

**TREND VETTER**



**SNEAK CHIC** Over-the-top shoe collections aren't only for women anymore. This season, men's footwear goes ultra-luxe with kicks that surpass coveted Nike Air Force Ones in high style. Catapulting himself from arena stage to Paris runway, hip-hop's "Louis Vuitton Don," Kanye West, launches his and LV's futuristic footwear collabo (inspired by the sci-fi flick *Dune*) in June. In the meantime, iconic Euro labels have reintroduced our fave old-school styles with deluxe updates. D&G offers up a throwback to gym class days with its metallic,

Velcroed color-block high-top, while Gucci's bright patent take on Chuck Taylors (\$595) is flamboyant with beading and detachable fringe. Young sneakerhead execs will no doubt suit up in a sleek pair of silver YSLs. And Cuban up-and-comer Alejandro Ingelmo is responsible for spring's most exotic style: a flashy, metallic croc high-top. We'll take the CFDA/*Vogue* Fashion Fund finalist's envelope-pushing creativity as a sign this craze has no end—just endless possibilities. *At Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue. —Greta Huberty*

From left: Kanye West; Alejandro Ingelmo's croc high-top; YSL; fringed Gucci.



**MARKET SURGE** Preferred parking for hybrid and eco-friendly rides, bike-route maps, 47 skylights and a fleet of Prius delivery vehicles—what could be more Austin? Dallas! The new Lakewood Whole Foods Market has stayed true to its granola-eating, Lower Greenville past, while entering a new reality. The chain's newest Dallas store opened March 2 in the footprint of an old Minyard's, leaving its LG digs after 22 years. The old store was gutted and updated for LEED certification and general food-snob, local-leaning, neighborhood-minded business. Alas, there's no spa à la Preston Forest, but plenty of bells and whistles: A coffee bar to catch morning commuters and cyclists; computerized meat scales that spit out recipes and wine pairings, an in-house smokehouse and a 40-foot case of global beers. Whether your favorite accessory is Birkenstock or BlackBerry, check it out! *2118 Abrams Rd, 214.824.1744. —Connie Dufner*

**THE WHOLE SHEBANG!** The new Lakewood Whole Foods Market offers 400 specialty cheeses.

## Era Dynamics

As if downsizing and a free-falling stock market weren't enough, Dallas HR consultant Sherri Elliott says American business is facing another crisis—a generational clash. In her new book, *Ties to Tattoos*, Elliott says four distinct groups—Traditionalists, Boomers, Gen Xers and Millennials—mix it up in today's workplace. "There are major differences in how we communicate," she says. "You IM. I text. I want to email. My 60-year-old manager doesn't know how to use a computer." Can this cubicle culture be saved? Of course, Elliott says. Every cohort needs to understand the unique gifts of the others. Traditionalists and boomers, for example, "own your knowledge. It's very scary when you don't have anybody trained behind them." And younger workers "are not workaholics, they work smarter," she says. "I believe in mentoring the younger workforce. But there's also reverse mentoring. Your younger workforce has a wealth of knowledge, which is technology, creativity. They need to be sharing that." *—Mark Stuertz*



Sherri Elliott.

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