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Series' a-parent transformations

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Must be something in the water on the set of "Extreme Makeover."

Not only do folks get transformed on air, but it seems the place helps boost fertility, as a handful of the people who appeared on the show are going to become parents.

John Cooney, who was transformed from nerd to rock star on the ABC reality show, and his wife are expecting their first baby in October.

"My wife said I turned into 'Superman' when the glasses came off," Cooney said. "And now they're off permanently!"

"Extreme Makeover" takes folks with image problems and performs multiple plastic-surgery procedures on them.

While some critics have slammed the show for presenting a false perspective of plastic surgery and for having the participants undergo so much surgery, at least some of those who have been on the show have found an upside.

For example, Patrick Counterman said his love life got a boost because of his makeover on the show. Counterman and his wife, Missie, are expecting their first child as well, and he attributes that to the show.

"On the night of my reveal, when my wife, Missie, saw me for the first time after my makeover, she couldn't believe it was me," Cooney said. "With lots of Champagne and romancing, it took me all night to convince her it was really me. She thought she was cheating on me with a stranger."

Cooney said the couple was hoping to come up with a baby name where they could work in the initials E.M., to reflect the connection to "Extreme Makeover."

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