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Shell It Out

"I love tortoise jewelry! Or anything tortoise, for that matter," gushes Houston handbag queen **Elaine Turner**, who recently opened her new CityCentre boutique (for more on the opening, see "Scene in Houston"). "Tortoise has a very rich, natural feel and can be worn with just about any color or texture. It's on-trend for spring and summer." The bubbly designer can't wait to get her hands on the latest faux tortoise pieces from jewelry creator Lorren Bell, whom she discovered at market in New York. This tortoise definitely wins the race! —AB



"I love to pair tortoise with white linen ... or layer it with pieces of gold jewelry. Gold gives tortoise a glamorous edge."
—Elaine Turner



Tokyo skinny bangle, \$8, Tokyo thick bangle, \$10, and Tokyo cuff bracelet, \$20, by Lorren Bell at Tootsies, 713.629.9990, and Elaine Turner, 713.255.9095



Inside DeVille Fine Jewelry and, below, a tailored suit in progress by Q Custom Clothier

THE BUZZ

"Wish" You May, Join the "Club"

Houston's best boutiques are gearing for a *haute* summer. Rice Village's **Raspberry Rose** (2434 Rice Blvd., 713.529.2260) has added designer Rachel Pally to its roster. Pally's colorful maxi dresses and skirts are a trend store manager Haley Alsbury says will stay through fall. ... **Wish** (1614 Westheimer Rd., 713.527.0812) is touting new pieces from its in-house line, including dresses and flirty tops in this year's colors of teal, honeysuckle and white, along with horizontal-striped crop-tops and tribal print pieces. ... Don't fight the flower power! Local celeb designer Chloe Dao has new floral print dresses in-store at her Rice Village shop, **Lot 8** (6127 Kirby Dr., 713.807.1565). ... **Tres Chic** (3414 Eastside St., 713.528.8737) now stocks 3 Sisters, known for printed jackets and tie-top blouses. Plus, it's added brightly colored Melie Bianco clutches, festive sundresses by Judith March and a fresh batch of semi-precious teardrop earrings in 24K gold and sterling by hot Gavin & Co. ... Austin designer Michelle Weisman's new line, 81 Poppies, is now available at **Cotton Club** (3941 San Felipe St., 713.522.9101). Her collection of women's clothing includes floral-print skirts and blouses, and slim-line pants. ...



Swiss luxury watch brand **Omega** opens its first Houston store in the Galleria this month, taking over the space previously occupied by Movado. ... **Q Custom Clothier** will soon land at West Ave, providing custom shirts, shoes, accessories, luggage and more. Owned by the Ratan family, the store will adjoin its spin-off concept, **Rye 51**, a casual men's boutique opening next month. Decked out with exposed brick walls, wrought iron fixtures and a complimentary whiskey bar, the rustic space is expected to tout brands like John Varvatos, Earnest Sewn, Alternative Earth and denim labels such as Hudson, AG, 7 for All Mankind and Wings + Horns. ... **DeVil Fine Jewelry** (5700 Woodway Dr., Ste. 250, 281.501.3810), created by Houstonian Liz Glanville, has added new store hours, expanding from Wednesdays-only to Monday-Friday, 12-5PM. It has also welcomed new general manager Dorit Kamman, formerly of Piranesi in New York and Aspen. —AB