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What are you wearing New Year's?

Paris, Rome, New York, Montreal and Toronto fashion seers told us to watch for the return of the cocktail dress - but we're still

The pretty, mid-calf dresses are certainly in the stores, but it is the long gown that is being

carried out of the stores by the buyer.

The fashion centres made their statement and now the buyer is making hers: Most women

still feel more elegant in the long gown.
"Feminine, flattering fabrics like chiffon and jersey are the most popular," said Huguette Fleury at Lipton's in Square One shopping mall. She said that short dresses are being sold but women are more enthusiastic about the floorlength gown.

'The dusty colors are strongest: Dusty rose and grey-blue, often designed with a smooth A-line which starts at the bust."

Mae Bosma of Mae's Fashions on Clarkson Road said that her customers like the qiana knits, perhaps because many of them travel and the knits are packable and uncrushable.

Mae likes separates. "It's a beautiful way of buying clothes." She commented that dark colors are not selling in Mississauga but are more pop-ular in mid-town Toronto. "The demand here is for off-white and pastels.'

Town and Country in Sheridan Mall confirmed the local fashion story: Not much being sold in black, cream is the biggest color, long dresses are still the favorite and jerseys probably the most popular fabric

ALL DRESSED UP AND SOMEPLACE TO GO Maybe it's a quiet dinner at home, wearing a

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cosy at-home robe and dining in front of a fire. Or a dinner for two, with candlelight, soft music and your best bib and tucker. But if you want noise, laughter, entertain-

ment (and maybe an empty wallet) you will head for a dining room or restaurant and let someone else do the cooking. Right here in Mississauga you can spend as

little as \$16 a couple (plus wine or liquor) or as much as \$110.

The Red Knight, Centre Plaza in Streetsville, will serve a roast beef dinner for \$16 a couple. Mothers, on Dundas East, are keeping their regular menu both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, if you're looking for a pleasant at-

mosphere at regular prices. Other local restaurants: The Windjammer Seafood House on Lakeshore Road West will have a special à la carte menu on both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, which will average about \$17 per person.

The Villa Restaurant and Tavern, in Cooksville Plaza, will charge \$40 a couple for a hot-and-cold buffet including entertainment, dancing, hats and noise-makers.

Le Manoir on Dundas Street, east of Dixie Road, have also decided on two buffets: \$60 a couple for the best buffet, including half-a-bottle of champagne for each couple and \$30 a couple for a hot-and-cold buffet in their banquet room. Also travelling the buffet route is La Talento

Sheridan Mall, which will charge \$36 a couple. Three Crowns have chosen to serve a fourcourse dinner (\$45 a couple) which includes a bot-

tle of champagne The hotels will all be jumping. The Ramada

Inn plan a party in their Hawthorne Hall with a six-course dinner and including the usual hats and noisemakers (\$60 a couple including tax and

The Acorns room will have a dinner-dance (\$40 a couple) while the main dining room, The Forest, will maintain decorum with quiet dining

and their regular menu. In Port Credit, the Marco Polo will have a seven-course dinner (and a free draw for two tickets to Florida) for \$50 a couple or \$30 single. If you don't recognize the name, it's the old New-

Along the airport strip, the Bristol Place ranges from a seven-course meal in Zachary's (\$90 a couple) to a \$54 a couple sandwich buffet in

Dr. Livingston's. Spend the night for \$27. If you are not planning to play on New Year's Eve, you might make it to a New Year's Day brunch at Zachary's, starting at 10:30 a.m. Price is \$6.95 and \$3.75 for children.

The Cara Inn will serve their usual quiet dinner with an à la carte menu at La Residence. The Greenhouse will charge \$60 a couple for a sitdown dinner with dancing and Bishop's Landing will serve a hot-and-cold buffet at 11 p.m. (\$30 a

Howard Johnston's Red Coach will have their regular menu but the Cockney Pride will charge \$50 a couple cover for a hot-and-cold buffet. If you don't want to cook on New Year's day, the Red Coach will have their regular menu,

Whatever you're doing New Year's, eat carefully, drive cautiously, drink discriminately. We don't want a reader to become a statistic.



Margaret Marland will be flying high over the holidays in this navy floorlength French-knit dress that she bought for the Aviation ball at the Harbour Castle in early December. The Ward 2 trustee for the Peel Board of Education is a member of the vandalism prevention committee and spends her spare time flying. On New Year's Eve she'll be ice skating with her family but the dress will carry her through several oceasions over the holiday. She chose the flattering dark V-necked semi-fitted line because she felt it was slimming and would hide the sins of holiday overeating. The full chiffon sleeves that end in a white-trimmed V add a touch of elan.

and Ken Kerr Inge Turnbull (right), married to the Leafs'

high-scoring defenceman, Ian, wears a soft polyester blouse in beige with a black print mid-calf skirt. Black high boots complete the look. Inge will attend a New Year's Eve party with the MacDonalds after the not-tobe-missed hockey game at Maple Leaf

Ardell MacDonald (below), wife of Toronto Maple Leaf right-winger Lanny MacDonald, chooses a now-length cocktail dress in a pale yellow wool. Most of the Leafs' wives will be going to the hockey game New Year's Eve and have to dress for the Gardens' as well as a party. Ardell chose the shorter length because of comfort and because it is suitable for both events.

June Shipp (below right) wore a black princess-line black velvet gown with small white fur sleeves for pre-Christmas entertaining. The broach she is wearing acknowledges the 1973 golden anniversary of Shipp Corporation. By New Year's Eve, June will be enjoying the sun at The Tower



Edith Templeton may be better known to television watchers as half of the Hansen-Eaton Duo, often seen on the Ein Prosit show on Channel 11. This New Year's Eve, the duo will perform at Winston's. Edith is seen in a pastel green knit with jacket, ideal for the house party she plans to attend in Mississauga after her show.





