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Royal haircut popular around town

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Their royal faces smile out at us from the cover of every other magazine on the rack, and the ones without cover shots undoubtedly mention Prince Charles and his new bride, the Princess of Wales, inside.

And across the country, pictures of the former "Lady Di" have been ripped out of those magazines to serve as examples at haircutteries. Some magazines have even done special features on how to get "the look."

The cut, designed by London stylist Kevin Shanley, is a simple layer cut which emphasizes the eyes and cheekbones.

The "Lady Di" was the May hairstyle of the month of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association. The Princess was on the cover of "American Hairdresser Salon Owner," the magazine of the NHCA, and inside were instructions on how to give the cut.

Danice Killen, stylist in the Memorial Student Center salon, said she has done about 15 "Lady Di" cuts in the past couple of months. The cut is nothing new, she said; it was merely made popular by the Princess.

"I have been doing that hairstyle for a long time," Killen said. Patrons who entered the shop and saw the princess on the cover of the magazine would say that was what they wanted, she said.

Kathy, stylist at That Place in the 707 Center, said, "When they first got engaged, people were coming in with pictures saying that's what

they wanted." The demand has died down, she said, but the cut may become popular again since the wedding.

"It's kind of a basic cut,"

Kathy said. "Her (Diana's) hair is very thick. You need to have thick hair."

The cut is not hard to do, she said, but thin hair will not

have the bounce and fullness of the princess's hair.

Kathy said she watched part of the wedding on Wednesday morning, and

thought Diana's hair didn't look as fluffy as usual; it was longer and the bangs were straight rather than pushed to the side.

Kim Stitt, receptionist at Shear Class, said women come in asking about the haircut, and all the stylists have done it a couple of times. They haven't noticed any big demand for it, she said.

Donna Moore, stylist at Courtea, said that the cut is nothing new.

"It's just another cut that people are recognizing," she said.

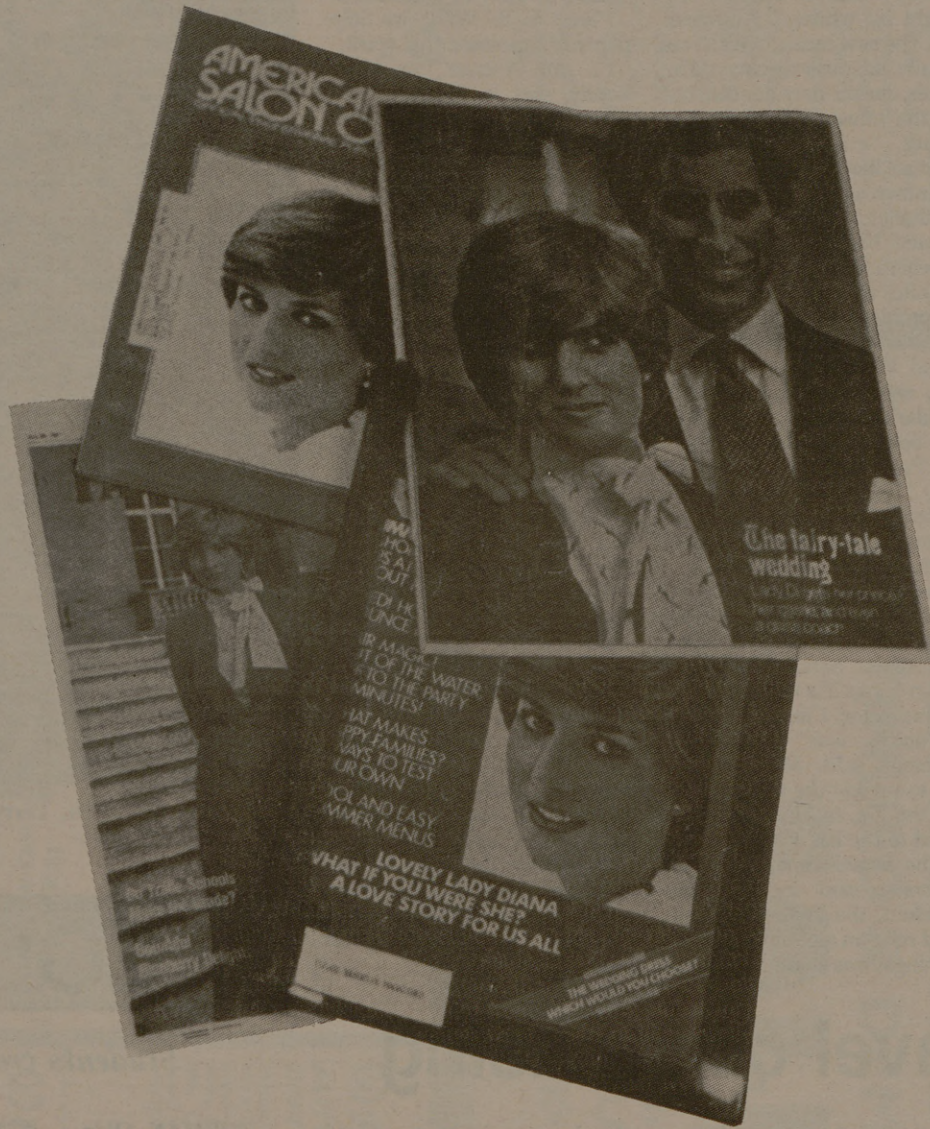
Many fad cuts, such as Farrah Fawcett's mane of a few years back, are old styles popularized by one famous wearer. Such is the case with the "Lady Di."

Moore said a few of her friends have asked for the cut. The "Lady Di" may become more popular in the aftermath of the wedding.

The publishers of "American Hairdresser Salon Owner" reminded stylists that the "Lady Di" cut isn't for everyone; the princess has medium-to-coarse textured hair, and color highlights which accentuate the style. Less than 10 percent of the clients requesting the cut have the hair type and characteristics to handle the style; the rest require chemical support, the magazine says.

Therefore, the "Lady Di" should be offered as a packaged service, since the client is after not only the Lady Di cut but the "Lady Di Look."

To achieve the look, the services may include a perm for limp hair, relaxing treatments for curly hair, and color highlights to accent the lines of the cut.



The royal couple have graced the cover of just about everything put in print in the past couple of months. Local salons report that the "Lady Di" cut is gaining popularity.

Photo by Denise Richter.

Princess gave up life's small joys

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Talk of the royal marriage of Prince Charles and Princess Diana has taken many routes over the past few weeks.

Envious women all over the world, such as myself, have spoken of the pageantry, the romance and Prince Charles' money. Others talk of the heirs that are sure to be the next excitement for the royal family. Some, though, have taken pity

on poor Diana, Princess of Wales, because of all the things she must give up to become Queen of England.

I, too, have pondered the many things Diana will be deprived of in future years.

— Diana will never have the pleasure of jumping out of the car in the rain to pump gas at the self-serve station on the corner.

— She will never change her own dirty sheets. (I never do anyway.)

— Princess Di will never know the artistic skills needed to hold Sears shoes together with Super Glue.

— There will never be an occasion for her to say to Charles, "How was work today, honey?"

— Diana will never get to pay a bill or learn the lesson of frugality taught by returned checks. (This one I could do without as well.)

— She will never be allowed

to clean her toilet.

— Grocery shopping and long lines at Skaggs will be a delight lost to Diana forever.

— She will never get to mow the yard.

— She will never be allowed to experience the motherly satisfaction of going to social events smelling of peanut butter and lemon Pledge.

— Diana will not know the true art of femininity, because she will never have the need to

keep her underwear in one piece with a safety pin and Scotch tape.

— The princess will never get the joy of cooking dinner for her in-laws.

— She will never be allowed to load six loads of laundry into the hatchback and run to the washateria in 95 degree heat.

— Princess Di will never get to fill the Snoopy Thermos for the little Chucks to come. (This

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