

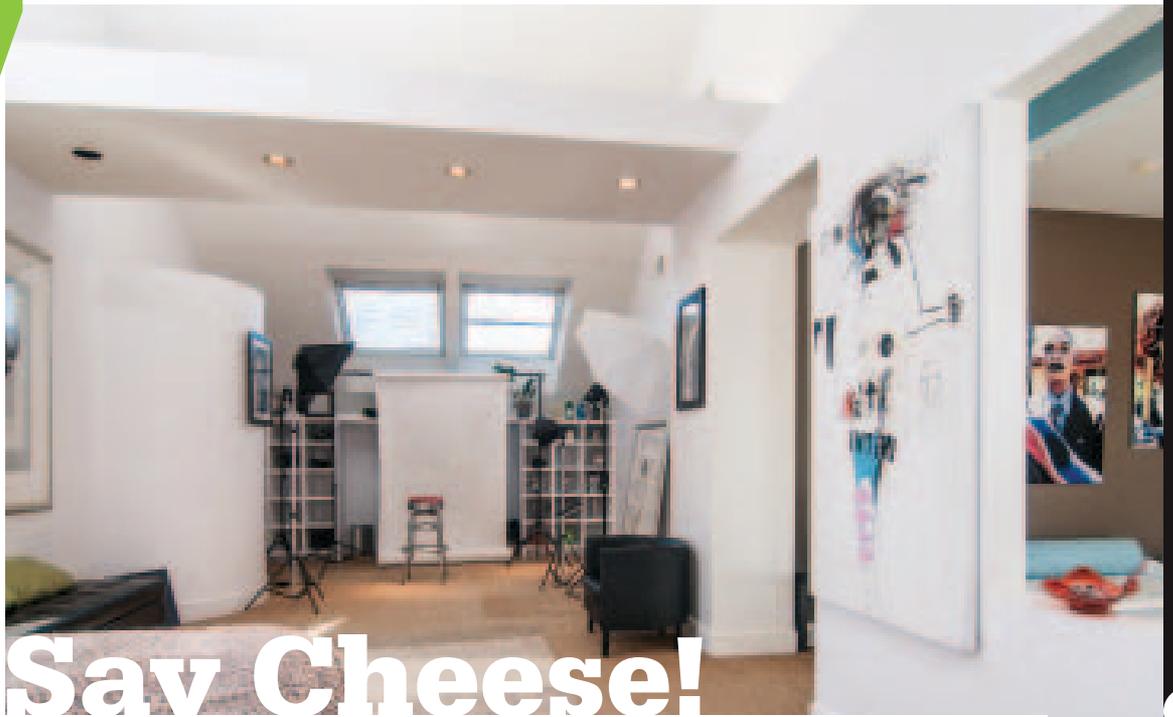
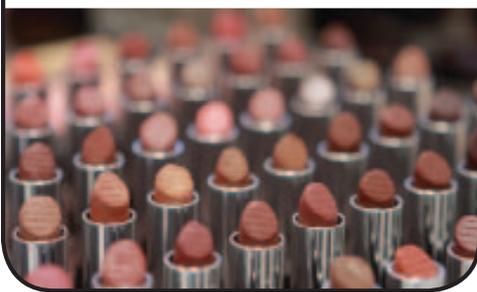
Sitting Pretty

Look and feel your best with these fab new beauty studios.

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That's the minimum percentage of makeup-counter testers that are contaminated with staph, strep and E. coli bacteria—and some even up to 100 percent. Take this as a little healthy reminder to wipe products off with a tissue, spray with alcohol and test them out on your hand, instead of your face.



Say Cheese!

Where can you get a spray tan, Botox, lash extensions, a massage and your headshot taken all in one place? (And why hasn't anyone thought of this before?!) Richie Arpino, a celeb hairstylist and photographer who has owned Richie Arpino Salon in Buckhead for 32 years, wants you to feel like a million bucks before you get in front of his lens. This genius new beauty-slash-photo studio, **Finish**, which opened last month just two doors down from his other joint, is pure fun. Snap to it! 404.231.0592 for appointments

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Use a hydrating product on the tips (on dry or damp hair) routinely. Warm it up in your hands beforehand so that it penetrates. #salon

Wax On, Wax Off

You have to give some street cred to a company with 399 locations nationwide—and word on the street is that Toco Hills' new **European Wax Center** figured out how to reduce the "ouch" factor for its everything-under-the-sun body wax services. First, they use a pre-wax oil that allows the wax to only take hold of the hair and not the skin. Next, their exclusive Comfort Wax, made of 100-percent beeswax, moisturizes the skin as it shrink-wraps unwanted hair. And, finally, the area is rejuvenated with one of their soothing, antioxidant-filled products. Best of all? First-timers get a wax on the house! @europeanwax



SOAK THIS UP

The adorable **SOAK Nail & Body Lounge**, which opened earlier this year in Alpharetta, is now jazzing up more than just your hands and tootsies. Relax with basic massages, like Swedish and hot stone, and custom facials. Next, sit and unwind with a complimentary mocktail, while its new Blowout Bar fixes your 'do just the way you want it. Voilà—new you! @soakbodylounge