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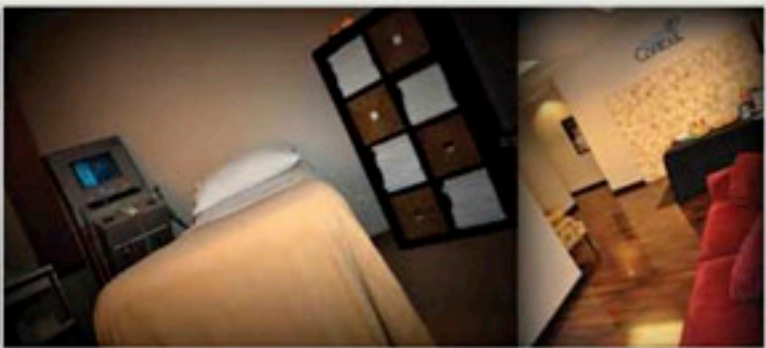


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**SHOPPING FOR A CAUSE**

**Go Rings** The travel bug hit Darcie Nicholson hard and fast. After spending time studying in both Spain and England, the TCU senior resolved to relocate overseas after graduation. After researching her work options, she stumbled onto the The World Race, a Christian ministry group that travels to Third World countries for humanitarian missions. On a whim, she applied, and she was ecstatic to learn she was accepted. However, she needed to raise \$15,500 for travel and board. Enter Go Rings, dedication and good branding



Photo by Darcie Nicholson

(Nicholson is an advertising/public relations student), and she now she has more than half of the requisite funds. The rings, made from a single strand of gold wire, are handmade by Nicholson, who says she wanted to

sell something tangible rather than ask for donations. She derived the name for the rings from Matthew 28:19, her favorite Bible verse and a driving inspiration for her journey. Nicholson's trip, which begins in July, will take her to 11 countries — including Cambodia, India and Romania — over the course of 11 months. "This trip will combine the three things I care most about in this world: travel, helping people and ministry," says Nicholson. "I know it's meant to be." To learn more about Darcie's adventures, visit her blog at darcienicholson.theworldrace.org, or to purchase rings, \$15, visit gorings.etsy.com.

— Rachel S. Peters

**ON THE RUNWAY**

**• Wild About Style, March 3**

The Southlake chapter of the National Charity League, which fosters strong mother-daughter relationships and encourages leadership development for young women, hosts its annual fashion show and benefit. Guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a silent and a live auction, and spring fashions from retailers, including Melouf's and Lily Pulitzer modeled by the chapter's high school members. 3 p.m. \$67.25. The Westin DFW Airport, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving; 817-708-8323 or nclsouthlake.org.

**• Puttin' On The Pink Fashion Show, April 4**

The Texas Health Harris Methodist Foundation hosts the Puttin' on the Pink fashion show featuring spring looks from Neiman Marcus. Guests are treated to lunch and a runway show of the latest trends. All proceeds from the event benefit health services for underserved area women. 10:30 a.m. \$100. Fort Worth Convention Center, 1201 Houston St., Fort Worth; 817-317-5249 or texashealth.org/pop.



Photos courtesy of Nigel Knox

**MAN STYLE**

**Happy Feet**

We have, on occasion, grown fond of gentlemen who have no fear of colorful socks. In fact, this penchant for a bit of flamboyance may have been part of the attraction. But, alas, when searching for ways to make sure our near and dear were well-heeled, we too often discovered that socks long on panache were short on quality — and vice versa. Along comes Nigel Knox Nifty Socks, which not only have a name that makes us smile, but also have a pop of British cheekiness. Above and beyond the colorful stripes, solids and argyles, they are made in Italy of smooth and luxurious materials like pima cotton, merino wool and cashmere. And because we want all the sock lovers in our life to be comfortable heel to toe, we like that Nigel Knox favors toes closed by a labor-intensive process known as hand-linking — which means, quite simply, no machine-sewn seams to rub anyone the wrong way. Not nifty enough for you? The socks are hand-washed and ironed before packaging. Squire Shop. \$29.50. 4516 Hartwood Drive, Fort Worth; 817-927-8722 or nigelknox.com

— Babs Rodriguez



**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Shoe designer Donald J Pliner returns to Fort Worth with wife Lisa for an exclusive trunk show at Stanley Eisenman Fine Shoes, only one of two stops the Pliners are making in Texas. Along with Donald's collection, the footwear power couple will premiere Donald & Lisa Signature Spring 2013, their new collaboration of Italian-made women's shoes featuring everything from kitten-heel python sandals to silk-sash ankle-wrap suede stilettos. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29. The Village at Camp Bowie, 6333 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth; 817-731-2555.

— Meda Kessler

Photo courtesy of Donald J Pliner