

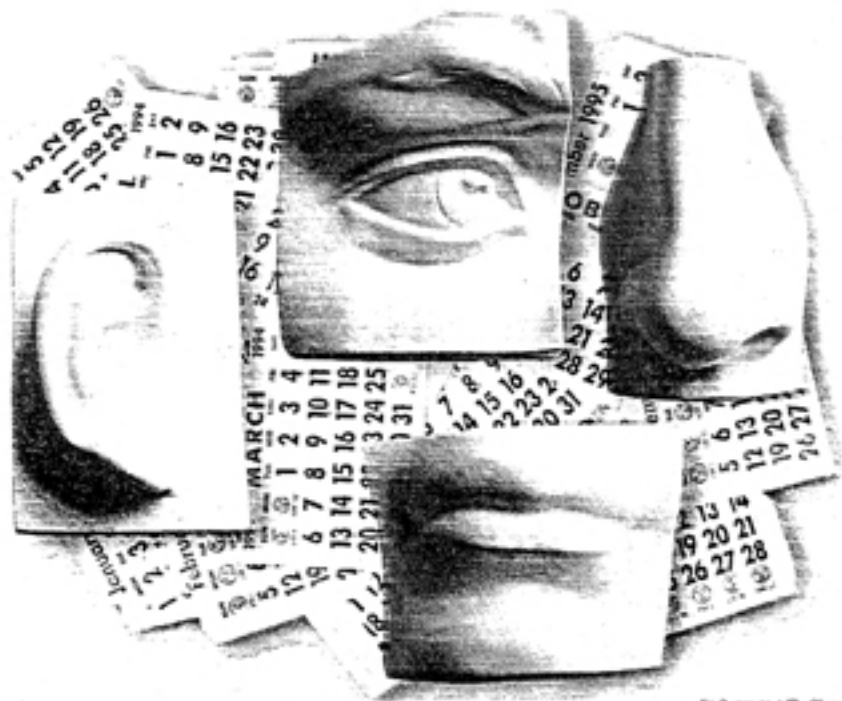
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## If It's February, It Must Be Liposuction

Time's a-wasting and the social season is marching on. For readers confused by the array of local events, today's column provides seasonal guidelines for puffing-it-up and sucking-it-out, two of the many procedures cosmetic dermatologist Seth Matarasso says he has performed on "nearly every socialite in town."

Matarasso doesn't lift derrieres or faces, or tuck tummies or eyebags or rearrange bones in any way. Plastic surgeon Bruno Ristow likes to explain, says Matarasso, that "he makes the bed and I iron the sheets." And as well-heeled as most of his clients are, each has only one set of sheets: The skin that goes shopping is the skin that attends a Museum of Modern Art opening and the skin that walks the dog and the skin that treks across the great Geary tundra to this mecca on Par-nassus Heights.



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come may be injected into the back of one's paws for that pretty plumped-up effect.

Things pick up in April, when the doctor does "two or three liposuctions a day" for customers getting ready to try on bathing suits. "There's no down time," says Matarasso. "Taxes are done, and many

flesh on her underarm in April.

Early May begins the count-down to the Black & White Ball, and preparations for getting one's earlobes in shape for chandelier earrings. Lobes do thin out with age, says Matarasso, but the condition can be turned around temporarily with collagen.

beaked young 'un to hammer out a solution. "They have the nose job in June," says Matarasso, "and then the swelling goes down, and by the time they're ready to go back to school, their friends have forgotten what they looked like."

July is the time to get rid of lumps and bumps, moles and freckles that have been hiding inside clothes during the dark months of winter. "You're undressed," says Matarasso, "you notice stuff more." In July also, "the husbands go to the Grove, so it's a good time to do a peel or something that has to recover" or be kept secret. A face-lift to be shown off in September