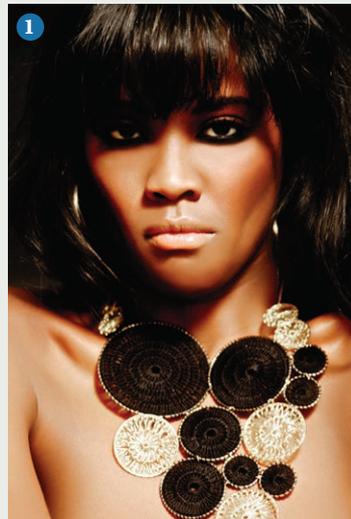


TRENDWATCH

Flake Out!

Last month's historic all-day snowfall was the talk of the holiday season. Maybe that's why Houstonians are so excited by the flurry of new accessories that seem inspired by lacy snowflake cutouts. Brazilian-born, San Antonio-based jewelry designer Claudia Lobão, whose work is now sold at Tootsies, says that, like snowflakes, each of her pieces is unique. "Because each piece is made by hand, no two necklaces can be exactly alike, even if they were made by the same person, out of the same materials," she says. "Each has its own identity, its own life, its own purpose." Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! —*Holly Crawford*



1. Claudia Labão Carnival collection crochet necklace in 18-karat gold and copper wire, \$345, at Tootsies 2. Paloma Picasso Zellige bracelets in 18-karat yellow gold, \$4,200, and 18-karat white gold (with black onyx, rock crystal and diamonds), \$56,000, both at Tiffany & Co., in the Galleria 3. Leather laser-cut bootie with bicolor metallic stiletto heel, \$1,100, at Salvatore Ferragamo, in the Galleria 4. Dior gold-plated cell phone, \$6,500, at Dior, in the Galleria 5. Floresta fabrics, available to interior designers, \$164 per yard, at the Decorative Center Houston, 713.840.9241



THE BUZZ

Beauty Secrets Revealed!

Here's where to score the hardest-to-find and most exclusive beauty products and services in H-Town now

Besides its cool color and cuts, **Solution for Hair & Makeup** (1800 Westheimer Rd., 713.526.4545) is the place to indulge in Number 4, the oh-so-chic hair-care collection created by fashion-y Juan Carlos Obando and hair legend Didier Malige. See in-house makeup gurus Heidi Schulze or Jennifer Aronson for a 2010 refresher—and be sure to spritz yourself with one of four unisex scents by Escentric Molecules perfume. ... At **Sensia Studio and Japanese Day Spa** (1711 Post Oak Blvd., 713.627.0070) the humidity-resistant Sensia Mineral cosmetics is a must-try exclusive. And check out the Ashiatsu—a massage in which the therapist holds on to a ceiling bar and walks on your back—or the Lava Shell massage with volcanic matter soaked in sea water, both for muscle relief. ... **Kharisma Salon** (2800 Sage Rd., 713.629.8900) is home to the new L'Oréal Inoa ammonia-free hair color, which is available in less than 200 salons across the country. ... **Ceron Salon** (4 Riverway, 713.871.8181) is settling into its new home in the Omni Hotel, with Shu Uemura Art of Hair and special no-foil highlights. ... And Ceron's neighbor, the Omni's **Mokara Spa**, offers a unique Texas Chardonnay therapy package with a massage, facial and wrap using hand-blended grape seed oil from the Hill Country's Becker Vineyards. Happy new year! —*HC*

SPOTLIGHT

'Therapy' Session

Year-old **Therapy Hair Studio** (5371 Westheimer Rd., 713.355.4247) has a new makeup line, created by resident makeup artist and manager Victoria Souder. Appropriately named Addiction, clients can't get enough of the concealer, which can go up against high-def cameras (and bad lighting) without caking. This success may explain why the salon has nearly tripled its staff in recent months, to 18. Well, that and the cuts, color, Hotheads extensions, mani-pedis and fair pricing. "We keep prices low, and product moving, so we can get more interesting stuff," promises Aussie owner David Bamford. Think one-of-a-kind Medusa's Heirlooms hair accessories with authentic Chanel flair for less than \$50. Plus, Therapy shampoo made for the salon by Shiseido. How'd the team know clients would respond so well to their offerings? "We listen to them" says stylist Luis Perez. "That's why we call it 'Therapy.'" —*HC*



Medusa's Heirlooms headbands created exclusively for Therapy Hair Studio



David Bamford