

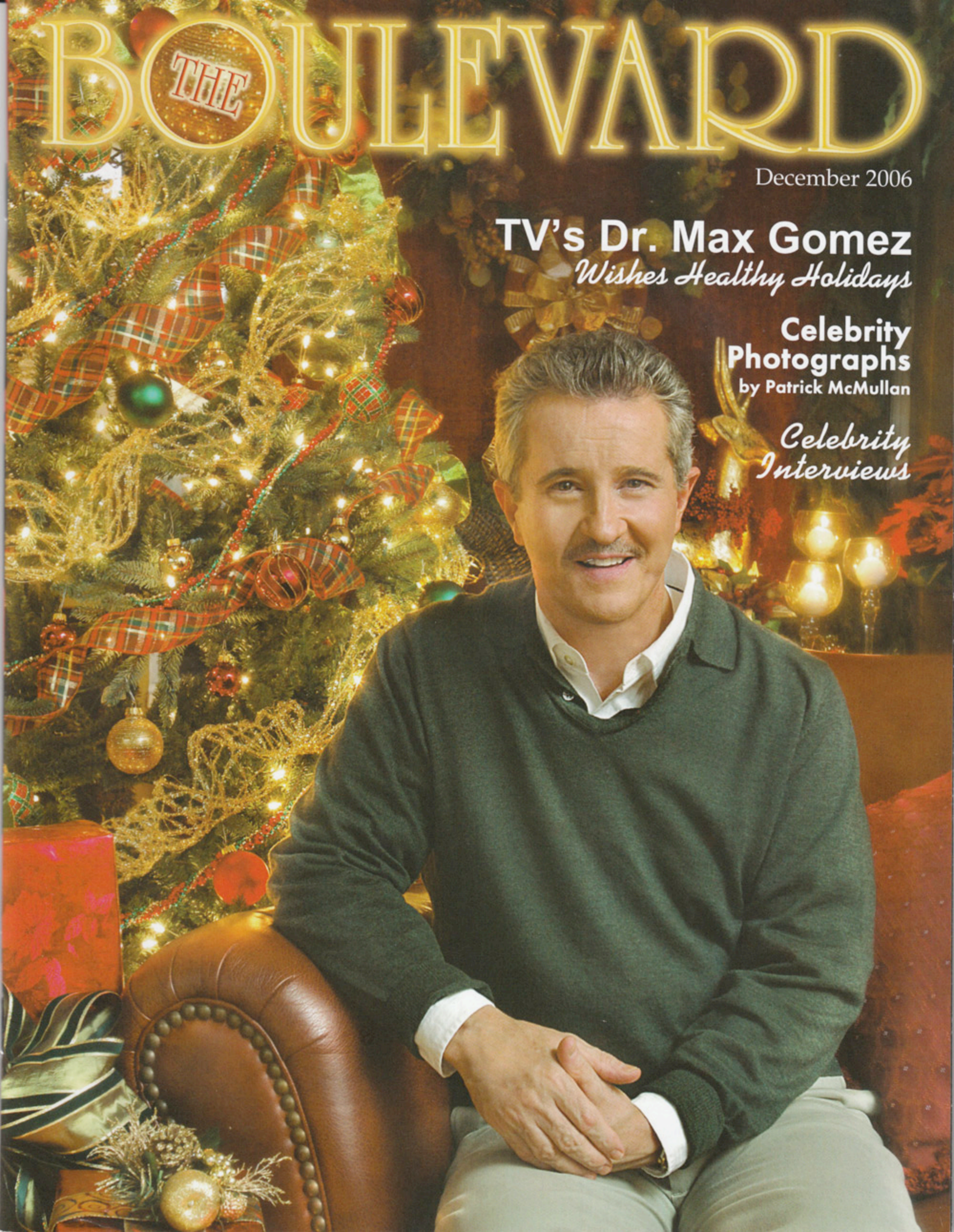
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BRIDAL FLORAL TRENDS

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Whether you are a "flower person" or not, flowers play a universal, historical role in wedding ceremonies. From minimal to extravagant, today's brides are opting for unique bouquets, boutonnieres and attendant flowers.

THE BOUQUET

Lana Pelham of Fairbanks Florist, Inc. in College Park has been a local flower design expert for 25 years. She is "seeing a return to bouquets that cascade, for the bride as well as the bridal party." She adds, "Today's look, however, is not necessarily like the traditional cascade in the past. This new trend incorporates the cascade into the very popular hand-tied bouquet. The cascades are lighter and less defined and include artistic draping elements that add texture and movement."

To help achieve this look, Pelham suggests using "strings with opulent beads or hanging amaranthus, foliage or grasses with smaller individual flower blooms wired or glued onto them."

Celebrity event planner Michael Russo of Roses 'N Lollypops has been involved in the floral industry for over a decade. He designs and plans weddings with local partner Kelly Baldwin-Fatone in Orlando and across the country.

One of Russo's clients recently mentioned that she was "so over the little clutch," referring to the standard tight nosegay bouquet. His suggestion: a mini-cascade. "Not the 'old-fashioned' kind, but a miniature version of that; it has the feel of the nosegay but it's a little more dramatic and different. It is easily done with orchids or Lily of the Valley."

FLOWERS: WHICH ARE HOT, WHICH ARE NOT

When we asked Pelham which flower was the hottest choice today, she responded, "Orchids! [They] come in every color

