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Editor's Picks

INNOVATIVE UPDOS

We've seen **Danny Velasquez** at **Bocz Salon** work his magic, and it's stunning. Always spying trends—we saw a huge stack of European fashion magazines on his station on our last visit—Danny can do anything from a loose bun to that sexy Victoria's Secret like flowing hair.



SLEEK-YET-AFFORDABLE HOTEL FOR GUESTS

The new **Maxwell Hotel** is modern, colorful and reasonably priced: Rooms start at \$129. The Foreman family of Bellevue, who owns the 139-room getaway in lower Queen Anne, tell us they envisioned a place that felt like home, and we think they succeeded. Even the name is kept in the family: Max is the son of co-owner Michelle Foreman Barnet and her husband, Steve Barnet.



WHERE THE BOYS CAN BOND BEFORE THE BIG DAY

PowerPlay is a big boy's dreamland: It's a huge video-game arcade inside Bellevue's Lincoln Square, with bar tables for men to gather. Popular games include a full-scale Harley Davidson simulator, a laser beam chamber, and a super-trivia game. When they're done playing, the groom-to-be and his friends can venture into the nightclub-like-area shared with neighbor Lucky Strike Lanes.

BEST WEDDING DAY SNACKS

Marrylicious delivers a huge,



beautiful tier of boxes (see page 94 — we love the orchid on top!) filled with goodies to sustain you through those pre-wedding hours. Inside, you'll find an "emergency box" filled with necessities like a sewing kit, mints and tissue amid the gourmet snacks like Belle Epicurean croissants, Bēechers cheese and bite-sized Sweet Miniature cookies. How sweet it is.



NEW PLACE TO GET BEAUTIFUL

Swink Style Bar is the city's new blowout-only salon, and their styles are fabulous. We love that you can rent out the whole New York City–nightclub–like space for your bridal party, with perks like champagne, light lunch by a private chef, and fun music. Yes, while having all of your hair and makeup done in one place. It will feel like a party before the party.



SPA FOR A PRE-WEDDING FACIAL

Jill Bucy is trained in England and France, and she's done things to our face no one has ever done—and it works. Using a machine that delivers mild electrical currents to the skin, Bucy performs a lymphatic massage and really treats your skin. She'll put you on a regimen

before the wedding, and recommends you start four months before the Big Day. After her program, complete with products from France, your skin will look better than ever.



BUDGET-CONSCIOUS, CUSTOM-MADE BRIDESMAID JEWELRY

Many brides want to gift a matching, one-of-a-kind pair of earrings to their maids, but just can't afford it. Enter **Matni Design**, a new jewelry designer who will make whatever your heart desires. Andrea Matni just launched her company after designing delicate, vintage-inspired pieces for friends and family for the past eight years. We love the 14K gold-filled Veronica earrings (\$13) with Swarovski Crystal teardrops in rich topaz and hues of green, and the Caspia necklace (\$69) of Swarovski crystal and silver.

JAW-DROPPING ORIGINAL DÉCOR

Breathtaking, aren't they? To create a personalized, dramatic look, check out **Celeste Cooning's** cut-outs. Using an exacto knife in her Pioneer Square loft, she cuts into Tyvek (a really strong waterproof paper) to custom create a work of art for your Big Day. They function as draping behind tables, hangings over light fixtures, and in front of windows to catch the light. Each can take up to three weeks to make. A hanging sculpture starts at \$650, with a larger design from \$1250. Voila!

