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News and trends in today's fashion



Tapley wears a black and white giraffe print coat over her strapless black dress. She adds a teal velvet ruffle scarf. Claude Brown dress, \$339, and coat, \$574. Scarf, \$54. The Clothes Tree by Deborah.



Tapley will stroll the stage in this custom Ann Northington gown with a black velvet and lime chiffon bodice. The skirt is made from an abstract lime print sprinkled with Swarovski crystals.

FASHION BRIEFS

Wear a suit or tux like Obama's

Birmingham-area men who like President-elect Barack Obama's style, are in luck. Belk is carrying the navy blue shadow stripe herringbone suit by Hart Schafner and Marx that Obama wore on election night, said Emmett Reed Jr., a men's clothing consultant at Belk at the Summit. The store also has the Hart, Schafner and Marx tuxedo that Obama is slated to wear for formal events on inauguration night. "We've sold a lot of them, and they can also be ordered," Reed said.

Chanda Temple Guster

Save money with makeup

Even if you don't have a laundry list of resolutions for 2009, saving money is a priority. Celebrity makeup artist Robert Jones offers a few tips:

► **Budget for only one new product a month.** This way you don't go to Target for toothpaste and walk out with \$50 of new makeup. Jones says if you need one

item, make it a new bronzer. It can change everything, he says. First, use it on your cheeks and temples for the perfect skin pick-me-up, then swipe it on your eyelids for great definition. A little mascara and lip gloss, and you're set.

► **Make your lipstick do double duty.** No need to spend extra on blush. Jones says simply take a dab of your favorite lipstick — preferably pink or coral — and apply it to the apples of your cheeks for a soft glow.

► **Don't waste money on the unnecessary.** For example, instead of buying more brush cleaner for your makeup brushes, use a mild shampoo and condition them with what you already use on your hair.

► **Don't pay a fortune for mascara.** Jones, who has worked with celebrities from Sheryl Crow to LeAnn Rimes, says his favorite is Maybelline Lash Discovery Mini Brush Mascara, \$6.99. The formula and brush are designed for precise application. "It gives you the best lashes for a fraction of the price," he said.

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