

HOW TOP DALLAS DESIGNERS ARE DECKING THE HALLS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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Tree or no?

Yes! Although a faux one, but still beautiful. I had a phase collecting Christopher Radko ornaments. I have so many, it's not right to leave them in storage.

Holiday tradition.

It's a faded memory, but one I cherish: coming with my family to Dallas and ice skating around the giant Christmas tree at the Galleria.

Holiday cocktail.

Champagne! The holidays are a celebration.

Holiday playlist.

All the classics. Brenda Lee, Nat King Cole, the Carpenters, and Elvis, for sure. I'm looking forward to adding Cher's new Christmas album — a new classic!

Best place to pick up hors d'oeuvres.

Eatzi's, Berkley's Market, and Short Stop.

Best takeaway for a holiday breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

The Mermaid Bar. Warm consommé, popovers, and tortilla soup, followed by chicken salad and chocolate chip cookies — all classic Dallas staples.

Holiday wearables.

My go-to is my Ralph Lauren Polo bear sweater.

Gifts you hope to receive.

I collect Baccarat crystal. When I think my collection is complete, they reinvent themselves. My top gift is the Baccarat Harmonie Colors of Joy tumbler set.

Gifts you are giving.

Chanel high-tops for my sister. Mi Cocina gift cards for my nephews. Classic Burberry nova check scarf for my Anglophile best friend.

Host gift.

Ralph Lauren's new book *A Way of Living*. Ralph Lauren Holiday Classic candle — an evergreen scent in classic tartan packaging. Mrs. Prindables chocolate and caramel-covered apples.

Flowers and greenery.

American holly branches placed in tall glass vases. Layered garlands with pine cones and oranges around my nutcracker collection.

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DFW AIRPORT IS MAKING A BID TO BE A PREMIER SHOPPING DESTINATION

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BY MARIA HALKIAS

While upscale and luxury retailers Chanel, Coach, Hugo Boss, Kate Spade, Kiehl's, L'Occitane, Longchamp, Michael Kors, Montblanc, Jo Malone London, Diptyque and Tumi are in terminal D, it's the 7-Eleven that's the No. 1 retailer in the international terminal. "It's a recognizable global brand. They're the McDonald's of retail, you have a sense of what they have in the store," Buchanan said. Irving-based 7-Eleven has franchised four stores at DFW since the first one opened in 2015. The 7-Elevens are open around the clock and airport employees are also big users.

It's not your imagination. Prices are higher at the airport because operating costs are higher than on a city street, Buchanan said. "Everything still has to go through security. There are obstacles to reaching the airport terminals." To compensate, DFW allows retailers to charge "street plus 15%," or as much as 15% higher than a store outside the airport, Buchanan said.

The airport surveyed passengers earlier this year. Buchanan said it was surprising they want to see books come back and they want more technology at the checkout. Beyond 7-Eleven, they didn't care about the branding of convenience stores that are peppered throughout the terminals. At some point, operators decided to co-brand their airport essentials shops as Univision, CNBC or Wall Street Journal stores. "The shoppers don't care what it's called. They just want it to have what they're looking for," Buchanan. But operators need a name above the door.

A new store coming to Terminal A in January is going to be branded as The Bridge, and the license fee will instead go to the Dallas-based homeless recovery center. Alvin Brown, president of Fort Worth-based Gideon Tool Management Services bid on the store with his idea. About 10 people will be hired to run the store from UpSpire, a Fort Worth-based homeless recovery program. His inspiration was the Homeboy café at Los Angeles Airport that benefits efforts to help youth exit gang life, Brown said. "Our store is also a social enterprise, and we'll be giving 5% of gross revenues to The Bridge."

Mixed uses being convenient also means blurring some uses, Buchanan said. Longtime airport concessions operator Hudson opened a combined wine bar with seating for 25 that serves meals and tapas in Terminal B with a shop where travelers can pick up essentials or a Dallas Cowboys T-shirt. Decanted and Hudson Nonstop opened in October, and the business uses Amazon Web Services' just-walkout checkout technology.

Dallas-based EatZi's opened a shop in October in Terminal D. It has a bar and refrigerated cases with its prepared foods packaged to go. It also uses AWS' just-walkout checkout.

Travelers still expect airports to offer local fare and that's not going away.

"Souvenirs and gifts still resonate at the airport. There are a lot of people that want to take home a little bit of Texas," Buchanan said.

That includes the region's sports franchises. The Nowitzki restaurant opened in Terminal C in August, and it also sells Dirk merchandise only sold at the airport.

FATHERS NEED SOME LOVE, TOO

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Guests at Maggiano's Little Italy can order a Cold-Prepped Father's Day Bundle for \$99. The bundle is available for carryout Father's Day weekend and feeds four. It includes sausage and peppers, mini meatballs, Caesar salad, Mom's lasagna, fettucine alfredo, chicken picatta, roasted garlic broccoli, New York-Style cheesecake and Gigi's Butter Cake. Order for Friday, June 19 or Saturday, June 20 and receive a dozen lemon cookies. Reserve online at maggianos.com.

The folks at Dickey's Barbeque Pit like a good laugh. In honor of Father's Day, from now until Tuesday, June 30, Dickey's Barbecue Pit is hosting the Dickey's Best Dad Joke Contest. People can enter by posting their most memorable dad joke on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with the hashtags #DadJokes and #DickeysBarbecuePit. The grand prize winner will win free barbecue for a year, and there is nothing funny about that.

Dad always treats. Now it is time to pay him back with treats. The various locations of Eatzi's Market & Bakery are offering a new, special cake available for pick up for just for a sweet Dad with a sweet tooth. Being offered is a Butterfinger white chocolate cake, a flourless vanilla cake topped with white chocolate mousse, chocolate glaze and Butterfinger pieces then finished with white chocolate. Both the whole cake (\$39.99) and slices (\$4.49) will be available for online ordering and in all locations beginning Friday, June 19.

Bisous Bisous Pâtisserie located in West Village at 3700 McKinney Avenue, Suite #150 is celebrating Dads all month with treats from the much-anticipated burger macarons to candy bar-flavored macarons, tarts, and drip cakes - available in four sizes starting at \$30. All items are now available in-store and online.

Is the man of the house more metro than retro? Tiege Hanley, at tiege.com, offers an Uncomplicated Skin Care for Men subscription box delivered each month containing a variety of skin care products to maintain a 30-day routine. Beats soap-on-a-rope.

Dallas-based Hailstone Vineyards has a special Father's Day promotion. Buy two bottles of 2014 "Impact" Cabernet Sauvignon and a third bottle is free. The bold Cab from Mount Veeder tamed by Valley Merlot and Cabernet Franc from Yountville, yields a wine of rich dense fruit with supple tannins. It is barrel-aged in French oak for 22 months and is ready to drink.

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