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HOW TO BUILD A WINTER WARDROBE

Shopping Strategies to Live By

By Nina Shay

Have you ever wondered how some women manage to look perfectly turned out no matter how much or how little they spend on their clothes?

Yes, good taste is part of it, but so is knowing how to go about buying. Fashion insiders know there's a time to pounce and a time to wait.

When looking for fall clothes, you should make a point to shop in August and September for staple pieces to help build your wardrobe. Be prepared to pay full price, it's worth the investment for key pieces of good quality and to ensure you get your size.

For everything else consider delaying your purchase. Retailers start marking down fall merchandise around late November, so if there's a trendy item you like that you're seeing in all the stores, chances are you can still get a great selection after Thanksgiving into Mid-December-sometimes for as much as 50% off.

Outlet stores and consignment shops also start markdowns in November, by January many stores will offer savings of up to 60%.

Lastly, know when to splurge. Experts all agree for staples pieces like jeans, shoes and handbags, you should buy the best quality you can afford.

Just knowing what to buy can make the difference between a "fashionista's dream closet" and a "what not to wear boudoir".

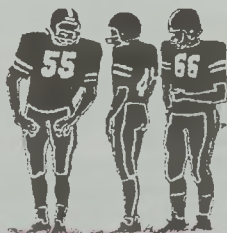
Top favorites for this season: White shirts, oversized sweaters, platform shoes, bubble shaped dresses and skirts and trench coats in black!



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Letter To The Editor

Dear Friends,

I grew up in Kernersville, attending East Forsyth and subsequently obtaining a degree in Criminal Justice. Law Enforcement has been part of my life for over 30 years. I grew up watching my family rise through the ranks with the Forsyth County Sheriff's office. My younger brother was a Law Enforcement Officer for over 19 years. I rose through the ranks and eventually was promoted to Chief of Police. In 2000, I opted to change my career path and enter the business world. I gained a wealth of knowledge about the aspects of running a major company. I have always loved helping others. I believe in treating others with respect. With a strong passion for Law Enforcement and the experience I have gained in the business world, I feel that I would have a great deal to offer the citizens of Forsyth County as Sheriff. I also gained valuable experience while serving for the State of North Carolina on the Public Safety and Transportation Board and my department received National Recognition in Community Policing when I was Police Chief. As Sheriff, I would like to see more programs added to benefit our young people, senior citizens, and victims of crimes bringing the communities closer together. I want our School Resource Officers to be dedicated to all students no matter the race or gender. I want to divide the county up into four sectors, assigning Deputies to those sectors to improve response time to calls. I also want to implement promotional testing to give the employees a fair chance to be promoted and do away with the buddy system. Under the current administration, there is only one high ranking minority officer. Improvements are of a top priority in this area. My mission would be "To safeguard lives and property; respectfully enforce the laws of the land and work cooperatively to lessen the impact of crime on the lives of residents and visitors to Forsyth County." I believe that the Sheriff's office belongs to the citizens of Forsyth County and it is time that the Sheriff's office gives back to the citizens, more programs, education and professionalism that each one deserves. I ask for your support and vote on November 7, 2006.

Bobby Blakely Jr. - Candidate for Sheriff

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