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BEAUTY

Best dressing-room perk

WE'VE SEEN our share of luxe spa changing rooms, but it's hard to resist the siren-like lure of the circular shower tucked into the Woodmark Hotel's newly renovated **Northwest Face Spa** (Kirkland, 1200 Carillon Point; 425.803.9000; woodmark.com/spa). The 12 (count 'em) rotating, massaging heads mounted on the walls of the stall, along with the cascading overhead spout, provide such a euphoric freshening session, it's tempting to go back for round two. And three.

Best new south-end salon

SOUTH-ENDERS, rejoice! Bonafide beauty has come to downtown Kent in the form of chic **Humanity Salons** (Kent, 109 Second Ave. S; 253.981.4182; humanitysalons.org). A feel-good bonus to top-notch Aveda cuts, color and skin care: The nonprofit salon (its building and Aveda products have been donated) is all about community. Stylists provide free cuts for low-income women seeking new jobs, while profits from paid cuts help provide care packages for Kent's homeless and donations to six local charities, including World Vision, Kent Food Bank and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Best excuse to book a baby-sitter

PRENATAL MASSAGES are heavenly, but it seems new moms could especially use (CONTINUED ON PAGE 136)



2010 BEAUTY PRODUCTS WE LOVE:

1. BEST LOTION FOR ANIMAL LOVERS: We're not even sure what "vegan lotion" means exactly, but vegans and non-vegans alike will love Seattle-based Butter London's new vegan, paraben-free **Luxury perfume lotions** (\$10 at Butter London locations and butterlondon.com). We are especially into the unisex Master Luxury Lotion's black tea scent, spicy and smoky with a hint of rugged manliness. Smooth and sexy vegetarians, unite!

2. FAVORITE NEW LOTIONS AND SCRUBS: We've been pretty vocal about our affinity for **Sweet Beauty's** (sweetbeautyonline.com) organic beauty products locally made with Theo chocolate, but their new white cocoa butter products have caused gleeful shouting a la Meg Ryan in *When Harry Met Sally*. The tantalizing tangerine, zesty new mojito and lavender berry scrubs are hand-mixed into scent-tastic products.

3. MOST DUDE-FRIENDLY GROOMING ROUTINE: The two-step routine of Redmond-based **TowelDry** (toweldrymen.com) is crafted with real men in mind: a shampoo for washing and a styling cream, gel or paste (depending on hair type). (See *Desperate Housewives* actor and fan James Denton's perfectly tousled hair.) At Acme Barbershop (Capitol Hill, 103A Bellevue Ave. E; 206.709.2263; acmebarbershop.com).

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