

# HOT LIST

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THE CAN'T-MISS, MUST-DO PLACES TO EAT, SHOP, PARTY AND GET SMART - THIS WEEK!



# 01

## EAT NOW!

If that post-holiday diet of salads and smoothies is starting to get to you, then we have just the place to get your carb fix. Villa-O, located in the old Samba Room, offers up sumptuous Italian creations that include daily handmade pastas, using flour from the "homeland." You'll marvel at the extensive wine list of 50-plus Italian wines available by the glass or bottle, and there is no better place to enjoy a festive summer night than on their patio.

### **Villa-O**

4515 Travis St.  
 Knox  
 214.780.1880

### **The Runner-Up**

We know you've pressed your nose up to the glass at Doughmonkey, anxiously awaiting the return of their tasty treats. Well, the wait is over! Celebrate their grand reopening with their Tasmanian honey marshmallow or a blood orange-filled poppy seed muffin. 6708 Snider Plaza, University Park, 214.890.1300.

# 02

## SHOP NOW!

Take your eyewear from geek to chic with the opening of Optique in West Village. With an on-site lab, examinations and one-hour service, Optique gives your eyes the VIP treatment. And who deserves it more? The least you can do is get your peepers some fabulous frames by Fendi, Dior or Gucci (just to namedrop a few of their wares). Bonus rumor: We hear Jimmy Choo's eyewear will soon be making a permanent appearance.

### **Optique**

3636 McKinney Ave.  
 West Village  
 214.252.1800

### **The Runner-Up**

If your daily scents seem, well... common, head on over to Haven for some new perfume. Fragrances from Santa Maria Novella, Aquiesse and Dayna Decker Botanika have just arrived, and with their following, they won't last long. While you're there, pick up something for your home as well. 2416 Victory Park Ln., Victory Park, 214.954.1515.

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### PARTY NOW!

With her massive 'fro and outspoken ways, there's no denying that [Eryka Badu](#) is bad with a capital B. Even designer Tom Ford is making a Badu move by having the Grammy-winning songstress front his new fragrance campaign. Now you can bask in her diva-licious-ness as she hosts a CD release party for her new album, *New Amerykah*, at the House of Blues this Tuesday. It's a certified jam session so be prepared to groove. Feb. 26, 8PM, \$20-\$75.

#### House of Blues

White Swan Building  
Victory Park  
214.978.BLUE

#### The Runner-Up

Rediscover [Minc Lounge](#), a Deep Ellum gem that brings the hottest local talents in house music (think Maxx Heath and DJ Redeye) every single week in a swanky interior that marries industrial stonework and tropical loungewear. Recently added bottle service makes this the perfect place to party with a group. 813 Exposition Ave., Deep Ellum, 214.370.4077.

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### GET SMART NOW!

Get a crash course in Oscar thanks to [AMC Best Picture Showcase](#) at Northpark. The movie theatre will be showing all Best Picture nominees for those of us that missed them. Go gaga for George in *Michael Clayton*, or get a history lesson from *Atonement*. With the option to come and go as you please and a large popcorn with all day refills, this event is a perfect way become a movie buff. Feb. 23, 11AM-11PM, \$30.

#### AMC Northpark 15

8687 N. Central Expy.  
Northpark Center  
972.724.800

#### The Runner-Up

Get some inside scoop on the life of Dallas legend, Stanley Marcus, at the DMA's Gallery Talk, [Reflection of a Man: The Photographs of Stanley Marcus](#). Photographer and Marcus' granddaughter, Allison V. Smith, will be on hand to discuss the exhibit. Feb. 27, 12:15PM-1PM. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St., Downtown, 214.954.0234.