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A Gift to the  
Community:  
The Mennello  
Museum of  
American  
Art

Wonderful  
Weddings

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**74 | VINTAGE VIBES**

The popularity of retro, recycled and repurposed goods has never been higher. Not only are shoppers recognizing the long-term value of certain items from days gone by, but buying them instead of purchasing newer things is certainly a good way to go green. Ansley Schrimsher, Joan DesCombes and Margie Supplee show off their own unique vintage style.

**80 | MORNING STAR SCHOOL SHINES A LIGHT ON SPECIAL CHILDREN**

If there ever was a place the motto “live, laugh, love” is realized, it is at Morning Star School. Inquisitive faces show their eagerness to learn. Signs of affection and support abound. Soaring spirits fill the halls. Bodies filled with excitement and exuberance jump, slide and climb on the playground. All around campus these Morning Star angels are reaching for the stars.

**84 | MARILYN MENNELLO’S DREAM OF A MUSEUM**

As Central Florida’s hard-working civic and arts patron, Marilyn Mennello built charity organizations and events from the ground up, but her greatest legacy was the museum filled with her collections and spirit. That spirit lives on as the Mennello Museum of American Art moves toward privatization and exciting new exhibits.

**88 | WONDERFUL WEDDINGS**

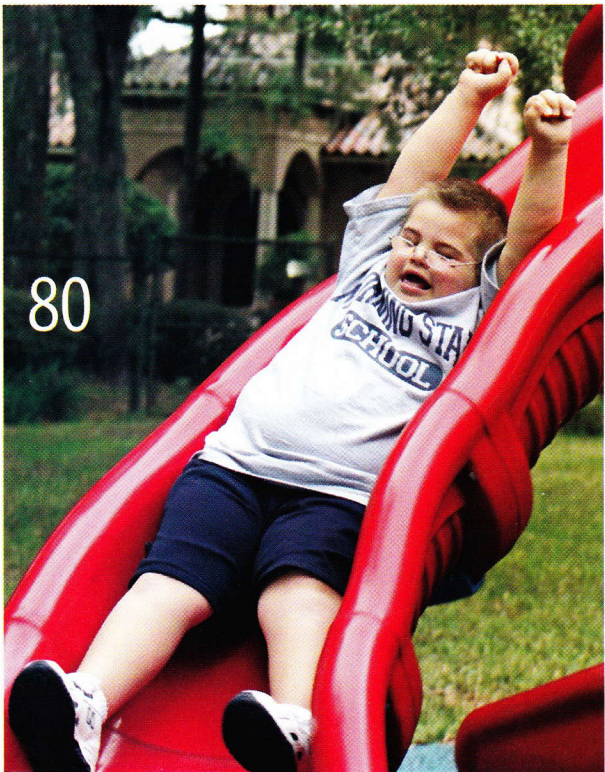
Tis the season for romantic engagements and some Central Florida brides and wedding experts share their stories, advice and trends for 2010.



STEPHEN ALLEN

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CHRISTI ASHBY



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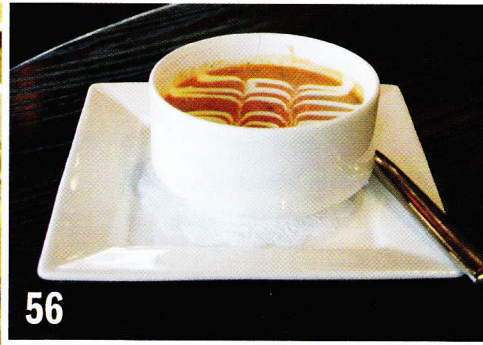


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**On the Cover:** Model Jennifer Rivera wearing the *Rania*, a Diana Simaan Couture gown, Jimmy Choo shoes and diamond earrings by May Jewelers. Hair by Gerylin Ghaisarzaden of Capricci Ricci Salon. Makeup by Pegah Peymayesh. Photographed by Stephen Allen assisted by Bryan Soderlind. The sculpture, *The Star* by Albert Paley, was purchased for the Mennello Museum of American Art by the Marilyn Fund in remembrance of The Honorable Marilyn Logsdon Mennello; article on page 84.



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**Agenda**

Community and charity events: Chez Couture benefits the Foundation for Foster Children; Couture Culture, a fashionable brunch for the arts; Grand opening gala at the Waldorf-Astoria; Ten Thousand Villages celebrates the world; Philanthropy Day celebrates good works; Scan Design hosts a 40th birthday party.

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**Giving Back**

Margot Knight suggests we all consider tithing for our community instead of being paralyzed with worry.

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**The List**

People, places and things: Romantic gestures for the season of romance; Runway show reviews; Ken Downing's take on the best of resort wear; Cookie Johnson's jeans line fits and flatters; Waterford's Jorge Perez talks about crystal and china; The leading ladies of the Central Florida Women's League; **Women to Watch:** Networker Brenda Cioe, brand-builder Deb Linden and chick-lit-novelist Kristen Harmel.

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**Beauty, Body & Spirit**

Tom Ford's private blend fragrances are inspired by his travels and designed for women and men; The Ritz Carlton Spa adds new green treatments and a scrub bar with custom-made blends; Keratin treatments offer a respite from the frizz and kinky curls; Ground breaking research details from Cristina Fernandez-Valle, Ph.D., associate professor at the UCF College of Medicine's Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences.

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**Wit & Wisdom**

Sara Batterson dishes about how to reclaim your life – and yes, it is okay to say no sometimes; Meredith McWaters laments the annual list of resolutions and what really happens to them; Jane Ashley shares advice in getting your personal finances in shape.

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**Tastes & Experiences**

Celebrity Chef Cat Cora's bold and spicy Kouzzina; Charming Highland Manor has the cuisine and the atmosphere; Get ready for Eat Local Week 2010; Downtown's Citrus is the hot spot to see and be seen; Funky Monkey expands into new frontiers with the same dash of spunk and funk; Lake Mary gets a two-for-one with a Shula's 347 inside a new Westin.

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