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Couple Up

M'S EDITOR ON UNWINDING WITH YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER

BY JEN HUNHOLZ

The text message reminding my fiancé and I of our upcoming spa treatment, sent on Dec. 26, could not have been more well-timed. We had brought home our Golden Retriever puppy just two weeks earlier, and despite the incredible joy dog ownership brings, training a puppy is no small feat. Countless accidents, little sleep and three Christmas celebrations with a 10-week-old puppy in tow later, we were ready for some R & R. The day of our appointment was met with the worst snow/sleet/hail storm of the season to date, but I refused to let the inclement weather alter our plans. After an especially stressful drive from our condo on the East Side to Neroli Salon & Spa's downtown location, we were greeted warmly by the receptionist and ushered into the spa's treatment area. Relieved to have arrived safely (and to spend a few hours puppy-free), to say the least.

I should mention that neither my fiancé, a first time spa-goer, nor I had ever experienced a couples spa treatment. He was leery, but I felt immediately at ease when entering the spa, ready and excited to try something new. We changed into robes in our respective locker rooms and met in the waiting area/lounge, which was every bit as

serene as you'd hope it to be. After a brief foot soak, we were escorted to the private couples massage room.

My fiancé was treated to an 80-minute stone massage, and I received the stress-fix body massage, which incorporates Aveda's own stress-fix aroma. Infused with organic French lavender, lavandin and clary sage, the aroma is said to relieve stress. The massage therapist began by instructing me to take three deep inhales and exhales of the aroma, with the intention of establishing my breath. As a fairly devout yogi who understands the power of controlled breathing, I appreciated the added feature. I'll refrain from spoiling any other details of the 80-minute session, but let's just say I left feeling relaxed, restored and rejuvenated.

Massages are, for all intents and purposes, a relaxing enterprise. And although I've been lucky enough to receive multiple individual massages over the past few years, experiencing one alongside my significant other inspired an entirely new level of relaxation. Hearing his voice when the massage therapist asked an occasional question or two never alarmed me — it only soothed me, further enhancing the experience, and his presence just a few feet away made me feel calmer and more secure. A worthy alternative to any overpriced Valentine's Day dinner, no doubt.

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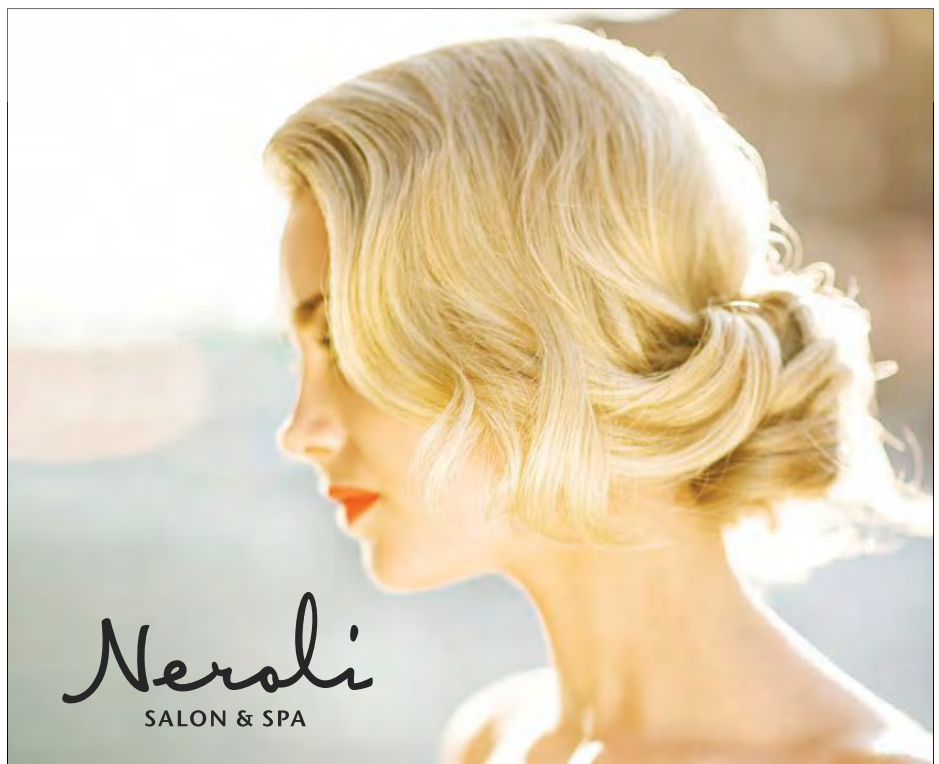
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