



Think Green

Eco news for the modern world

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1 NEVER SAY DIE Sustainable and environmentally friendly products are still a priority for many consumers, especially those who value quality over quantity. Articulture—a South Austin company founded by Monique Capanelli—has taken note of the cost-conscious consumer's

desire for decorating events with flowers: Clients can get a double benefit thanks to Articulture's living arrangements that stay fresh and pretty long after the party's over. Bromeliad boutonnieres, cabbage centerpieces, wedding bouquets made of clusters of succulents and the living wall-style that showcases plants in frames are fashionable, and their lasting power really grows on you. Articulture Designs, 2304 Southern Oaks Dr., 447-3878; articulturedesigns.com.

2 READ ALL ABOUT IT *Kennedy Green House*, a book by Austin native Robin Wilson, is a photographic guide on how attorney and environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and his wife, Mary Richardson Kennedy, upgraded almost every aspect of their home to conform to high environmental standards.

The high-profile couple has long been active in environmental organizations, but that didn't mean they were exempt from their own environmental problems after a flood damaged their home. The Kennedys sought the help of interior designer Robin Wilson, who has made a name for herself in green design. Wilson has a knack for attracting other high-profile clients: She also renovated and designed for

former President Bill Clinton's office in New York's Harlem. \$30 at robinwilsonhome.com.

3 TAKE IT TO TASK The Tolomeo Classic Table Light is now better than ever, available with an LED (light emitting diode) bulb and fully adjustable. The aluminum task light uses only 10 percent of the energy that a regular incandescent bulb requires and has been used in space shuttles, digital clocks and traffic lights for decades; now designers such as Artemide, the manufacturer of the perky Tolomeo, are starting to incorporate the efficient lights into more of their designs. For other options, check out Artemide's Eco Design line. Design Within Reach, 200 West Second St., 472-7200, dwr.com.

4 GOOD BEDFELLOWS Say nighty-night to allergies with Sleep-World's organic mattresses.

The company is the state's only organic mattress manufacturer and now offers latex mattresses and wooden foundations that are hypo-allergenic and antibacterial. Bed down in healthful comfort on twin, full, queen, king and custom sizes as well as mattress toppers. Prices range from \$1,999 to \$3,999. 8501 Burnet Road, 453-5048; sleepworld.net.