

FASHION CORNER

Should women wear shorts to work?

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Every time my mother's middle sister sees a woman at Flour Engineering (her company) wearing capris, she is not impressed.

"They're not even dress capris," she says.

As many slap-on-the-hand dress rules that Flour (in Greenville, SC) has, according to my aunt, there isn't a fashion expert.

Why is that important?

Today there are varieties of capris multiplying like it is its own population. There are bermuda shorts which stop above the knee. As said by Wanda Garcia at the "Grapevine," teens and prepubescent call them "skimmers." (My Aunt hails as "too short").

But we're not talking Brittney

Spears!

Like a lot of today's fashions, capris are a revitalization of "Grease"-casual.

The difference now, unlike the 1950s and '60s, is that women can wear pants to work.

But can female pink-collar executives and their younger proteges pull off capris for work?

"It was a touchy subject when I worked in an office. I remember our Supervisor told us we can only wear capris with matching tops," Grapevine owner, Garcia, recalled. "I

haven't heard anyone say they can't wear them period."

The issue is ladies knowing what's appropriate for their bodies and place of work. For those in industrial labor, denim can get the job done.

Perhaps one of the most classic styles - also recommended by June's "Women's Health"

issue - is wider-leg capris, in which I could picture actress Anne Hathaway. "Women's" suggests they be at least two inches below the knee. When in the dressing room sit down and double check yourself in the mirror to see if it suits. As far as material, cotton-based (non-see-through) such as dress-khaki spells classic!

If you look for brands, Garcia, Brown, and malls host Banana Republic, Gap, and forever my-pick Express. (The last also works for pink-collar industry women seeking denim or another similar material).

Another problem concerning wearing capris to work is what women match with it. My personal pick for summer-capri work is a short sleeved jacket over a colorful, chic top.

If you want capris at work, consult your boss, the girlfriend with the best fashion know-how, and your mirror!

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SOCIAL BRIEFS

CC Arts Council features 'Baseball as Art' exhibit through August 28

The Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 S. Washington Street in Shelby, is hosting a new exhibit titled "Baseball as Art," which will run until August 28, 2008.

The exhibit will feature over 50 pieces of artwork by local and national artists. For more information, contact the CCAC at 704-484-2787.

Dementia support group to meet August 19 in Shelby

A support group for families, dealing with dementia, will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at the Life Enrichment Center, 103 T.R. Harris Dr., Shelby. A free sitter service for the person with dementia will be available, but a reservation is required.

For more information or to make a reservation for the sitter service, call Linda at 704-484-0405.

McHenry Named 'Hero of

the Taxpayer'

Congressman Patrick McHenry (R-10th district) recently received the "Hero of the Taxpayer" award by the nation's leading taxpayer advocacy group, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR).

"Commitment and dedication to taxpayer's interests, has been imperative in the fight against excessive taxation in the 1st session of the 100th Congress," said Grover Norquist, President of ATR. "These Congressional ratings allow taxpayers to see, when it comes to their hard-earned money, exactly who the heroes and the 'villains' are in Congress. It is clear that Patrick McHenry has proven to be a hero."

ATR double-rates the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" in all its Congressional scorecards. The Pledge is a written promise offered to every incumbent and candidate opposing "any and all tax increases." Patrick McHenry signed the Pledge when he first ran for Congress in 2004.

"I have never voted for a tax increase on Western North Carolina families and never will. With a federal budget that is expected to grow to \$3.1 trillion next year, there is no reason why the federal government can't meet its obligations, and then

some, without raising taxes," Congressman McHenry stated.

NCDOT approves project to improve Dixon School Road

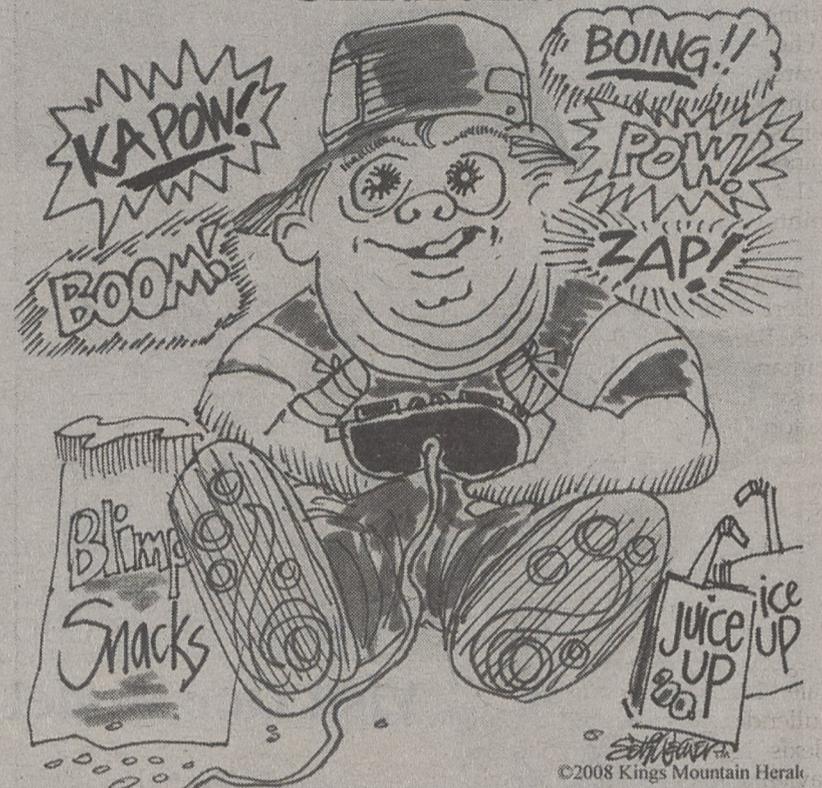
Smoothing over the rough edges of Dixon School Road has made it onto the "To Do List" of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, after the organization received a request from Rep. Tim Moore (R-Cleveland County).

Moore recently announced that the project to "mill, patch, level and resurface" Dixon School Road, from Kings Mountain Boulevard to Bethlehem Road, has been approved by NCDOT.

"After receiving calls and going out to inspect the area myself, concerning the rough condition of this road, I submitted a state funding request to improve the road conditions," Moore said. "I (am) so pleased and thankful for the funding to be approved by the DOT Board. The improvements to Dixon School Road will greatly improve the safety for our residents and the motoring public."

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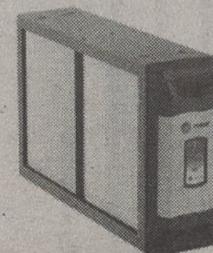
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