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WHAT LIES BENEATH



Spanish actor **Elena Anaya** scratches well beneath the surface in *The Skin I Live In*, Pedro Almodóvar's layered paean to the power of plastics.

Elena Anaya is having trouble finding the right words. Adding to the distracting whirr of overhead helicopters—the media literally won't stop hovering over Pope Benedict XVI during his four-day visit to Madrid—is the 36-year-old Spanish actor's relative greenness when it comes to conducting interviews in her second language, and it's trying her patience. "My English is such *bullshit*," she says while attempting to convey the personal import of her latest film, this month's Pedro Almodóvar-directed thriller, *The Skin I Live In*. Thankfully, as Vera, a human experiment held captive for six years by Dr. Robert Ledgard (Antonio Banderas), a deranged and vengeful plastic surgeon, she's able to communicate reams of dialogue—and near-savage desperation—through her piercing green eyes. "The character is such a good actress, and that's something that Pedro needed from my performance. He said, 'Vera needs to lie to Robert and so you need to lie to the whole audience.' That was a challenge because it was acting inside of acting, but without moving a muscle, without saying a word—just by waiting and looking," says Anaya, whose breakout performance came as the eroticized babysitter in 2001's *Sex and Lucia*. (Until now, she's probably best known to American audiences as Agent 99 to Justin Timberlake's 66 in his "SexyBack" music video.) Although she and Almodóvar had already worked together on *Talk to Her*—an equally poetic ode to obsession and disfigurement—Anaya says, "I had such a tiny part in that one, and so it was like taking a small bite of a really delicious meal. This time, I ate the whole thing." Anaya, who "screamed, laughed, and cried" when Almodóvar offered her the meaty part, says *The Skin I Live In* sharpened her aversion to going under the knife. "I think sometimes people get too carried away with plastic surgery, and I don't mean those who need to smile again because they lost a part of their face in an accident. It's so ridiculous when young people completely change their faces to look even younger. I find wrinkles to be beautiful." —NICK HARAMIS

Elizabeth Taylor was one of the most beautiful women ever to grace the screen. Her friend, Andy Warhol, was one of the most beauty-obsessed artists of his time. The entire collection of Warhol's Taylor portraits has been brought together for the first time for *Liz*, an exhibition at New York's Gagosian Gallery on West 21st Street, which is on display until October 22.

OPENINGS

SPA AT THE ST. REGIS ASPEN

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the pitter-patter of snowshoes we hear? another winter sports season doth ch. But for those of you who prefer activities are horizontal sort, the St. Regis Aspen's Spa is a sybaritic alternative to schussing the slopes. A key element of the resort's ous resurrection, it's less about finding your much more about lavish indulgences. the Champagne and Chocolate Truffle nce Body Facial treatment, which is pretty ust what it sounds like. For those who think and cocoa belong in their bodies rather t, there's the aromatherapy Great Bath Skiing? Oh, please. —KEN SCRUDATO



ESPA LIFE AT CORINTHIA, WESTMINSTER LONDON, +44-20-7930-8181

With the streets of London seething with anxiety, rarely has the need for a cossetting experience been so exigent. Inside the capital's most glam new hotel, the Corinthia, arrives the Kingdom's most vast spa experience, ESPA Life. Led by noted naturopath Max Tomlinson and distinguished by its complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) program, this ESPA is all about healing your stress-battered constitution. Nutritional analysis, physical therapy, acupuncture, and an entire floor devoted to thermal activities (including a 30-foot swimming pool) are all focused on your ultimate re-optimization. They even offer a "Rush Hour Beauty" menu. With the hotel already drawing a parade of celebs (Kirsten Dunst, Amy Adams, Colin Firth), your wellness may also come with a little A-list eye candy. —KS

ECO SERENDIB VILLA AND SPA, ST. JOHN US VIRGIN ISLANDS, 215-830-8300

Oh, the dilemma of modern vacationing. Like, how to enjoy a luxurious island decompression without laying all those big, messy carbon footprints? Thankfully, the resplendent new St. John resort, Eco Serendib, actually seems geared as much toward nurturing the conscience as the soul. The eight individually designed villas are equipped with Suniva solar panels, Gloster sustainable furnishings, recycled glass mosaics, and a rainwater collection system. Yet no luxury is spared, with a full-service spa and fitness center, Caribbean-view pool, and available private chefs and butlers. Best of all, a meditation garden allows you to ponder how well you have managed to balance the great and sundry contradictions of the modern world. —KS

