

## Best Messenger Bags

Any local gal worth her Schwinn knows that SF bike messengers are some of the hottest—and most stylish—guys around. Exhibit A: those super-sturdy and surprisingly chic messenger bags from SF-based **Timbuk2**. Now on display at the company's first concept store in Hayes Valley, the bags are available in a rainbow of colors, styles and graphics. Those in the know opt to custom-design their own. 506 Hayes St., 415-252-9860, [www.timbuk2.com](http://www.timbuk2.com)

## Best Discount Eyewear

Union Square eyewear outlet **Optical Underground** has just what we want—super-slashed prices on all our favorite brands. Frames start at 40 percent below the suggested retail price, and if the Chanel you've been coveting are still on the shelf after one year, you can have them for 10 bucks. No catch. 280 Sutter St., 415-982-5106, [www.opticalunderground.com](http://www.opticalunderground.com)

## Best Attire for a Porn Party

Just because that macho guy practicing Bruce Lee spin-kicks in the mirror isn't the real you doesn't mean that you're not entitled to a little fantasy. The men's underwear line **Artificial Flavor** has your back(side). Since the recent unveiling of the SF-based company's second collection, Representative, which includes five retro-inspired "flavors"—speedsters, boy shorts, tricksters, magnums and deuces—you'll have plenty of wardrobe options for channeling your inner Dirk Diggler. Boogie on. [www.aflavor.com](http://www.aflavor.com)

## Best Beauty in a Bottle

**Relax Now**, a hip little day spa and neighborhood favorite in Pac Heights, is giving clients a new reason to come back between pedis—the spa's new signature

skincare products. With only six potions in its regimen, the line covers the basics of healthy skin. Squeak (a rice-based exfoliating cleanser) in the morning, and then Strip (sleeping lactic acid peel) at night. Also try Shade SPF 30, C-Me vitamin C antioxidant and Quench, a B5 moisturizer. 2241 Fillmore St., 415-567-3529, [www.relaxnow.net](http://www.relaxnow.net)

therapy, all geared to uncovering the "true" you. If that weren't enough, you'll be snugly wrapped in custom-designed Italian linens atop a comfy memory-foam bed and treated to tea and raw, organic snacks. The price of pampering doesn't come cheap—\$825 to be exact. But can you really place a dollar value on the cheeky, dewy



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## Best Royal Treatment

In most cases, a facial is just a facial. In the case of **SenSpa's** Royal Suite, however, a facial is a three-hour-long, life-altering experience that starts with ... the feet? Yes, after a calming aromatherapy footbath and massage, the real treatment begins: diamond-peel microdermabrasion, a mild acid peel and hydrating LED light

glow of a girl in love? We think not. 1161 Gorgas Ave., 415-441-1777, [www.senspa.com](http://www.senspa.com)

## Best Brow Sculpting

Marlene Dietrich, Brooke Shields and Cindy Crawford are (or were) all known for their distinctive, envy-worthy brows—and rightfully so. But amateurs should lay off the tweezers—not all shapes work for everyone. If you're in serious need of an overhaul, put your trust in

Anna Lee at **Blink Eyebrows and Cosmetics**, where a team of experts is trained to sculpt and balance brows to frame your face. Initial design starts at \$45, and maintenance costs even less. Don't be chicken—there's no wax involved. 166 Geary St., Suite 1305, 415-399-0789, [www.blinksf.com](http://www.blinksf.com)

## Best Shop to Mix-and-Match

Gay, straight, guy or girl, **Solis** has something for everyone. In fact, with such brands as Heatherette, Lolita and Buddhist Punk, there's hardly a label the store doesn't stock. For guys, the draw here is denim—575, Rock & Republic and Michael H., to name a few. But, hands down, it's the collection of looks from Vivienne Westwood—the British queen of deconstructed punk—that has our hearts. Look for the opening of Solis' second SF store in Union Square this summer. 2231 Market St., 415-621-1300, [www.store.soliscompany.com](http://www.store.soliscompany.com)

## Best Fashions for Hot Dogs

Velour's not just for JLo. At **Best in Show**, the Castro's go-to for animal-loving fashionistas, the green velour jacket with rainbow studs is great for the bitch on your list. Paris Hilton wannabes will love the pink faux-fur vest for chilly days, and, for harder hounds, a skull-and-crossbones hoodie reads a little rough-and-tumble. But while the store's pet totes are acceptable accessories for humans, we suggest you draw the line at matching T-shirts. 300 Sanchez St., 415-863-7387, [www.bestinshowsf.com](http://www.bestinshowsf.com)

