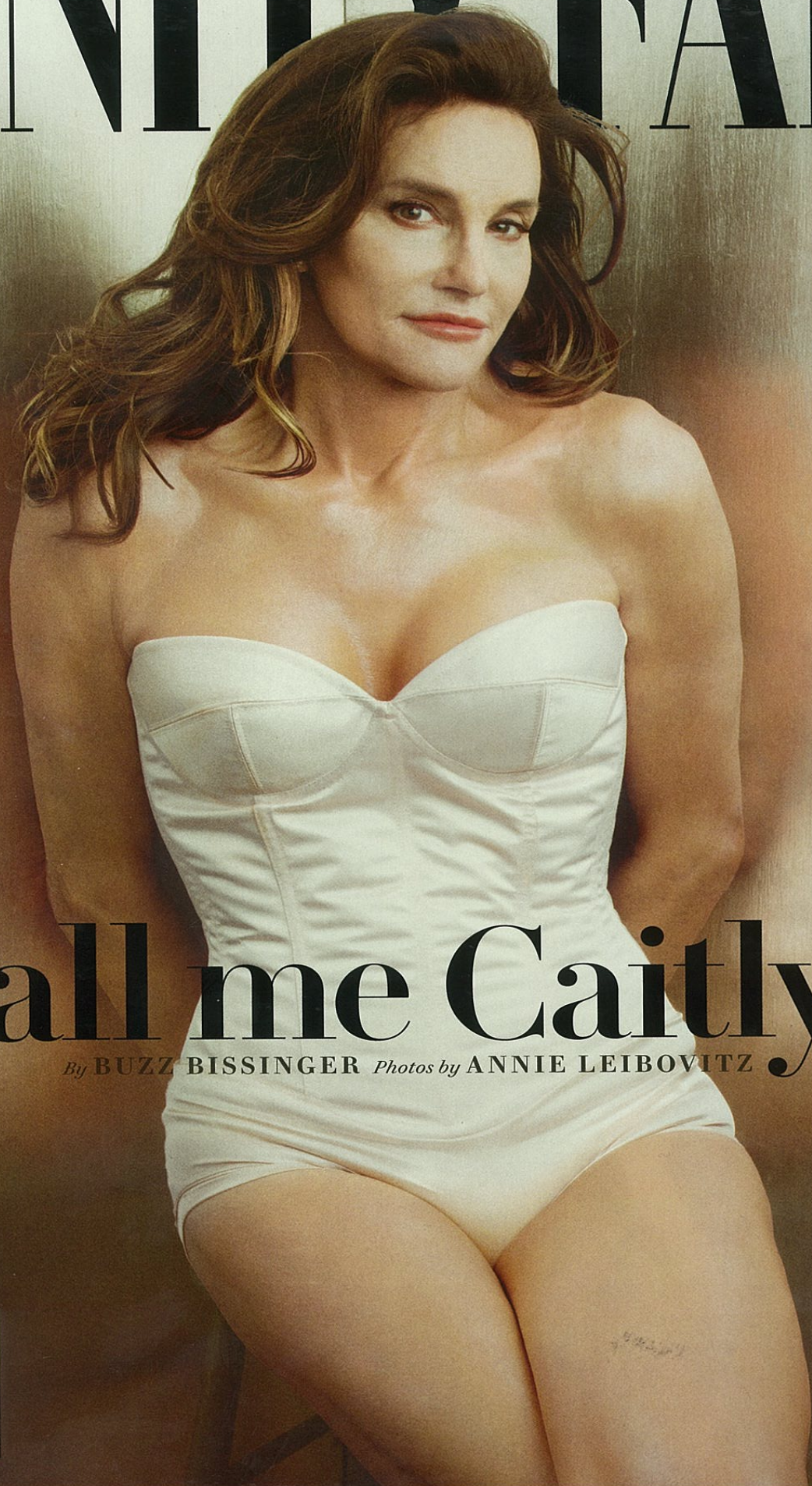


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The bar area of a guest room at the hotel.



The second-floor lobby lounge.



Cindy's, the rooftop bar and restaurant.



A custom-designed Roman and Williams bedframe and pommel horse; inset, the association's logo.



CLUBBY RETREAT

Built in 1893, the Venetian Gothic-style Chicago Athletic Association building long towered over Michigan Avenue and served as a luxurious sporting bastion for the city's elite gentlemen. Shuttered since 1997, it's about to become Chicago's most in inn. The 241-room architectural gem, christened the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, has been deftly restored by the N.Y.C.-based design firm Roman and Williams, which has given it a contemporary spin. The prestige remains—Hyatt heir John Pritzker's company Commune Hotels and Resorts is one of the partners—but private membership is now obsolete. (ChicagoAthleticHotel.com)

—JAMES REGINATO

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