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Today, sunny to partly cloudy, pleasantly warm. High 81. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, clouds, periodic sun, a few showers. High 74. Weather map, Page B14.

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Beauty Spots

ROUGHING IT Think of acidwashed colored jeans . . . on your nails; or a tiny segment of a Gustav Klimt painting . . . on your nails. That will give you a sense of what Sally Hansen's new Crackle Overcoat line, which includes eight styles like Cherry Smash and Ink Splatter (\$5.95), delivers. OPI also offers many options to get the crackle look, including a collection

inspired by the mov-Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," featuring names like Mermaid's Tears and "Silver Shatter," and one called "Shatter" with basic colors like

red and black (\$8.50).

ALP HELP The folks at Dermelect Cosmeceuticals (dermelect .com) argue that since the highaltitiude Swiss Alpine rose withstands extremes of hot, dry and cold weather, skin treated with its extract might enjoy special protection. Hence, the new Alpine Rose Stem Cell

Technology collection, which includes Resurface Stem Cell Reconstructing Serum (\$75), Cell Regenerat-

ing Treatment (\$79) and Resurgent Stem Cell Firming Activator (\$39), all available at Henri Bendel in New York.

HERE COME THE BRAIDS Braiding your own hair is so "Little House on the Prairie." Now you can get professional plaits, like those recently sported by Rihanna or Nicole Kidman, at Barrett's Braid Bar, part of the John Barrett Salon (johnbarrett .com), which opened June 13 on



the penthouse floor of Bergdorf Goodman. Simple braid jobs cost \$45, but you can get the works - shampoo, blow dry and braid - starting at \$120. For an appointment, call (212) 872-2700 or (877) 515-5595. HILARY HOWARD

