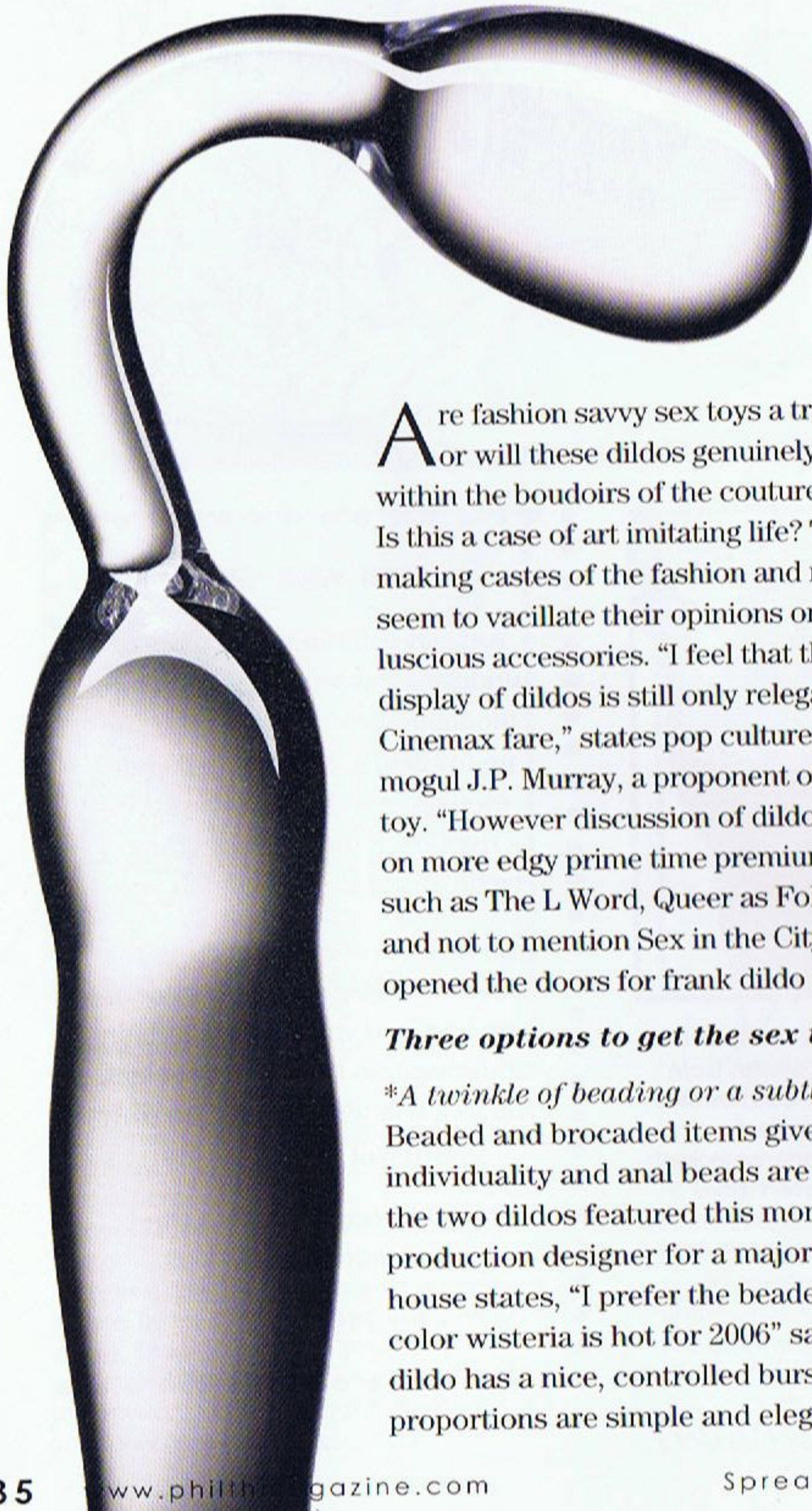


"Achieving this season's new shapes necessitates a delicate juggling act"

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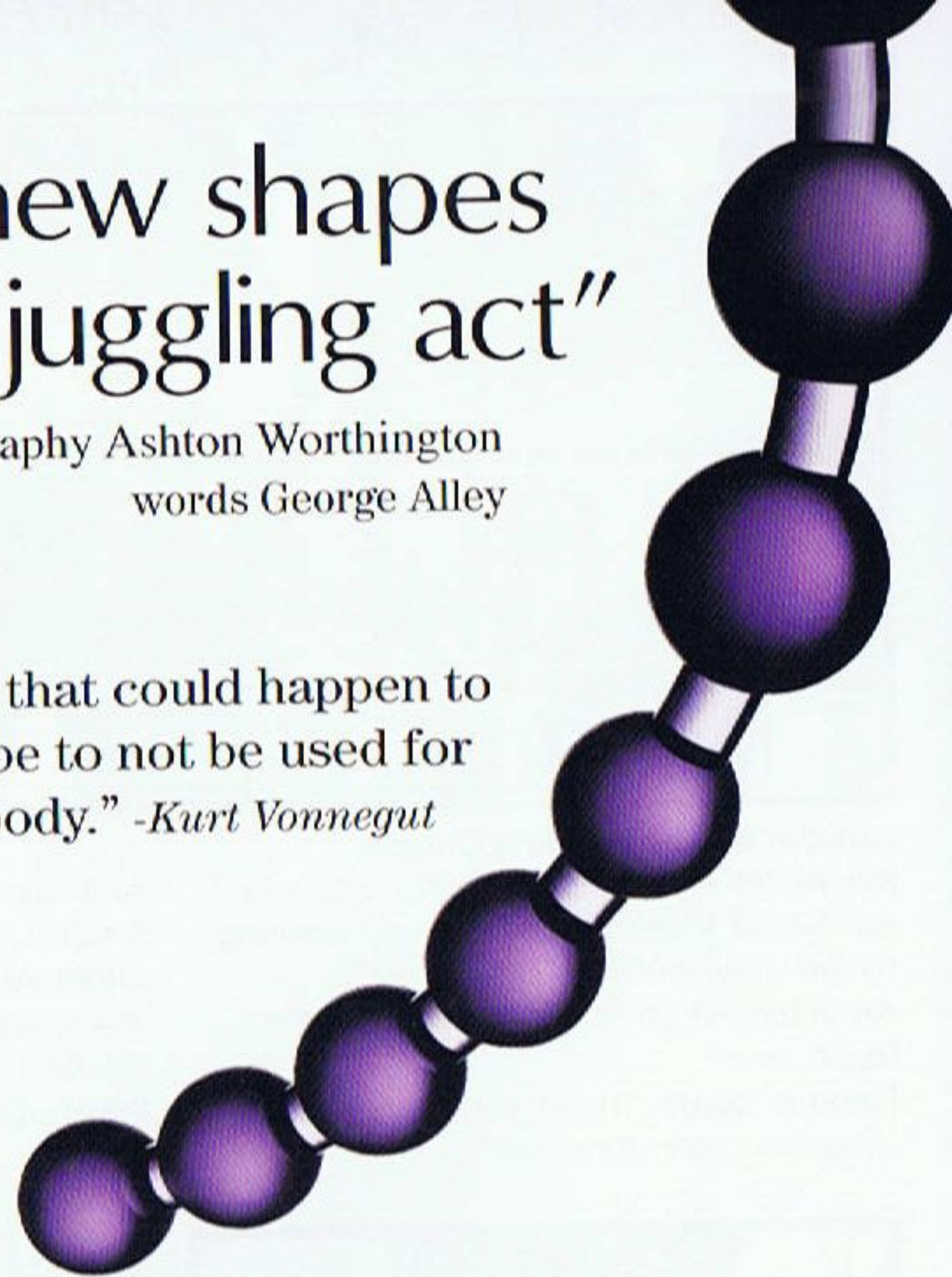
"The worst thing that could happen to anybody, would be to not be used for anything by anybody." -Kurt Vonnegut



Are fashion savvy sex toys a transitory novelty or will these dildos genuinely find a home within the boudoirs of the couture conscious? Is this a case of art imitating life? The decision-making castes of the fashion and media world seem to vacillate their opinions on these bold and luscious accessories. "I feel that the actual physical display of dildos is still only relegated to late-night Cinemax fare," states pop culture theorist and mogul J.P. Murray, a proponent of the perfect sex toy. "However discussion of dildos is often featured on more edgy prime time premium cable shows such as *The L Word*, *Queer as Folk*, *Six Feet Under*, and not to mention *Sex in the City* which really opened the doors for frank dildo discussion."

Three options to get the sex toy right:

**A twinkle of beading or a subtle adornment.* Beaded and brocaded items give a sense of individuality and anal beads are no exception. Of the two dildos featured this month, Kyle Field, production designer for a major American fashion house states, "I prefer the beaded dildo. The color wisteria is hot for 2006" says Field. "This dildo has a nice, controlled burst of color and its proportions are simple and elegant".



**Embrace utilitarianistic schemes.* "These pieces stand alone and speak for themselves, they are minimalist and should not be overshadowed by over-accessorizing." Field says. A couture-sex toy picks up the spotlight in more subtle designs. According to *Denim Addict's* Brett Heeley, "When accessorizing with a dildo one should attempt to dress in sheer lightweight fabrics that do not smother the body's natural lines like Diane von Furstenberg's classic wrap-dress".

**Prepare for the future with space-age designs.* Being fashionable today apparently now includes being dildo savvy as well. Rykiel Woman is currently selling well-disguised vibrators at Henri Bendel. To face the future, dress for it. Heeley advises also trying to pair the dildo with an avant-garde harness for "The modern contemporary lines of these space-age sex toys remind me of *Costume National* and *Masaki Matsushima*, this season."

The choices are virtually infinite.

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