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The bright colors and prints sizzled on the runways during the fall haute couture shows last week in Paris. But outside, Parisians, themselves, were sizzling because of the extreme heat.

One of their coolest ideas: printed overalls. Similar to those favored by Eldon, Murphy Brown's favorite rock 'n' roll painter, these have a bib front, are cut deep under the arms and hang straight down. To be au courant, the legs must be cropped off at the knee.

Most are of denim or cotton printed in delicate wallpaperlike flower and striped patterns. They are usually worn with a short-sleeved white T-shirt underneath.

With this summer-in-the-city costume one wears little or no jewelry, no socks and classic sneakers in bright colors. The latter have replaced running shoes as the preferred style item for the French.

If a diamond is a girl's best friend, what does that make a cubic zirconia? A heck of a lot cheaper, for one thing.

Illustions, a new shop that specializes in replica jewelry, has opened at the Ohio Center Mall.

Owner Vera Adler said the pieces are replicas of fine jewelry crafted in diamond, sapphire, ruby and emerald look-alike cubic zirconia.

Prices range from \$18 to around \$200. "When they find out the price," Adler said of shoppers, "they look at me, smile and say, 'You're kidding.' "

We have no problem with people who choose to suffer for fashion. Even as we speak, people are wearing too-small shoes bought on sale. Hey, it's their pain.

But when we discovered that some men may be suffering for fashion without realizing it, we had to speak up.

Several months ago, Dr. Don Powell, author of *A Year of Health Hints: 365 Practical Ways to Feel Better and Live Longer*, reported that some men may be knotting their neckties too tightly, cutting off the blood flow to their brains and getting blurred vision.

These men don't need health advice. They simply need to pay attention to age-old fashion rules. John Molloy, author of *The New Dress for Success*, says that when buying a shirt, you should be able to slide two fingers comfortably between the buttoned collar and your neck. If you can shove four down, then it's too big.

The tie should fit snugly around the collar without gripping your neck.

Follow these rules, and not only should you look nattily dressed but you'll also keep the blood flowing to your brain.

The 10th annual **Ohio Black Expo** will highlight the accomplishments of blacks in the beauty, hair and skin care industry with three days of events beginning Friday at Veteran's Memorial.

The **expo** will feature a fashion show with apparel from **black** designers, hair styling demonstrations and information booths from minority-owned businesses and service organizations.

For information, call 237-4940.

It seems that as the weather gets warmer, dilemmas we rarely faced in winter move into the forefront of our lives. Spills land on our light-colored summer clothes, for instance. What's a fashionable person to do?

Don Aslett's *Stainbuster's Bible* (Plume Original, \$7.95) offers helpful hints on removing all sorts of stubborn stains from various fabrics. Such as:

Never ignore a stain or decide that you'll handle it later.

Remove as much of the stain as possible by sweeping, scraping or vacuuming it away.

Never apply water or any chemical until you know what the stain is and what the fabric is.

Always pretest.

Never rub or scrub a stain.

Never apply heat to a stained garment that isn't completely cleaned.

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