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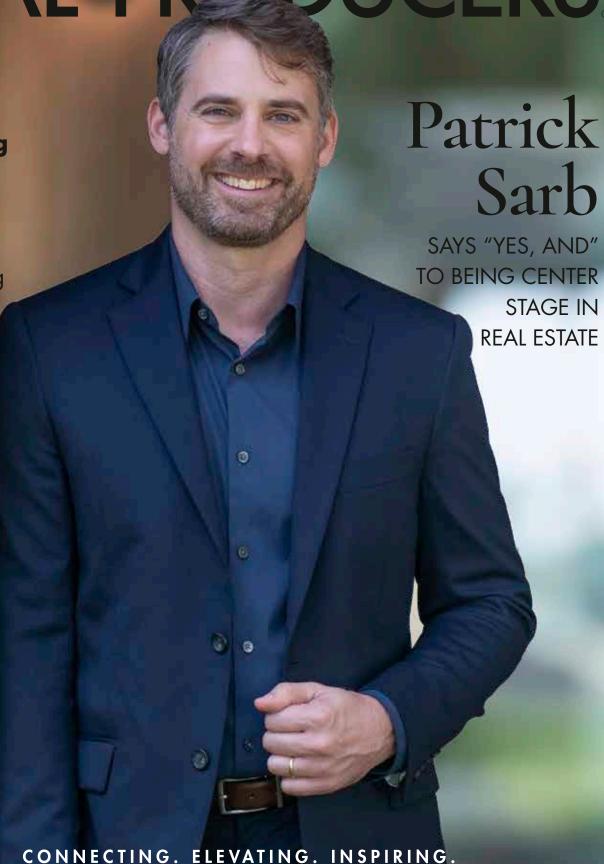
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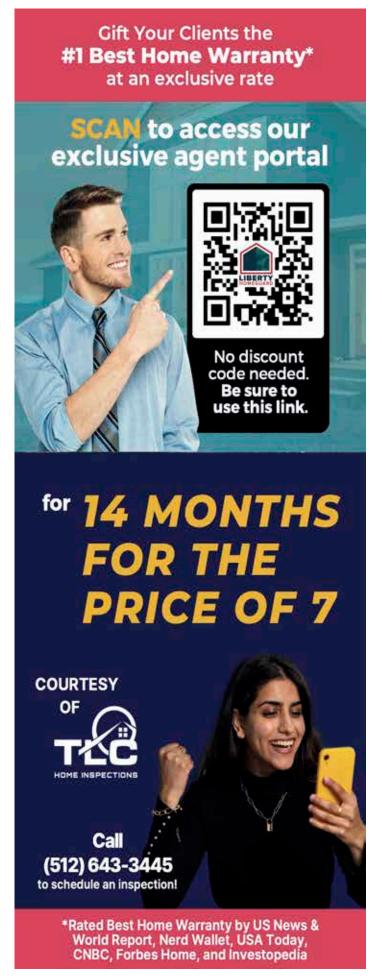
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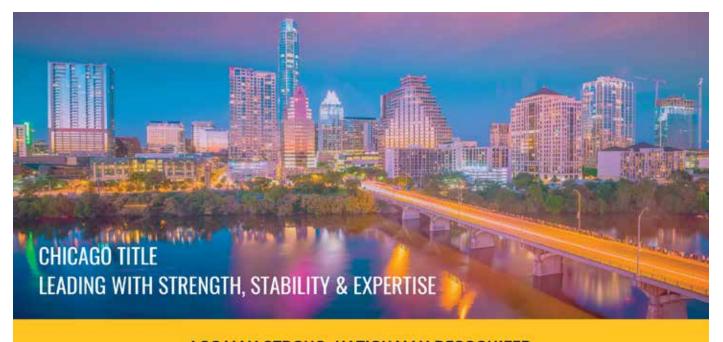
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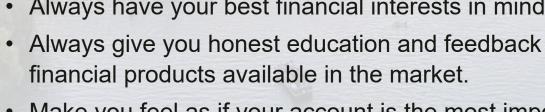
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WRITTEN BY ELIZABETH MCCABE

Like mother, like daughter.

For Kate Slaughter, real estate runs in the family. Inspired by her mother, who worked as both a realtor and an interior designer, Kate developed an early appreciation for homes, aesthetics, and client service. She earned her real estate license in 2008 and, over the years, has blended her love of design with her passion for real estate to create a thriving career in Austin.

A Strong Foundation in Real Estate and Design

Growing up, Kate helped her mother with interior design projects and later expanded her experience by working with another designer in Dallas. These early experiences shaped her approach to real estate. "For me, I love the design aspect of it—taking one of my listings and making it as beautiful and perfect as possible to sell," she shares.

This passion for enhancing properties led to the development of a unique client concierge program. "Because of my experience owning a magazine in Lost Creek, I've worked with many businesses and industries. I've built strong relationships with top service providers. When I call, they answer." This close network of professionals enables Kate to offer clients seamless access to high-quality services, making the buying and selling process even smoother.

Building a Real Estate Career in Austin

When Kate first moved to Austin, she started in leasing before taking a break to focus on family. During this time, she and her husband, Nathan, settled in Lost Creek, and she launched a local magazine. A friend eventually encouraged her to return to real estate. "She put a bug in my ear," Kate recalls. "She told me to let her know if I ever wanted to get back into it—and I did."

She began working alongside Heather Hudson and fell in love with real estate again. Her success escalated quickly, and she was soon offered another exciting opportunity - a partnership with Claude Smith in his brokerage. She couldn't pass it up, and from there, her career flourished.

Joining Douglas Elliman and Forming The KS Group

As Kate continued to grow in the industry, she reached out to her mentor, Mike Reddell, formerly with Douglas Elliman. His advice led her to meet with Melissa Webb, Sales Manager for Douglas Elliman Austin, and everything aligned.

After many discussions, Kate officially joined Douglas Elliman in March of 2023, bringing with her Megan Marrs, who formerly worked as a project manager for both Kate and Claude Smith.

Shortly after, Cuatro Kowalski reached out with an interest in teaming up. With that, Kate formed The KS Group, a dynamic real estate team comprised of:

- Kate Slaughter CEO, Real Estate Agent
- Megan Marrs COO, Real Estate Agent
- Cuatro Kowalski Commercial and Residential Real Estate Agent
- Deborah Arnold Real Estate Agent, Kate's Mom!





A Client-Focused Approach

One of the standout aspects of Kate's business is the high level of service she provides. Her team helps clients maximize their home value by guiding them through smart updates. "We advise on the best updates for the highest return," Kate explains. "If a client wants us to assist, we have a project manager who creates a spreadsheet, schedules

appointments, and manages everything. From finding light fixtures at the best price to ensuring a smooth renovation, we make it effortless."

Kate specializes in Austin's luxury market, particularly in the Eanes ISD, where home prices start at \$1 million, with tear-downs beginning at \$1 million. Her expertise in high-end real estate and

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design sets her apart, making her a go-to agent for buyers and sellers seeking toptier service.

Balancing Family and Career

Kate and her husband, Nathan, have been married for nine years and have three children: Van (8), Luke (6), and Ford (21 months). Their lives revolve around their kids' activities, with sports taking center stage during the week and on weekends.

Their family dynamic is further enriched by Kate's father, Vance, who moved in with them during COVID. "He helps with grocery shopping and is in charge of dinner. Without my dad, we wouldn't be able to have full-time jobs. He is a huge part of our family."

Looking Ahead

Kate has been deeply involved in the Lost Creek Neighborhood Association for the past four years, creating and running community initiatives. However, in 2024, she is shifting her focus solely to real estate and family. "Starting in 2024, I want to prioritize what is important to me: my family and real estate career. That means homes, sports, and everything that comes with it."

Nathan, who works in software development, shares a love of fitness with Kate. While she enjoys running the Town Lake Trail, he prefers yoga.

With her strong foundation in real estate, a passion for design, and a thriving team, Kate Slaughter is not just following in her mother's footsteps—she is blazing her own trail in Austin real estate!





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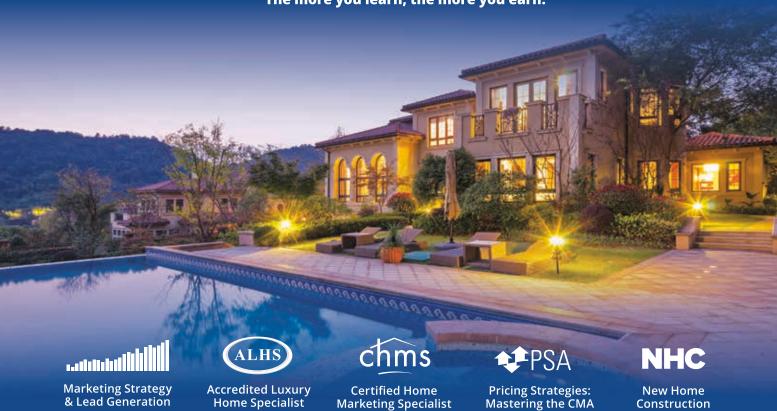
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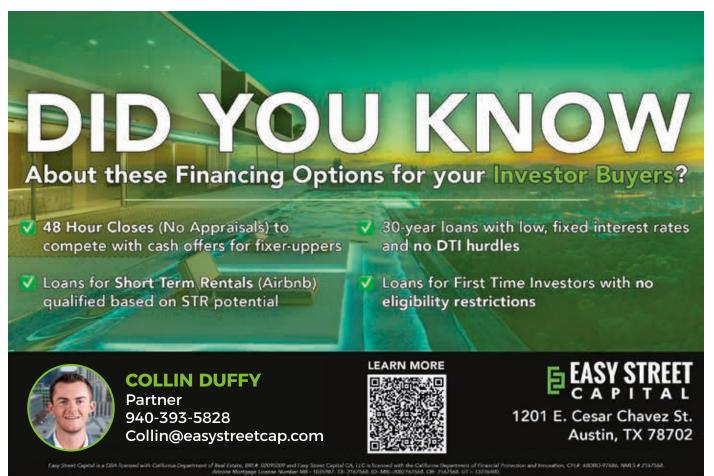
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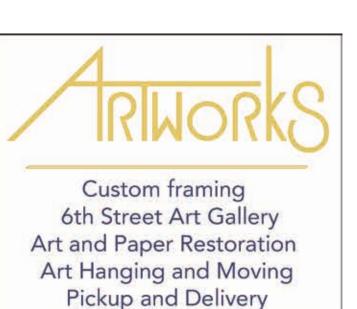
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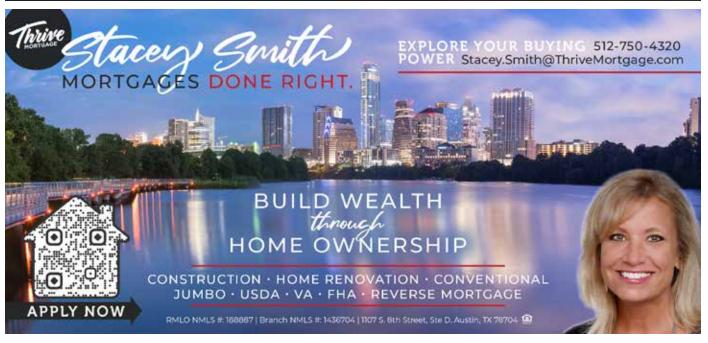


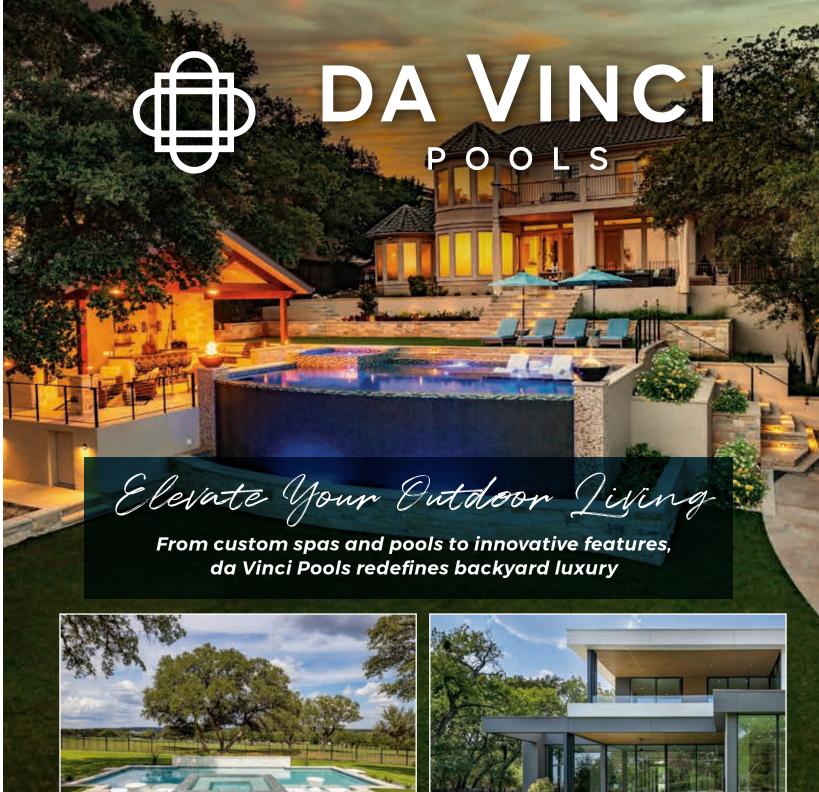
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Founder Chad launched Total Pro Flooring with a simple but powerful mission: to bring professionalism and integrity to an oftenoverlooked part of home improvement. Just one year into the business, in 2015, he took a leap forward by opening his first brickand-mortar showroom. That same year, he began a partnership with Platinum Top 50 Austin, a connection that would grow into one of the company's most impactful relationships.

As word spread about the company's high-quality products and reliable service, growth came quickly. In both 2019 and 2020, Total Pro Flooring earned a spot on the prestigious Austin Business Journal's Fast 50 list,

which recognizes the fastestgrowing private companies in Central Texas with revenues under \$10 million. The recognition was more than just a feather in the cap—it was validation that Total Pro was not just building floors but building a reputation.

In 2020, even amidst a global pandemic, the company's momentum didn't slow. Instead, it expanded, opening a second location to better serve the growing demand. The expansion allowed Total Pro to enhance its offerings, reach more customers, and deepen its presence in the Austin area.

That same commitment to excellence and local involvement paid off in spades. In both 2022 and 2023, Total Pro Flooring was named Platinum Top 50 Partner of the Year, a prestigious award recognizing standout vendors and service providers in the real estate community. Then, in 2023 and 2024, Total Pro was voted Austin's Best Floor Store—an honor that solidified its place at the top of the industry.

But Total Pro Flooring is more than just awards and accolades—it's a true community player. As the current Platinum Sponsor of Platinum Top 50 Austin and Title Sponsor of Compass ATX, the company stays deeply involved with the top real estate agents across the Austin metro. Whether through event sponsorships, on-site support, or behindthe-scenes collaborations, Total Pro is an active force in Austin's real estate ecosystem.

The company's offerings are as diverse as they are top-tier. From hardwood and tile to carpet and luxury vinyl plank (LVP), Total Pro Flooring provides both materials and expert installation. And with a strong emphasis on supporting realtors, the business ensures that stock is available for quick turnarounds—perfect for listing agents needing a fast refresh before a home hits the market.

Beyond logistics and inventory, Total Pro goes the extra mile to build relationships. The team sponsors and attends events, helps new homeowners transform their spaces, and even hosts Realtor contests to keep things fun and engaging. It's all part of a bigger picture: building trust, delivering quality, and making every client feel like part of the family.

From humble beginnings to award-winning success, Total Pro Flooring has laid more than just floors—it's laid the groundwork for what it means to be a trusted local business. And if the last decade is any indication, the future looks bright—and beautifully floored.











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Says "Yes, and" to Being Center Stage in Real Estate

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"Your theatre career primed you **for real estate.**" Those words from Patrick Sarb's broker couldn't be more accurate. With a background in theatre arts—including performing on Broadway—Sarb has mastered the art of reading people, improvisation, and keeping things moving forward. Now, he brings that same skill set to real estate, helping clients navigate the homebuying and selling process with ease and confidence.

A Foundation in Family and **Hard Work**

Patrick grew up in Illinois as the oldest of six children. His parents, who came from large families themselves—his mom one of eight and dad one of eleven—made an impression upon him.

"They taught me to have a sense of humor, humility, and how to manage chaos," he jokes.

Coming from a working-class background, he learned early on that family is everything and taking care of people is a top priority.

Inspired as a child by trips to museums and the theatre, Patrick developed his academic and artistic talents, paving the way to enrollment at Northwestern





"They taught me to have a sense of humor, humility, and how to manage chaos."

University, where he graduated with a degree in theatre arts. The path wasn't easy—his parents made clear he needed great grades, scholarships, and a workstudy program to make it happen. With dedication, he managed to do all three, paying his way through school.

From Broadway to Boutique Brokerage

After graduation, Patrick jumped headfirst into an acting career, working at Chicago's top theatres, waiting tables, and ultimately performing in *Mamma Mia!* on Broadway from 2003 through 2005. He then performed in the Las Vegas company of the show before returning to Chicago's thriving theatre scene.

While he loved performing, the reality of juggling a career in the theatre while

working in the service industry meant missing out on major life events. Some of his colleagues were already dabbling in real estate, and a casual conversation over coffee opened his eyes to the possibilities of a new career.

Midway through his real estate studies in Chicago, Patrick's husband, Mike Morgan, had an opportunity to move to Austin for work. Having previously moved cities as a family, Austin presented an exciting opportunity for a fresh start and a perfect opportunity for Patrick to begin his career in real estate. Austin was an easy "Yes." Patrick restarted his licensing process and began working with Coldwell Banker. Soon after, he was recruited to a boutique brokerage, opening doors to career growth and business acumen that led him to Moreland Properties.





The Power of Partnership

Patrick's background in theater and the service industry shaped his approach to real estate. Having worked for the renowned restaurant groups Let Us Entertain You Enterprises and One Off Hospitality, he learned the importance of meeting people where they are. Whether a client is having a challenging day or celebrating a milestone, Sarb knows how to adapt and provide exceptional service.

Honesty, empathy, and collaboration still serve as the tentpoles of Sarb's Austin Real Estate Career today. His focus on a win-win outcome geared toward his client's needs continues to fuel his business, generating \$24 million in sales in 2023 and \$20 million in 2024

Living Life to the Fullest

When he's not helping clients, Patrick enjoys travel, art, culinary adventures, live music, and long walks with Mike and their dog, Stevie.

Reflecting on his journey from the stage to the real estate world, Sarb couldn't be happier. "I love being an Austin Realtor, working with wonderful clients, and being surrounded by exceptional colleagues. It's an inspiring place to be." His story is proof that life's twists and turns can lead to unexpected and fulfilling new roles.

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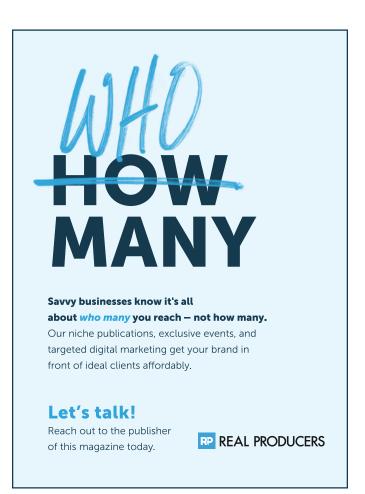
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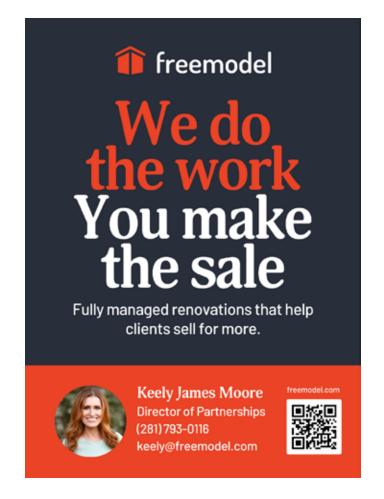


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"A home is a place to start your story." —ANITA RENFROE

For Alice Spanjersberg, home is not just where the heart is — it's where hope lives, stories begin, and dreams take root. As a Broker Associate and REALTOR® with All City Real Estate, Alice brings an unwavering commitment and a personal touch to every client she serves, offering not just guidance through the real estate process but a genuine connection rooted in experience, empathy, and heart.



With a last name like Schwinn (yes, like the bicycle), Alice was born in San Diego at the Naval Hospital — the youngest of four daughters to Alice and Ray. At the time, her father was finishing his medical residency with the Navy. After his service, the family relocated to Saratoga in the Bay Area of California, eventually settling in the Santa Cruz Mountains off Highway 17.

Growing up in a tiny mountain school with only 100 students spanning first through eighth grade, Alice learned independence early on. With older siblings off at college, she found joy in the simple pleasures of her unique upbringing camping trips, cross-country travels, and countless family vacations. Her mom was an avid golfer and bridge player, while her dad had a flair for the adventurous: amateur racecar driving, piloting small planes, and planning impromptu getaways across the U.S.

Alice's journey took her back to San Diego, where she attended San Diego State University and later the University of San Diego. And then, in the most unexpected of places, the student lounge, she met Bart, a calm, gentle soul from Holland. Alice knew instantly he was the one. "I told my sister the day after I met him, I was going to marry him." And she did — 39 years ago this July.

The couple's early years were marked by international adventure, living in Holland during a time of economic hardship and learning the contrast between American freedoms and European regulations. Eventually, they returned to Southern California, diving into the greeting card business — a family endeavor for Bart, whose father owned a multi-generational company later acquired by Hallmark.



Alice found her sales stride as a gift rep while Bart worked in the printing world. A professional opportunity in Austin brought Alice to Texas, though Bart initially raised an eyebrow at the idea of leaving California. But after a failed round of IVF, Alice took the leap. "I went to work right away," she recalls. Bart soon followed, bringing their little dog, two cats, and unwavering support.

Fast forward to today: Alice and Bart have raised four children. including their daughter Chloe,

neuropathy. While Chloe's mind is sharp, she relies on a wheelchair for mobility and requires a lot of daily care. Her journey has deeply shaped Alice's calling in real estate.

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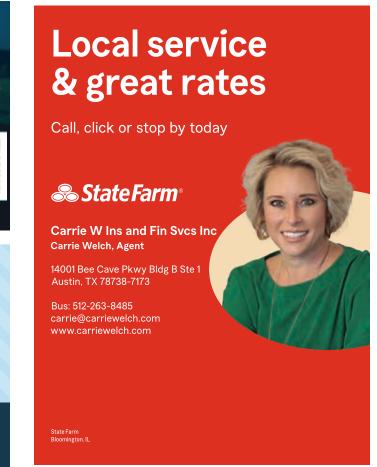






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