

Before...



and after...

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—Leo Cusson



at the Nu-Hair Center

By LORRAINE McCLISH

In a rustic setting, hiding behind an apple orchard on Ten Mile Road, hair technicians, hair weavers, dyers, color specialists and stylists work with surgeons in Nu-Hair Center.

"Our seclusion is very important to some of our clients. Some don't care one way or another; others don't even want their name on our mailing list," said Jim Linden, proprietor of the only complete hair replacement center in the state.

Linden works with Leo Cusson in the house-turned-shop consulting and passing on the latest innovations in hair grafts, transplants, implants, weaving, and wigs.

"Toupee is an obsolete word," Linden said. "I got into this business 15 years ago because I couldn't find anything that was comfortable and looked good for myself."

Now, he says, his customers can swim, shampoo, take showers, sleep, or participate in any active sport they choose, in his hair pieces.

NU-HAIR CENTER's clients are still heavy on the male side with those suffering from what Linden called "the normal pattern of male baldness." Clients of both gender come for help with some disfigurement, after surgery, radiation or chemo therapy treatments, or maybe an accident.

The center is now the only one in the country that uses the Naud Graft technique, named after the doctor who devised it. Cusson described it as creating skin tunnels in the scalp to secure a hair piece. "All done in the office without sedation, and painless," he said.

The most popular hair replacement, however, is Swedish weaving. Six women are employed making three or four inch wigs of human hair by hand, which will be woven into the client's own hair.

Implanting is a surgical procedure done by a doctor, a technical assistant and a hair cutter, using some one else's hair. "You can walk in without hair and walk out with hair," Cusson said, "and start to notice a big difference in five or six days."

Transplanting is taking some of the client's own hair and filling in the loss area.

Wigs at Nu-Hair Center are only custom-made. "We eliminate all the plastic, rubber, nylon, all that hot stuff, and use only the very best of modern adhesives. The hair is placed, one strand at a time on a silicone base that doesn't crack or split and you can run a comb or brush through them without worry," Linden said.

BEFORE OPTIONS are even discussed, Linden gives private consultations, without charge, to learn the history of the client and very often, in turn, works with a doctor, if there is a chance of a skin problem to be considered.

Price is always based according to need.

"Our biggest selling point is the service we have to offer," Cusson

said. "Because we make everything here, no one has to wait six or eight weeks while we send the hair unit back to the factory. If a repair must be done, we can do it immediately."

"If we have to order something special, it might be three or four days, at the most. We serve anybody who has a need for hair."

Nu-Hair Center is located at 15101 Ten Mile, in Oak Park. It is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.



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Pomeroy's Seafood, Old Orchard Mall, 6535 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 626-7365.

Mug shots

After a serious operation, former GM auto worker Peter Petrie began working with clay as therapy for a weakened arm. The result was Mr. Mugs, a marvelous line of handcrafted mugs, each featuring the same lovable, bulbous-nosed, bearded or mustached face. You may choose from coffee cups, beer steins, candleholders, vases, wine jugs and soup crocks. There is also a "morning after" mug which slants and a "drunk" mug which not only slants, but has two sets of handles and two faces. Written up in People magazine in March, the mugs are safe for oven and dishwasher, range in price from \$3.50 to \$20 and are sold exclusively in Michigan at The Table Setting.

The Table Setting, 335 E. Maple, Birmingham, 644-5750.

Coming up lilies

The daylilies at Hughes Gardens are just now coming into bloom and they would be a beautiful addition to any garden. While Hughes grows two thousand kinds of perennials including wild flowers, ground covers and ferns, daylilies and iris are his specialty. In fact, he has more than 500 different kinds of daylilies, and it's a treat to see the assortment of color, size, shape and form. Hughes also will speak to interested groups and will do consulting in your garden. Hughes Gardens, 24533 Lahser, Southfield, 357-1122.

Community chest

Birmingham boosters take note! This T-shirt, featuring a colorful rainbow design and the words "Birmingham, downtown magic" would be fun to wear whatever you go. Artist Robert Dempster and photographer Michael Cannon of Artwear also hand silkscreen many other great looking shirts using their own highly creative designs. The endangered species series depicts your choice of a seal, baby tiger, eagle or whale. (One third of the net profits on sales of the seal shirts goes to the International Fund for Animal Welfare.) Regular T-shirts are \$4; French-cut T-shirts are \$6, and children's sizes are \$3.50. Artwear will also custom design logos for an additional fee. Artwear, 322 E. Maple, Birmingham, 642-2807.



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