

No Waterless Manicures Here



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The famously reclusive Elizabeth Taylor recently ventured outside of her home, and venture she did! The 75-year-old star of *Cleopatra* and *National Velvet* recently went on a shark-viewing expedition in the Pacific Ocean, donning a snorkel and goggles for a half hour swim inside a 10- by 6-foot Plexiglas cage lowered below the water's surface. For the adventure, the Hollywood legend wore a T-shirt over a swimsuit—and perfectly manicured red fingernails. Taylor later told the *Daily Mail* of London that it was “the most exciting thing” she'd ever done. Considering the environment and her continued attention to beauty rituals, it was one of the most glamorous too!

The Archbishop of Style

You may not have heard of Archbishop Don “Magic” Juan, but he has influenced the looks

of a number of well-known rap artists, including Snoop Dogg and Sean “Diddy” Combs, who are helping the style maven release his own album. Musts in his look book include regular manicures and pedicures, and when MTV asked him to write up some style tips, he recommended top-of-the-line nail polish on short nails, “‘cause I like to move around, shaking hands and fellowshipping,” he wrote. “I know most people, when they get a pedicure, they usually get a straight color, or some men, they get clear. Mine are green and gold; green for the money and gold for the honey.” We can’t argue with that!



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A Bad Dream

The hotly anticipated film *Dreamgirls* opened to wide acclaim in December 2006 and, at press time, had already garnered Golden Globe nominations for two of its female stars—Jennifer Hudson and Beyoncé Knowles. We were excited about this movie early last year; “Just Dreamy!” (*Hollywood File*, March 2006) addressed the many polish colors fictional singing group the Dreamettes would be wearing as the movie progressed through the '60s and '70s (China Glaze polishes in soft colors such as Opal and Innocence during the early days, then brighter colors such as Shocking Pink and Ruby Pumps for the group's tempestuous times). Imagine how disappointed we were to read that Knowles has been neglecting her nail care in real life; in the January issue of *In Style*, Ms. Bootylicious is described by writer James Patrick Herman as “barefoot and overdue for a pedicure.” She may be what Herman calls a “down-to-earth diva,” but we think that doesn't preclude proper polishing. ♣

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