

SHOPPING

This has gone straight to my head

Good friends have their own language full of nuances, abbreviated expressions and plenty of, well, joshing. So when my pal, ironically named Josh, got in the car one Saturday afternoon recently, I wasn't too taken aback when he said, "You look ridiculous in that hat."



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Had he said something like, "Hi, Ed, good to see you. Like the hat," I still would have gotten his not-so-subtle hint that my black Kangol cuffly, worn backward, may not have been my best choice.

I've only recently started wearing a hat on a regular basis, save for a baseball cap at the gym or when walking the dog. However, this winter I decided warmth was going to be my fashion statement of choice, even if folks like Josh think I'm committing the equivalent of fashion suicide.

But Josh's words did resonate and I wondered if there was indeed a better topper for me. So I sought the counsel of Detroit's legendary Henry the Hatter, a.k.a. Paul Wasserman.

Wasserman's father bought the original Henry the Hatter (which was founded in 1893) from Henry's widow in 1948; Henry died in 1941. Today, the retailer maintains locations in downtown Detroit, Hamtramck and Southfield.

My past experiences searching for a hat always came up empty.

I never knew what to look for or how the sizing worked, and seemed to get nothing more than blank stares or the canned "It looks good on you" when asking the opinion of sales associates. Plus, finding a store with a good selection of headwear is a challenge. Just look in the Yellow Pages under Hats and you'll understand what I mean.

A hat for everyone

Wasserman insists there's a hat for everyone, and in three tries he'll find the style best suited to the gentleman. I put him to the test and sure enough, third time was the charm.

Apprehensive about having never visited such a specialized fashion store, I quickly realized there's no reason to feel intimidated. Wasserman and staff are patient teachers when hat novices wonder about the various options, from high-end fur felt fedoras by Borsalino with their short beaver hair finishes, to the less expensive wool hat variety.

One caveat, though. Wool fedoras tend to be much stiffer in fit and are magnets for lint. This is indeed an instance when function, rather than fashion, is the order of the day.

"If you want something trendy, or just to keep the rain off, then wool is fine," Wasserman said.

He says men, and even chic women who borrow fashion cues from the boys, should expect to pay between \$125 and \$135 for a quality hat. On the low end are wool hats for \$40, while entry-level fur felt toppers hover around \$70.

Prices tend to top off at \$300, and Paul says those are the hats for well-constructed that the sons and grandsons of the original owner will one day be wearing them.

Price also dictates the quality of detailing, such as whether the lining is satin or silk, or if the inside brow band is paper or leather.

One recent immune from price is the center crease and handsome "pinch." Depending on your face, however, you may or may not want to pinch. We discovered that I'm a pincher.

Presently, Paul sees demand for styles once popular with jazz musicians in the 1930s such as the telescope and stinky brim, either of which can dress up or down. The latter, which I'm now wearing, has an inch-and-a-half brim and a center crease that is actually diamond in shape.

And for those a little more daring, there's a leather and shearing hat straight from Elmer Fudd's closet, the fur ambassador (think Red Square in winter), and newsboy caps or

English driving hats in leather or wool and all levels of pliability.

Women's view

Then with hatbox in tow, I wanted to get the opinions of some of the more stylish gals around town. What's their take on men and hats?

Cheryl Hall Lindsay, public relations manager at Saks Fifth Avenue at Somerset Collection says hats undeniably finish the look, and that a newsboy cap is the best way for men to bridge the quandary of wanting to be casual, yet sophisticated.

Plus, she said, "Hat wearing is a double-edged sword. It takes confidence to wear a hat, yet when you do, your confidence increases."

Milliner Stephanie Guittard Scigliano, owner of M'Lou Millinery in Plymouth, agrees that hats help men bring their look together. Guittard Scigliano, whose shop currently stocks only women's styles, says she gets many inquiries from men frustrated at not being able to find a hat.

"Men want to wear them," she said, before adding, "I can't imagine living in Michigan and not wearing a hat."

You know something? I couldn't agree more.

Ed Nakfoor of Birmingham is a free-lance writer and retail-marketing specialist. If you have a question about style or fashion for Ed, contact him at ednakfoor@mediaone.net.

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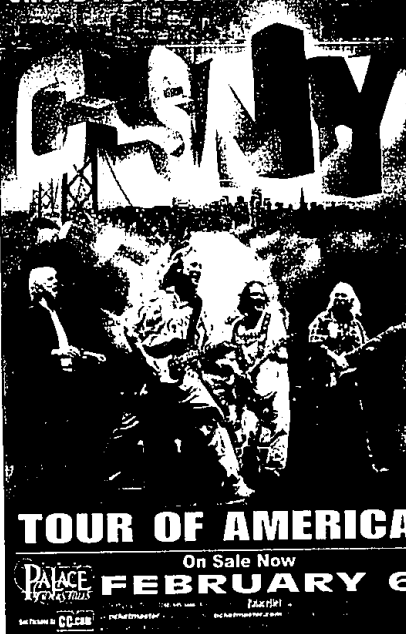
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PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING AND
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KENNETH E. KONOP, Attorney, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, 840 W. Long Lake Rd., Suite 200, Troy, MI 48069, STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, (248) 858-0250. Case No. 01-278,719-CZ. CANDACE CROWLEY and MARY FRANCES CROWLEY, as Co-Trustees of the Revocable Living Trust Agreement of Geraldine Crowley dated February 21, 1985.

THOMAS CROWLEY, DENNIS CROWLEY and DONNA CROWLEY, his wife; CANDACE CROWLEY, BRIAN CROWLEY and MARTA CROWLEY, his wife; SUSAN CROWLEY, DANA CROWLEY, TIMOTHY CROWLEY and MISSY CROWLEY, his wife; DAVID CROWLEY and ELIZABETH CROWLEY, his wife; ANN CROWLEY, JEFFREY CROWLEY, MARY FRANCES CROWLEY, ROSANNE KOSS, BETTY CROWLEY and JACK KREBS, and Chad Crowley's unknown heirs, devisees or assignees.

TO: Chad Crowley's unknown heirs, devisees or assignees

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Petitioners in this matter are authorized to serve process on Chad Crowley's unknown heirs, devisees or assignees, according to MCR 2.106(D)(1), by publishing a copy of the present Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where this action is pending, and proof of said publication will be effective proof of service of said process against Chad Crowley's unknown heirs, devisees or assignees. Petitioners are not required to mail a copy of the present Order to Chad Crowley's unknown heirs, devisees or assignees as they and their addresses, if any, are wholly unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry.

NOTICE

1. You may file a written objection to this Order or a motion to modify or rescind the Order. You must file the written objection or motion with the clerk of the court within 14 days after you were served with this Order.

2. This Order will automatically become a temporary order if you do not file written objections or a motion to modify or rescind the ex parte order and a request for a hearing. Even if an objection is filed, the ex parte order will remain in effect and must be obeyed unless changed by a later court order. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before February 3, 2002. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Birmingham Observer/Eccentric, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. No mailing is required, per the terms of this Order.

Date: December 20, 2001

Judge Eugene Arthur Moore, Bar No. 17924

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