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Dear Nina Manners

The first time in a long time that I’ve been asked to write a column for the local newspaper, I thought it would be a bit of a challenge. However, after a few drinks and some deep thought, I came up with this article. I hope you enjoy it.

Nina Manners

P.S. I’m not really looking for a job at the moment, but I imagine this will be a popular subject for a few months. Finally, I promise I won’t be here too long. I promise.

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In the shade — Melissa Fabian displays some of the sunglasses for sale at her stand at the Boston Common.

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By BEVERLY MARKER

The New York Times, in partnership with Ralph Lauren Home Collection, is sponsoring its third annual Designer Show House.

While you’re shopping on the sidelines, you’ll notice the work of local designers, including John McPhee, who will show his designs at a special show on July 14 at 6 p.m.

After lunch, you are on your way to the next stop, a reception at Stephen Senelick’s private residence. Senelick is the director of the San Francisco Ballet and has been named one of the top 100 influential people in the world by Time magazine.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the day as we arrive at the final stop, the home of the designer, Robin Bruce in his home in the Pacific Heights neighborhood. Bruce is known for his designs of high-end furniture and accessories.

The weekend ended with a black tie dinner at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

A special thanks to all the designers who participated in this year’s show house.

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