



I Shadow hat, \$230, thefreyabrand.com
2 Orleans Blinker in matte rose gold, \$375, by Krewe at Neiman Marcus, in the Galleria 3 Signataire rose gold diamond bangle, \$16,750 by de Boulle at Patek Philippe Showroom, River Oaks District 4 Triple Lipid Restore. \$128. by SkinCeuticals at Adara

\$16,750 by de Boulle at Patek Philippe Showroom, River Oaks District 4 Triple Lipid Restore, \$128, by SkinCeuticals at Adara Medical Spa, adarahouston.com, 5 Pink crystal-embellished floral print slides, \$945, Dolce & Gabbana, River Oaks District

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Who runs the world? Rachael Volz. Or at least that's how it seems in our corner of the world, and more specifically on Houston's special events circuit. After graduating from Loyola, the fourth-generation Houstonian moved back to town and began working as a receptionist at catering company A Fare Extraordinaire (afehouston.com). That was 2005. Today, she is the company's owner and CEO, and in addition to having the catering business of nearly every organization in town, last year she and her husband opened a 58,000-square-foot full-service catering facility and venue, The Revaire. "You wouldn't imagine how productive you can be when you are kind to yourself and don't second-guess every move you make," says Volz. "I never second-guess my decisions, which allows me to keep my positive energy focused ahead." And she's quick to add she doesn't do it alone: "I have an incredible support system—and the best nanny in the world," says Volz, who has two "wild and fun" young sons. She describes her personal style as uberfeminine or rocker-chic—"often a mix of both," she adds. "I am always in a dress because it makes me feel elegant and comfortable—bonus if it has pockets to carry my phone." Busy girl.



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I Muriel slit-sleeve coat, \$264, Alice + Olivia, River Oaks District 2 Nudistsong sandal, \$398, Stuart Weitzman, in the Galleria 3 Oil-free tinted moisturizer, \$46, by Laura Mercier at Nordstrom, in the Galleria 4 Lipstick pencil in Pop Life, \$27, by NARS at Nordstrom, in the Galleria 5 Web elastic belt with torchon Double G buckle, \$460, Gucci, in the Galleria

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ALLIE LAFORCE

Allie LaForce is a hard woman to pin down. "Wednesday, I fly to an NBA city for NBA on TNT's Thursday night game; Friday, to Atlanta to host studio shows Friday and Saturday night; Sunday, fly home (or to whatever city Joe is in)," explains the Turner Sports reporter, who currently covers the NBA on TNT. The "Joe" she refers to is, of course, her hubby, Astros pitcher Joe Smith. For LaForce, sports is in her blood. Not only was she a college basketball player, but also her dad, mom and brother played college ball, and her aunt was a high school basketball coach. Her life now, albeit busy, is the exact life she chose for herself—"I love every bit of it," she says. When it comes to personal style, she's trend-forward, curating her wardrobe with designer pieces, and looks from local fave Alchemia boutique, but function is paramount, she admits: "[I wear my] Nike Cortez sneakers with everything." Her "free time" is dedicated to the fight against Huntington's disease through her and Smith's charity, HelpCureHD Foundation (helpcurehd. org), which helps end the spread of HD through pre-implantation genetic diagnosis in-vitro fertilization—a process the couple is currently undergoing themselves. (Smith's mother suffers from the disease.) "We are grateful to be able to afford [PGD-IVF], but so many can't," LaForce says. "We knew we had to use our platforms to make a difference."

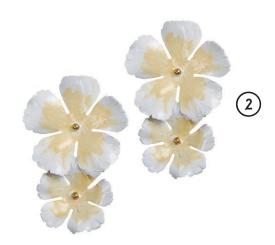








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1 CC cream in light medium, \$40, by It Cosmetics at Sephora, in the Galleria 2 Faye earring, by Jennifer Behr at onlytheavenue.com 3 Gables dress in Midblue California Wildflower, \$318, shopdoen.com 4 Maureen 70 mm shoe in blue, \$573, by Malone Souliers at Tootsies, at Shops at Arrive **5** Lipstick in Pink Dusk, Tom Ford, River Oaks District

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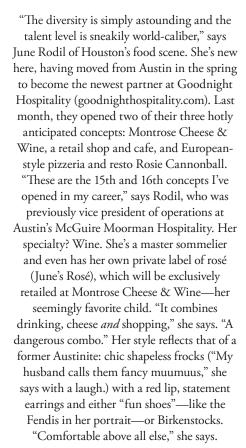


















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