

The big picture — fashion hits for fall



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Drums, adventure, westerns and foreign intrigue ... check your local movie guide to find out what's playing on the autumn '92 fashion review.

"All the world's a stage" this season. And the fashion conscious will be playing their parts as memorable, award-winning silver screen characters.

Fall costume dressing includes pin-stripe-suited gangsters, rowdy Western cowboys, Edwardian gentlemen, jungle Janes and the Hollywood glamour queens of the '40s.

After past seasons of fashion folly and lack of leadership, the fashion ballot this season is as well-defined as the '92 presidential election.

Designers have stated where they stand on most fall fashion issues (from a conservative to a liberal viewpoint) and have followed through, dotting all the i's and crossing all the t's when it comes to completing each look with head-to-toe accessories.

Without the threat of designer dictatorship, the hemline

controversy remains democratic with an emphasis on long but comfortable options available from mini to midi to maxi.

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Jungle Fever: Purring with animal attraction is a Nicole Miller red-and-black-check cropped jacket with a notch leopard-print collar (\$400). The call of the wild jacket pairs up with a matching long, slim skirt (\$170) and a black crewneck sweater (\$160). At Roz & Sherm, Bloomfield Plaza, Bloomfield Hills.