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Springing for a new look

VERY basic rule in keeping one's personal style interesting is one must constantly update. It doesn't have to be a dramatic change all the time. Any little modification when done tastefully helps.

Now that spring has sprung, here's another opportunity for your hair to take on a fresher shape and form.

I've been checking out style magazines that are advocating everyday hair wear that's worn straight but not too straight. Sort of linear on top with some wayward ends for character.

As for hair color, Spring 2009 will be seeing a lot of auburn, blonde highlights and believe it or not, peroxide blonde.

Trendsetters are also calling back the following hair cut classics for Spring 2009: cropped bob, pixie crop and long hair.

I have a soft spot for the bob. It looks so elegant and chic when matched with the right face shape and hair texture. This cut is ideal for women who have naturally straight to wavy hair. This is especially suitable for women who have round faces. This style usually requires blow-drying and to maintain the ideal length, you need to have it cut every six weeks. The pixie crop is also an-

other classic that's making a comeback this spring. This is flattering for those who have

know that maintaining it takes work. It gets to a certain point where it gets harder to man-



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strong facial features. This cut adds some femininity or softness to people who have sharp or strong facial features. If you happen to have thin hair, the pixie crop will add volume and make your hair appear thicker than it actually is. The pixie is easy to manage. A quick blow-dry and a dab of hair product, and you have a chic style that will last the entire day.

Long hair is also apparently here to stay. If you've experienced long hair, you already

age, it dries up and becomes frizzy.

Long hair needs extra atten-

tion. I always recommend regular conditioning, specifically via the Hair Reborn System. We offer this at my salon and this works like magic to revive and rejuvenate thirsty hair.

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Hubris and the...

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apart and the feathers blew away. Wingless and panicking, Icarus plunged headlong like deadweight into the blue waters. Daedalus swooped down in hot pursuit to save his son but it was much too late. All he saw were a few feathers floating on the surface.

Daedalus, with a heavy heart at the tragic loss of his beloved Icarus, managed to fly to Sicily. In his grief, Daedalus retired his wings, lost his love for life and never flew again.

Over and over again through the generations, we see this tendency of some of the young ones to "forget" the things they have been taught and allow hubris and folly to rule. Some throw away everything they have learned and painstakingly worked for in one impetuous decision or action. It is as if their overwhelming sense of freedom, newly-attained independence and sense of power goads them to "fly close to the sun." Humility gets torpedoed and overweening pride rules. They feel they no longer need guidance from anyone. Sometimes a good scare or a tiny thorn of bad experience can be humbling and worth more than a lifetime of warnings, advice and admonitions to nudge prideful youth back to reality and on the straight and narrow.

While we may think that this tendency of the youth today is unique to our times, we only have to look back several thousand years to know that the scenario may have changed, the cast of characters in every generation in every nation may be different, but the predilection for hubris and folly in some of the youth remains the same.

We need to be reminded too that as adults, we were once just as young and just as foolish, perhaps even more so. But we were lucky and got a pass because life was magnanimous enough to let us get past this harrowing stage with barely a scratch and live long enough to see the cycle repeated in our children.

And on and on until the sun dies, the cycle goes.

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