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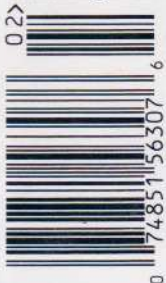
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Roots The salon is gorgeously outfitted with red chairs at the color station, light fixtures with dangling glass orbs, and a huge photo of Audrey Hepburn at the entrance, making it look and feel like a modern New York City salon.

Highlights Botox for hair? Yup. "It's a smoothing treatment that can be used on

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Heads Up A Sunday cut-a-thon event is in the works during which clients receive half-price cuts and blowouts. Proceeds will be donated to a soon-to-be announced foundation.

Prices Women's haircuts from \$85; girls' (11 to 16) haircuts, \$65; girls under 10, \$50; men's haircuts, \$50; boys under 12, \$35; shampoo and blowdry from \$45. Single-process color starts at \$85; half-head highlights start at \$140; full-head highlights start at \$175; balayage and ombre start at \$200; keratin treatments start at \$300.

damaged and brittle hair," explains salon manager Janet Magana. "It restores fibers from the inside out and removes frizz." **Worry not:** It's painted on, not injected.

Cutting Edge "Our customers want Kardashian hair and we deliver," says Magana. "Especially Khloe and Kylie's blunt, shoulder-length cuts." The salon also specializes in styling thick hair. "If you don't cut into it and texturize it, the result can be a total disaster."

Color Code Owner and master stylist/colorist Carlos Avalos and his team have fun with color. Rose gold, mermaid ombre, team colors for kids, lilac, and pink — you name it; they do it. Magana is the in-house chameleon and changes her hair color monthly!

Star Stylist/Colorist

Co-owner Joe Ballantoni touts Lindita as the salon's star colorist and recommends Antoinette for bridal styles. Avalos is a highly skilled stylist, but he's booked in advance, so don't wait until the last minute to make your appointment with him.

Gloss First-time customers receive 10 percent off hair and Botox treatments (explained above), which are 20 percent off on Mondays. Ballantoni's mom brings in homemade cookies weekly, so take advantage of those, too.



Jazz up your ponytail >

It's easy! "Wrap hair around the base of a ponytail and pin it under," says Mark Gagliardi of ECLIPSE Hair-Body-Nails. "Or tie your hair up, section it into three parts, braid it, and tie at the end." Another option is to "part your hair down the middle and create a low pony. Take two pieces and then twist-tie them at the end."



Are keratin treatments worth it?

Keratin treatments can be pricey, but "They cut blow-dry time down and, if you have thick and frizzy hair, it can save hours a week," says Debbie Kolley-Bartko of Static Salon. Beauty and wellness expert Jeannine Morris-Lombardi agrees. "Even though the treatment is still considered controversial, it saves people time, and that's worth every penny," she says.

Flatirons are not all created equal!

Diane Cermele-Segel of Salon POSH and Joseph Gecaj suggest an iron with ceramic plates for even heating. Gecaj also recommends one with variable heat settings, because different types and textures of hair require different temps. Other good plate materials are tourmaline and titanium, which offers the fastest heat transfer and is great for thick, wavy hair.