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Fashion, fun cure for blah moods

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Fashion has long been recognized as a sure cure for the blahs. And, in good old Michigan, there are no blahs like the midwinter suburbia blahs.

Where time and budgets permit, afflicted Michiganders take flight to far-away warm climes and the therapeutic wonders of sun, sand and water. The rest of us are doomed to stay and bear up as we dourly munch our ways through the February days.

However, there is really no need to grieve away the entire month. A search through local fashion shops and salons reveals countless varieties of fashion pick-me-ups. Each one is refreshing and novel enough to perk your spirits up and keep them there. For instance:

For \$5, at DiFronte, 555 Woodward, Birmingham, you can buy a feather comb to tuck in your hair. Or treat yourself to an invigorating shampoo, scalp massage and mini hair conditioning treatment next door at Bitoni, where the conditioning is followed with an ice cold rinse.

It's an experience that lets you know that you are still alive. And, if the blahs have turned the man in your life into a hot head, send him to Bitoni. Tell him to ask for Jimmy Palazzola. He will come back to you thoroughly refreshed with the plus of a healthier head of hair.

At Mary Glanz on Birmingham's Pierce St. you can have your pale eyelashes dyed a sultry black. Practice batting your eyelashes without having to bother with mascara and see sunshine radiate from the smile you see in your mirror.

For \$20 you can treat winter-weary feet to a European pedicure at Connie Crane's Farmington Hills spa. And for \$45 have Valentine Nails on Woodward in Birmingham implant a diamond in your fingernail. Look at it not only as an investment but as a sure cure for grubby jobs that threaten your life-style. After all, not even a grinch could expect a woman wearing diamonds to do anything but sit around looking pretty.

SPEAKING of looking pretty—find out if blondes really do have more fun. Colorist and stylist Anna is back in town after several years in Europe where she perfected her hairdressing art.

For \$50 you can spend a day in her new European salon in the Claymore apartments on Franklin Rd. in Southfield and leave with a new natural hair and makeup color.

For \$495 give yourself a year-round fling. Furs by Robert, Somerset Mall, Troy, has gorgeous fur flings in all colors in which to cuddle your chilly chin. The flings promise to be seasonless when they add a note of sophistication to spring suits and a sassy note to cool summer evenings yet to come.

For another \$52 you can buy a one-piece bathing suit at Saks Fifth Avenue. Take advantage of all the "open swims" at area school pools to start getting in shape for the narrower spring clothes. Even if you can't swim, slip into the pool, hang on to the edge and kick your legs madly. The exercise is guaranteed to trim them for the shorter slit skirts and high heeled mules that are arriving at area shops.

Invest \$12.25 in a purse-size calorie counter book. In short order you will slip neatly into all occasion evening dressing by Gloria Sachs from Lord & Taylor, Novi. One Sachs three-piece ensemble fills all the timeless requirements of a vast evening wardrobe.

For dinner, wear the coat closed and obliques. Later, when dancing begins, the coat comes off and the sash becomes an interesting tie at the neck. Slipping off the camisole top worn

with matching silk charmeuse narrow evening pants.

For an evening at home, combine the charmeuse pants with a silk shirt. At elegant dinner parties, combine the camisole top with a floating skirt and sash the waistline.

Look at February through rose-colored glasses from the new Anne Klein designer sunglasses collection at Saks Fifth Avenue. And if you can spare \$90 every two weeks for a month, you can buy one half of Orlane's new body and buff treatment at Bonwit Teller, Troy. Start with a \$90 jar of Orlane's B-21 cream. Rub it all over your body once a

day for two weeks. Then splurge on a jar of Orlane's B-23 for another \$90 and apply that for another two weeks.

The experts claim you will be so gorgeous that you will have to forget all about the gloomy weather.

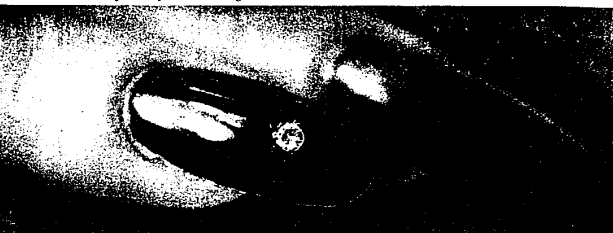
If your body is doing all right, but your wardrobe needs a pick up, try the French Connection in the Old Orchard shopping mall in West Bloomfield. Buy a pair of French cotton straight leg jeans and team them with a fur vest, all at bargain prices.

A sure cure for the wardrobe blahs is a visit to a resale shop. It's always convincing to note the mistakes other wom-

en make. And, who knows, what was a mistake for her might just be perfect for you—and at bargain prices, too.

For example, Encore II in Sylvan Lake Village is a second time around haute couture heaven. The Treasure Trunk, Birmingham, is a repository for classic clothing for the entire family. For \$17.50 Rhodika at Hattie, Inc., Birmingham, will give you a makeup face lift, including a professional cleansing.

But, if none of the foregoing cures appeals to you, you can always grow seed geraniums on your kitchen window sill.



Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

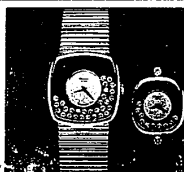
In shape

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Chocolatissimo has made an exclusive arrangement with the Chocolate Fantasies shop in Toronto to sell their fabulous three-dimensional chocolate candy sculptures. You're going to love them on sight. There's an exact replica of a Princess-style telephone, a regulation size golf ball, a two foot long female leg, giant lips, a tennis racket, a pacifier, individual numbers and letters plus such words as "sorry," "bravo" and "love." For the little folk, there's Charlie Brown, The Cookie Monster, teddy bears, frogs, hamburgers and hotdogs. In stock in your choice of delicious dark or milk chocolate, prices range from \$5 to \$40. Chocolatissimo, Somerset Mall, Troy, 643-7748.



Make someone happy

If you've got the money, honey, we've got the time! The "Happy Diamonds" watch collection features black onyx watch faces upon which loose full-cut five point diamonds slide around as you move your arm. Made by The Chopard Watch Corp. of Switzerland and sold exclusively at Jules R. Schubot Jewelers, matching cufflinks and rings also are available. The price depends on the number of diamonds as well as on the style face and strap that you choose. Rings begin at \$2,100; cufflinks are \$3,200. Ladies' watches start at \$3,300 and men's watches start at \$7,400. Jules R. Schubot Jewelers, 3001 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, 649-1122.



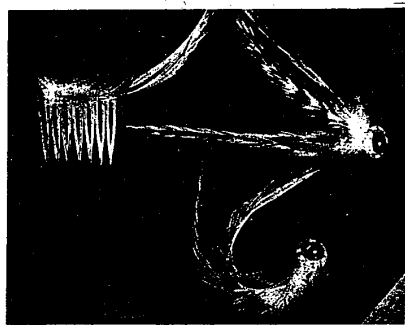
Heart broken

This heart-shaped pillow (\$15) offers all kinds of interesting possibilities for gift giving on Valentine's Day. It can remain in one piece or, by means of sew-on Velcro strips, it can be split in half. You might want to present it to someone with a broken heart or to someone who is affectionately known to the trade as a heartbreaker. On the other hand, it would be very romantic for, depending on how you look at it, economical) to give the other half to someone special in your life. The Paper Place, Applegate Square, Northwestern at Inkster, 355-6488.



Two's company

A jug of wine, a loaf of bread, some cheese, a lover and this nifty item from Harrison Luggage are all you need for a terrific tete-a-tete Valentine's or any other day (or night). The natural oak cheese board (\$28.50) 12 by 16 inches and 1 1/4 in. thick, it comes complete with two wine glasses, a half litre decanter and a built-in cheese slicer plus indentations to hold everything securely. Harrison Luggage, 152 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 646-8008 and The Great Oaks Mall, Walton Blvd., Rochester, 651-8010.



One sure way to be blasé instead of blah this season is to undertake a fashion treasure hunt, which could turn up some very unusual items such as feather combs and earrings. Fashion pick-me-ups are designed to add a refreshing touch to winter-weary wardrobes.

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5%
EACH WEEK DAY
TIL FEB. 14

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Example: This lady's 14K yellow gold ring set with fine pear shape Opal and seven full cut diamonds weighing 20/100 cts.

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(less 5%)	380.00	(price on Feb. 1)
(less 5%)	361.00	(price on Feb. 2)
(less 5%)	342.95	(price on Feb. 3)
(less 5%)	325.80	(price on Feb. 4)
(less 5%)	309.51	(price on Feb. 5)
(less 5%)	294.03	(price on Feb. 6)
(less 5%)	278.33	(price on Feb. 7)
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(less 5%)	248.09	(price on Feb. 9)
(less 5%)	233.48	(price on Feb. 10)
(less 5%)	219.40	(price on Feb. 11)
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(less 5%)	192.74	(price on Feb. 13)
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