

# Simply Amazing



Oswald Mendez and Danny Jimenez, one of the most popular teams in the history of *The Amazing Race*, made a triumphant comeback in the all-star edition of the adventure reality show, which aired on CBS last spring. And the two best friends, who live in New York and Miami, respectively, have proven themselves as big fans of the beauty industry. In the first leg of this season's race around

the world, the two traveled to Ecuador, where they were faced with the task of lassoing a wild horse and trimming its hooves. After completing the task, Oswald, who works in advertising, said, "I've always wanted a career in beauty." And in the next episode, Danny examined his own nails after having to screw bolts onto a copper-mining machine and then quipped, "My manicurist would be so angry with me if she knew what I was doing today." Not only are these guys entertaining, but they recognize the value of a manicure and pedicure—they sound like natural winners to us!

## Becks Beckons

**T**he prototypical metrosexual himself, David Beckham, is coming to the United States! In January, the world's most famous soccer player inked a deal that will take him from Spain's Real Madrid team to the Los Angeles Galaxy, part of the United States' Major League Soccer, in July. The transaction will make him \$250 million



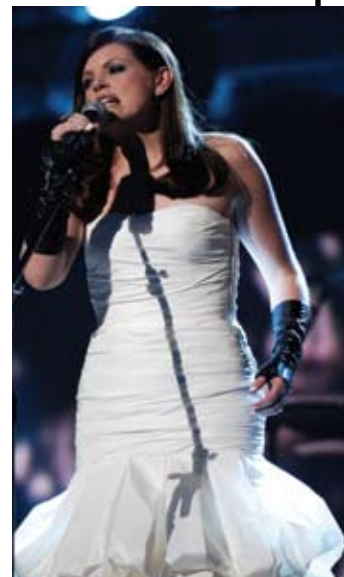
richer—and give his wife, Victoria Beckham (formerly Posh Spice of the Spice Girls), the chance to start a Hollywood career—but the American male populace will reap the ultimate benefit. After all, Beckham has freely admitted to enjoying a mani-

cure. And given the adulation already coming his way from American fans—Sean "Diddy" Combs and Jennifer Lopez have bought tickets to Galaxy games for the upcoming season—could a massive societal shift in the male beauty routine be far behind?

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## Diamonds in the Rough

**T**raversing the awards show circuit over the past few months has been tough—celebrities sport either dark nail polish or buffed natural nails, with nothing in between. So we have to applaud two individuals who showed their own nail polish stripes at several recent awards shows. At the 49th Annual Grammy Awards, Dixie Chick Natalie Maines sang her group's recent hit anthem "Not Ready to Make Nice" while wearing angelic white nail polish, which matched the white dress she wore onstage and partnered nicely with the black outfit she wore later in the show. And while partying after the 79th Annual Academy Awards, model Dita Von Teese showed off oval-shaped, deep red nails with silver-polished moons—a look similar to the one we featured on the April 2007 cover of *Nailpro*. We give props to these two ladies, who prove that individuality is always in style.



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