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We began mailing our magazine directly to 13,000 local households (the majority of Eagle, North Meridian, and North and East Boise neighborhoods), and 400 doctors/dentists/hospitals and retail outlets in February 2015. It is truly hard to believe that this time has passed so quickly. However, when I think of what we've covered and how much fun we've had - it makes me proud to be a part of a new, community focused, quality magazine.

Some of the noteworthy feats in the last twelve months include interesting stories about local business' in the Boise Valley, coverage of area art galleries and artists, healthy lifestyle tips from area professionals and visual road trips. It's also been a privilege to tell the stories of interesting people such as: Nick Schleckaway, Rex Chandler, Terri Pickens Manweiler, PA, The Jefferson West Family, Doug Petcash, Jim Reynolds, Ben Quintana, Marcia Franklin and so many more.

Why did I take on the work and sacrifice necessary to launch a start up business in Boise? It's simple. Like many of you, I love Boise! Because I feel blessed to be here. And most importantly, I want to make a difference. Of all the great people and businesses that have passed through our pages, I'm most proud of the small way we've been able to promote philanthropic efforts. Of note are, Jon Swarthout, who was almost in tears when he saw the article on TRICA, an effort so dear to his heart, as he gathered multiple copies of the magazine to take to NYC to explain the breadth of the cause to potential partners there. Also noted is the Otradovec's of Gallery 601 and their passion for saving elephants in Africa, and how refugees have learned agricultural practices, and sustaining themselves through community gardens.

There is so much more we can do! And we want to hear from you. Your ideas about interesting people, business, students, teachers, families, and giving back and making a difference. Please go our website BoiseLifestylePubs.com under "Contact Us." We are here to serve and provide you with the Good News of Community.

We hope you see this publication as yours, and enjoy reading it, as much as we enjoy providing it.

Many Blessings!

Rebecca Shoaf, Publisher
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ON THE COVER Unique cocktails being prepared at the Modern Hotel and Bar. See pages 22-25.

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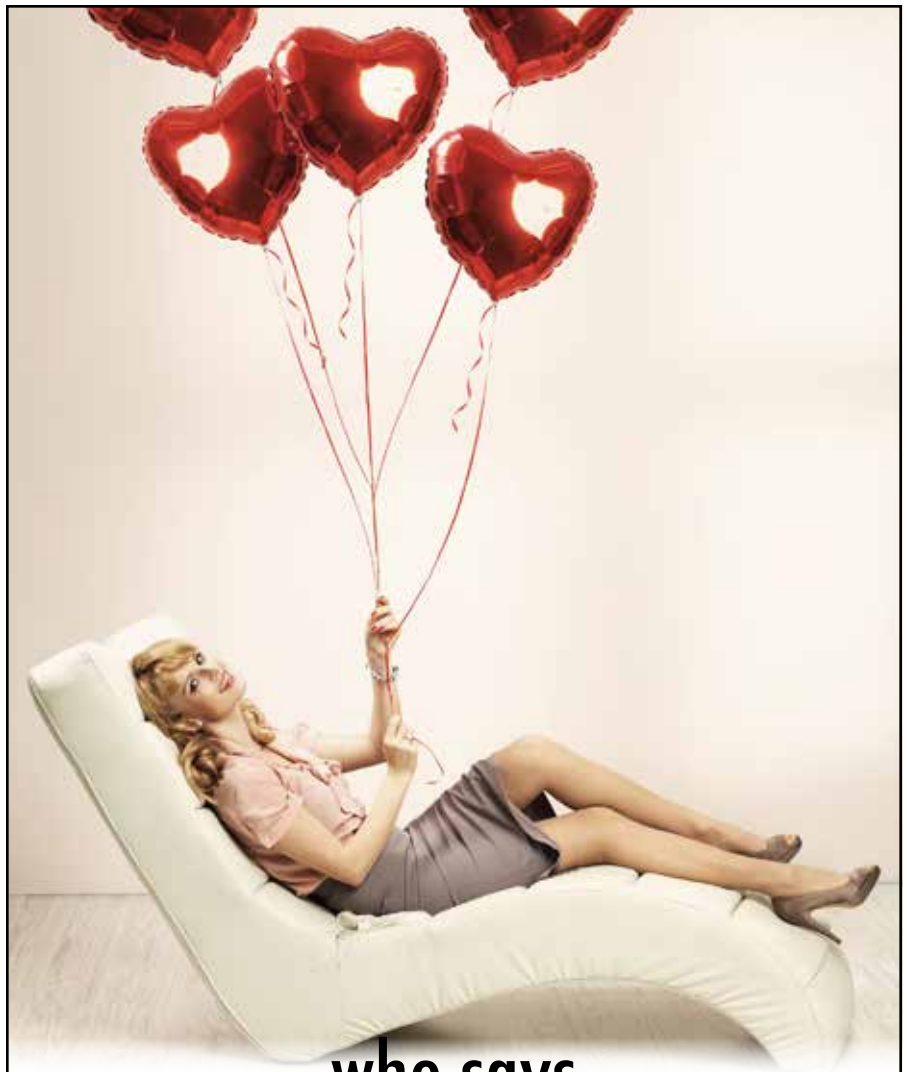
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Wander through Fussy Hussy and chances are you'll find something charming and unique: high quality merchandise in innovative displays at moderate prices. The store's owner, Paula, combined her vast experience in retail and fashion, with her long time association with designers in the US and abroad, to create a very unique experience in Boise. "Shoppers will discover funky, fun fashions and unique finds, as well as elegantly designed apparel."

Fussy Hussy is a 'Fusion Boutique' blending 90% new product, with vintage and gently used merchandise, many being offered at wholesale pricing. Paula runs the store with her friend and associate Martini, who previously owned Purple Sage clothing retail stores in both Sun Valley and Boise.

A recent Boise shopper discovered Fussy Hussy, a Fusion Boutique, and enjoyed the variety and hands on customer service. Days later, she returned to search for even more items she couldn't do without. Headed for a vacation in a warm locale, she was thrilled to



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discover she could buy a wardrobe from a large selection of spring/summer items from 2016 collections, already in stock. Paula explains, "Many of these styles will not appear in most stores until April or May. Stocking these items early for winter travelers is an opportunity unique at Fussy Hussy."

Opening for business in December 2015, the 6500 square foot space features one-of-a-kind items from various global designers, as well as unique accessories and jewelry options you'll find throughout the store. "You can even rent jewelry from us for special occasions," cites Paula. The ability to rent jewelry is an option exclusive to Fussy Hussy customers.

What's next for this unique retail experience? Paula has plans to franchise the Fussy Hussy concept across the country, along with catalog and website sales. "Martini and I have trained hundreds of women over the years in both retail and wholesale venues with great success", claims Paula. "We intend to do it again. It's time to pass the Fussy Hussy, 'Fusion Boutique' concept to the next generation."



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THE IMPORTANCE OF PROSTATE SCREENING

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When asked about prostate cancer screening or treatment, physicians, public health policymakers, patients and patients' loved ones often have firm opinions or utter confusion.

Different professional medical organizations and federal government policy boards are all over the map on outlining their positions on this controversial topic.

Prostate screening began in the early 1990s when the PSA test began being used. PSA stands for prostate-specific antigen, and this chemical is leaked into the blood stream by normal prostate cells and prostate cancer cells.

A man with prostate cancer has a rising PSA over time, measured by drawing blood, but other prostate disease problems can also cause the PSA to go up. That is where the confusion lies.

Since we began to screen for and aggressively treat prostate cancer, nationwide mortality has gone down and survivability has improved from 67 percent to 92 percent in more modern times.

Some physicians cite other factors in this improvement, such as general health improvement in older men and the increased use of aspirin and cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins. These medications have been linked to lower rates of prostate and colon cancers.

Also, some physician groups and policy makers fear that the complication rates of treating prostate cancer with radiation or surgery outweigh the improvements in surviving the disease.

Some have used the relative advanced age of these patients (usually 65 and older) to argue against major interventions in curing the disease. The United States Preventative Services Task Force recommended against screening men older than 70 approximately eight years ago, and two years ago the panel recommended against screening at all ages.

There are three facts about prostate cancer that keep the discussion brewing.

First, most men with prostate cancer die of other things. This is true.

It is also true that if a man dies of cancer in the United States, the second-leading cause of that death is prostate cancer. Statistics expressed in language can be confusing.

The third important truth about prostate cancer is that when it is in the organ and not yet spread, it only rarely causes any symptoms.

Therefore, the only way to find it is to look for it.

The only way to look for it is to check what the prostate feels like (a digital rectal exam) and looking at trends in PSA values over time (PSA tests yearly or every other year).

If a problem is found with the DRE and/or with the PSA trend, a urologist should do a biopsy of the prostate, which is an outpatient medical procedure accessed via the rectum. It is uncomfortable and not complication-free, but there is not a better method as of yet. If cancer is found, it is the job of the urologist to prudently and practically guide the patient through a decision of cancer management, considering the patient's health status and age.

The alternative to screening and disease detection is to ignore a potential cancer killer, and regardless of age, we do not choose this in any other area of medicine in the United States. Physicians generally think it is better to have more information than less information when considering their patients' problems, and patients generally agree.

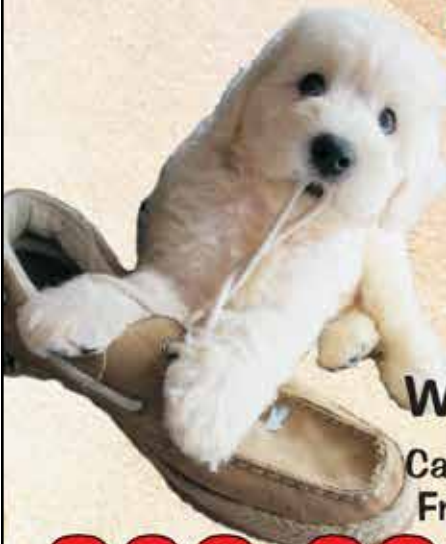
The most important part of the recommendations of the American Urological Association is that the individual patient have a discussion with his primary care doctor about all screening activities. The issue boils down to what the patient wants to do for his health.

Dr. Joseph Williams is a board-certified urologist. He completed his surgical internship and residency in urology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He spent 10 years in the Navy and is a decorated veteran within the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Dr. Williams is a founding member of the Idaho Urologic Institute in Meridian. Visit IdUrology.com for more information.



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CREATE COMMON GOOD

HELPING COMMUNITIES ONE JOB AT A TIME

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When someone who is struggling finds a place of stability, an entire community can benefit. Local non-profit Create Common Good does exactly what its name suggests—help communities improve.

"Our main mission is to help people with barriers to employment by providing food service job training and placement," says Kelly Parker, Director of Community Engagement. "As long as someone is willing to identify their barrier, we can help them."

Parker says a 'barrier' can be a variety of things. Refugees often have barriers of language or culture, while someone coming out of the prison system or a woman overcoming a domestic violence situation has barriers of their own. "We believe everyone has value and is not just a product of their circumstance," Parker says.

Create Common Good has been in Idaho since 2008, when its founder moved to the Gem State after living and working in Thailand and then meeting Thai refugees in Idaho who needed help.

Since 2008, Create Common Good has trained 549 individuals, placing 82 trainees in food service jobs this calen-

dar year. "We're focused on quality and quantity," Parker says, "but we value quality first. Companies need skilled workers."

The average trainee who walks through Create Common Good's door earns \$11.13 per hour. Most earn nothing. After the 4-8 week training period, trainees earn \$9.57 per hour on average. "We help them move to being fully independent," Parker says. "We are preaching a message to our trainees that self-sufficiency is really important."

Create Common Good works with a wide network of food service employers from Whole Foods and Chick Fil A, to the Boise Airport and Mom-and-Pop type shops. The non-profit also partners with Jackson's Convenience Store and works in their food production kitchen to supply items to Jackson's.

"Since we're a newer non-profit, our goal is to fill a gap in our community," Parker says. "The people we're working with are likely already working with other awesome organizations in our community." Parker

explained that Create Common Good often gets referrals from caseworkers at the Boise Rescue Mission, for example. "It's really the partnerships with other organizations in the community that make us work," she notes.

Create Common Good is very focused on the "why" of what they do. "If people in our community think everyone has value, we invite them to join us in our work," Parker says. "We like to help people reach their full potential."

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Hungry travelers dined at a Basque boardinghouse in Nampa, Idaho, called the Modern Hotel in the 1930s, which was operated by Regina and Juan Bastida. Hearty fare and its modern amenities like steam heat attracted traveling musicians and businessmen, sheepherders and Basque immigrants to the Modern.

Elizabeth Tullis bought a run-down Travelodge in Boise seventy years later. She named it after her grandparent's original Modern Hotel and it has been attracting locals and travelers ever since. Elizabeth and Linen District developer David Hale, along with local architect Dwaine Carver and interior designer Kerry Tullis did a complete renovation and modernization of the facility, which opened in 2007. In 2009, The Modern added a small kitchen, which has since been expanded. The kitchen at the Modern showcases meats, seafood and produce grown by local farmers and ranchers.

In 2014, the Modern started serving brunch Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am to 2 pm with cocktails available after 10 am. Enjoy sipping drinks such as The Wild Card—a mixture of El Tesoro platinum tequila, Amaro CioCiaro, espresso, demerara, and cinnamon or The Mary, which features Vodka, tomato juice, lime, fish sauce, honey syrup, spices, thai basil, and a sriracha salt rim.

Savory brunch offerings include House corned beef and poached eggs, a combination of Korean style BBQ grass fed beef brisket, onion kimchi, cabbage, potatoes, and chili oil or Truffled egg toast and salad featuring wild mushroom scramble, parmesan, truffle oil, Gaston's Bakery Pullman bread, and a mixed greens salad or Croque Madame--Smoked lomo, Comté, Dijon mustard, béchamel, Pullman bread, fried egg, and greens. Sweet selections include Gâteau de crêpes with preserved local fruits and mascarpone or Blackstrap molasses baked french toast with Greek yogurt and rum butter-caraway sauce.

Dinner and Drinks at The Modern Hotel and Bar

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At the Modern's happy hour from 4-7 pm Monday through Friday, try one of their signature drinks. The Guadalajara Sour, created by Michael Bowers, Head Bartender, was featured in the New York Times. It's made with El Tesoro Platinum tequila, lemon, simple syrup, float of dry rosé, and grapefruit peel. Another Modern Bar creation is the Bedford-- Bombay Dry gin, Priorat Natur sweet vermouth, apple shrub, soda water, and sage served on the rocks. Or a hot drink could warm you like the Whisky Sling--Aberlour 12 year single malt scotch, demerara, hot water, and nutmeg. Local beer and wine and libations from distant climes are also available. The Modern's cocktail list rotates seasonally and uses fresh ingredients -juices and herbs- and house made syrups.

The Modern is open for dinner from 5 pm to 10 pm Sunday through Wednesday and until 11 pm Thursday through Saturday. Try gluten free appetizers such as Chanterelles--Heirloom polenta, garlic, sherry, and parmesan or Seared Halloumi--Curried yukon potatoes, cilantro and chutney. Gluten free entree options include Shepherd's Pie, a lamb stew with yukon gold potatoes; Pork belly with carrot molé, caramelized fennel, and toasted pumpkin seeds or halibut served with roasted potatoes, brussels sprouts, cauliflower purée, and saffron aioli broth. End your gluten free meal with butterscotch pudding served with rum whipped cream.

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"What we serve is interesting, local, meaningful," says Remi Courcenet, Food & Beverage Manager. "It's the best way to support our community and provide our guests with seasonal and quality ingredients."

The Modern's chef Nate Whitley has free rein to experiment and be creative. He attended California Culinary Academy in San Francisco and spent several years cooking in Kerry, Ireland, and the South of France. "The best part is building relationships with the food producers and then getting to share the bounty with the people who come here to eat," says Boise native Whitley. He prepared beets grown by Peaceful Belly for one of the farm's founders, Josie Erskine. "It was full-circle," Whitley recalls. "Growers were eating their own food that we've prepared." Whitley's cooking style focuses on seasonality, simplicity and comfort foods.

Beside supporting creative chefs and bartenders, The Modern Hotel and Bar supports other creatives in the community including filmmakers, with their 39 Rooms Film Festival and artists with the Modern Art event the first Thursday in May. Musicians are showcased in the courtyard throughout the summer and regional writers have the opportunity to share during Modern Campfire Stories.

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EAGLE Tennis Club

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2016 will be a good year for tennis lovers in the Treasure Valley. Eagle Tennis Club plans to open [Phase I](#) of their facilities, located at the Southeast corner of Highway 44 (State Street) and Edgewood Lane, in March. Phase I will include a 90,000 square foot state-of-the art tennis facility with 12 indoor climate-controlled courts, a 300-foot-long floating mezzanine for viewing, court-side food and beverages, a pro shop, and more. As of now, only 18 indoor tennis courts exist in the Treasure Valley.

Owner Kara Hoge says her vision is to have a place where people can go and feel like they're at a mini resort. "We want people to come and stay and play all day and bring their kids and families," she says. "Tennis is a lifetime sport and I believe in that."

Hoge began playing tennis seven years ago after battling breast cancer. "It was on my bucket list," she says. "I just fell in love with the sport and realized there was a huge need here for a tennis club." She started progress on the project three years ago,

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"The way I designed the club is to bring people to a great place and have them feel good about themselves, eat healthy food, and just have fun."

Kara Hoge and Nan Jacobson



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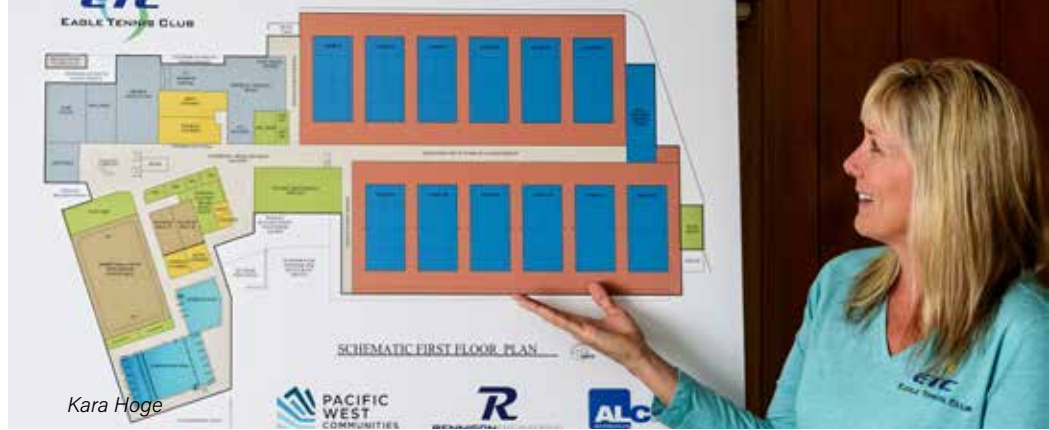
Local Limelight (CONTINUED)

securing land and working with developers and found that the Club's location offers easy access and ample parking.

Hoge says it's too early to say when Phases II and III will be completed, but when they are, members can look forward to outdoor tennis courts, a day spa, restaurant, salon, pool, basketball courts, physical therapist, dietitian, boutique, and even options for daycare and possibly a hotel. "We'll bring in national tournaments and club tournaments," Hoge adds. "We're big supporters of BSU tennis and college tennis."

Membership Director Nan Jacobson, who brings nearly 40 years of tennis playing and 20 years of experience working at tennis clubs, says that while Eagle Tennis Club certainly wants members, she wants it to be a place for all tennis players to come and feel welcome. "We want to grow the game," Jacobson says. "We just want everybody." While the club is private, amenities will be open to the public.

Hoge also noted the emphasis on community, as well as Jacobson's knack for building it. "Nan knows everybody in the tennis



world," she says. "She is excellent at bringing tennis players of all ages and skills together."

In addition to community, health and wellness are clearly important facets of the Club and Hoge's vision for it. "The way I designed the club is to bring people to a great place and have them feel good about themselves, eat healthy food, and just have fun," she says.

The staff will feature four tennis pros who will offer programs for juniors and adults of all abilities. Hoge highlighted the junior programs that ran the last two years with Eagle High School. "We're putting together amazing tennis programs that are outside the box," Hoge says. "The tennis pros I'm looking at are all over the United States and they bring a lot of great ideas."

And there will certainly be plenty of people ready to use those ideas and soak up everything the club has to offer. "The Treasure Valley is in the top 10 per capita of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) memberships," Jacobson says, noting that Idaho boasts over 4500 USTA members.

"This will put Eagle, Idaho on the map," Hoge says. "The club will make it a destination." Eagle Tennis Club membership specials are available now.

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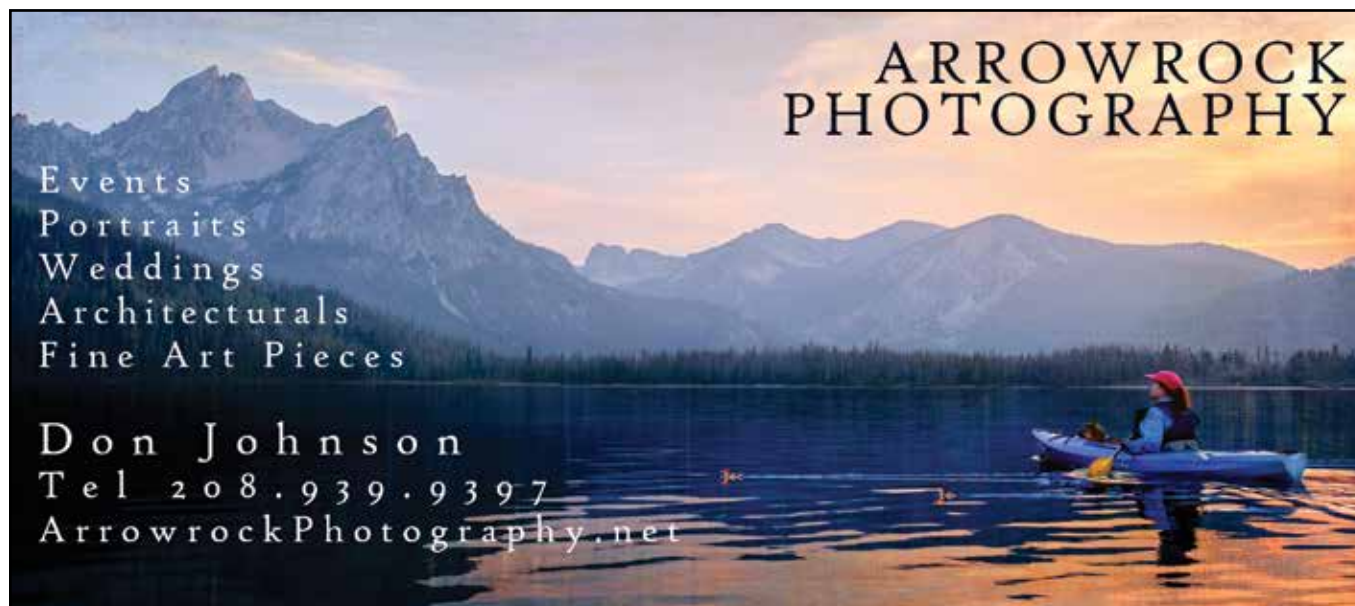
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Entertaining With Your Shoes Off Doesn't Equal The Barefoot Contessa

WORDS ANNE POTTER RUSS

Okay, let's talk entertaining, but I am not Martha Stewart. I envy the Barefoot Contessa, I'm overwhelmed by Rachel Ray, LOVE Emeril, and want to have my very own Crate & Barrel/Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma combination of the world's biggest pantry! I need personal in-home cooking lessons, a maid, two dishwashers, a large patio stocked with wonderful furniture, a personal trainer, and Nate Berkus to redecorate my home. There. That's not asking too much is it?

I read magazines. I know what my table is supposed to look like; I know what my food is supposed to taste like. I know how my lighting is supposed to affect my ambiance. Trouble is... instead of lovely fall bittersweet colors enhancing my dining room table, I have geometry books, stinky socks, old soccer cleats, and dog toys embellishing my entry way. With two teenagers and two dogs and one pack-rat husband, I've abandoned the idea that I'll ever see the living room floor again. How on earth can I get this place spruced up enough to serve some sort of roasted eggplant dip before the pumpkin squash bisque and lamb chops a la braised beets?

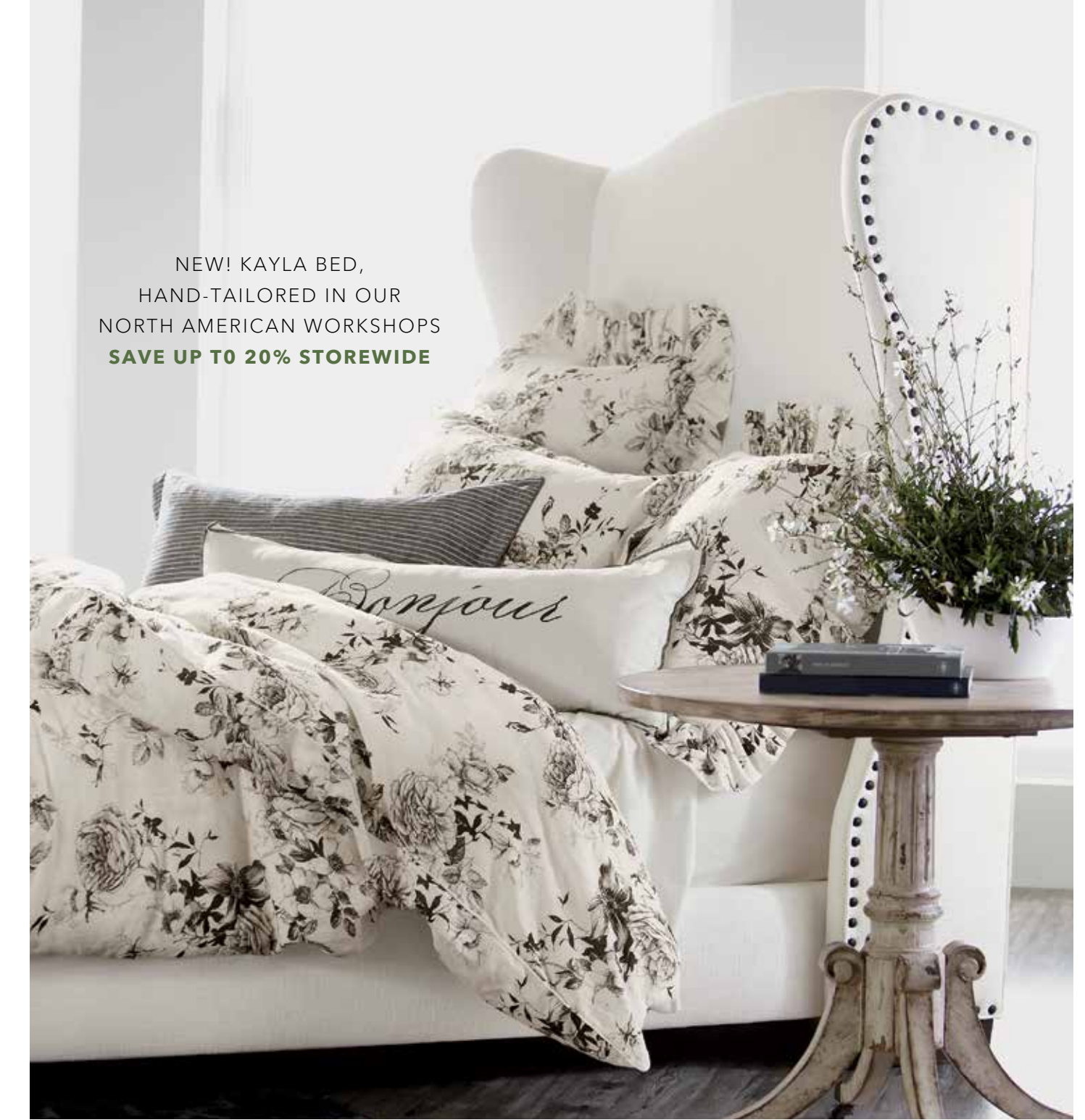
Luckily my friends know that when I call and offer up some last-minute feast at our house, it usually entails a lot of pot luck – their pots and my luck. I've finally come to realize that when we open our door to friends and family for any occasion, they expect a warm, lived-in, put-your-feet-up kind of house, and I'm happy to deliver. They know I'm not a terrific cook and have thus come to lower their expectations. They understand that home decorating under Martha's tutelage is not my forte, and it makes them feel good that my house looks “different” from theirs. (“George, did you see how the kitchen looked? Doesn't ours look divine in comparison?”)

But, we do have a basement to die for. We can send thirty or forty children down there and not see them for a week. We've been known to actually hail an adult back from the front walk and ask her if she

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thing... coats,
kids, the husband. Be-
tween the ping pong, the air hockey, the basketball hoops, the slot machine, the big screen, the comfy furniture and the stocked bar, it's hard to remember to go back to work on Monday.

So here's the rub. I fantasize that I'll one day be able to cook like some of my friends. (Carolyn, you know who you are.) I dream that my counters will be spotless and gleaming and granite. And, I can see the deck and patio and outdoor fireplace in my mind. But in the meantime, I've finally come to understand that my entertaining style is unique. I adore the sound of laughter and clanking glasses and kids running and plates being stacked in the sink. My husband and I love to collapse into the hearth room couch with the last glass of wine while the dishwasher hums and congratulate ourselves on a really messy house. My dad used to say that the success of a party could be measured by the noise level during the evening. I'd add that a well-used house is the sign of wonderful, comfortable friends.





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