

Would-be streakers take heart New spring fashions provide alternatives

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So you think you want to be a streaker? You say you have nothing to wear anyway, so you might as well? On the other hand, you don't really want to let it all hang out—at least not every day. So what's the answer?

It could be the new spring fashions that are blooming now that the sun has declared itself visible.

This season the stores have something for everyone: pants for those who still cling to the casual look, short dresses for those who don't want to be so casual and long skirts for almost anyone.

The news is in the way these standards are worn, and what is worn with them. Also making headlines is fabric. Old favorites, such as denim and bandana prints are being used in unusual ways. Midriff tops go with everything, including the new long swirl skirts.

Short dresses are back by popular demand but with a difference. No minis, much less micro minis. Hems are just above the knee. All dresses have waistlines, most with belts. The look is soft and feminine. Many are styled with pleats or ruffles, and most are in small prints.

Separates are very in this year, while the exaggerated costume look is way out. No more thrift shop gear. Coordinates in delicious hues of peach, mint, or butterscotch, as well as the tried and true red white and navy are available for a put-together look.

The separate syndrome extends to evening wear. Pajama type pants or long swirl skirts pair up with soft blouses in silk, crepe, georgette, or even lace.

Biggest news in separates is the two piece dress, separated by a bare midriff.

For those who like the exposure in small doses, the midriff look is the thing this year, and not just in the evening or on the beach as in years past. The midriff will be seen everywhere, at all times—with pants, short skirts, shorts, as well as with the long skirts for evening.

The halter top is just one of the midriff variations. Others are cropped blouses, and shirts tied at the waist, and for the daring ones, there are strapless versions! The not so daring will like the shirt cover-ups to be worn over these.

Summer sweaters in lightweight cotton and synthetic knits will be a popular accompaniment for the ever present pants. Many sweaters come in matching sets, and some are dressy enough for evenings. "Baggy" pants are still good, but the faded thread bare jeans mystique seems to be on the way out.

Accessories are important items this year. The newest shoes are light and strappy with higher narrower heels, or else very flat and closed. Modified cork platforms are still around for casual wear.

Scarves are back to wear all sorts of ways, wrapped around the waist or neck. Beads in chalk white or bright colors go with the open or lowered necklines.

The look for spring does not go to any extreme or belong to any particular theme. Neither is it blah. It is above all a well put together look, one anyone could adopt.

You really didn't want to streak did you? What you want to do is shop.

These photos of fashions from Sandy area stores might help you find what you're looking for.



BANDANA PRINTS make news this season, especially when used for evening wear. Darlene Aschbacher, of the Cat's Meow, shows off the accordin pleated skirt of this halter dress in red, white and navy volie.

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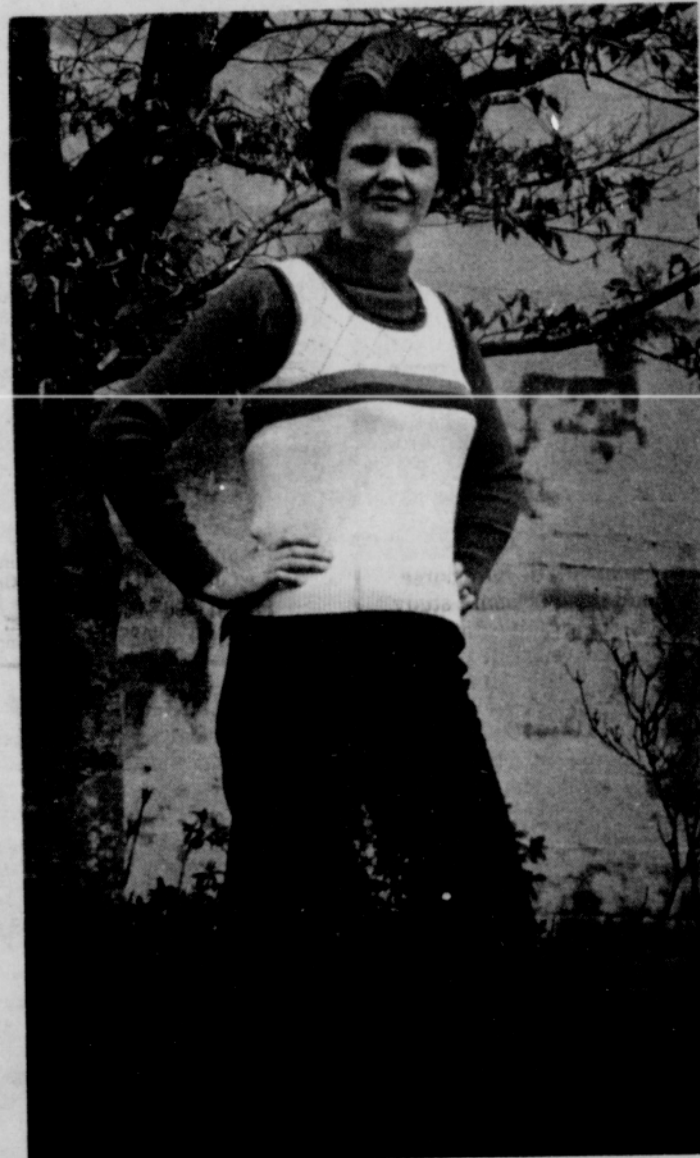
HELEN HOLM of Cedar Plaza chose a pale blue pants suit, and navy polka dotted shirt, to show off navy canvas bag.

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CASUAL PANTS suit worn by Cheri Nunes of Oregon Trail Savings and Loan combines orange, green and beige plaid shirt jacket with matching wide leg pants and orange turtleneck. All are from the Cat's Meow.

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LOOKING PATRIOTIC for spring is Ann Richardson wearing this red, white and navy pants outfit from the Debbie Dee clothes shop. White vest, banded in red and navy coordinates with red turtleneck and navy pants.

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FOR A DRESSIER look, Ann Richardson chooses a white ruffled blouse and black and white print long skirt from Debbie Dee's apparel.

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ELAINE DECKER of Cedar Plaza holds up new arrivals for spring: white trim on black print cropped top matches white knit baggy style pants, while red checked

midriff top matches similar check in red gingham of swirl skirt, which combines gingham with blue denim.

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EVER POPULAR red, white and blue theme has variation in this separates outfit worn by Lillian Scheel of Cedar Plaza. Red stitching on blue denim jacket coordinates with red checks in wide pants, and red turtleneck, and matches red canvas bag.

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CHERI NUNES, teller at the Sandy branch of Oregon Trail Savings and Loan, complements the shrubbery in this mint green polyester knit midriff dress from the Cat's Meow.

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BAREFOOT DRESS will be perfect for summer days ahead according to Arlene Kuchs of the Mary Jo Shop. Two-piece cotton dress has red polka dot top with swirl skirt made of bias strips of red, green, and navy with white polka dots.

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