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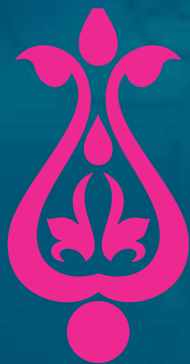
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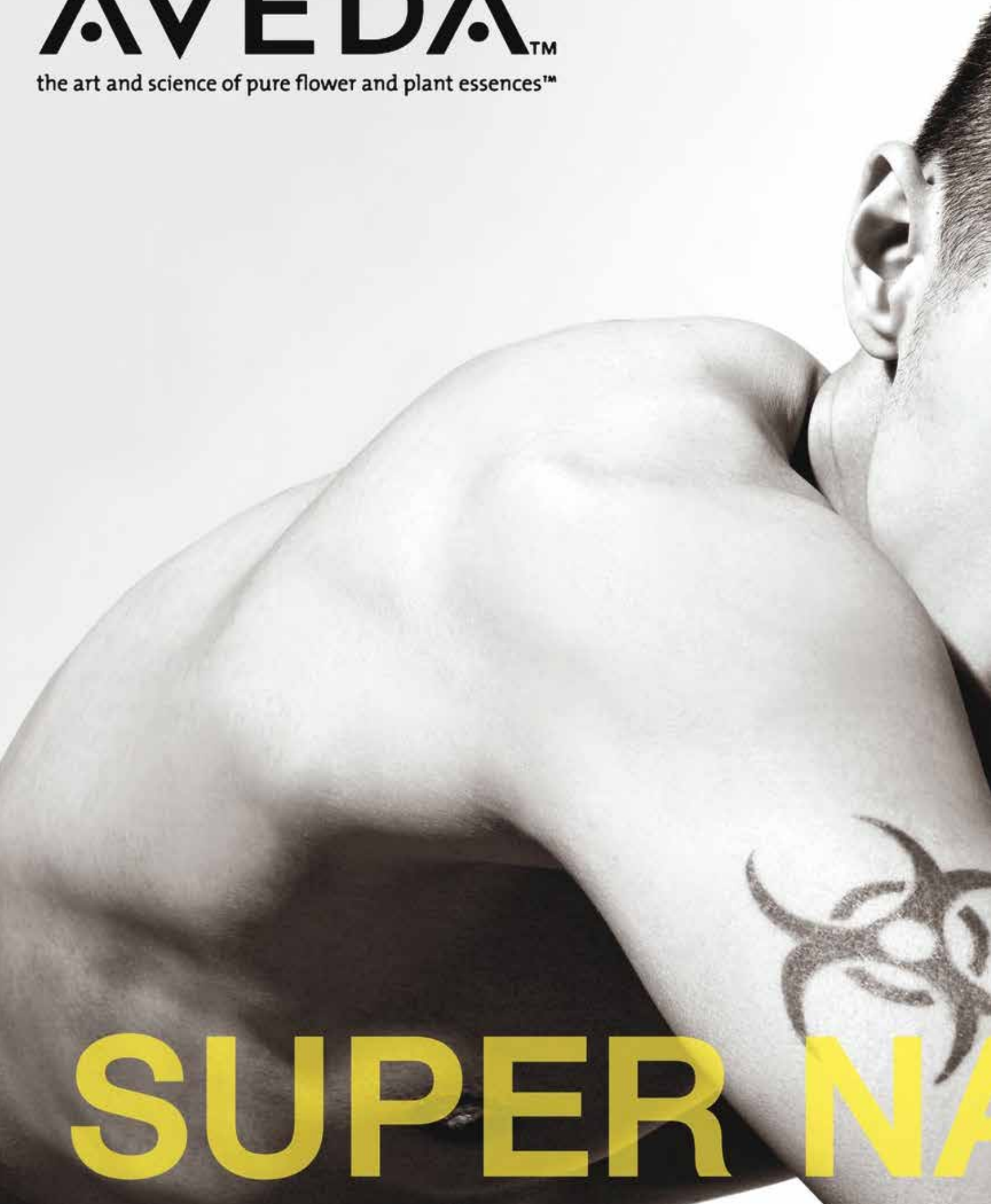
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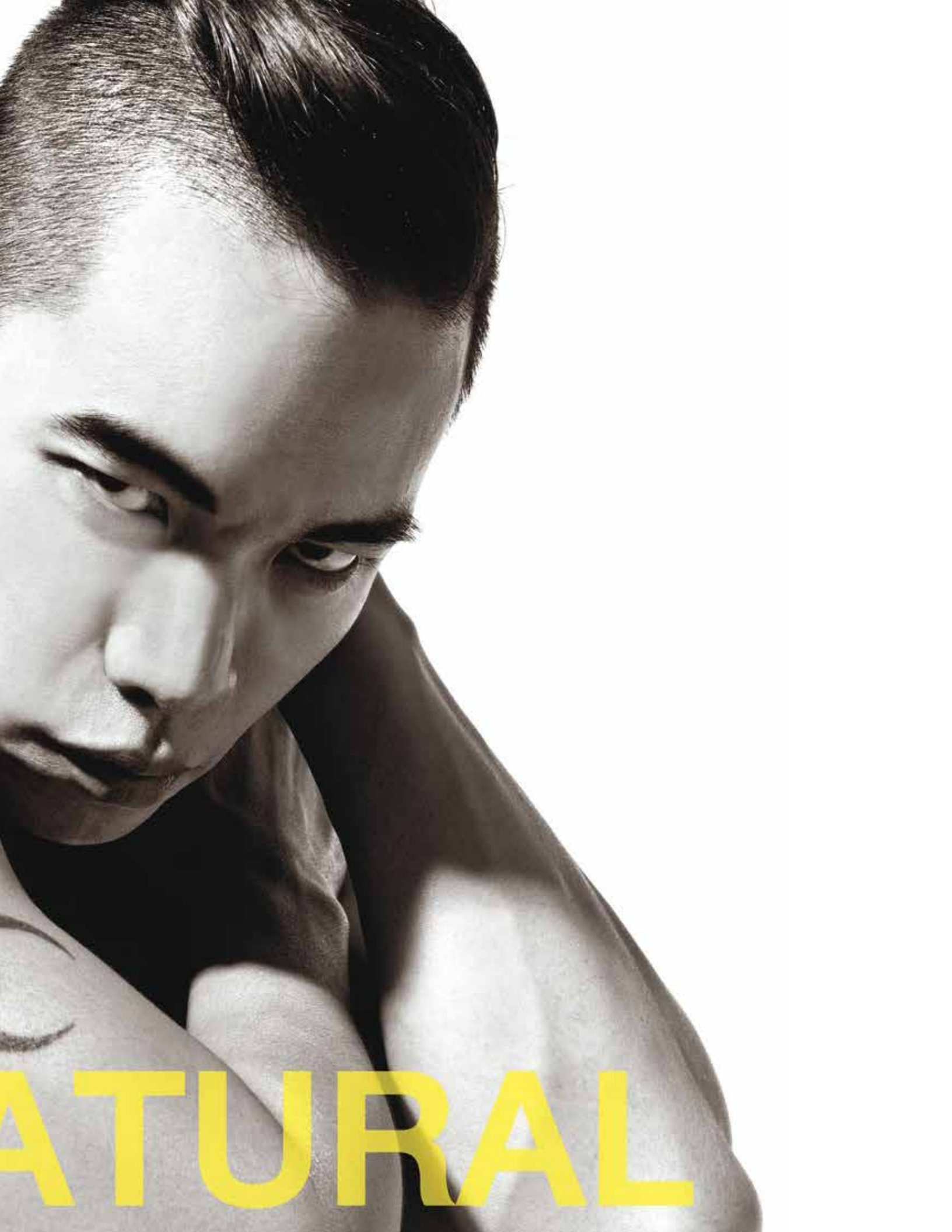
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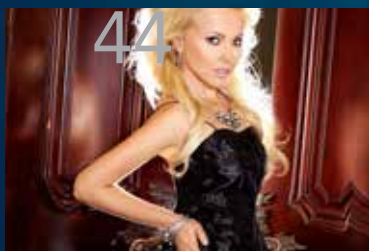
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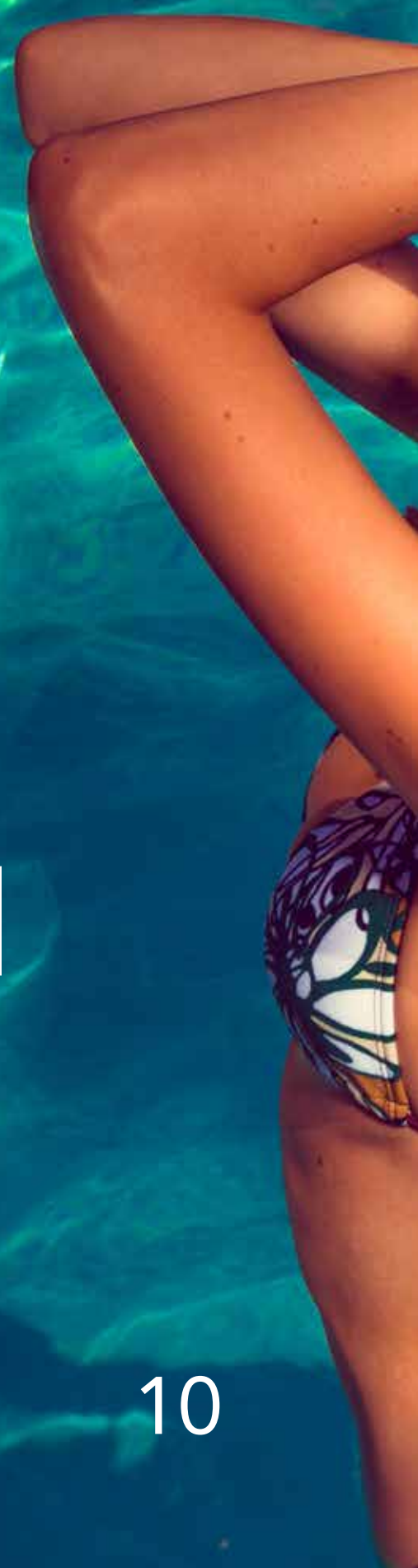


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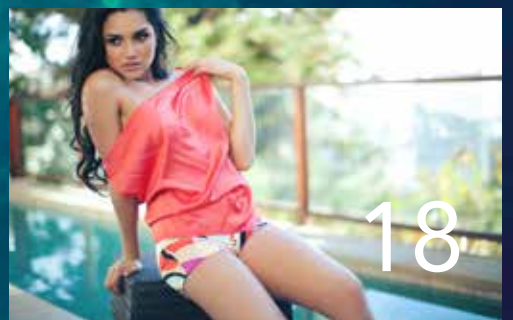
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By Natasha Karvis
SPRING 2013's
CROP TOPS
AND FLIRTY
SKIRTS

From left: Richard Chai Love, Peter Som, Rebecca Minkoff spring 2013

Midriff's are the featured trend for 2013 according to fashion experts. While Marc Jacobs and Alex Wang will bare

bellies under suits, designers like Peter Som, Rebecca Minkoff, and Jason Wu are all about bombshell crop tops and mismatched girly skirts.





THE TOP TRENDS FROM LONDON FASHION WEEK



London Fashion Week Spring 2013 trends showcased the boldest of prints, high-shine metallics, and voluminous silhouettes from the likes of Mary Katrantzou, Peter Pilotto, and Burberry. In addition, a flurry of colorblocking, thanks to Paul Smith and Moschino Cheap and Chic, while brands like Temperley and Erdem will showed off their fancy handiwork with gorgeous lace detailing.





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range County Fashion Showcase 2012 was hosted by Reality TV Star Peggy Tanous and showcased Sports Illustrated Model Sabrina Barnett's empowering tees along with fashions from designer Mychael Darwin, Alicia Hardesty, Quiksilver among many others.



BEAUTY

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BEAUTY EDITOR: **MANNA KADAR**

Hello Exotic Fashion Magazine Readers! It is my distinct pleasure to be your new Beauty Editor and one of the first things I would like to share with you is my cosmetics line, Manna Kadar Cosmetics.

CREATE THAT PERFECT FACE

Lens: Jason Clark Foto



Manna Kadar Cosmetics was founded on the principle of keeping “beauty simplified.” I have made it my lifelong journey to find the perfect products to create a makeup regimen that is simple and efficient without sacrificing the fun, femininity and function of traditional cosmetics. After years of research and development, Manna Kadar Cosmetics was created and has revolutionized the cosmetics world as we know it.

The Primer

Born in Paris, France, I was quickly introduced to a plethora of beauty products with the finest ingredients and beautiful packaging. With a beauty career that spans over more than 16 years, my background is rich with many successful entrepreneurial ventures in the beauty & fashion arenas. As a teenager, I opened a chain of cosmetics stores and added to my arsenal of beauty businesses by expanding to tanning salons and spas with the most cutting edge products and services.

The Foundation

As a veteran in the field of beauty, I have had the privilege to write and be film as a beauty expert on topics ranging from skincare to cosmetics. In addition to consulting and training industry professionals, I have had the pleasure of working with thousands of women, providing them with the tools to feel beautiful. In doing so, I recognized a demand for dual-purpose products that ensure a radiant look that lasts all day long in half the time. From this notion, Manna Kadar Cosmetics was born.

The Finishing Touch

Manna Kadar Cosmetics products have been meticulously formulated to ensure each product will be multi-functional and provides a flawless, long-lasting look. Manna Kadar Cosmetics will be your best kept beauty secret!

In just one short year since the line has launched, Manna Kadar Cosmetics has been featured on Good Morning America, Glamour Magazine, Self Magazine and is the proud partner of The Ellen Show which features the line in its green rooms.

Let's start out with some of my “Must-Haves” from the line that will be sure streamline your beauty regimen.

Let's start with the basic essentials of what every gal needs!

1. Primer is essential to make sure that your face is prepped to hold makeup in place. Primer also fills in any fine lines, pores & wrinkles as well as mattifies to ensure your makeup will not budge. Try my lightweight, silicone based Primer Camera Ready for optimal results

2. Primer for your eyes and lips will help keep your eyeshadow and your lip stick from fading and feathering. Use Prime Time Eye & Lip Primer to also keep your eyeshadow from creasing and fading.

3. Powder and Foundation is also needed, but what if it was in one place? Try my Dual Powder, which can be used wet or dry and will allow you to make room in your makeup bag with one simple compact.

4. Eyeliner is also a great tool to make your eyes appear larger, wider, or even a different shape all together. With Transfix you can transform any eyeshadow into an eyeliner. This cult fave opens up the opportunity to create any eyeliner your heart desires. Imagine the possibilities.

5. Choose a great palette that can take you from day to night. My best seller is the Glamazon Palette is the quintessential eyeshadow set with 5 colors that can be mixed and matched and takes the guesswork out of color combinations.

6. Blush is absolutely necessary for any make-up bag. Use colors that are universally flattering such as The “Big O” or a contouring bronzer such as “Simmer”.

7. Finally finish off you look with an incandescent highlighter called Sheer Glo. Add the dew back in your skin and get glowing! Place this on your cheek bones, eye brow bones, neckline or anywhere to add a dewy finish and you will appear not only more youthful but also ready for your close up!

Having the perfect makeup can make your look all that more easy! With these simple tools you can have your makeup completely done in 7 minutes or less! Now how much time does that free up in the morning?

Go to www.mannakadarcosmetics.com for more details on products mentioned in this article.

BEAUTY

IT'S TIME TO TAME YOUR HAIR WITH

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Shop Talk with Academy Director of
Santa Monica, California Joshua Marzioli

By Danielle Evans



Joshua Marzioli is not only the Academy Director of the Toni&Guy Salon in Santa Monica. Not only does he oversee hundreds of aspiring hairstylists yearly, mentoring and teaching them every aspect of the business, preparing them for the real, cutthroat world of fashion and hair design. Marzioli is a legend of the hair industry that comes from a hair styling family of royalty. He is definitely someone to watch out for as he continues to rise to the top of the hairdressing game.

Marzioli knew from a very young age that he had a passion for styling hair. He started working in a salon at the ripe age of 12, on Saturdays while attending grade school.

"I liked it so much that it is then that I began to plan my life where I would make this happen for myself," said Marzioli, who is 33 years old.

Of course, he had good support and inspiration. His father, Paul Joseph, is the founding director of Toni&Guy, one of the most successful salon divisions in the world. Joseph was in the business for 38 years, beginning his journey in Hawaii, where he opened up Toni&Guy originally with the help of fellow founder Bruno Mascolo, currently the CEO of the company.

Joseph began his journey with Toni&Guy as a salon owner in Hawaii, becoming impressed by educational books and videos on hairstyling; he then spread what he learned throughout the Hawaiian Islands. He was later invited to continue his educational tour in the U.S. and in Canada, which proved to be yet another success. In 1984, Mascolo moved to America and invited Joseph to work with him in opening the first Toni&Guy hair salon and advance training center in Dallas, Texas.

Marzioli's resume is nothing short of impressive. Starting with the company as a hairdresser in 1997, he worked that position for three years before moving on to becoming the Salon Director in 2000. Marzioli continued to be the Salon Director and Salon Owner until 2011 when he became the Academy Director of the acclaimed school in Santa Monica.

The Toni&Guy hairdressing academy seeks out edgy, avant garde hairdressers in the making who aren't afraid to take risks and who dare to be different. The company has built a reputation as a leader in the hairdressing industry through a devotion to education—one that feels more like working in a salon than taking classes in a beauty school. Toni&Guy prepares their students to not just only complete Cosmetology board exams with confidence, but rather, leave them ready to embark on

successful careers in the real world. Students are trained in both cut and color and are trained for a 10-month period.

"This academy isn't for everyone, it takes a special kind of stylist," said Marzioli.

Marzioli and his team can be seen at many fashion shows and pageants around Los Angeles area lending their expertise to make sure that the models and contestants onstage look fierce.

Married for eight years to his beautiful wife Kelly Nicole and having a seven-year-old daughter, Isabella makes Marzioli not only a successful businessman, but a family man as well.



"She is the second love of my life," said Marzioli, of his daughter.

Attributing his father and Mascolo to be his biggest inspiration, Marzioli has created an inner passion and inspiration within himself for this ever-changing industry. When he was younger, Mascolo served as a mentor for Marzioli, putting aside one day a week to coach him on business and helped him to find his goals and what he wanted to do in life.

"If it weren't for him, I would probably change careers already. But he helped me grow in ways I probably would have never grown," said Marzioli.

Being the director of one of 19 Toni&Guy hairdressing academies nationwide is something notable to obtain, especially at Marzioli's age. The company works closely with big names like Goldwell and L'Oreal and is world renowned. When one hears

the name "Toni&Guy", they know it is going to be different and exciting, and they expect excellence. So making sure that every student who comes out of the academy is ready to work professionally at not just at a mediocre level, but one that is above the rest, is priority.

"What I love most about the hair industry is the freedom to make whatever you want. There are no limits...only you can limit it," said Marzioli.

"I love making people feel better and changing lives."

Toni&Guy is not just a brand. Toni&Guy is a lifestyle. It is a way of life, a way of thinking—a style with punch and with pizzazz.

"Being a part of Toni&Guy, whether or not you are a part of the family, makes you feel like you are a part of something big, I've always felt that way and I still feel that way today," said Marzioli.

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PEGGY TANOUS

LIFE
After
THE REAL
HOUSEWIVES
of OC

Lens: Jason Clark Foto | Hair: Lauren Nicholson | Makeup: Manna Cosmetics
Written by Steve P. Jefferson



Glamorous and charming, this former star of Bravo's smash hit Reality TV Show "Real Housewives of Orange County" reveals her plans as she journeys into a new life away from the popular television show. EXOTIC Fashion Magazine was able to catch up with the always on the move Peggy Tanous to find out her next move.

Q. Peggy, how did you get your start on Real Housewives of Orange County?

A. A friend of my husband's gave producers our number because he thought we would be a good fit for the show and they were casting for a new couple.

Q. What were some of the surprises you encountered on the show?

A. A nice surprise was how easy it was to film. I've been in the entertainment business pretty much my whole life, but I thought reality TV would be strange to film because you are being followed around with cameras. It was actually very natural and fun! Another surprise was how many hours and scenes you filmed, but how so little of it actually ends up airing.

Q. How has the television show changed your life?

A. Being on the show has changed my life by giving me a voice that people want to listen to and it made me very recognizable out in public. It got me motivated to get back into my career that I had left to have my babies. It was a very fun experience, but it wasn't quite my cup of tea. I'm excited for all my new adventures ahead!

Q. Why do you think Real Housewives of Orange County is such a huge success?

A. I think all the Housewife franchises are successful because people love to watch a day in the life of other people. Especially affluent women that like to cause drama.

Q. Can you tell us about your new television show?

A. I actually have a few shows I'm working on! One is a local show I will be hosting and it showcases the OC lifestyle and the various events, businesses etc. here. I have three other shows that I have written, will be co-producing and one I will host while the others I will be a cast member among four to

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five other cast members! The one I'm most passionate about is a mom's show with a twist!

Q. What are some of the challenges will you face being in the lead role on this show?

A. The challenges I will face with all these various projects is balancing my filming schedule while not neglecting my family. Another challenge will be keeping my relationship with some of my other cast members that are great friends in tact, as reality TV can put a strain on that.

Q. Can you tell us about other projects that are coming up for you and your husband?

A. We have so much going on. I had a set back with my book on Post-Partum Depression, but am back writing and hope to release it soon. My husband and I are launching our own wine! We will be releasing a white, red and possibly champagne to start. You can check it out at www.monarchywines.com! I have a You Tube Channel called Positivity with Peggy where I give health and beauty tips and interview people. I took a hiatus from it for a while, but just started it back up! I've been approached to do some co-designing for a major clothing retailer and then we have some opportunities within the health and beauty world, so time will tell what will happen! Please continue to follow me for updates, pictures, health and beauty tips and positive thinking!

You can visit my website at www.peggytanous.com, Peggy Tanous on FB under Entertainer, Positivity with Peggy on You Tube and @peggytanous on Twitter!



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THE
CROWN
HOLDER


NATALIE PACK

Miss California USA 2012

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Hair: Lauren Nicholson | Makeup: Manna Cosmetics

Written by Steve P. Jefferson



Natalie Pack born and raised in Palos Verdes, California has spent most of her life next to the ocean. She continues to do so living now in Newport Beach, California. After graduating from Palos Verdes High School with honors, Natalie enrolled at the University of California, Irvine as a pre-med biological science major. Her ultimate goal is to attend medical school and to become a dermatologist. Natalie's perfect mix of beauty and brains grace the pages of this Issue's Swimsuit features.







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THE PERFECTLY SUNKISSED BOHEMIAN

Photographer: Paul Ferradas www.ferradasphotography.com

Wardrobe Stylist: Jen Summers www.jensummers.com

Model: Megan Peake

Hair/ MUA: Crystal Tran www.beautybycrystal.com





Dress: Muheeka
Bodysuit: Sugarpuss
Necklace: Muheeka



Top: Vintage from India
Jeans: Hollister
Earrings: GATA Designs
Cuff: H & M



Poncho: Muheeka
Boots: Minnetonka
Necklace: Muheeka



One Piece Swimsuit: Sugarpuss
Wrap around Skirt: Vintage from Malaysia
Necklace: Vintage
Boots: Luchesse Boot Co.





Top: Vintage from India
Jeans: Hollister
Shoes: Steve Madden

BE SINGLE

Having trouble finding that perfect soul? Here are a few helpful tips to meeting Mr. Right.

Words by Giselle Boone
& Yvonne Tran

If you want to find your perfect mate, you need to be strictly single. You can't keep getting involved with people that aren't a good fit for you like your ex's because it is necessary to keep your mind and heart open for when Mr. Right comes along. Keeping an ex in your life will only cloud your mind and you won't be able to see clearly even when Mr. Right is standing in front of you.

Personality is everything

Don't be afraid to be yourself around that special person. Your personality is what attracts the one who is perfect for you. Finding your perfect soul mate goes beyond showing outer beauty. Your perfect mate would be someone who accepts your faults rather than trying to change them.

Identify your top deal-breakers

Everyone has that one thing (or couple of things) that would be a deal-breaker. So find out your deal-breaker(s) and don't get involved with anyone that has those attributes. It is fine to have your list of deal-breakers but don't be too picky. You would be surprised how truly great someone is after getting to know them.

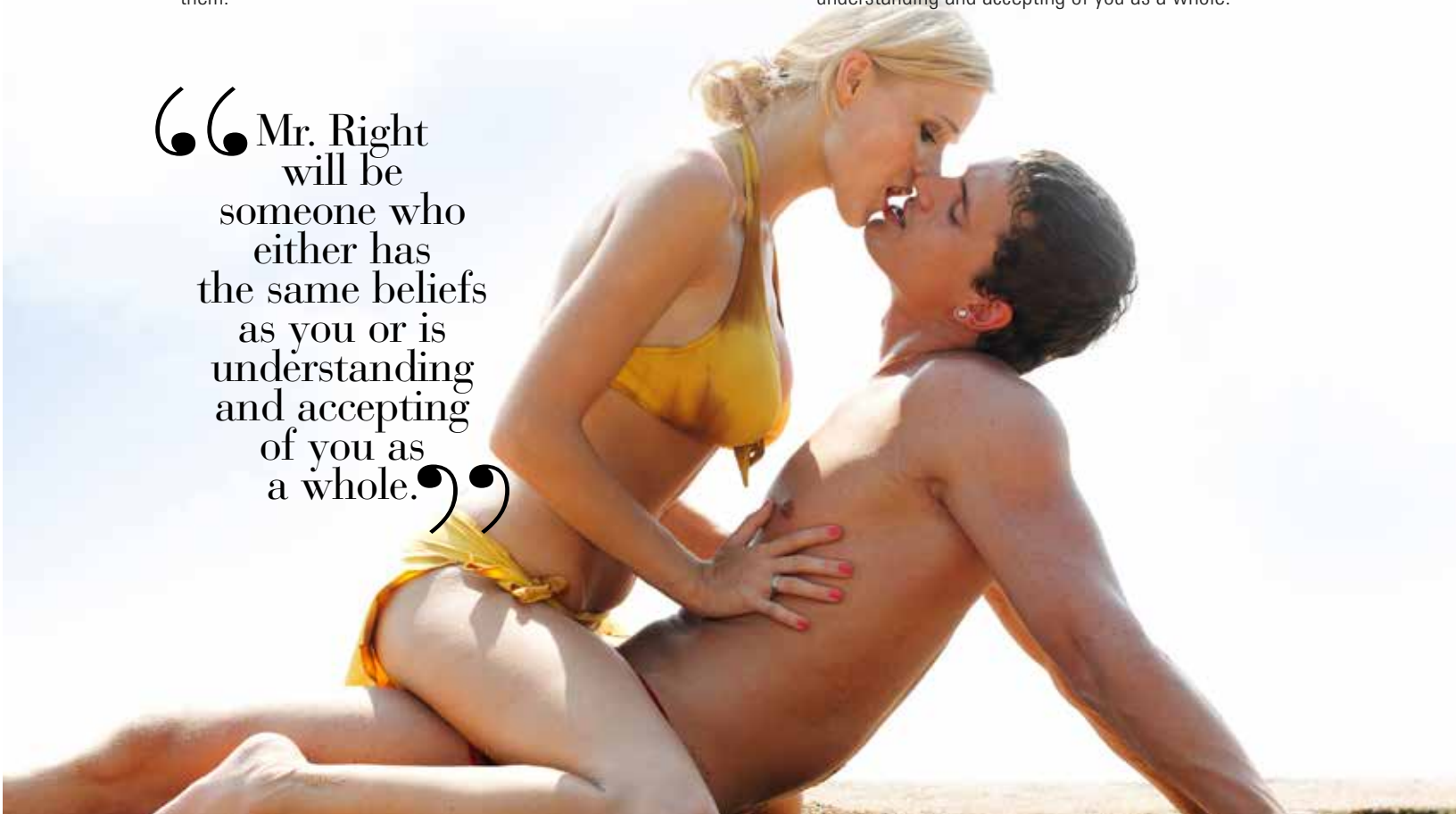
Evaluate past relationships

If you want future relationship to work and last, you need to step back and evaluate past relationships. Ask yourself why it didn't work out. This will help you see what you need to work on individually to prepare yourself for a new relationship and in addition, you'll be able to realize what you want in a soul mate.

Do not compromise! Ever.

Your values, standards, morals, and beliefs are what makes up who you are and by concealing the real you for a possible mate is not the way to go because sooner or later you are going to be sick of pretending to be someone you're not. Mr. Right will be someone who either has the same beliefs as you or is understanding and accepting of you as a whole.

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REAL CALIFORNIA DREAMING

By Michelle Zurin



The Little Inn by the Bay in Newport Beach

Little Inn is a gateway exposing the excitement of Newport Beach. Newport Beach offers the signature California bliss of romantic cruise, ocean-front dining, and summer fun. Furthermore, you can surf on the world-famous Wedge of Newport Beach, shop at the lofty Fashion Island, or have fun at the Balboa Fun Zone with children. Newport Beach is known for its magnificent residential areas, modern shopping facilities, and outstanding beach. The bay area offers outstanding fishing, swimming, surfing and aquatic sport activities. Or perhaps simply sit back and relax a romantic sunset after a delicious meal at an oceanfront restaurant. As a visitor, you may have already explored many lodging in Newport Beach, but when you go out with your friends and/or family, you deserve the best place to stay with the most convenient location.



The INN at Laguna Beach

The Inn at Laguna Beach brings together all of the features that have made Laguna the iconic center of California cool for decades – art, surfing, fresh cuisine, sand, sun and a relaxed outdoor lifestyle. “The renovation of Inn at Laguna Beach was a great opportunity for us to make a classic beach Inn an even better version of itself, but also for it to stay true to what it is – a fun, fresh place to enjoy the beach spirit of Laguna,” said Matt Crow, CEO of Classic Hotels & Resorts. “There are plenty of sequestered, ultra-luxury resorts in the area, and several value-driven lodging options, but none with the combination of location and luxury that we are now able to offer. We want to delight the guest who wants to be in the center of town, on the beach with an upscale experience for a vacation getaway, a business retreat, or a seaside wedding.”



Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery

Established in 2000, Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery consists of 3-1/2 acres of land situated on the Upper Newport Bay and it produces more than 350 cases of California Red Meritage Wine annually. The vineyards contain approximately 1,200 Bordeaux style grape vines such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. The grapes are harvested, crushed and fermented each September to produce the award-winning Meritage red wine. Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery also has a 1,000-square-foot underground "Wine Cave" that maintains a temperature of 60 degrees all year round. Tours of the Wine Cave are given upon request. Wines are aged in the wine cave for at least two years in new French oak barrels and then bottled in April.

People who visit the winery can see coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, possums, gophers, rabbits, squirrels and field mice in the Upper Newport Bay area and in the Ecological Reserve. Eagles, barn owls, osprey, red shoulder hawks, Cooper's hawks, peregrine falcons, burrowing owls, crows, seagulls and finches can also be seen. Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery also has its own bird aviary for guests to enjoy.

Check out more Travel Talk with Michelle Zurin at www.exoticfashionmag.com



SUMMER SWIMSUIT FASHION

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Makeup: April Love Make Up Academy

Makeup & Hair: Toni & Guy Artists

Models: Anahí Calvillo, Jenelle Mckee, Mary Kate Fitzpatrick,

Chloe Keller, Shelynn Hoyt & Morgan Brayden (Photographed by Rudy Garcia)

Swimsuits by: Barraco Brasil & Syrup Swimwear.





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MISS EXOTIC FASHION 2013
Morgan Brayden



Swimsuit by: Syrup Swimwear



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Travel the World through
the Eyes of India Super Model

ELISHA

Photography by Randy S. Wong
Words by Travis Cloyd, CEO Mega World Media LLC

Elisha Jahangir Patel, better known by her stage name Elisha Kriis is an Indian Model, Travel TV show presenter and Actress. Born in the vibrant state of Gujarat to a Zoroastrian father and Brahmin mother, Jahangir Patel and Bhagwati Mehta who both served as state's Judicial officers, Elisha was raised in an extremely disciplined and strict environment. The first of Kriis's ancestors to arrive in the India came from the then Persia. (Iran) in ten century AD.

As a child she always found her joy in entertaining everybody around her with her artistic aptitude. Her first theater performance was in fourth grade and later the same drama was chosen to be aired by DD1, the leading Indian television network in 2000. That was the time she understood her true calling as an artist.

As a child Elisha dreamed of seeing the world. Her thirst for knowledge and the desire to see all the beauty around the world was essential. Learning about different cultures made a huge impact on her life and her aspirations. She is inclined towards spirituality, a big fan of yoga and an avid reader of books on philosophy & psychology. Elisha loves to spend time with nature and peaceful solitude.

She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree and specialized in Marketing at Maharaja Sayajirao University of Vadodara. During her college days Elisha tried her hands on modeling and got a chance to promote many brands after she won the titles of Miss Chik 2006, Miss Diva 2007 and also Femina Miss India Gujarat 2009. Most of these contests were sponsored by well-known brands such as CavinKare, MTV, Pantaloons, Westside, Femina Magazine and Times of India Group.

After completing graduation, Elisha signed up for studio training in performing arts with Barry John Acting Studio and moved to the city of dreams, Mumbai India, Shortly after, she got her first job as Travel TV show presenter for India's first exclusive International Travel Channel, Travelxp. Here she got a chance to fulfill her desire to taste all the flavors of the World that she had dreamed of all her life. Kriis hosted shows far and wide across Europe, Middle East and South East Asia. She shot in thirty five cities around the world in exotic countries like Norway, Sweden, Denmark Austria, Thailand, Philippines, Oman, Belgium and India. Her shows have witnessed a successful release of 80 episodes by the end of 2012. She has hosted series such as Xp guide, Xplore, Hills and Valleys, Divine Destinations and Great World Hotels. In these series Elisha takes you through the most beautiful Castles and Cathedrals, Beaches and Alpes , Desserts and Islands, Hotels and Resorts, world's finest wines and chocolates, places to shop, things to do and places to enjoy some of the most thrilling adventure sports experiences.

Kriis believes in the philosophy that we choose our own experiences and are the creator of our own life experiences. She feels true success lies in the spirit of contentment that we experience in every moment. Living in the moment with joy and gratitude is where all the Power of the Universe lies within our being. Everybody has an access to this power, but only few willingly use it. She lives by the motto "to live for something more important than your former self, to inspire, to serve and last but not the least to entertain"!!!

Travis Cloyd is the founder and CEO of Mega World LLC a social media and international marketing company. Go to www.megaworldmedia.com for more information.

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KORRINA SPRING SEDUCTION **RICO**

Lens: Jason Clark Foto | Hair: Cantrell Mitchell Jr. | Makeup: Jazzmene Ellison | Styled by Jen Summers
Model/Actress: Korrina Rico of Otto Models | www.korrinarico.com

Featuring Los Angeles based designers Alana Hale, Mir & Mookhi, Kami Shade, and Salt Swimwear

One-piece Swimsuit: SALT Swimwear | Hat: Topshop | Necklace: Vintage



Korrina Rico is a rising star in Hollywood right now. She has several movies to be released in 2013 as well as a small part in the current film "Argo." She will star in "School Dance" written and directed by Nick Cannon and take the lead role in "Abstraction" alongside actor Hunter Ives.



Bandeau Top: Silver by Gottex
Skirt: Por Quoi?
Shoes: Jessica Simpson
Purse: Versace



Jacket: Alana Hale
Pants: Kami Shade



One-Piece Swimsuit: SALT Swimwear
Necklace: Vintage



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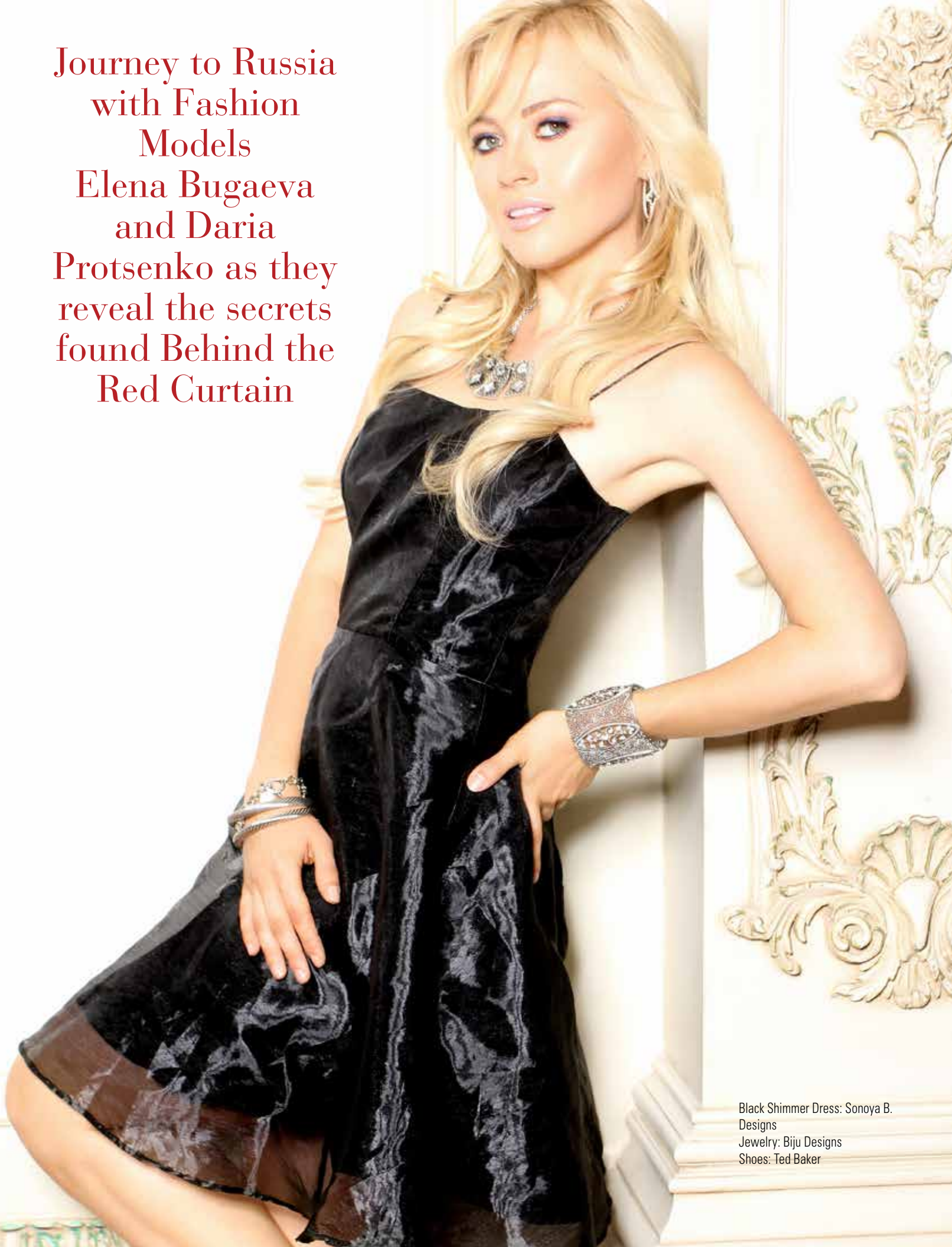
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Elena Bugaeva
and Daria
Protsenko as they
reveal the secrets
found Behind the
Red Curtain



Black Shimmer Dress: Sonoya B.
Designs
Jewelry: Biju Designs
Shoes: Ted Baker





Black swimsuit: Make Love collection by Ximena Valero
Body chain: Stylist Own
Shoes: Jimmy Choo








Silver Dress Soroya B. Designs
Shoes: Jimmy Choo
Diamond Bracelet: Biju Designs

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HUNTING THE WILD



A woman with a leopard print top is sitting in a field of tall grass. She has her hair styled in a high, voluminous bun and is wearing large, ornate earrings. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a field of dry, golden-brown grass.

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Photography by Arthur St. John
Hair/Makeup: Melanesia Hunter
Model: Kristina Nicole Pena





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THE HILLS OF HOLLYWOOD

Photography: Rudy Garcia | MUA: Yovana Guitierrez | Models: Julia Vasika, and Brylin D'Antonio

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THE WILES OF VELA KURV

Written by Riley Rose

**Meet Vela Kurv, AKA:
Lorabella, a Secret Agent Curvy Chick**

The world of Vela Kurv subscribes to the belief of 'The One' governing body of the universe. 'The One' is supported by the many that serve it. The King reigns with the Sovereign, and the Sage of Ages. Vela Kurv's guardian is always the Sage. Vela Kurv is one seed from 'The One' consciousness. Lorabella Kurv Wiles is Vela Kurv.

Lorabella Kurv Wiles is Earth's best hope and defense. She is Vela Kurv. Not only did she put away childish things when she became a woman, but she also believes that when there's a will, there's a way. She has supernatural abilities that aid in her abilities as an exemplary secret agent curvy chick. She is motivated to succeed and believes that she will uncover how to protect mankind from an impending invasion. The invaders are two alien races: Edenites and Galleons. She knows that man is not alone in the universe; it is precisely because of her own supernatural abilities, that she knows this.

Edenites have long tails like an iguana and gills with venomous secretion glands. Galleons have glorious feathered wings and mouths that look like beaks, both species have skin that is somewhat thick and scaly, but in every other way they appear human. On board the Edenite ship is a conference room. Chancellor Demetrios of the Planet Eden and the Planet Galleon Leader Alexander sit, as twenty nine year old, Secret Agent Lorabella Kurv Wiles from Earth, walks in, grabs Demetrios by the throat, and lifts him from the chair that he occupies. She is supernaturally strong, confident, and one super curvy chick. Lorabella is Earth's best hope and defense. She is Earth's secret defense weapon; she is the present day culmination of the legacy of Vela Kurv. Lorabella is more than human; she has Edenite alien DNA cells all compressed into a haunting sex symbol figure.

Demetrios swings his monstrously thick tail toward Lorabella. As it flops, she goes flying. Lorabella's eyes glow back with white light. She's been waiting for this fight for a very long time. This will be her best battle. This conquest will be her



revenge. The taste for Demetrios' blood is more than driving Lorabella to go for the juggler. Lorabella is self-motivated to defeat Earth's alien invasion threat and believes that she has uncovered how to protect mankind from an impending invasion.

Lorabella stands with tenacity and like a panther; she springs on top of Demetrios and whoops him with her fists. Demetrios gasps for air. Her punches are driven like a hammer to the nail. Clang, whomp, clang, ka-pomp!

Demetrios and Lorabella tussle and fight, it is a long arduous dance of punches, wallops, kicks, and smacks one to the other and back. Demetrios tries to hurt Lorabella, but her adrenaline in her veins has made her impervious to the pain of a punch. Demetrios must resort to a chemical attack.

Demetrios shoots venom; it misses Lorabella and lands on the floor. But, she slips on it and falls. It is thick, white, goopy and deadly. It seeps into her boot and her foot begins to swell like a melon.

Lorabella tries to get up, but the venom's liquid state makes it impossible to find her footing... Instead she falls and lands on the knee of her good leg, she screams as it crunches on the floor.

Demetrios smiles. Now he clearly has the advantage. He plans to annihilate his enemy once and for all. His tail whips Lorabella across her back, breaks it, the sound makes Alexander wince. Lorabella yells in horrendous pain before she passes out. Lorabella lies motionless on the floor. Her chest heaves up and down, she struggles to breathe... Time stands still. Demetrios and Alexander stare frozen and unable to move, as well.

White cloud like gasses pours in to fill the room, and Lorabella's head. She dreams as she lies in an unconscious state of mind. She hangs close to death, her breathing is labored, and just as so many have told of their journeys before, her life too flashes before her very eyes.

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Fashion Week Spotlight

Orange County Fashion Showcase Outstanding Emerging Designer Winner Zerrin Akinci journeys to the U.S. for National Recognition

Words by Riley Rose McKesson

There's a new up and coming designer on the fashion scene who is gaining national recognition and her name is Zerrin Akinci. In April of 2012, the Orange County Fashion Showcase awarded her the Outstanding Emerging Designer award. This is the culmination of several years of accomplished and noted achievements in fashion.

Akinci was born in the Republic of Cyprus in 1982, an island country in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, east of Greece, south of Turkey, west of Syria and north of Egypt. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations in 2003 from the Girne American University in Cyprus, and completed her Master of Arts degree in Marketing Communications in 2005 from the University of Greenwich, in the United Kingdom.

Next for Akinci was the beginning of her career in trade marketing in Cyprus. She began by working at Turkcell, a well-established telecommunications company, for three years. She then migrated to the United States to pursue her dream as a designer, where she studied Fashion Design at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2010. She has also been awarded the first runner up at the Fashion Icon – Hamil Group Design Competition, in New York.

As a designer she is driven by her passions to create original aspects of her fashion vision as guided by what she describes as: '...the unique from her own soul, what's fitted like the skin and the incorporation of what's unique from her clients' personal values.' Akinci describes herself as an international designer; she combines her Western educational background in fashion with the Eastern cultural and ethnic values of her training. She defines her style as integration of the modernity of the West and the ethnicity of the East, which she calls "Ethnic Modernity".

Akinci launched her first women's ready to wear collection, under "the ZA by GHS" label, in her collaboration with clothing manufacturer GHS in Turkey. The collection was presented in Cyprus for the Autumn/Winter 2011 season and received much attention from the media.

Following this collaboration, Akinci successfully completed her first solo runway presentation of "ZA by Zerrin Akinci" during London Fashion Week in September 2011. The reason for her recent notable award in 2012 at the Orange County Fashion Showcase is obvious when you see the designs of her collection. Put Zerrin Akinci on your fashion radar, her collections will soon be seen and sought after around the globe, because she is clearly on the fashion rise of fame.

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