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**what makes my life real simple** “I like how photography can make us see our everyday surroundings in surprising ways. Take this picture of a raft in a swimming pool: I shot the image in the conventional fashion, but I chose to display it upside down to emphasize the meditative and calming nature of the water. I love being around water—it helps me escape the sometimes oppressive energy of urban living. To relax, all I need is my bathing suit and a camera.” —**PHOTOGRAPHER KARINE LAVAL**

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