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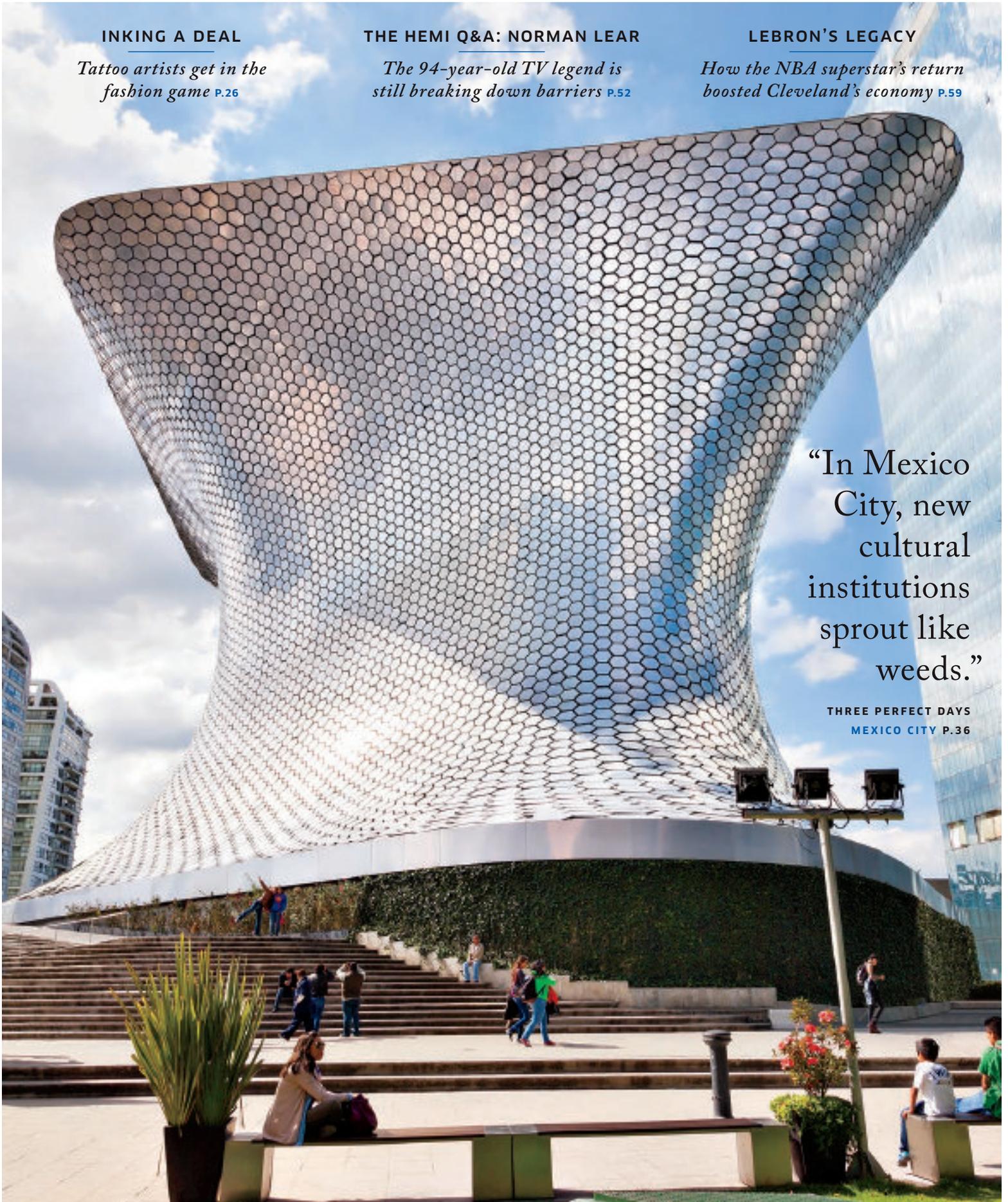
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“In Mexico City, new cultural institutions sprout like weeds.”

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Planning a visit to Mexico City, the setting of this month's "Three Perfect Days" (page 36)? Once you've mastered basic Spanish—¿Dónde está el baño?—you may want to move on to menu phrases related to **entomophagy**, the local practice of eating insects. Here, a primer on ingredients to order or—depending on your level of squeamishness—to avoid.



**Chapulines**  
(grasshoppers)



**Gusanos**  
(agave worms)



**Escamoles** (ant larvae)



**Chicatanas** (flying ants)



**Jumiles** (stink bugs)

## Chicken Coop for the Soul

A Santa Fe spa banks on the healing power of animal interactions

### ZOOLOGY

At Santa Fe's Sunrise Springs Spa Resort, which opened in 2015, guests can find serenity with the help of some truly unexpected resort staff—namely, puppies, service dogs, and fluffy-feathered **Silkie chickens** (pictured below). The animal companions offer “a unique way for people to tune in and connect with another sentient being,” says Danielle Simmons, an experiential guide in the resort's Horticulture and Animal Interactions Program. The Puppy Enrichment Program, in partnership with the nonprofit Assistance Dogs of the West, allows guests to walk and frolic with their canine charges to help turn them into well-adjusted future service animals. And if you're not a dog person, Heart Opener classes allow guests to pet, feed, and hold Silkies, an activity that Simmons says offers “an engaging way to quiet the mind and slow the pace of life.” She continues: “These interactions offer the opportunity for guests to experience a sense of connection while decreasing stress and anxiety.” Plus, those Silkies are pretty cute.

—LAURA BARCELLA



## Game Changer

Virtual reality takes the “out” out of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

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### COMPUTER SCIENCE

With virtual reality finally going mainstream, propelled by Google's \$79 Daydream View headset, experts are asking what we'll be watching in this new environment—and many are betting big on sports.

All over the world, VR companies are creating new ways of enhancing fan experiences. Newport Beach, California's NextVR has teamed with the NBA to live-stream games, and viewers with Samsung Gear VR headsets will be able to use an app to control camera angles. Meanwhile, Spanish startup FirstVision employs wearables to offer player-perspective video feeds. These offerings serve as a taste test for devices such as Microsoft's upcoming HoloLens headset, which will let fans watch players as 3-D holograms from every angle on the field, with statistics overlaid in real time.

As the technology limbers up, many fans fear that VR will ruin the social experience of watching events

with friends. This concern led André Lorenceau to launch LiveLike VR, which is creating a virtual stadium platform that enables people around the world to watch live sports together from their sofas.

**“When you watch sports, you text, you talk, you look up stats,” says Lorenceau. “Virtual reality will only work if we can enable your habits and rituals, making it easy to communicate with the inside and outside worlds.”**

Through the LiveLike app, users will be able to invite friends, who appear as avatars, to watch a game together in a VR suite. They will be able to chat (avatars will have voices and sound as if they're sitting right next to you) and pull up different views of the field and later pick over highlights and stats.

Several analysts believe the social aspect of such platforms could quickly propel VR sports into the mainstream, and that by buying Oculus, Facebook really acquired a headset designed for social networking.