

CUTTING ROOM

DRASTIC SURGERY

The next wave of unnecessary cosmetic surgery will make your jaw drop. But they can fix that, too.

GUM ESCHEWING

Do you flash more gum than teeth when you smile? In 30 minutes a "gum-contouring" oral surgeon can do what bad brushing habits take years to accomplish—make your gum line recede. However, the \$1,500 price tag, stitches in your mouth, and three weeks of painful recovery may wipe that smirk right off your face.

HIGH-BEAM IGNITION

Most guys have only one requirement of women's nipples: that they be there, waiting. Yet many women—and male bodybuilders—are getting \$1,500 surgery to make their nerps permanently erect. Performed mostly on those with concave fried eggs, the surgery is done using tiny implants or by severing the fibrous tissue that tethers nipples flat. The procedure can cause reduced sensation and requires two weeks of recovery—during which jogging in burlap T-shirts is *not* recommended.

NAVEL DESTROYER

Those cursed with outie bellybuttons can make life worth living again with \$1,500 bellybutton reconstruction surgery. After an incision is made around the navel, doctors sew the skin up a bit tighter than God intended; the effect is much like pulling the drawstring on a pair of sweatpants. The bellybutton sinks into the stomach, and grateful patients have a new place to store lint.

RIPPING YOUR LID

The last place you want a scalpel poking around—OK, the second-to-last place—is your eyes. But many Asians are chopsticking over \$3,000 to have doctors slice up their eyelids. After cuts are made across the lids and tissue is removed, an indented scar is left that makes perfectly good, smooth Asian eyelids look like creased Westernized ones. It requires only a couple of days for recovery, but there is a risk: If the folds are placed too high, patients end up looking like Jack Nicholson.

LIP SERVICE

Guys aren't the only ones who worry about what's between their legs. As they age some women grow self-conscious about their droopy vulvae. But for a fee of up to \$8,000, Dr. David Matlock of Los Angeles will sculpt a woman's "beautiful, lush thing" into the tight package of her adolescence. The downside: no sex for six weeks.

LEG LIFTS

Shrimps who don't mind being gimps can "grow" up to three inches by having their leg bones sawed and drilled to fit a device that stretches healing bones apart. It's six months before they can walk normally. The price: \$50,000 for the two big legs; the one in the middle requires a separate procedure.

TOE JAMMING

Physicians have finally developed a remedy for those whose grotesquely long toes make them look like extras from *Deliverance*. For \$2,000 per piggie, a bone is removed from between toe joints so you can finally look in the mirror and not think, *I am a hideous freak.*—Tienlon Ho

