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ing only every year or so. Collagen injections have to be redone every two to three months.

**THE DOWNSIDE** Wondering if your organ-donor card means you're next.

**THE FINANCIAL DAMAGE** Lip implants start at \$1,000, reshaping at \$2,500.

**THE PROBLEM** Two peas on a breadboard.

**THE SOLUTION** "Over-under" implants.

**WHAT IT IS** The surgeon positions a breast implant (generally saline) so that the top half is inserted underneath the pectoral muscle and the bottom half on top of it. **WHAT IT CAN DO** This technique gives patients a natural shape.

**THE UPSIDE** "We lose less blood in the OR than we take out of the patient's arm before surgery," says Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Dr. Garth Fisher.

**THE DOWNSIDE** This is not the option for those launching adult-film careers. "You can go larger if you go on top of the muscle," says Fisher. (The over-under limit is 600 cubic centimeters, the equivalent of a mere DD cup.)

**THE FINANCIAL DAMAGE** The procedure will set you back \$6,000 to \$8,000 (plus several hundred in new lingerie).

**THE PROBLEM** A schnozz that has more character than a Paris apartment.

**THE SOLUTION** "Closed technique" rhinoplasty.

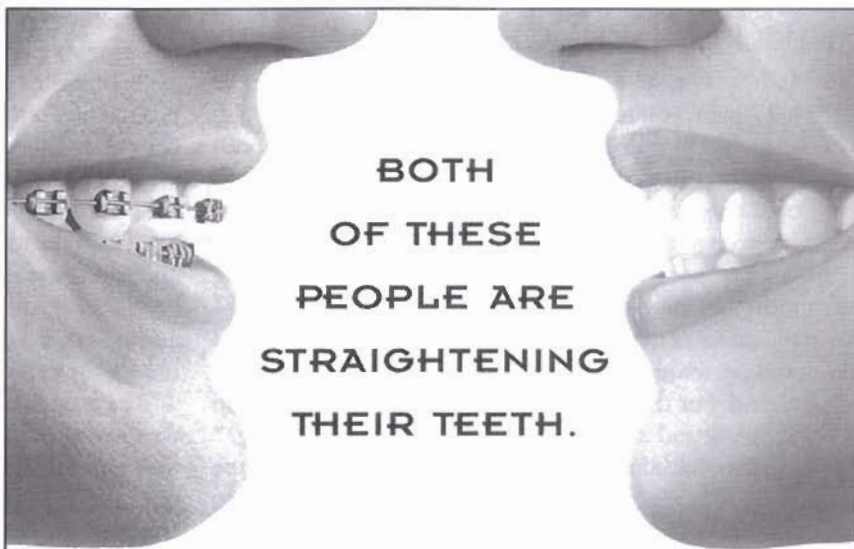
**WHAT IT IS** Nasal reshaping using only internal incisions.

**WHAT IT CAN DO** Eliminate the need to remove the skin on the nose, the norm in the common "open technique."

**THE UPSIDE** "The original 'nose job' was called a reduction rhinoplasty," says Dr. William Binder, a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon in Beverly Hills. "Surgeons removed cartilage; that's all they knew." Often, the pinched result was aesthetically regretful and caused structural and breathing problems as well. Improved tools and techniques allow surgeons to reposition natural cartilage to provide the desired shape and projection—with little to no scarring.

**THE DOWNSIDE** This is your face after all. Look for a doc who specializes in the procedure and isn't squeezing a few rhinoplasties in between liposuctions.

**THE FINANCIAL DAMAGE** Primary rhinoplasty starts at \$4,500, revisions at \$6,500. **LA**



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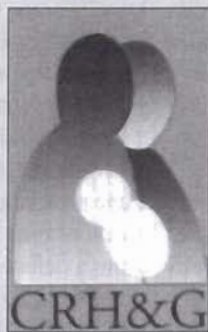
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