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Oh, To Be Young...

The ever-loquacious Lucille Ball once said "the secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." So, for all of you healthy 41 year-olds who swore to me you were 29 ... I'm on to you. I mention this only because 40 is the magic cut-off for The Young and the Guest List. The good news is we still consider 40 to be young - which certainly keeps the 37-year-olds happy. The bad news is, that doesn't help if you're 41. As for me, let's just say 29 sounds about right. Honestly. Now, where's my salad?

If there were lingering questions about D.C. lacking youth and beauty, turn to our spring fashion shoot featuring those on our The Young and The Guest List ... I mean, really, could Dabney Langhorne Doswell, Carlos M. Gutierrez Jr., Erika Paola Gutierrez, Megyn Kelly, Marco Minuto, Melanie N. Roussel and Michelle Persaud be any hotter? Like others on the list, they embody a combination of professional acumen, philanthropic participation and social style that exemplifies what it means to be a young tastemaker. Thanks to Ralph Lauren, Blush, Valise, Carol Mitchell, Saks 5th Avenue Men's Store, Ann Hand, Adeler Jewelers and Cartier; photographer Yvonne Taylor, stylist Lana Orloff and executive editor Michael Clements for making it happen.

Social gawkers Kevin Chaffee, Mary Ann Akers and Patrick Gavin delve deeper into the Washington social scene in the WL Zeitgeist this month. The tempestuous trio wonder if going politically blue can cure the city's party blues. Plus, they breakdown the L.A. to D.C. celebrity scene - does lack of Hollywood success motivate B- and C-listers to seek attention the shores of the Potomac?

Certainly "lack of success" is something former Mayor Anthony William's legacy will not be associated. We take a look back at his two terms through the eyes of four prominent Washingtonians: Jim Abdo, Max Berry, Mark Ein and Jack Valenti. A special thanks to Jim for providing a photo of Tony catching some "quality time" with a cigar in Jim's tractor (Take note Adrian - this might have been the secret of his success.) Writer Roland Flamini explores a different legacy this issue - that of the late Princess of Wales. He views the current state of Diana's mystique through the lens of the critically-acclaimed film The Queen and preparations to commemorate the 10th anniversary of her death.

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Mystique is something the Kennedy Center Honors always has - and this year's awardees, Zubin Mehta, Dolly Parton, Smokey Robinson, Steven Spielberg and Andrew Lloyd Weber, did nothing to diminish that. Enjoy our red carpet coverage and find out what really happened to Jessica's "Working 9 to 5" number. There's no doubt musician John Legend would have nailed a Smokey Robinson tribute if he'd had the chance. Katie Rost interviews Legend for WL this issue, catching the Grammy awardwinner after his show-stopping Howard University homecoming performance.

Show-stopping could also be used to describe David Smith and Ra'ed Alawadhi modern Apartment Zero twist on their Kalorama residence in the historic Wyoming building. Modern is also the theme for our Design section. Thanks to Bo Concept, Ligne Roset and Vastu for supplying the trendy looks.

On the party front, WL was a proud sponsor of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, the Freer and Sackler Gala, ThanksUSA Gala, Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Jolly Holiday, Washington Ballet's Nutcracker Tea, and Starlight Starbright - and don't forget to save the date for the WL-sponsored Washington National Opera Midwinter Gala on February 3, the NARSAD Gala on February 27 and the Corcoran Ball on March 02.



With new mayor Adrian Fenty at Ester Coopersmith's celebration for then newly appointed Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi

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