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And For Receiving, Too

LEGENDARY STATUS
Robert L.B. Tobin's World

CARRY ON, DEAR
Sleek Bags To Covet

THE SHOW MUST GO ON
How Philanthropy Progresses



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Valentino bag, \$2495,
at Saks Fifth Avenue

82. CULTURE CURATOR

Here, we get an unprecedented and up-close look at Texas native Robert L.B.Tobin, who helped transform the cultural landscape of the state. Learn how the native San Antonion and his foundation's contributions are wide and varied.

By William Jack Sibley | Photography courtesy of The Tobin Foundation and McNay Art Museum

88. THE WOW FACTOR

To give. To receive. Yes, please to both. Join us as we take a look at some of our most sublime gifts. Sourced from around the world, there's something for everyone...including you.

By Jake Gaines, Lance Avery Morgan & Leanne Raesener | Photography courtesy of archival

96. BLOSSOM FORTH

Fall fashion's must-have is, hands down, a smart handbag. A purse that is poised to make a grand statement depends on the wearer, as we know. Let these chic choices inspire you like never before.

By Alexandra del Lago | Photography courtesy of bag designers



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24. contribute

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform, *SocietyTexas.com*. Here's a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen as we dive into 2020's robust fall fun.

28. editor's letter

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan shares his always optimistically sunny disposition for the winter flurry of excitement that is upon us.

31. introduce

A brief look at this exciting issue that will have you see why winter just might be your best one yet.

32. thrive

Austin-based Resonance Repatterning expert Mary Schneider shares her views on our emotions during the holidays...and how we can prosper with them.

34. recall

Remember the plethora of luxury holiday catalogues that would appear in our mailboxes to inspire before the gift-giving season? Our vintage culture expert, Gordon Kendall, fondly recalls the big city finds that used to inspire us then...and do so, even now.



Courtesy of Stila



Courtesy of Four Seasons Resort, Bora Bora



Texas Suffragists, 1918. Courtesy Texas State Historical Assn. Online



Courtesy of Rizzoli USA

36. glow

Our beauty insider, Ana Bribiesca Hoff, recommends the best new make-up trends for a wintery look at home, or with your favorite small groups.

38. browse

The best books for the holiday season are here to enjoy, as our resident bibliophile, Lance Avery Morgan, shares his very favorite selections for you to add and give to the style libraries you love most.

40. marketplace

Stacy Schlagel and her new book of poetry, *Personification of Entelechy*, are profiled, with a sampling of the tome's creativity.

42. present

Our Ms. Social Graces, Sharon Schweitzer, J.D., offers insight into life's most challenging social situations, and we can always use refreshing advice, right?

44. motivate

The hundredth anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement is something to celebrate. Mary Tally shares more insight on those momentous actions with her new digital platform, *ATX Celebrates Women's Suffrage*.

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48. list

With so many fall style choices and trends to decipher, Rank & Style's CEO Jamie Chandlee makes it easy by sharing her favorite must-haves.

50. evolve

That year-end self-reflection time is here. Join Dallas-based authors Greg W. Brinkley and Sammy Gonzalez in an exclusive excerpt from their new book, *The Pursuit Of Growth (A Lifestyle To Flourish In Today's World)*.

52. drive

Our man on the road, Michael Satterfield, shares all you'll need to know about the new, supremely cool Bentley Bentayga Speed SUV.

56. quest

There's always room for our male readers and what they want most this winter, according to our own Jake Gaines.

58. pursue

Join us as we choose the best things in life to know and experience...that are happening right now.

104. exhibit

Looking for more culture as fall begins? Who isn't? Take a look at some offerings from our state's finest museums and cultural institutions, according to our arts arbiter, Leanne Raesener.

108. savor

Our editors Jake Gaines (Austin), Cynthia Smoot (Dallas), Jennifer Roosth (Houston), and Eleanora Leeper Morrison (San Antonio), are on the scene to recommend their favorite eateries across the state.

112. illustrate

Sometimes a picture can paint a thousand words as to what we are thinking.



Eye Mask by Slip



2020 Bentley Bentayga Speed



Courtesy of Tom Ford



Courtesy of Recovery Green, Houston



George by Curtis Stone, Dallas. Photo by Nirole Franzen

*A Work of Art,
from Canvas to Kaftan*





72. HOUSTON | Tena Lundquist Faust and Tama Lundquist



78. DALLAS | Lauren Gillette, Laura Baugh and Nancy Zogg



66. AUSTIN | Liz Cass and Tim Brown



76. SAN ANTONIO | Scott and Rebecca Nathan



74. AUSTIN | Shirley and Bob Bright & Jill Skinner



64. HOUSTON | Patti Murphy and Cheryl Byington



68. SAN ANTONIO | Triana Grossman, Amelita Mauzé, Elizabeth Balli Van Sickle, Amy Swaney and Gloria Dilley

THE VERY BEST EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS & BEYOND

63. R.S.V.P.

Our introduction to the must-see social events across the state...and the world.

64. HOUSTON

The Italian Cultural & Community Center luncheon

66. AUSTIN

The Austin Opera gala

68. SAN ANTONIO

The Texas Biomedical Forum events

70. DALLAS

The Kidney Texas event

72. HOUSTON

The Pet Set gala

74. AUSTIN

The Make-A-Wish gala

76. SAN ANTONIO

The Landa Library gala

78. DALLAS

The Power of Prevention event

79. AUSTIN

The Austin History Center luncheon



70. DALLAS | Dustin Holcomb and Nerissa von Helpenstill

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What a year for both giving and receiving during the holiday season. No matter what, the show must go on... and all year long, we've been searching the globe for the most unique, interesting, practical, and dazzling offerings for everyone in your life. Join our style seekers *Alexandra del Lago, Jake Gaines, Lance Avery Morgan, and Leanne Raesener* for these inspiringly glamorous ideas.

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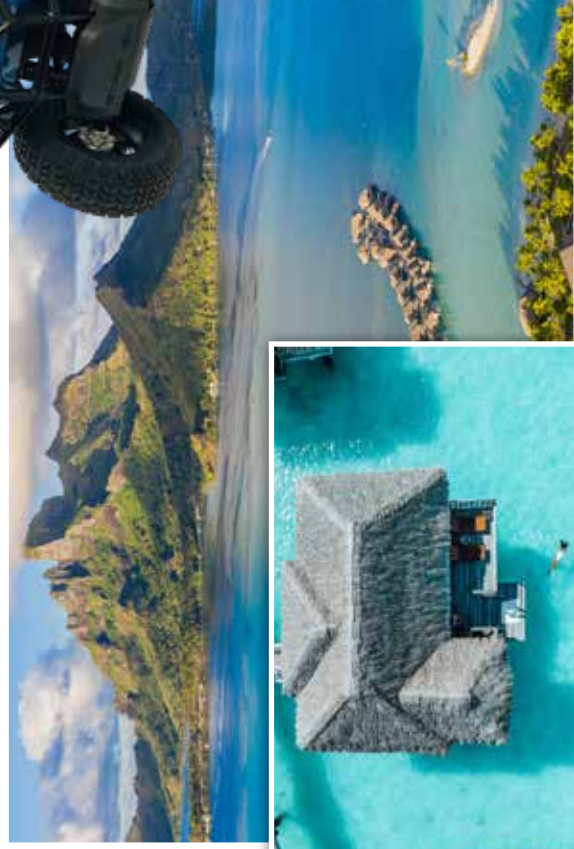
Respecting the delicate flavor of caviar and other species of delicious roe, Larusmianni's ultra-fine 5-piece caviar set includes two knives with mother-of-pearl handles, two small spoons, and a spoon made entirely of mother-of-pearl. Go ahead, take a dip. \$1835. At TheRake.com.

RESORT-ING TO NEW IDEAS

Bora Bora is where you'll want to go as your next five-star destination...to flee the everyday world. The recently renovated Four Seasons Bora Bora, with its tropical splendor and amenities, is like no other in the world. From ocean-topped villas to the best activities on the planet, you'll feel like you've really escaped. Price upon request. At FourSeasons.com.

STAYING THE COURSE

The Southern Tide x Star E.V. Collaboration to create an environmentally astute V.I.P. golf cart has our vote as the best way to get from the clubhouse to the 18th hole. Price upon request. At SouthernTide.com.



SEE YOURSELF IN A NEW LIGHT

With technology that mimics actual true sunlight, this Simple Human Sensor Mirror Pro Wide View mirror is perfect for the vanity or, yes, selfies, with its real-life settings of office, restaurant, and candlelight. \$400. At SimpleHuman.com.



FRENCH TIPS

With its recently refurbished interior, you'll feel perfectly at home in the new world-meets-old world style at the Plaza Athénée in Paris. The sleek chrome-laden restaurant, Alain Ducasse, will welcome you back to the City of Lights with open arms. At DorchesterCollection.com.



SUCH BRIGHT, GRAY DAYS AHEAD

Feel like you're on holiday every day...with a clever Slim Aarons-esque print from photographer Gray Malin. With a bevy of beachy, keen images to choose from, having one is never enough to capture that mid-century lifestyle finesse. Unframed prints start at \$299. At GrayMalin.com.

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CHIC CHAPEAU

From the neighborhood park to the French Riviera, this raffia straw hat will tell many stories. The dramatic brim provides plenty of shade, and the laced grosgrain on the crown is inspired by the ribbon ties (chose black or navy) of traditional Basque espadrilles. \$300. At LolaHats.com.



TURN ON AND DROP-IN

Combining creativity with craftsmanship, Cassandra Collections, by designer San Antonio-bred Austin resident Cassandra King Polidori, features unique jewelry to be worn as everyday essentials...or for formal occasions. How about a cadre of them? Price upon request. At CassandraCollections.com.



CAPTIVATING CLUTCHES

Who can decide on just one perfect purse? Very few can. So why not ask for a wardrobe of them to refresh your style? Kathy Fielder and her eponymous store in Dallas have scads to choose from, and these are just a few of our favorites. Prices upon request. At KathyFielderBoutique.com.



HELLO, YOUR LADYSHIP

Why not make it official? The world of The Crown beckons you. Actually, the manor of Alconbury, UK, welcomes you. Once you fill out the paperwork, you'll be titled. A Lordship is offered, too, for the gents. Tiaras and septors not included. \$30. At UncommonGoods.com.

CAFTAN CHIC

Want to live an eternal Palm Beach lifestyle? All that it takes is donning an Ala Von Auersperg Kathe caftan in her signature bright, festive colors and timeless silhouettes. No matter what the occasion, from entertaining at home to attending a wedding, it's always right. \$650. At AlavonAuersperg.com.



WANTING



ARTFUL SPORT

Be the hit on your mountain with these Keith Haring Tribal 78 skis that boast an excellent edge grip on the ice and are very stable throughout each aspect of the turn. Adds more color to your outfit on the black run, don't you think? \$2500. At BomberSki.com.

DRESS OF YOUR DREAMS

The luxury of putting on a dress by Esme Vic is unparalleled. Part of a capsule collection, and exclusive to The SIL, an online boutique created by Vernon, Texas native Natalie Bond Bloomingdale, this *St. Tropez* dress in lilac dream, with an accent of rose floral buttons, is a terrific choice for a dramatic entrance. \$1095. At ShopTheSIL.com.



OUI, LE CAFÉ

Need your morning java as fresh as possible? Look no further than this easy-to-use Chambord French Press coffee maker. In four minutes flat, the job is done, and you'll be on your way. Plus, this will look so very sleek on your counter. \$50. At Amazon.com.

FLYIN' HIGHER THAN EVER

How better to try something new? Feel the rush in a safe, contained environment with an indoor skydiving experience. For skydiving simulators and wind tunnel skydiving in Texas, there are a variety of locations near you. Price upon request. At Cloud9Living.com.



CORRESPONDING IDEAS

Welcome to the ultimate paper lover's indulgence. Here's a selection of jotters, stationery, gift tags, and coasters—all with a beloved Bell'INVITO signature touch of detail. *The Pucker*. \$455. At BellINVITO.com.





YES, I SEE THAT

Whether you are channeling your inner 007, or just want to have the latest style in shades, there are plenty of designs to choose from, thanks to Houston-based designer Margot Hogan, founder of Transparent Sunglasses. Her horn-rimmed shades for men, like those presented here, will have you seeing a rosy future. Prices vary. At TransparentSunglasses.com.



POCKET LISTING

Interesting art can and should, surround you at all times. So, why not choose a pocket square that tells a story, too? This L'Envie silk number is one of the dozens of designs by London's esteemed clothier, Rampley & Co. \$85. At TheRake.com.



VIEW FROM THE TOP

This aerial photographer's drone dream has a 20-megapixel camera that captures super sharp images and video and is extremely easy to navigate. It will make your family's next vacation a lot more exciting (at least for you, dad). The DJI Phantom 4 Pro Version 2.0 Quadcopter utilizes the Flight Autonomy system for a total of five directions of obstacle sensing and four directions of obstacle avoidance. \$1599. At B&HPhotoVideo.com.



ROBOTIC SYNERGY

Take a break and let A.I. do the mowing with this Automower by Husqvarna. It will have your neighbors scratching their heads as they watch it cut the lawn on its own, even when it's drizzling. From \$1599. At Lowes.com.



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Masterclass, with its online courses taught by experts, will help you learn to cook from Gordon Ramsey, write a book from James Patterson, or learn about conservation from Dr. Jane Goodall, to name a few examples of the world-class masters. Subscription is \$15 a month. At Masterclass.com.



THE ORIGINAL ZOOM

If you could have any classic car of your choice, wouldn't you choose a vintage 1957 Chevrolet Corvette? At 63 years old, and entering its golden years, it's as gorgeous as ever and still rides like an adventure-filled dream. Price upon request. At Hemmings.com.



YOUR TABLE IS READY

We relish an everyday object that can become extraordinary, don't you? Like these billiard balls, for instance, that will refine any pool table and game room. In the signature Tiffany & Co. blue, of course. \$1750. At Tiffany & Co.

GO, GO GADGET

Electronics can be customized to your every need. We recommend the coolest new products from JLab Audio that will have you on the go with the most innovative wireless sound quality on the planet. We suggest the Epic Air ANC—truly wireless smart active noise-canceling earbuds with a companion JLab Air ANC App. We also dig the Talk Microphone—a USB microphone great for video conference calls and podcasting, the Studio Pro wireless headset and the Buddies Studio Wireless kids headphones are important with virtual/online learning, and these can be both wired and wireless. Prices vary. At JLabAudio.com.



SWIM & SLIM

The new slim swimsuit silhouette will take off visual pounds when you visit your favorite resort again soon. The always-right Vilebrequin trunks continue to be a classic and comes in father-son sets that are memory-making and perfectly Instagram-able. From \$260. At Vilebrequin.com.

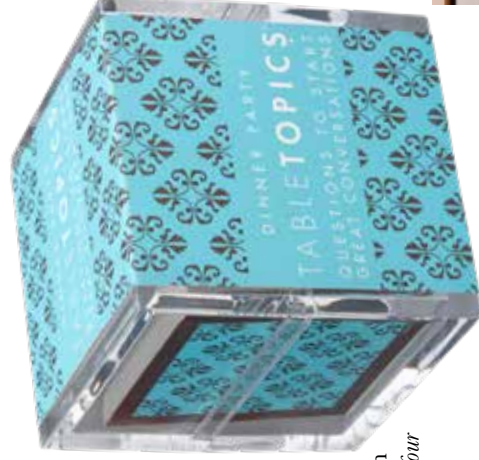


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COCKTAILS, EVERYONE?

Austinite Kate Hersch, founder of August Morgan, is popular with the home entertaining crowd for many reasons. Her quirky and quippy linen cocktail napkins are the hostess gift to give and receive. \$40 for a set of four. At AugustMorgan.com.



LET'S TABLE THAT FOR NOW

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Leave it to Hermès to create a portable turntable. You can now spin your favorite vinyl records anywhere, and look cooler than ever while doing so. Price upon request. At Hermès.com.



AS SHARP AS EVER

Hand-crafted in Japan, we love that these extremely sharp stainless steel knives have durable birch Pakkawood handles and blades with a hornet's nest pattern on each side. The seven-piece set, for the chef in your life, includes five knives, a birch block display, and honing steel. \$1199. At WilliamsSonoma.com.

MOVIE NIGHT IS EVERY NIGHT

From the patio and backyard to the family room, turn up the fun with the Nebula Capsule II, the 1 1/2 pound device that projects up to 100 feet wide with a 270-degree angle. And just think, you can introduce your kids to classic films in a new way. \$580. At Anker.com.



FRAGRANTLY ATMOSPHERIC

Home fragrance has been completely redefined with the introduction of Home Cologne eau de toilette by San Antonio-based Soular Therapy. This luxury ambiance spray offers an elevated, boutique experience in scents like *The Study No. 629*, *The Library No. 721* (shown), and *Hacienda No. 117*. It's inspired by nature and architecture to instantly transform any room, office or vehicle...while also sanitizing linens and cotton fabric with its 70% ethanol alcohol, skin-safe formulation. \$39-65. At SoularTherapy.com.



A towel that expresses who you are by the pool, or at the surf, is a treasure. We love these 100% cotton velour, oversized ones by Texas-raised stylist-to-the-stars Stefan Beckman, founder of Lateral Objects in New York. Each towel can come with its own dive mesh pouch. \$120. At LateralObjects.com.



TREASURE CHEST

Enhance any occasion with the Rolls-Royce Champagne Chest, crafted by artisans to the highest standard of elegance and luxury. This curated creation includes a removable serving tray, a champagne bottle thermal flask, two thermal caviar bowls, and four hand-blown champagne flutes, all with a leather carrying sleeve. \$47,000. At RollsRoyceMotorcars.com.



BLANKET CLAUSE

For the wintry nights, how about cuddling up in these luxe Equadorian-made blankets by QJSU, a company founded by Austinites Fernando Gonzaga and Mark Erwin? Offered in a selection of vibrant colors with contrasting fringe, these alpaca wool throws will live up any space, especially since they are so ultra-soft, hypoallergenic, and waterproof. Prices and sizes vary from \$249. At QJSUmc.com.



JEWELRY FOR THE HOME

A custom pillow can change the face and feel of any room. Treat yourself and your spaces, with peacock feathers, vintage fabrics, and jewelry for a one-of-a-kind look, created by The Pillow Goddess founder Deborah Main, an Austin-based artisan. Prices vary. Shown, \$1217 and \$1395. At DeborahMainDesigns.com.

