LILLY PULITZER COTTAGE DEBUTS

With new furniture and wallpaper in a room, Lilly Pulitzer Cottage debuts 
reflects the coastal charm of Nantucket. 

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Welcome to Las Vegas, where anything — and everything — is possible, including relaxing. On a recent visit, I indulged in a variety of activities that left me feeling calm. My instructor for the observation wheel offered a “heliyoga” experience that included an entire day to celebrating these beautiful mammals glide through the water. The one-hour class costs $50 per person. Visit www.maverick.com.

A number of tourists will have the chance to mingle with the artists at a signature cocktail party. Opera voyages begin Sept. 28; rates from $3,240. 888-276-4872, www.silversea.com/opera-cruises.html. Ballet voyages begin Aug. 19; rates from $1,280. www.balletworlds.com/silversea.html. Aurora’s 281 acres in Jamaica Plain (May 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Picnicking is allowed on this one special date. Be sure to blend culture and travel, the sailings will feature opera shows performed by the world-renowned Academia Teatro alla Scala and ballet performances by soloists from such legendary companies as the State Academic Bolshoi Theater of Russia. 

TWO LILAC CELEBRATIONS

Lily Pulitzer Cottage debuts in Portsmouth, N.H., where the Wentworth-Mardian hosts its popular Lilac Festival (May 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Picnicking is allowed on this one special date. Because of parking restrictions in the area, visitors are encouraged to take public transportation (www.wentworth-mardian.harvard.edu/news-events/lilac-sunday). The lilacs bloom a little later in Portmouth, N.H., where the Wentworth-By-The-Sea hosts its popular Lilac Festival (May 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Parking is allowed on this one special date. The mansion was originally the home of Royal Governor Benedict Wurthwein, who was responsible for introducing lilies to America as early as 1750. Visitors will enjoy a free guided tour of the mansion — a National Historic Landmark — as well as a nature walk on the Little Harbor Trail, scavenger hunt for kids and an opportunity to purchase a live lilac to take home (www.wentworth-mardian.harvard.edu).

LUXURY BALLET AND OPERA CRUISES

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SET SAIL

Not all cruises involve dancing the Mu-
cauena, Silversea’s ultra-luxury cruise line, has announced a new collection of ballet-inspired sailings for 2018 and 2019. Designed to blend culture and travel, the sailings will feature opera shows performed by the world-renowned Accademia Teatro alla Scala and ballet performances by soloists from such legendary companies as the State Academic Bolshoi Theater of Russia.

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TRAVEL SKIN CARE FOR MEN

Travel can be tough on skin, leaving one wan and tired looking. With a plethora of products on the market for women, men are often left with few options to refresh and renew. New Lab Series a skin care company for men, is promoting its Future Rescue Repair Serum, a high-performance, con-
trasted, daily astringent treatment that is the perfect travel companion for dehydrated, thirsty skin. The ultra-potent serum creates a barrier to help protect and repair dry skin while defending against pollution and combating aging. At 72 ounces, it easily passes through TSA screenings in a carry-on bag — in case you need a midnight treatment. $25. www.labseries.com/ products/future-rescue-repair-serum

EVERYWHERE

PASSPORT FEE INCREASE

As of April 3, the execution fee for a U.S. passport changed from $25 to $55. The increase applies to applicants using the DS-11 form, including first-time applicants over age 16, children under age 16, and applicants who re-apply after expiring their previous passport lost or stolen. The new fee is in addition to the application fee.

The following international travel documents should plan ahead. According to the US Depart-
ment of State, passport demand is highest from February through A-
gust. It is recommended you apply for a passport at least 10 weeks prior to international travel. If traveling in less than six weeks, expedited applications are encouraged. Within two weeks, there are 27 agencies where you can receive an urgent passport. Appo-
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