

# Hot Tickets

**Mod Squad.** Houston Mod — a new nonprofit organization made up of architects, historians, designers and others devoted to promoting the preservation and appreciation of modern architecture in Houston and around Texas — makes its debut with a free lecture by noted architect William F. Stern (Stern and Bucek Architects) on Thursday, August 21. Stern led a team in the renovation of the Contemporary Arts Museum in 1997 and is currently in the process of preserving the Menil House. The Houston Mod lecture begins at 7:30 pm at Lawndale Art Center, 4912 Main Street, following a 6:30 pm reception at Ray + Hollington Architects, 4916 Main Street. For information, call Sally Joyce at 713.824.4029 or visit [www.houstonmod.org](http://www.houstonmod.org).

**Psst ...** Hailing from rural Texas then hobnobbing with the boldfaces of NYC, gossip columnist and author Liz Smith will

chitchat in H-town Wednesday, September 3, at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. The one-night-only gabfest is part of Broadway in Houston's "Up Close" series. The dish will be served, starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets from \$25, through Ticketmaster or the Hobby Center box office. Information 713.629.3700, [www.broadwayacrossamerica.com](http://www.broadwayacrossamerica.com).

**Wild Child.** It's going to be a jungle out there Saturday, September 20, when The Children's Museum of Houston holds "Where The Wild Things Are," a gala inspired by the Maurice Sendak classic of the same name. The event, which benefits the museum, will begin at 7 pm at the Verizon Theater, with eats by A Fare Extraordinaire. Chairmen Karen and Eric Pulaski and Andrea Minnis. Individual tickets from \$1,000, tables from \$5,000. Information 713.522.1138, ext. 216.