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(in toronto)
**Gee
Beauty**

WHAT IT IS The former face-only spa that specializes in facials and eyebrow grooming has added a new section downstairs called Down Below. It's meant to cater to all of a lady's grooming needs, from neck to toes.

WHAT'S IN-STORE Manicures and pedicures, spray tanning and waxing services, all of which can be done in a flash to fit your busy schedule, says co-owner Natalie Gee, who runs the spa with her former-beauty-editor mom, Miriam. One particular point of interest for those who want to wax but can't take the torture: Gee Beauty uses a special technique that minimizes much of the pain and anxiety through exfoliation and the use of soothing rose-and-lavender-infused wax.

THE EXTRA The acrobatics that go along with a bikini wax are bad enough without having to spell out exactly what you want done. Gee turns down the blush factor with its ingenious bikini-wax chart – just point to your desired shape and say no more. –M.R.

2 Roxborough St. West • 416-486-0080
geebeauty.com • Prices: \$35–\$145



(in vancouver)
Blo Blow Dry Bar

WHAT IT IS Vancouver's first hair salon that offers fab-in-a-flash affordable hair styling for under \$30 and in under 30 minutes. No cuts or colours here!

WHAT'S IN-STORE A white-and-silver lounge where you'll sip espresso, chill to groovy beats and choose one of the eight styles on Blo's Le Hair Menu. Try the Executive Sweet (pin straight) or the LA Confidential (sexy waves à la Dita Von Teese).

THE EXTRA Get your hair done like the celebs by having Blo-On-The-Go come to your home or office. –CATHERINE DUNWOODY

1150 Hamilton St. • 604-909-9495 • bloomedry.com • Prices: styling \$29.
Clip-in extensions \$29 (plus extension application fee). Blo-On-The-Go \$120

(in vancouver)



Geox

WHAT IT IS A flagship store on Robson Street. According to the 2006 Sporting Goods Intelligence Report, Geox is currently the top

shoe brand in Italy and third in the world. In the little over a decade since its Italian founder Mario Moretti Polegato envisioned making shoes with breathable soles, demand for Geox footwear has exploded. So it's no surprise that the company has set its sights on the West Coast.

WHAT'S IN-STORE An impressive selection of footwear, from sneakers and sandals to wedges and heels, all of which are perfectly suited for rainy British Columbia. Each pair sports the brand's signature perforated sole that lets sweat out without allowing water in. Your tootsies stay dry whatever the weather, and, most importantly, style is never sacrificed in the name of comfort. Vancouverites will also love the new collection of breathable, water-resistant jackets that keep you warm and dry throughout the year.

FAST FACT Want a pair of comfy kicks to call your own but can't find a Geox boutique in your hometown? Just visit the website for the closest retailer of the brand and head on over to get some stylish shoes. –C.B.

980 Robson St. • 604-915-7775 • geox.com • Prices: \$35–\$375