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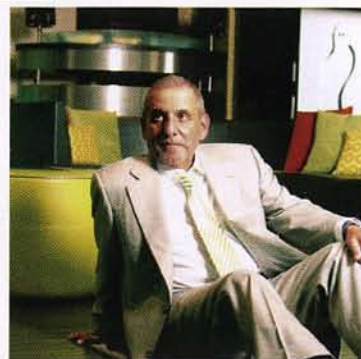
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Great Scott!

His nickname may be the "Godfather of Bridal Jewelry," but that doesn't mean Scott Kay can't turn it out for the dudes. His new collection for guys is truly one-of-a-kind: Kay got the idea for CoCoo, a bronze-ish blend of metals, when he was in Italy, admiring antique doorknobs and hinges. The inspired and inspiring ode to antiquity features sturdy, masculine bracelets, cuff links and more. scottkay.com —D. Graham Kottic

TALK BACK



The Negotiator

Charles and Di, Brad and Jen... even Nas and Kelis! Splitsville affects everyone, and while few people are excited about getting a divorce, once the gauntlet is dropped, you better protect yourself.

So who does Chicago's elite guys turn to when matrimony hits the fan? You know what we say: If it's good enough for pro athletes, it's good enough for us! And while family law practitioner Steve Lake has been involved in three of the city's most high-profile paternity and custody cases for jocks, not divorce, we'd more than trust him to help us. "You would know a lot of people I've worked with," he says. "But they don't want the publicity. I've been successful because I see the big picture, I don't have knee-jerk reactions to every problem."

Convincing, but we find it even more impressive that Lake just finished in the money in the World Series of Poker. There are, he agrees, many similarities in the endeavors.

So, fellas, be warned: "People always ask if I like to represent men or women," he says. "I say, 'I have no preference, but I recommend you see me before your spouse does.'" Itdivorce.com, 312.726.7111 —M.L.

NOW!

The Kid's All Right

Kid Sister hit the big time last year with "Pro Nails" featuring Kanye West.

Nailed It!

It's nail-biting time for Chicago's Kid Sister, the South Side brat-rapper set to release her debut album in October. *Ultraviolet* (Downtown) is her follow-up to "Pro Nails," last year's club hit featuring mentor Kanye West, who branded her queen of the tricked-out cuticle set. That surprise recognition followed years of local stage hopping, which included manning the mic at monthly dance parties hosted by Flosstradamus, the DJ duo featuring her younger brother, J2K.

Ultraviolet puts her back in the studio with Montreal turntablist A-Trak, her current boyfriend and on-call DJ for West whenever he hits the road. The 12 songs are shined and primed for radio; "Right Hand Hi" translates her electro-dance with chant-along pop hooks, while "Get Fresh" is '80s techno with watery synthesizers set against click-clack beats.

For latecomers, Kid Sister (real name: Melisa Young) slaps "Pro Nails" on the album for another spin. The song takes a swipe at gold-hooped divas with matching manicures—but gaudy has rarely sounded more grand. —Mark Guarino

THE GIFT

Silver Lining

One of the world's top silver dealers, Alastair Crawford recently launched his own contemporary jewelry collection. While many of the pieces run to the thousands, his Inglefield silver bracelet crosses the flag at \$575. Incorporating bright marine rope with a nautical shackle, the design is both historical and hip. Case in point: the "Inglefield clip," as the shackle is known, is still used by the Royal Navy. crawfordcontemporary.com —A.M.

