and behavioral red flags, and like other sports leaders, they hoped that the Patriots' structure, discipline and routine could constructively diminish Hernandez's negative propensities. In the end, Hernandez goes on to commit horrendous crimes, and the American Dream of the poor kid of Puerto Rican descent making it to the top of the NFL - implodes because of each tragic element. It makes for compelling viewing and even more compelling discussions. 🔥



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The documentary looks at our interconnected waters and what we all can do to keep them healthy. In a statement, Attenborough said, “My lifetime has coincided with the great age of ocean discovery. Over the last hundred years, scientists and explorers have revealed remarkable new species, epic migrations and dazzling, complex ecosystems beyond anything I could have imagined as a young man. In this film, we share those wonderful discoveries, uncover why our ocean is in such poor health, and, perhaps most importantly, show how it can bounce back to life.”



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You Can Make A Difference In 2025

By Model Gardener Kelly Emberg



Exciting news! More and more people are starting to scrutinize the ingredients in their food, grasp how it is produced, and seek ways to foster a healthier America.

Given the current health landscape in our nation, it seems we are on the verge of a significant shift in our understanding of a healthy lifestyle. One of my main inspirations for writing these articles is my mission to “change the world one seed at a time!” Since I began cultivating my own food, I have felt a strong desire to share this message with others. I hope it inspires you to embark on a similar journey.

FOOD: A WHIRLWIND OF CONFUSION

For many of us, grocery stores and farmers markets are the closest experiences we have

to a vegetable garden. Most people remain unaware of the intricacies involved in food cultivation, particularly concerning sustainable and organic practices. We often lack knowledge about the chemicals used on the fruits we serve our children or the true nature of GMOs. With the fast pace of life, it can be difficult for parents to decide which water to buy, whether milk is healthy for our kids, or if they should choose alternatives like almond or coconut milk. Terms such as pasteurized, homogenized, and fortified can be perplexing. Why does milk have such a long shelf life? And what about eggs, meat, and processed foods? What is gluten, and why is it deemed unhealthy? Reading through the extensive ingredient lists on processed foods—which make up 76.9% of what’s available in stores—can easily consume a whole day.

WHAT BROUGHT US HERE?

Until the mid-1970s, we had a remarkable diversity of organic farms with minimal pesticide use. The nutritional content of food was still significantly higher than it is today. With advancements in food technology came extended shelf life, introducing a plethora of emulsifiers, preservatives, and artificial sweeteners that replaced full-fat dairy, leading to the rise of low-fat and sugar-free products at the expense of our health. This marked the beginning of an influx of harmful ingredients infiltrating many foods.

At this time, wheat—the world’s most popular grain—began to pose serious risks to human metabolism. Once nutritious in ancient times, modern wheat has been so hybridized for higher yields that it has lost



Farmer selling his vegetables at a farmers market

over 30% of its nutrient content compared to its ancestral form. The balance and ratios created by nature were altered, and human digestion struggled to adapt. Consequently, gluten emerged as a protein of concern, leading to the increased popularity of gluten-free foods.

The term dairy-free was once absent from food labels. As milk became increasingly harmful due to antibiotics, growth hormones, and pasteurization, more individuals fell ill in the 1980s and beyond, as factory farms produced a liquid with virtually no nutrition. With the rise of veganism, many people are now opting for dairy-free products due to the toxic nature of processed cow milk.

**MY PASSION TO CHANGE THE WORLD
"ONE SEED AT A TIME"**

My journey began in 2007 when I got married and moved to San Diego, where we purchased a home with plenty of land. After my husband encouraged me to buy a greenhouse, I felt inspired to put it to use by growing food. I made numerous mistakes at first, but surprisingly, my garden flourished.

My garden yielded such an abundance that I became overwhelmed with the harvest. It was nothing short of extraordinary. I reconnected with nature, revisiting a world I had almost forgotten. Remember the

days we spent outdoors, climbing trees and riding bikes? We appreciated the beauty of the natural world back then, but as we grew older and busier, we often overlooked the small wonders around us. We ceased to look up and missed simple joys, like birds taking dust baths at sunset or baby birds calling for their mothers in spring. We neglected to

cherish the changing seasons and the tiny creatures surrounding us.

In that moment of realization, I recognized the potential impact I could have. I felt driven to show how a single seed could transform lives. For instance, nurturing something as basic as a tomato plant can shift your view on food, influence your care for the planet, and enhance your health. I knew I had to take action.

I created a television show called "SIMPLY LIVING," aimed at educating people about the origins of their food. I partnered with a showrunner, and together we pitched the idea to various networks around 2011. However, the networks were hesitant to embrace a show focused on organic and seasonal themes, fearing it would alienate advertisers. Consequently, that opportunity fell through. Later, a friend's husband, who managed talent for radio, suggested that my show would thrive on the new podcast platform being launched by iHeart Radio. I decided to give it a try.

From 2013 to 2014, I hosted a podcast titled "FOOD MADE SIMPLE." My goal was to empower my audience to better understand their food, enabling them to lead happier and healthier lives. My listeners gained valuable insights from interviews with a wide range of experts, including doctors, naturopaths, chefs, farmers, and more. After dedicating over a year to that endeavor, I



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chose to change course due to the significant effort required and the slow growth of my audience. The platform was still emerging. During this time, I began writing gardening articles for Westlake Malibu Lifestyle, contributing to them for over ten years.

My growing passion has led me to experiences I never imagined. All it takes is planting one seed and witnessing the transformation. I was invited to create a vegetable garden in “Holly Grove,” named “The Giving Garden,” designed for homeless and foster children who have faced difficulties in life. This garden aims to teach these children that with proper nourishment and care, the seeds they plant can grow into resilient, productive, and beautiful plants that yield food for many. They can also save the seeds and restart the cycle. My daughter and I took part in the entertainment committee for their fundraiser, introducing a growing theme for the event. Instead of a traditional sit-down dinner, we set up food stations centered around cultivating healthy food, using fresh herbs and edible plants as centerpieces. This approach was novel for them and received an enthusiastic response. I have volunteered with “Feeding America” and helped in my children’s elementary school garden, sharing the joy of growing food with the kids. I was also invited to speak at my local garden club and in my community. All of this came about unexpectedly because I started growing my own food.

I hope my years of writing this article have ignited your curiosity about your food and



Children learning about growing food

inspired you to change your eating habits. If so, you’ve likely motivated many others along the way, often without even realizing it.

YOU CAN DO IT!

By growing your own food, you will inspire others to do the same. Sharing your harvest will open the eyes of friends and strangers to the taste of fresh, homegrown food, encouraging them to seek that experience again. Trust me, you will have more produce than you can consume alone. Consider donating the surplus to food banks, volunteering to feed the homeless, and teaching them about the bene-

fits of fresh food compared to the center aisles of grocery stores. Educate children in local schools by getting them involved in gardening, providing them with early lessons on food cultivation and the wonders of nature. Did you know that many children and even adults are unaware of the stages of a growing plant? They may have never tasted a tomato right after it was picked. Create a community garden in your neighborhood. Support politicians who aim to expose shortcomings in food agencies and advocate for a healthier America.

We have a significant journey ahead in educating people about their food choices. Many unhealthy ingredients are hidden within the majority of foods consumed by Americans. As one of the highest-income nations, we also face the highest levels of preventable chronic diseases, grappling with the consequences of the fast-food industry.

My hope is that individuals will strive for better health and recognize the pressing issues before them. As we approach the new year of 2025, we all have a role to play. What will yours be? Growing your own food can ignite your energy and passion to contribute to this change. Remember, a single seed has the power to transform your life—and perhaps even the world. 🌱

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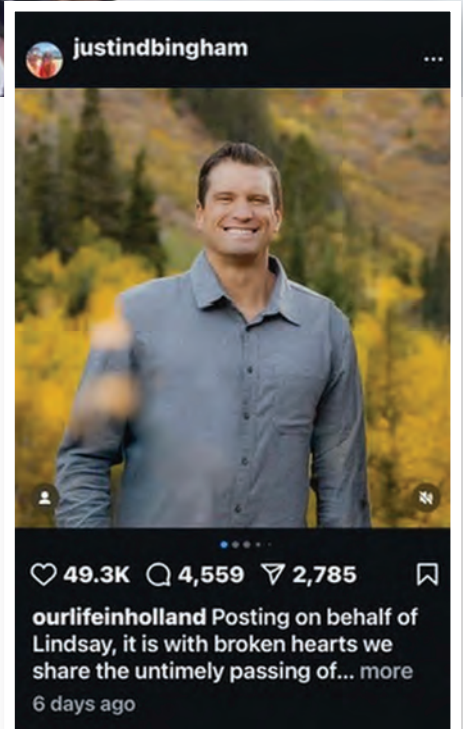
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We are all reminded of the fragility of life when a young, dynamic leader like Justin Bingham succumbs to a tragic accident during what should have been a healthy, happy outdoors weekend. 40-year-old Justin Bingham, the CEO of tech company Opiniion, was canyoneering with three other people on October 5, 2024, in Heaps Canyon, Zion National Park, Utah, when he accidentally fell between 150 and 200 feet. The three other canyoneers accompanying him were rescued the following morning, according to the National Park Service. Bingham was declared dead before he could be airlifted to a hospital.

Opiniion was Bingham's third venture after he successfully sold two other startups. His company put out these heartfelt words on social media as they grappled to come to terms with the loss of their gifted leader:

"At Opiniion, Justin was more than just our CEO. He was a friend, a mentor, an example of hard work and above all, he was family. Justin knew each of us by name and made a point when he came into the office to say hello to everyone individually, every single day. We never doubted his love for us and for those with whom he was associated. We will always remember his optimism, his kindness, and the hard work that brought Opiniion to where it is today."

Bingham is survived by his devastated wife of 19 years, Lindsay, and the couple's four heart-broken children. 💧



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When two uniquely special people find each other across the world and discover that their values are in sync, something powerful happens: a love story germinates and flourishes so profoundly that the whole becomes much greater than the sum of the parts. Dee Ocleppo and Tommy Hilfiger met in Saint-Tropez in 2005 and built a relationship that amplified their core traits. When their hearts merged, they began the best chapter of their lives, and the fruits of that are evident in their family life and in their soaring careers.

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From the inception of this cover story, Dee's proficiencies and passions shone. Photographic maestro Fadil Berisha and Dee fed off each other's sense of style and expansive vision. The photographic day flashed by with imaginative ideas and infinite creative flair. It was dynamically energizing and a reminder of how much the human spirit thrives on art, beauty and flavor. Our interview took place the morning after Dee and Tommy flew back to Palm Beach from Mustique, a private island in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, where they had decompressed and exhaled. Dee expressed why they love the island so much:

"Tommy has had the Mustique home for over 30 years, and we go there often because of its beauty and serenity. I love swimming in the water there. Our house is indoor/outdoor so there's always this feeling of openness and fresh air. The place forces you to slow down and completely relax. It's uncommercialized with zero entertainment, so you disconnect and recharge in nature. Everybody knows each other on the island, and homeowners have to be approved by a Board to purchase a place there. It feels like a big, happy family."

Dee was born in Cleveland, Ohio to immigrant parents: a radiologist father and a microbiologist mother and then the family moved to Rhode Island where Dee's formative years occurred.

"I was very aware of my parents being different and when you are young, you want to conform and fit in," she explains matter-of-factly. "Mom was British and Dad was Turkish so they both spoke with their respective accents. As I got older, I realized that being different was a superpower but as a child, I didn't appreciate it, probably because I knew that children can be cruel towards outsiders. I was very shy, and I wanted to shield myself from bullies."

I wonder at what point Dee was aware that she was enormously creative.

"I don't recall thinking of myself as being very creative. However, now that I think about it, I do remember winning a contest in elementary school where we painted designs of columns. I think I had a definitive sense of what appealed

to my eye, and that seems to have served me well."

Dee's style is undeniably elegant, and her fashion sense was probably polished when she was a child. Her mom brought home fashion magazines and she pored over Vogue and Bazaar in the late 1960s and 1970s.

"I was hugely inspired by fashion and glamor, and it extended to beautiful homes and environments that I thought were captivating. Those thoughts became dreams of what I wanted my life and my environment to look like when I became older. My bedroom at home was always immaculate and organized. I said to Tommy how amazing it is that those organizational traits were so evident at age 6 and they've stayed with me to this day. I'm a neat freak!"

Dee's launch into fashion modeling in her early 20s was a juxtaposition to her life in Rhode Island.

"I attended an all-girls Quaker School. From there, I went to Southern Methodist University and so I had led a very insulated life. When I started modeling, an entirely new world opened to me. I was exposed to very different people in multiple countries. Some were lovely and invigoratingly creative, and some were exploitative. That was a rude awakening for me. Fortunately, I was in my 20s when I went off to Paris, so I was less vulnerable than the 14-year-old models, but I certainly encountered some nefarious people along the way and that was a moment of reckoning and a definitive growth spurt for me."

We fast-forward to 2005 when Dee was newly divorced from an Italian tennis player and living in Monte Carlo

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with two young children. The Cannes Film Festival was taking place nearby and the serendipitous meeting with Tommy Hilfiger took place in Saint-Tropez.

“I didn’t know a lot about Tommy when I met him,” Dee remembers, “and my first assumption was that he may have been gay because statistically, I hadn’t met a lot of straight fashion designers. He wasn’t on my radar, but once I started talking to him, I discovered what an absolutely lovely human being he was. He was such a kind man and through our conversations we uncovered that we each had a special needs child – and both were on the autistic spectrum. That deep understanding sparked a profound friendship. Tommy is like the Fred Rogers of the fashion business, and I was enormously drawn to that. Then I discovered that he wasn’t gay and that was the beginning of our love story. Our very strong friendship base served us well and I’m a great believer in the value of a relationship building from the solidity of a trusted friendship.”

When the Hilfigers married, they were bringing together six children, and then they had their seventh child. Integrating a family successfully has its challenges - especially when three of their seven children have special needs.

“Patience is the number one necessity,” says Dee. “It’s not always easy being a stepmother to four children. Understanding our children’s needs is vitally important, as is possessing huge measures of compassion. I think we make it work with tons of love and determination. Commitment, consistency, work and determination all play into it.”

Given the Hilfigers’ experience with children on the autism spectrum, I ask Dee if she thinks that substantial headway is being made in understanding autism.

“I’m hopeful that with AI (Artificial Intelligence), maybe we can make significant headway with autism research. My hope is that it can help us integrate all the neurological research that’s being done in so many sectors, including Alzheimer’s. One of the issues with autism is that it’s such a broad arena. There’s that expression that if you meet one child with autism, you’ve met only one child. The brain is such a complex organ, and we need to invest more in the research. While I’m not a doctor or scientist, what concerns me is that we are being told that autism is 40-80% likely

caused by a genetic mutation. However, there is no history of that genetic mutation in my family. I’d like to truly understand what causes the genetic mutation and if there are environmental factors contributing. Some people feel that autism isn’t something that needs to be fixed, but that depends on how severe it is. One of my best friends has a son who is unable to speak. My kids have it less severely and they are wonderful people, but I would like to understand the germination of autism.”

Dee’s entrepreneurial career in fashion designing started in 2011 when she founded Dee Ocleppo, a line of affordable luxury goods. The objective was to fill a gap in the market by offering luxurious items, such as artisan-made shoes, with silk scarves, pajamas and cashmere. She describes the inception.

“Tommy had been talking about a collection he was doing, and I had this idea for a bag, and he casually said, ‘why don’t you do it?’ I showed my prototypes to the head of HSN, Mindy Grossman, and she loved them. From there I went on to become Creative Director of Judith Leiber, and we expanded to shoes, home and jewelry.”

“I’m about to launch a new line with home and home accessories with QVC called Mrs H. It started with one item, and it’s grown exponentially through the years.” Mrs H becomes available to the public on November 26th, 2024.” When creativity is driven by passion, it never feels like work, and that’s an accurate assessment of Dee’s immersion in her productive lifestyle.

Our cover story photoshoot took place at the Hilfigers’ gorgeous Palm Beach residence. It’s an oasis of beauty and Dee describes what she most wanted to achieve in the home.

“I love the greenery in Palm Beach. I also love the happiness in our home that is promoted by there being so much light. Our outdoors meld with our indoors, and it is bright and colorful. We sold our Greenwich and Miami homes to purchase this home and we consolidated what we loved about our former homes into this Palm Beach house. It has everything that we love. We have a lake at the back and an ocean in the front. Being surrounded by water is something we so appreciate.”

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I remind Dee of the fact that when she was choosing colleges after graduating from high school, Pepperdine University was heavily on her radar. Did Pepperdine's stupendous view of the Pacific Ocean have something to do with it?

She laughs, "Yes, I've always been obsessed by water. When we were in Mustique this week, I was literally always in the water. I admit to being a little bit timid here in Palm Beach because of the prolific number of sharks. While I respect them, I don't particularly want to encounter them."

The Hilfigers' art collection is striking - from the Picasso above the fireplace - to a prolific Andy Warhol collection.

"We've bought and sold art like we've bought and sold homes," Dee explains. "It's something we are passionate about and it's fun. Tommy is very drawn to Andy Warhol and as you can see, we have two Warhols in our entrance. Tommy met Andy in the early 80s and he loved how he took popular culture and turned it into art. Tommy has certainly taken a page out of that with his Hilfiger brand. Just like Warhol, he loves to include celebrities and musicians into his designs. He's always loved sport, entertainment and music and he's taken celebrities from all those areas to partake in his campaigns. He gains inspiration from them, and it ignites his imagination. Understanding popular culture and how it constantly changes is important. With technology and streaming, it can become overwhelming with the sheer volume of instantly accessible information, but Tommy and I try to keep up with it all. He's better at it than I am. He'll know the name and details of an elusive rapper, and it always impresses me how much he keeps up with it. We both make a concerted effort to be informed on who is trending and this also helps us to understand our consumers."

The Hilfigers give back to society in spades with breast cancer, AIDS and autism amongst their greatest contributions. Dee supplies the specifics:

"We've had a long partnership with the Lauders, and we've been big supporters of BCF (Breast Cancer Foundation). Those are the high-profile charities that we support, but we do many more that are under the radar. I'm on the Board of GLAM4GOOD, for instance. Tommy and I are very aligned with a lot of our thinking. We both feel incredibly fortunate that for whatever reason, God put us together

and we found each other. When you are as blessed as we have been, we feel obligated to help others. We do assist a lot of people including family members, and it comes from a place of genuine compassion."

Dee shares how her family will be spending the Holiday season.

"For Christmas, one of our traditions when the kids were young was to get these prefabbed gingerbread houses but as the kids get older, our traditions are changing. Tommy's eldest daughter, Ally, now has a child, so the next generation will reinvent the gingerbread house-making tradition. We've also found that as our kids become young adults, it's harder to get everyone together at the Holidays, but we certainly try. We celebrate on the morning of Christmas with gift opening. Our traditional turkey dinner is around 3 pm. We love turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas. My son, Sebastian, can eat turkey every day. That's his favorite meal. Tommy and I travel a lot, particularly to Europe, but we do always try to be home for Thanksgiving. I love the tradition with all the accoutrements, and we love to watch football! That's the ideal Thanksgiving. Because I grew up in Rhode Island, I'm definitely partial towards the New England Patriots, especially when Tom Brady was there. We are also friends with Robert Kraft, so we're big Patriots supporters."

Learning about the Hilfigers' favorite places in the world offers us a vicarious immersion into some of Europe's beauty:

"We love Italy," Dee enthuses, "particularly Venice. It transports me in a time machine back to another era. We also love to ski. We used to take our kids to Courchevel. I've lived in Europe most of my adult life, firstly as a model in Paris and then I lived in Monte Carlo during my first marriage. What I've always appreciated about Monte Carlo is the mild climate, its safety, and it is surrounded by water. It's also so accessible to other parts of Europe. From Carlo you can drive to Rome, Paris, London or Milan easily. I loved that instant access to so many different places. I also love Greece in the summer, the water, the food and the people."

Dee's priorities are crystal clear:

"My top priority is to raise good, happy children who are strong, smart, kind, and independent. That's no small undertaking. While we have more access to professional resources

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Another vital and central component to Dee’s quality of life is gratitude.

“I believe 1000% that gratitude is the magical sauce to life. It’s such a simple concept but it’s powerfully effective. It’s too easy to complain and doing that becomes habitual. When I was young, even though I had much less then, I was always grateful for a roof over my family’s head, and access to fundamental necessities. I’ve always walked through life with gratitude.”

On a broader note, she says,

“Our children are being raised with a lot more than Tommy and I ever had, and we make it a point to challenge them if we see any signs of entitlement – even though it’s a tough arena to navigate. I started working when I was 13 years old; I was babysitting and cutting the grass. It’s so important to have our children understand the importance of getting a job at an early age. That way they begin to respect money because they realize what it feels like to earn something. There’s pride in earning. My son recently asked me for some extra money, and I told him ‘No’ and I explained why. I told him that for his own sake and for his future quality of life, he has to learn to figure it out and he has enough resources to problem solve. I also pointed out that I’m not always going to be around. I thought he might hate me for drawing that line but in fact, he ended up thanking me.”

I ask Dee to imagine that it’s her birthday. What meal would she most enjoy?

“I love Indian food. I’m definitely a spicy girl, and since I don’t get to eat it often, that would be a treat on my birthday. I also love Italian food. Pizza is one of my favorite foods of all time.”

When it comes to complete relaxation activities, she describes her favorite down-time indulgences:

“I like to get into a Netflix show and that’s a decadence: to binge watch something. But I’m truly happiest out in nature, be it in the water, near a waterfall or a beautiful sunset, mountains or a forest. That’s where I feel the most alive and content.”

As for her greatest hope for the world:

“Peace,” she says unhesitatingly. “We must train our kids to become true citizens of the world. That means respecting other people’s differences instead of focusing on them to create hatred. To me, there’s no logic in wars. It’s oftentimes not about resources but about a religion or an ideological difference. I’m hopeful that one day all of us will wake up and realize that we are all connected as a human race and that we prosper far more from understanding each other and living harmoniously – rather than fighting. It’s common sense. Why wouldn’t we want peace? We have bad players in the world who create these wars and it’s counterproductive and self-annihilating. Everybody suffers from war.”

On an uplifting and positive note, Dee recalls the moments in her life that brought her immense happiness.

“The birth of my first son, Alex. It was such an impactful moment, as was the birth of all my children, but that first birth certainly stands out. Your whole world stops and changes when you give birth to your first child.”

Continuing with the memories of what brought her profound happiness, her eyes light up when she recalls this:

“The day that I married Tommy. I recall feeling so incredibly happy, and so filled with hope for the future. It took me 40 years to meet the man who was my soulmate. I was marrying my best friend, and it was the best feeling in the world. There’s truly no effort involved in our marriage because we are so compatible. We were both divorced with challenging first marriages, and we knew exactly what we didn’t want as we walked into our second marriage. We were so incredibly grateful to God that we got this second chance at happiness. Our relationship is steeped in love, respect, companionship and compatibility.”

Dee’s affirmation of the ingredients that bring us our greatest happiness is fitting for this time of year. May all of us welcome in 2025 with renewed hope, gratitude for what we have, and an abundance of shareable love.

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And What Did We Learn From This Year? The Essential Rules of Disengagement

By Magda Pescariu

Undeterred by the supposed wisdom that should have come with age, I have persisted in approaching every new year with excitement and hope for far too long. “Be like water, darling”, whispered a lover in my ear some decades ago, in what I consider to be, to this day, the most sophisticated and meaningful birthday wish ever. And like water I sought to be ever since. That is, even after I came across the full quote in a glossy magazine’s tips for self-improvement and learned that its author was none other than Bruce Lee. Go figure. It hasn’t changed a bit the impact those three simple words had on my young, impressionable self, or on the way I chose to pursue my life in their light.

For years, though, I believed that being like water meant being intense, passionate, impetuous, and ever-evolving in my beliefs and deeds. I thought it meant staying always engaged, and fighting my way through life in a relentless combat mood, no matter how dire or challenging the circumstances. You know what I mean, more

tsunamis and rapids than tidal waves and long, quiet rivers. I guess it’s forgivable - youth plays so many tricks on us.

I approached this year, however, with a change of heart. My sister, a yoga master with a profound spiritual life journey, warned me early on that 2024 would be dynamic and transformative, the year of an essential change in humanity - total, shocking, irreversible - as it leaped into the Age of Aquarius. And those who wouldn’t or couldn’t get on with the change would be left behind in the dust. It’s not that I didn’t believe her, because I did. It’s just that, in the beginning, it looked so much like any other regular year that I didn’t grasp the scale and scope of the change right away. It took me a while to realize that the escalating global events - from international old and new conflicts to intensifying climate crisis and the biggest, most convoluted election year in history worldwide - were affecting not only the global economy, culture, and society at large, but also people’s behavior and spirits, with ‘despondent’ becoming the growing trend among, well, everybody. 2024 proved very fast to be a shitstorm of drama and emotional turbulence, lived



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at the global and individual level alike. At any given moment, my friends kept telling me, they were one assignment or one soul-stirring happening away from leaving everything and running to the woods.

My favorite industry also felt different from the get-go, stuck in a deep malaise. Professionals with lifetimes of experience

in the field couldn't tell whether the marked shift in consumer sentiment in all major markets around the world, all at the same time, was just a short-term cyclical adjustment, or a long-term structural cataclysm that would require fashion to make fundamental changes to its ethics, sustainability, and core business model.

Sometime mid-year, it dawned on me what being like water meant in this day and age - be yielding, be fluid, in a very specific way. Be yielding when surrender is the only way to overcome. Take five, think it through, and understand that time passes, events become memories, feelings change, and hurts heal. Be fluid, as in fluid to decide to stop playing the game when you don't feel like it anymore; fluid to realize that not every battle is worth having, and sometimes the only winning strategy is to disengage. Humanity's basic guide to surviving 2024 is a great case in point.

So, I was glad to see that the main fashion message for this year's wrap-up was an invitation to disentanglement and cushioning blows, to enjoy a season of warmth, and to "make a monument out of every day," in the words of Bottega Veneta's Matthieu Blazy.

Yes, wars are raging, climate change made our lives uninhabitable, and politics have gotten crazier than ever, but fashion's response is mostly to apply the rules of disengagement from the world's grim reality. Keep it real and be like water, they

say too. **Real fashion** is the overarching theme of the end of 2024. Real, as opposed to pretend, to unviable, to grotesque. Real fashion, as in meant to **comfort and protect**, with **clothes that embrace the wearer, hold him close, build a sense of safekeeping, and the feeling of being hugged** we all covet. The **focus** is less on silhouette (though shoulders are still of '80s proportions in some designs) than on **materials and tactility** - we talk about soothing, pettable clothes - as well as on copious amounts of **red wine-colored outfits** to take the edge off.

Overwhelming **outerwear in shearling, faux furs, feathers, fabric, and yarn** provides more than **warmth**; it grants **power and freedom in movement**. These **often-voluminous touch-me pieces** might not be the most practical garments on the winter coat market, but they have our back covered whether we aim for a *Sex and the City* kind of **glam** or lean into the rekindled **haute bohème** vibe. **Underneath the big, all-embracing coats there is no little black dress in sight**. For the New Year's Eve party, there's nothing more appropriate to wear than a **floor-skimming mammoth faux fur coat over a sequin dress in silk georgette or a lace lingerie slip dress**, with spectacular costume jewelry and a covetable bag added to the equation. Of course, in legendary Carrie Bradshaw style, you could wear the outrageous outerwear for the most unassuming occasions - thrown over a silk



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nightly and worn with pearls and Ugg boots, to the corner shop, or to support your best friend in a year-end crisis.

Also protective to the highest degree and allowing for anonymity, mystery, or sheer avoidance, are the **coats and jackets with high, extravagant, backward, or starkly architectural collars** that almost mask the entire face – the most stylish way to protect against both the elements and unwanted social interactions.

Not surprisingly, disengagement comes as a package with a **sunshine set of mind**. A little sparkle can go a long way and it's easier to focus on the good in a season of goodness and glitter. We don't have to look for much - a **tinsel knit**, a tailored blazer with a **tinsel collar**, **tinsel trimming** for day and night, anything of the kind that allows for more extroverted expression. Because, let me be clear on that, **in 2024 there are no take-me-to-the-moon gowns for the end of the year's parties**.

What we have is a beautiful **reedition of *Le Smoking***, the ultimate masculine occasion wear until it was popularized for women by **Yves Saint Laurent in 1966**, which adds a cinematic Marlene Dietrich streak to this year's end party dressing. Designers are playing with the archetype, using the **satin-lapel jacket**, **pinstripes**, **dress shirts**, **waistcoats**, **neckties**, or the **cummerbund** as a way to make a stand against formality or gender stereotypes, or to dismantle ideas of capitalism and power. For daring devils thriving on both rigor and rebellion, there is also the **clean-**

lined simplicity of the *Le Smoking Coat*, as seen on more than a few runways, **worn buttoned-up or with a backward collar**, with a tantalizing sliver of skin showing as the model walked the catwalk, keep-them-guessing style.

In their search for ways to find harmony and bring some order to the general chaos, as well as to prevail over the invasive and discriminatory nature of AI, **fashion designers** all over the world stopped looking for perfection, and opened up to its opposite, **celebrating our inherent flaws**,

the idea of *off-ness*, “the imperfection, the failure or the miss” that “makes us human now” and “differentiates us from machines”, as summed up by Balenciaga’s controversial Demna Gvasalia. It’s nothing new. Leonard Cohen said it knowingly over three decades ago: “Forget your perfect offering/ There is a crack in everything/ That’s how the light gets in.”

As we come closer to the year’s end, we understand better the value of disengagement, the strength in choosing our battles, and the power of being like water. It may look from afar like any other year’s ending but it’s not the same. The now-dying 2024 has changed us. They say that the threshold we cross will take us into both 2025 and a four-dimensional universe we will inhabit from now on, where no former rules apply. I find this frightening and reassuring at the same time. Frightening because we have left our old selves behind like the shed skin of a worn-out snake and we are vulnerable like hell. Reassuring because everything that matters, if you look carefully, survived and is in place, in its right place. So, come the New Year, I will not hesitate. I’ll “ring out the thousand wars of old” and “ring in the love of truth and right [...], the common love of good.”¹

2025 may prove to be ordinary or exceptional. There is no way to know now. Nevertheless, I’ll embrace it like water: loving, healing, hopeful. Finally free. 🌊

¹ Ring Out, Wild Bells (from In Memoriam) By Lord Alfred Tennyson



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What In The World

By Ray DiBartolomeo

Global stock exchanges are what make up the public markets throughout each country. This is a list of major stock exchanges. Those futures exchanges that also offer trading in securities besides trading in futures contracts may be listed both here and in the list of futures exchanges. There are 21 stock exchanges in the world that have a market capitalization of over US\$1 trillion each. These exchanges accounted for 87% of global market capitalization in 2016.^[1] Some exchanges do include companies from outside the country where the exchange is located. Below are the major stock exchanges of the world. These are the current top exchanges by market capitalization and over \$1 trillion in market cap of issued shares of listed companies^{[2][3][4]}

GLOBAL STOCK EXCHANGES

STOCK EXCHANGE	REGION	LOCATION	\$ MARKET CAP
New York Stock Exchange	United States	New York	28.33
Nasdaq	United States	New York	26.62
Shanghai Stock Exchange	China	Shanghai	7.40
Euronext	Europe	Amsterdam - Brussels - Dublin - Lisbon - Milan - Oslo - Paris	7.22
Japan Exchange Group	Japan	Tokyo	6.94
Bombay Stock Exchange	India	Mumbai	5.67
National Stock Exchange	India	Mumbai	5.66
Shenzhen Stock Exchange	China	Shenzhen	4.60
Hong Kong Stock Exchange	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	4.06
Toronto Stock Exchange	Canada	Toronto	3.35
London Stock Exchange	United Kingdom	London	3.24
Saudi Stock Exchange	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	2.72
German Stock Exchange	Germany	Frankfurt	2.25
Nordic & Baltic Exchanges	Europe	COMBINED	2.17
Copenhagen Stock Exchange	Denmark	Copenhagen	
Stockholm Stock Exchange	Sweden	Stockholm	
Helsinki Stock Exchange	Finland	Helsinki	
Tallinn Stock Exchange	Estonia	Tallinn	
Riga Stock Exchange	Latvia	Riga	
Vilnius Stock Exchange	Lithuania	Vilnius	
Iceland Stock Exchange	Iceland	Reykjavík	
Taiwan Stock Exchange	Taiwan	Taipei	2.17
SIX Swiss Exchange	Switzerland	Zürich	1.95
Australian Securities Exchange	Australia	Sydney	1.88
Korea Exchange	South Korea	Seoul - Busan	1.87
Johannesburg Stock Exchange	South Africa	Johannesburg	1.87
Tehran Stock Exchange	Iran	Tehran	1.52

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Paso Robles – conveniently situated half-way between Los Angeles and San Francisco – combines quality wine country elegance with spectacular natural scenery that lends itself to picturesque activities and wonderful local experiences. It offers wine connoisseurs world-class vintages without the crowds. Visit Paso Hot Springs or the Amphitheater and its attendant music festivals. For the adventurous, there's hot-air ballooning, horseback riding, culinary treats, artistic installations and historical monuments. So much has been invested into Paso Robles, and if you haven't yet discovered this hidden jewel, you are in for a treat.

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EAGLE OAK RANCH
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EAGLE OAK RANCH

Eagle Oak Ranch is an exquisite 750-acre luxury Equestrian retreat in the heart of Paso Robles - surrounded by a 200-acre nature preserve that offers 360-degree panoramic views and a rich blend of elegance and history. Once home to famous Hollywood personalities and equestrian stars, the 8,200 sq. ft estate is steeped in valuable stories.

Ken Kragen, famous music manager and television producer responsible for the 1985 record 'We Are the World' and the 1986 charity event 'Hands Across America', and his wife, Cathy Worthington, built their luxurious Villa on this sanctuary surrounded by olive and fruit orchards.

They welcomed Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers and Lionel Richie to a home that became a haven for world-class musicians who loved to sit around the garden or the campfire at the top of the property while sharing their stories and their music.

Ken also had astronomers from Berkeley and other universities come out for events once they built the very special NASA room at the top of the villa with its professional telescope. This property is an astronomer's dream.

The picturesque beauty at Eagle Oak Ranch is enhanced by a long lit driveway framed by Holsteiner horses grazing peacefully across the fields. Even the bloodlines and the quality of the horses are worthy of their own film script. At the top of the driveway is a circular reception area enhanced by cypress trees and shaded by oak trees. There is ample private and secure parking.

The elegant Villa is surrounded by a 15,000 sq ft manicured lawn area that can accommodate seating for 6 or 600 people. It is complemented by an expansive infinity pool overlooking the valley. There is a charming gazebo and a shaded terrace adorned with comfortable seating and an al fresco dining area amidst lush landscaping. A 6,000 sq ft greenhouse, a characterful barn with handpainted doors, and a tennis court (for tented events) are just some of the exceptional features on this unique property.

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Elegant charm in one of the Living Rooms at Eagle Oak Ranch

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Bride Taylor Moore and Holsteiner stallion
Contefino. Eagle Oak Ranch. Bridal dress-
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One of 6 elegant bedrooms at Eagle Oak Ranch



Expansive room and things to do at Eagle Oak Ranch
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Expansive elegant spaces at Eagle Oak Ranch
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With its unparalleled beauty, rich history, and luxurious amenities, Eagle Oak Ranch is more than just a venue – it's an experience.



One of 2 Dining areas at Eagle Oak Ranch
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has the versatility for every occasion. The property is ideal for brunches, engagement celebrations, birthdays, corporate events, galas, and anything inbetween.

The Villa accommodations include six elegant bedrooms, offering king, queen, full, twin, and bunk beds for a wide variety of sleeping options. The primary ensuite bathroom sets a new standard in luxury with the private tub overlooking the exquisite panoramic scenery. There are multiple living rooms inside the Villa and multiple outdoor seating areas.

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DAOU MOUNTAIN

Daou Mountain, perched high above the Adelaida District in the coastal range west of Paso Robles, offers wine lovers an experience like no other. Founded by brothers Georges and Daniel Daou, the estate is celebrated for its breathtaking views, exceptional hospitality, and world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. With its elegant Spanish colonial architecture, the tasting room provides visitors with sweeping views from the highest elevations of any winery in the region. Guests are invited to embark on a journey through the estate's 212-acre terroir, where they can learn about the meticulous winemaking process and the rich Daou family legacy. Whether exploring the vineyards on guided tours or enjoying a private barrel tasting, visitors are immersed in the passion that goes into each bottle. The tasting



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experiences feature DAOU's acclaimed wines, such as Estate Soul of a Lion, and Reserve Rosé, perfectly paired with seasonal culinary offerings crafted by Chef Johnston, who blends homegrown ingredients with Lebanese and Mediterranean influences inspired by the Daou family's heritage. Since 2007, DAOU has become a cornerstone of the Paso Robles wine community, elevating the region's reputation for producing exceptional Bordeaux-style blends.

FISH GAUCHO

Fish Gaucho is a vibrant tequila and mezcal bar in the heart of Paso Robles, offering over 300 spirits. This is one of the most popular restaurants for good reason. The food is authentic, innovative and always fresh. They harvest local ingredients,

serve hand-juiced margaritas, signature cocktails, and there's an amazing local wine and craft beer selection. Their motto is consistent: that fresh seafood, organic meats, and shellfish should be paired with the best in spirits to create an unforgettable dining experience.

GUEST ACCOMMODATION

There are several hotel accommodation options for your guests in Paso Robles, including Allegretto Vineyard Resort, which is conveniently located right off the 101 freeway. If your guests choose to spend a few days in the area, there are plenty of activities to give them a truly memorable stay.

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Fish Gaucho - An array of delectable dishes
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Fish Gaucho - Watermelon Mint Margarita
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Fish Gaucho- Grilled Shrimp Salad
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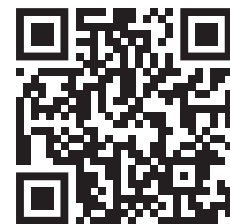
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