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The Man Issue

We salute the guys
this month with
cutting-edge knives,
magnificent maps,
summer beers,
Father's Day gifts
and more.

PLUS: OUR
SPECIAL
FEATURE
ON LAKE
LIVING

THINGS WE LOVE



Hide and Dry

Leave those colorful, candy-striped beach towels at the kiddie pool and dry off like a man with a safari-inspired, water-absorbing wrap from Maslin & Co. Designed to resemble a zebra hide, each 100 percent cotton towel is generously sized at 54 inches by 70 inches and comes with its own elegant leather carrying strap (\$225). Available in tan, navy and coral stripes at www.maslinandco.com.



Kwame Baah's Flats from left, Wura and Wobehwe, both \$34.99. Mereko and Asereo, both \$45.99.

Sandals With a Story

George Kwame Baah still remembers what it was like to be barefoot in school – and not by choice. Growing up in Akim Oda, Ghana, his family was able to pay for his schooling but little else, including shoes. Today Baah is a successful nuclear engineer and lay minister in Fort Worth, but he hasn't forgotten his childhood struggles, nor the economic hurdles his friends and family still face in Ghana. Step by step, he's making a difference in their lives with his recently launched company, Kwame Baah Shoes. Using fine leathers imported from Italy, Baah's staff of trained craftspeople in Akropong, Ghana, create men's and women's sandals following Baah's designs. The styles,

which feature decorative elements like braided straps, hand-stitching and colorful embossed leather accents, blend African aesthetics and contemporary design, Baah says, along with an important feature added just for the Western market: sturdy, foot-cradling, comfy soles. And each purchase does philanthropic double duty: It creates employment opportunities in Ghana and also contributes to the fabric of Fort Worth, as Baah donates a significant portion of his profits to Tarrant County community organizations like Catholic Charities. Prices range from \$34.99 to \$70.99; find the entire line at www.kwamebaahshoes.com.



Shady Character

Patio umbrellas are key to summer survival, but we've found an umbrella that's cool for more than just its ability to take a stand against the blast furnace of July. The newest design from Santa Barbara Umbrellas – known for endurance and craftsmanship borrowed from the traditions of yacht building – the Paseo Lilypond Umbrella brings an elegance to the (pool) party that redefines having it made in the shade. Each of the Regatta fabric petals (solution-dyed acrylic imported from France) is shaped like an open compact mirror; hand-pulled through small slits in the cover fabric, they create a rippling wave of overlapping scallops above and below the umbrella's canopy. We love the functional ease within the beauty, too – the Lilypond opens and closes effortlessly, thanks to Harken stainless ball-bearing pulleys. Nine-foot Paseo Lilypond Umbrella, white-powder-coat, stainless-steel frame (wood or aluminum by custom order) with Regatta Kiwi Green Canopy Cover, \$6,480. Other heights/colors available. Allan Knight, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 101, Dallas, 214-741-2227; www.sbumbrella.com.



Kaenon shades, \$224.

Seeing Stars

When the bases are loaded and the sun shines brightly, a great pair of sunglasses is imperative for peak performance. Just ask Texas Rangers All-Star Josh Hamilton, who last year went on record complaining that glare issues were interfering with his play. This season, Hamilton told the *Star-Telegram* that his problems with glare were solved thanks to his new sunglasses. His choice? The sleek, stylish Kaenon Hard Kore (\$224). These lightweight, durable performance frames are designed to fit men and women, and come with polarized SR-91 lenses that provide crystal-clear, glare-free vision along with impact resistance. Available in black, gray, red, white and blue at The Man's Shop, 100 S. West SL, Arlington, 817-265-1116.