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Whats New in the DECORATING WHIRL

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Pamela Love

\$650, at Katia, net-a-

porter.com.



rom knuckle dusters to between-the-fingers, this bling trend dates to ancient Roman times when knuckle rings were used as weapons in combat. In recent years, they've been garbed by the edgy and punk, yet we can thank the late, great Alexander McQueen for bridging the gap with his notorious Knuckle Duster clutch. Even classic jeweler Van Cleef & Arpels has designed a Rooney Mara-esque in-between ring, and edgier designers

Pamela Love and Martin Margiela are making statements on the digits of Victoria Beckham, Ashley Olsen and Anne Hathaway. We're coveting the Mawi jewel-encrusted ringer and the beautifully articulated Eddie Borgo number. Megan Pruitt Winder

Loree Rodkin Spiderweb Bondage ring \$32,500, at net-a-porter.com Alexander McQueen Duster python clutch \$3,095, at Tootsies Van Cleef & Arpels Lotus diamond ring \$32,600. at Van Cleef & Arpels at Neiman

Maison Martin Margiela

Knuckle Duster ring

set \$442, at net-Kelly Wearstler ring \$1,650, at

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Eddie Borgo Hinged Ratchet ring \$275, at Neiman Marcus Saks Fifth at Houston Museum of Natural

We're currently compiling

Social Calendar and need all the juicy details regarding upcoming happenings. Please send specifics — event name; day, date and starting time; chairmen, honorary chairs and honorees; beneficiary; party notes (theme, attire, special appearances, entertainment); ticket and table starting prices; and contact info, including phone, e-mail address and Web site — to seth@papercitymag.com by Thursday, July 10.

Hotel Gets the Royal (Sonesta) Treatment

Galleria-area mega hotel The Royal Sonesta (formerly the InterContinental on 610 near the Galleria) has embarked on a \$25 million renovation of its interior spaces, 485 quest rooms, 50,000 square feet of meeting and event

venues, and rooftop swimming pool. Dallas-based Looney & Associates which has handled the designs of such top-notch luxury hotel properties as California's Hotel del Coronado and Ventana Inn & Spa, plus the Ritz Carlton, Maui, and New York's Grand Hyatt — is managing the overhaul. Science and technology, two of the cornerstones of industry in Houston, are inspiring the new decor: a contemporary design with sculptural light fixtures incorporating star-like qualities and orbital carpeting patterns, all in a warm color palette. We're excited

about the revamp of the pool area, which we're told will be elevated to "urban resort status" and available as an event space in the evenings — at 23 stories, up, that should be quite an impressive view. The dramatic reinvention is set to debut in early Fall 2013. sonesta.com. Kate Stukenberg



Cherry Au Natural

Say goodbye to super-red confections and hello to maraschino cherries au

natural. CherryMan Farm-to-Market Maraschino **Cherries** are just as crisp and sweet as their vividly colored step-cousin but without artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Not only are they good for you, they're also good for American farmers. Don't believe us? Just scan the QR code on the jar and learn everything you need to know about the history of the U.S. farm where they're sourced. And if that's not a big enough cherry

on top for you and your summer cocktail, on Wednesday July 24, BRC Gastropub features these cherry stunners in a special four-course Pig Dinner. CherryMan Farm to Market Maraschino Cherries \$3.29, at H-E-B; CherryMan Pig Dinner at BRC Gastropub, \$34 per person; information 713.861.2233. Kate Stukenberg

Stud ALERT

e're seeing red -Valentino red — as the Italian fashion house debuts the Rockstud Rogue capsule collection of shoes and handbags in crimson leather covered completely with PVC red-lacquered studs, from a classic catch-all clutch to cage flats.



Hello, Boby!
Saks Fifth Avenue's new GM is the talk of the town at Tony's.

KELLEY ROWLAND TAKES NOTES TABLESIDE. PHOTOGRAPHY PRISCILLA DICKSON.

hen welcoming a gentleman who stands to oversee one of Houston's foremost luxury retailers, there's only one place for lunch: Tony's. So when the coveted invitation went out to dish and dine with new Saks Fifth Avenue GM **Bobby Dees** at the bastion of the power social lunch, the responses were overwhelmingly affirmative. Alighting that afternoon for a midday repast in the restaurant's wine cellar was a smattering of Saks most loyal ladies and ardent style-setters. For the occasion, the discreet and private dining room was delightfully staged with David Brown's chic flowers, and a lovely lunch concluded with lofty Grand Marnier souffles. During the intime gathering, the guest of honor introduced his leading lady, wife Wezy Dees, then shared stories of their devotion to animals and ongoing commitment to charitable causes, and we also learned that he burns rubber on days off on a cycle rumored to be a hog. Other leading ladies in the tony crowd: the restaurant's first lady Donna Vallone; Saks' Sylvia Forsythe;

Mary Ann McKeithan; Beth Sanders Moore, whose nonprofit CancerForward is always the beneficiary of Saks' big shopping night every October, Key to the Cure; Tama **Lundquist** and twin sis **Tena Lundquist** Faust; Kimberly DeLape; Nidhika Mehta; Mehrnaz Gill; Wendy O'Hanna; Mrs. St. Luke's Susan Fine (her husband is hospital CEO); Carmen Lechin; Pamela Wright; Alicia Smith; Anne Richardson; Pily Simon; Anne Carl; Kim Moody; busy interior designer Lucinda Loya; Amy Lee; Ericka Bagwell; Janet Walker; and Michelle Smith.

















