

HOT IN HOUSTON NOW!

HOT CAR SALES PRO With his personal touch and attention to detail, **Tony McClelland of Central Houston Cadillac** has been named “Best Domestic Car Sales Professional in Houston” by Outsmart and has many faithful customers. The dealership, currently located in Midtown, is in the process of building a new landmark facility near NRG Stadium that’s set to open in August. The new location boasts the latest technological advancements and will be one of the largest Cadillac facilities in the country!

HOT FINE ART GALLERY With two Galleria locations, **Off The Wall Gallery** boasts a world-class art collection, a passionate and knowledgeable staff, a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere, various events and programs, and a strong commitment to quality art and education. The Gallery, run by **Mimi Sperber-Wasserberg**, showcases original paintings, sculptures and fine prints from global artists. It offers visitors a unique art experience, including exhibitions, art-filled cultural travel, art brokerage, shipping, installation and bespoke framing.

HOT LAWYER **Lauren Varnado**, managing partner of **Michelman & Robinson’s** Houston office, is an experienced trial lawyer, representing oil, gas and petrochemical clients in high-stakes, “bet the company” lawsuits. Beyond the courtroom, Lauren advises private and public companies about climate change litigation, investments and contractual rights and obligations in renewable energy, and much more. M&R prides itself on the collaborative and long-standing relationships it has with clients.

HOT REALTOR Previously an assistant for top producer Cathy Cagle, fourth generation Houstonian **Sarah Callaway Sulma of Greenwood King Properties** honed her skills and became experienced in all aspects of real estate, from relocation to assisting buyers and sellers in all areas of Houston and at all price points. Sulma and Cagle are now partners, Sulma has become a top producer in her own right — with an impressive base of both buyers and sellers in the Houston community.

HOT MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO **Compass** realtor **Clare Leppert**, who formerly partnered with her

mom, says her experience in the luxury market for the last 20+ years is enhanced by her daughter **Leigh Leppert’s** fresh take on marketing and insight on the ever-evolving Houston neighborhoods. Working together, they recognize that real estate is much more than “the house.” Exceeding client expectations, marketing, negotiating, hand-holding and successfully maneuvering in changing markets is what they do best. A combination of grit and grace.

HOT CATERER If you know, you know. **CULINAIRE**, founded by classically trained chef **Barbara McKnight**, has been an insider go-to for 20 years. This Houston institution has been upping the luxury catering game with its considered custom menus paired with flawless service and event execution. Team CULINAIRE touts a staff of courteous and seasoned professionals. Sample poolside menu: smoked chicken tostadas, Greek-salad-style shrimp cocktail, a sushi station and coconut-passionfruit panna cottas for dessert. Yes, please.

HOT RESTAURANT **Jonathan’s the Rub** has two locations in the Memorial area and is open

for brunch, lunch, dinner and special occasions, touting steaks, meatballs, gumbo and hearty American cuisine. Jonathan’s is also known for its catering services, private events and putting on amazing wine dinners at the Memorial Green location. “The restaurants are the heart and soul of our family,” says chef-owner **Jonathan Levine**. “Everything we have goes into making sure that our food and service represent our family values and hospitality.”

HOT REALTOR **Mike Mahlstedt of Compass** consistently ranks as one of the Top 3 real estate agents in Houston with over \$950,000,000 in career sales. Mahlstedt focuses on traditional inner-Loop and close-in neighborhoods. His success continues to grow thanks to hard work, attention to detail and repeat referral business. “I am a good businessman and confident negotiator,” he says. “My job is to ensure that my clients have the latest knowledge and understand the entire transaction process.”

HOT WOMEN’S BOUTIQUE When owner **Selina Stanford** opened **Frock Shop** her goal was to create a space where women feel seen and loved. “We do this by meeting our customers exactly where they are in life and being in gratitude that we get to style them for all of life’s moments,” she says. Frock Shop is filled with sought-after brands like LoveShackFancy. Summery looks

include colorful coverups, fun-print mini-dresses and cute tops by Houston-based Hunter Bell.

HOT MEN’S CLOTHIER He’s the Suit Boss, and his **Adam Ross Bespoke & Custom Clothiers** has a rep for making meticulously well-fitted suits — he takes 40+ measurements and sources high-quality Italian and English fabrics — and for being a cool dude with a boy’s-clubby setup. Clients include rapper Paul Wall, actor Michael Rappaport and tons of sports pros. See that ivory suit with the subtle paisley pattern Jonathan Owens wore when he married Simone? That was Ross.

HOT MED SPA New **Montrose Med Spa** offers body sculpting and skin treatments that invigorate and energize and are specifically designed to restore balance and strength and renew youth. The Spa provides a complete medical gym experience — from the varied treatments with Emsculpt Neo to a personalized health and wellness and skin evaluation for each individual. It also provides a noninvasive, pain-free and needle-free facelift through EMFace, in addition to offering monthly beauty memberships.

HOT RESTAURANT Does one go to **Brasserie 19** to be seen among the swells who crowd in routinely — inside the urbane, light-washed dining room and the front patio — or for the excellent French food purveyed by B19 chef-owner **Charles**

Clark, who grew to acclaim over years at late, great Ibiza? Well, as one might say when asked to choose between caviar served with onion dip and potato chips and mussels steamed with white wine and fennel? Why not both?

HOT OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS For 44 years, **Patio 1 Houston** has helped Houstonians create their dream backyards. In a world of parity, they deliver clients’ choices from 150 fabric colors — in an unprecedented five days. Being entrusted by top world brands, they commit to fulfilling excellence that gives absolute value to their customers. Patio 1, which offers high fashion and high-quality brands that bring the newest trends into the outdoor furniture market, has always emphasized superior details, materials, workmanship, durability, comfort and styling.

HOT RESTAURANT From the days of his eponymous Rice Village spot to today’s **Local Foods** concept, **Benjy Levit** has been a staple of Houston’s restaurant scene. As buzz surrounds his newer speakeasy-style wine bar Lees Den and the unfussy French spot Eau Tour (see review in this issue), Local Foods remains a five-location powerhouse. Breezy, counter-service-style Local Foods is passionate about creating fresh, hyper-seasonal dishes, made from scratch daily, with the best local ingredients Texas has to offer.



Off the Wall



Lauren Varnado



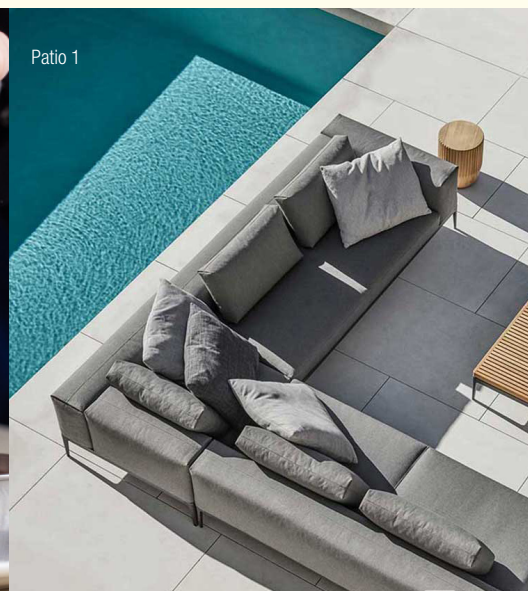
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