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Here at *STUFF*, we're not the types to dismiss the "wow" factor of a stylish new haircut or a fabulously high-fashion wardrobe. (So, you know, feel free to offer.) But we know that beauty is as much about how you feel as how you look. When you step out of a salon or a spa — freshly coiffed, manicured, or shellacked with some slippery substance or another — you're not just glowing because of the treatment that was given to you. You're radiant because of the gift you just gave yourself: uninterrupted time to sit back, relax, and let someone else do the work of taking care of you, for once. So go ahead. Indulge a little, and let our annual Beauty Awards be your guide to services worth your while, products worth your purchase, and industry news that's shaping the Boston scene. Whether you're looking for a quickie treatment, a pick-me-up beauty buy, or an ultra-luxe all-day spa package, we hope you'll find an award-worthy something that will help you feel like a beauty queen (or king) for a day. You rule, after all.

Hotel's new spa, **Corbu** (5 Bennett Street, Cambridge, 617.661.5772), offers a **Spa for Humanity** menu featuring four packages, each of which donates a percentage of the purchase price to a deserving local non-profit. For example, Sweet Lavender Dreams, a lavender-infused massage, body wrap, and facial, benefits the EcoLogic Development Fund; Get Out of the Doghouse, a side-by-side couples massage (complemented by a pedicure and glass of bubbly) benefits the MSPCA. Who says you can't be self-indulgent and selfless? With these treatments, we just can't stop giving.

### ***Most Exciting Upsizing***

His gimmick-free approach to skin care has long made him a local favorite, so we've been hoping Brad Duncan of **Brad Duncan Skin Care** (530 Tremont Street, Boston, 617.482.1700) would eventually expand his business beyond his single room in a shared South End office space. Prayers: answered. Last month, Duncan unveiled the results of a long-awaited renovation that included a takeover of the entire subterranean suite of rooms: instead of one treatment area, he now has five (and a larger staff to help fill it). The vibe is different too. Gone are the Buddha statues and vague smell of incense, replaced with a streamlined style incorporating modern fixtures, a color palette of clean whites and grays, and a contemporary but still cozy feel. But what hasn't changed is Duncan's commitment to using only the best products, which now include Environ, an acclaimed South African line.

### ***The Perfect Primping Package***

Quick. Easy. Cheap. We'd generally prefer our dating style not be described using these adjectives. (We got enough of that in high school, okay? And just for the record, they were, like, totally already broken up!) Unless, that is, you're talking about how we primp for an outing — in which case, we're guilty as charged. That's why we're smitten with **Date Material** (\$115) at **G Spa** (35 Newbury Street, Boston, 617.267.4772). The 90-minute experience features a trio of treatments — the Ultimate Manicure, G Glow Quickie Facial, and Haute Hair wash, blow-dry, and style — that makes for super-speedy pre-date (or pre-whatever) primping.

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