



Cadillac presents the Best of Spring Diversions.

Best symbol of success

the right-hand diamond

Ice is nice! What may or may not have begun as a marketing ploy has developed into a fashion necessity. Chic singletons are snapping up diamonds — cocktail designs, estate pieces and traditional solitaires — to flash on the right hand. Go ahead — treat yourself!



Best jaunt abroad

Morocco

Bogey and Bergman turned the desert oasis into a lasting symbol of romance and mystery. Casablanca's just the start of a vacation adventure. Moorish and Andalusian architecture charm the traveler, along with plentiful open markets and art galleries. Exquisite Moroccan cuisine, horseback excursions and a shopper's paradise of intricate leather, brass and textile work aren't too shabby, either.



Best fete to hostess

the tea party

Pretty pots, artful bouquets, charming little cakes — what's not to love? The latest trend in home entertaining allows the ladies who lunch to converse, circulate and nibble on delicate fare. The modern tea party isn't just an English occasion; give it a Japanese twist with a wabi-sabi theme, play it French with brie and tartine tarts or import intrigue with gilded glasses from Marrakech full of mint tea. Hookahs strongly encouraged, at least for decorative purposes.



Best fundraiser for fun

Arts & Letters Live

Comedic author David Sedaris is famed for his wry NPR commentaries and dinky funny anthologies of family dysfunction. This month, he reads from his witty new work to benefit the Kay Cullara Endowment for the Library and Performing Arts for The Dallas Museum of Arts' engaging Arts & Letters Live series. Be prepared to fall off your seat laughing, though it's certain to be a standing-room-only affair.

Best place to cool your heels

Urban Oasis at Hotel ZaZa

The tropical poolside of the Urban Oasis Night Club remains the Uptown see-and-be-seen destination. A mix-neg of comfy lounges and cork cocktails beckons some of the city's most beautiful after-dinner glitterati. Music, twinkling lights, a perfect pool and a post-Dragnoffy dinner drink make this location a springtime staple.

Best deja shoe

the wedge

First they're in, then they're out, then they're in again. Best advice? Hang on to them. Legs look miles longer, plus no precarious stiletto porching. This season, return to the wedge sandal with aplomb. BCBG offers a precious teal satin pair with wood stack heels and burgundy ankle ribbons, as well as others with metallic braided straps. Cole Haan's classic style is reflected in linen and saddle leather wedges with gold horse bits. Kors Michael Kors goes for a 70s' vibe with gold leather and neutral Jazzy vamp on cork or espadille-woven platforms.

Best spot to skulk around

Bishop Arts District

Though it's fun to mix it up at the uberclubs, it's much more hip to hang at a local's secret nightspot. In just a few darling blocks, Bishop Arts houses some of the best food, music and cocktails in Dallas. Hatfield's American Bistro serves up amazing Southern low-country cooking in an upscale space. Corneo Rouge Bistro-Lounge is a cool haunt for Martini Tuesdays and the Nodding Dog Coffee Company pours a pleasing cup of joe.

Best tressed list

bouffants

Add a little oomph to the updo for this hairstyle trend redux. With casual clothes, a bouffant adds an unexpected lift. (Consider the "bouffnession" of fashion icon Jackie O.) With work wear, the do adds an air of mystery. (Consider Tomshel Brigitte Bardot.) Besides, the higher you tease your hair, the closer you are to heaven!



Best social soundtrack

sunny songs

Usher in hot fun in the summertime to warm weather music. Start the mix disc for iPod DJ station with Cream's Sunshine of Your Love. Choose either The Beatles or Nina Simone for Ainslie Cornell the Sun. Take it down with the Bill Withers classic Ain't No Sunshine (When She's Gone). Then take it up with Smash Mouth's Funky Wakaon the Sun.

Best wink and a smile

faux lashes

Wear mink like J.Lo. Enhance your lashes with custom additions from our funny friends. Artfully applied by an expert, lashes last for weeks. A sultry pair of peepers — no mascara required — are the social butterfly's best friend. Though fringing is a good Plan B if you can't sit still long enough for the faux application.



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