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PLUS: H-TOWN’S PRETTY PUNK PRINCESS & LIVING LARGE IN LUSCIOUS LIMA!
Décor Score!

Home décor haven Restoration Hardware’s new high-end spinoff showplace/mega-shop: The Gallery (6030 Wesheimer Rd., 713.328.3145) bows in Highland Village this month. The company chose Houston for its first ground-up venture; an existing building was retrofitted in Los Angeles, and another is in the works for Boston. “We wanted to create a new canvas for our collection,” explains Gary Friedman, Restoration Hardware’s chairman, who designed the H-Town store with Architectural Digest-lauded architect Howard Backen. After Nov. 11, guests will wander through The Gallery’s majestic 14-foot gates and a courtyard of crushed granite into a 25,000-square-foot space—more than four times the size of Restoration Hardware’s existing Highland store, which is closing. Inside, there’ll be wood-trimmed arches, two dozen pairs of glass French doors and a 40-foot skylight. The space will also boast an organic tea salon, a fresh floral boutique specializing in chic monochromatic arrangements by Houston’s David Brown, and a library with vintage periodical racks housing design books and magazines from around the world. A digital rug gallery, by New York star designer Ben Soleimani, will be displayed on a 6-by-9-foot touch screen. Plus, the 7,000-square-foot rooftop garden will have trickling fountains and, in the distance, skyline views. “It doesn’t feel like a store,” notes Friedman. “It feels like a great estate. You’ll feel like you’re completely somewhere else.” —Evan Wetmore

NUMBER CRUNCH

Approximate square feet of stone surfaces at 27 W. Rivercrest Drive in the Memorial area. Newly on the market, the über-modern 5,800 square foot home designed by local architect Allen Bianchi includes a limestone exterior, marble floors, and countertops, sinks, and fireplaces made of other stone materials like onyx. Completed in 2009, the house is listed with John Daugherty Realtors for $3.8 million.