

Maitland to have neon purple hair

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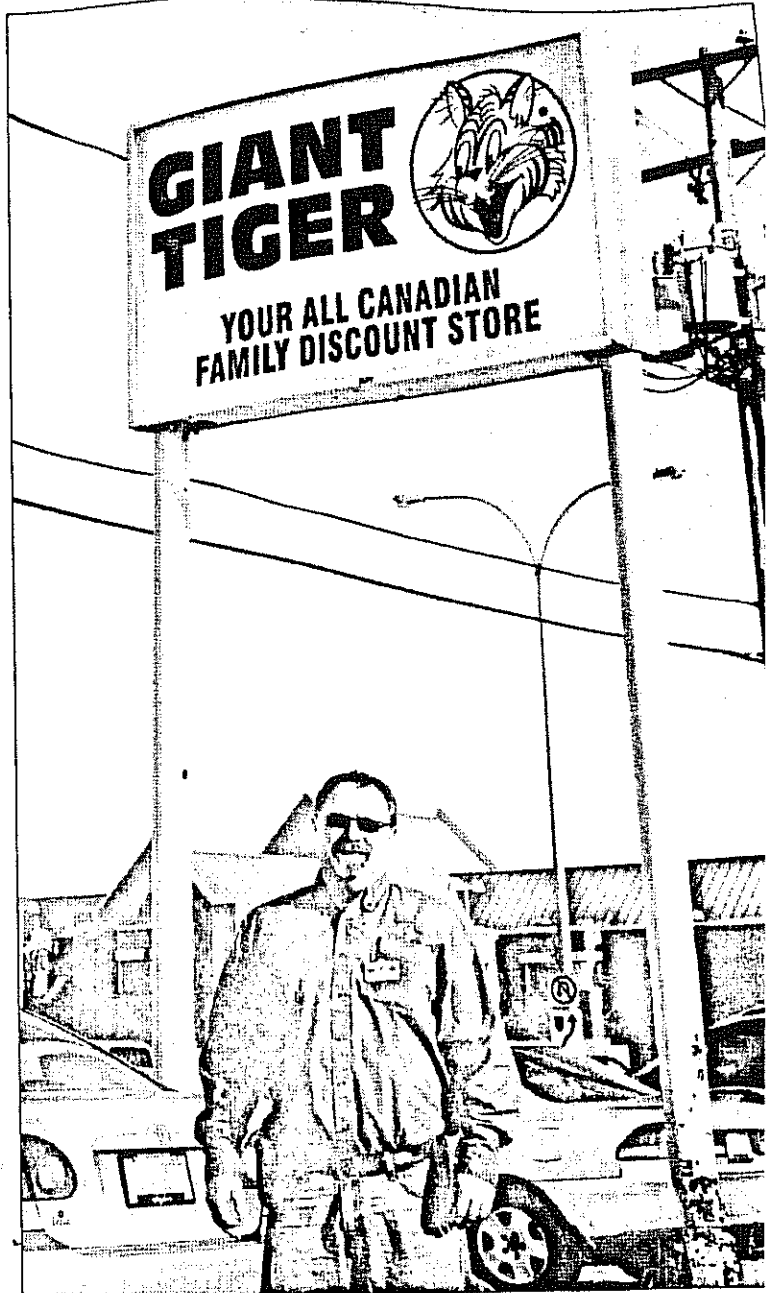
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Asked when exactly he will get that haircut, Maitland said, "Not until it has grown itself out."

That could be awhile, but his dyed hair will symbolize the Gift of Hope he and the staff at Giant Tiger pushed hard for in December.

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Ken Maitland, a store manager at Giant Tiger, poses outside by the store's sign. Come January his hair will be dyed neon purple thanks to donations the store has raised for the Canadian Diabetes Association. Times-Herald photo by Nathan Liewicki

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