

Fashion a fad from day one

The history of humanity and the history of fashion are closely intertwined; one might say the two are hand in glove. From the dawn of civilization, fashion has been an integral part of people's lives and a major catalyst in our development.



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It all began when the first cavewoman put on the first plaid skirt and wore it to her Thursday night cave drawing class. "Ugh!" uttered her fellow semi-simians, and language was invented.

Much later, the Romans terrified the world and conquered thousands, mainly on the psychological advantage of their metal jockstraps. However, the once-mighty warriors got soft by taking a lot of baths and having sex with anyone who would get in the water with them. The magic metal jockstraps rusted in the baths, so the Romans exchanged them for softwear. This fad culminated when that one guy Caesar had a heart attack when he saw his dog was wearing a pair of the new briefs. "Et tu, Brutus?" he cried, and the Empire fell down around the Romans' ankles.

Even Jesus was concerned with fashion. "Clothe the naked," he told a bunch of Hebrews. "Just think about those flowers. They've never worked a day in their lives, but they're better dressed than that old dead King Solomon," or something like that. The Hebrews didn't care much about that, but some crazy American rich kids rode around in vans, smoked the weeds of the field and called themselves flower children. They were pretty holy fashion buffs.

Then there were the Dark Ages. We historians aren't quite sure if they called them that because everybody dressed in mourning because the Baboonic Plague got their loved ones or because all the cool landowners had sunglasses.

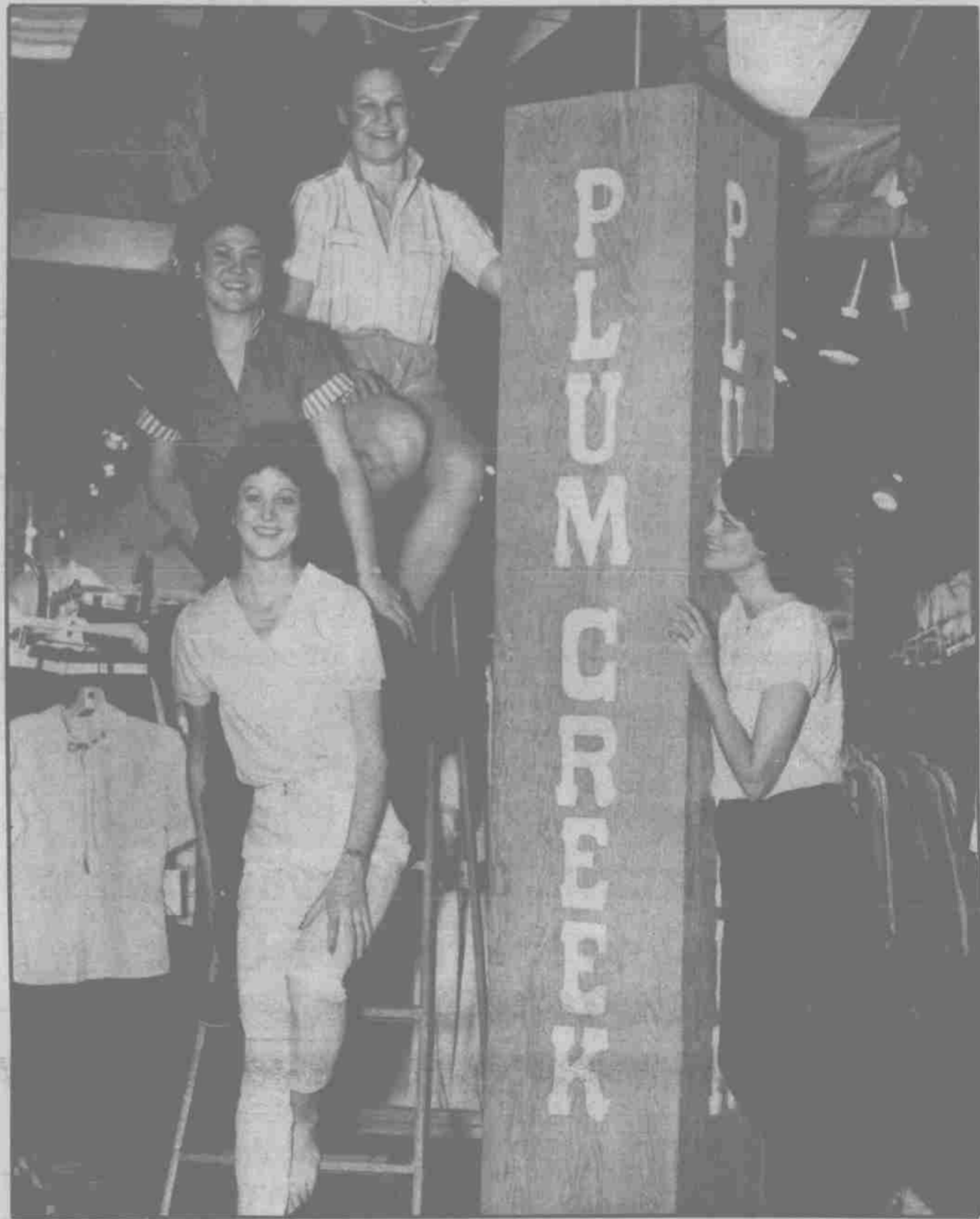
Well, a long time kinda went by, I guess, before fashion hit the world stage again. In fact, it took clear until the American Revolution, which started when those nutty Founding Fathers decided to throw off the Whigs. "No fashion without representation!" they cried.

Then this one guy Patrick Henry said, "Give me fashion or give me death," and George Washington got wooden teeth.

This one American president, Fashion Delano Roosevelt, told his people they had nothing to fear but leisure suits. Boy, was he ever right.

The last thing that happened before the earth was blown up was this crazy arms race fad. The Americans and the Soviets had a big contest to see how many arms, legs and other limbs of the world they could put in body bags. Nobody knows who won.

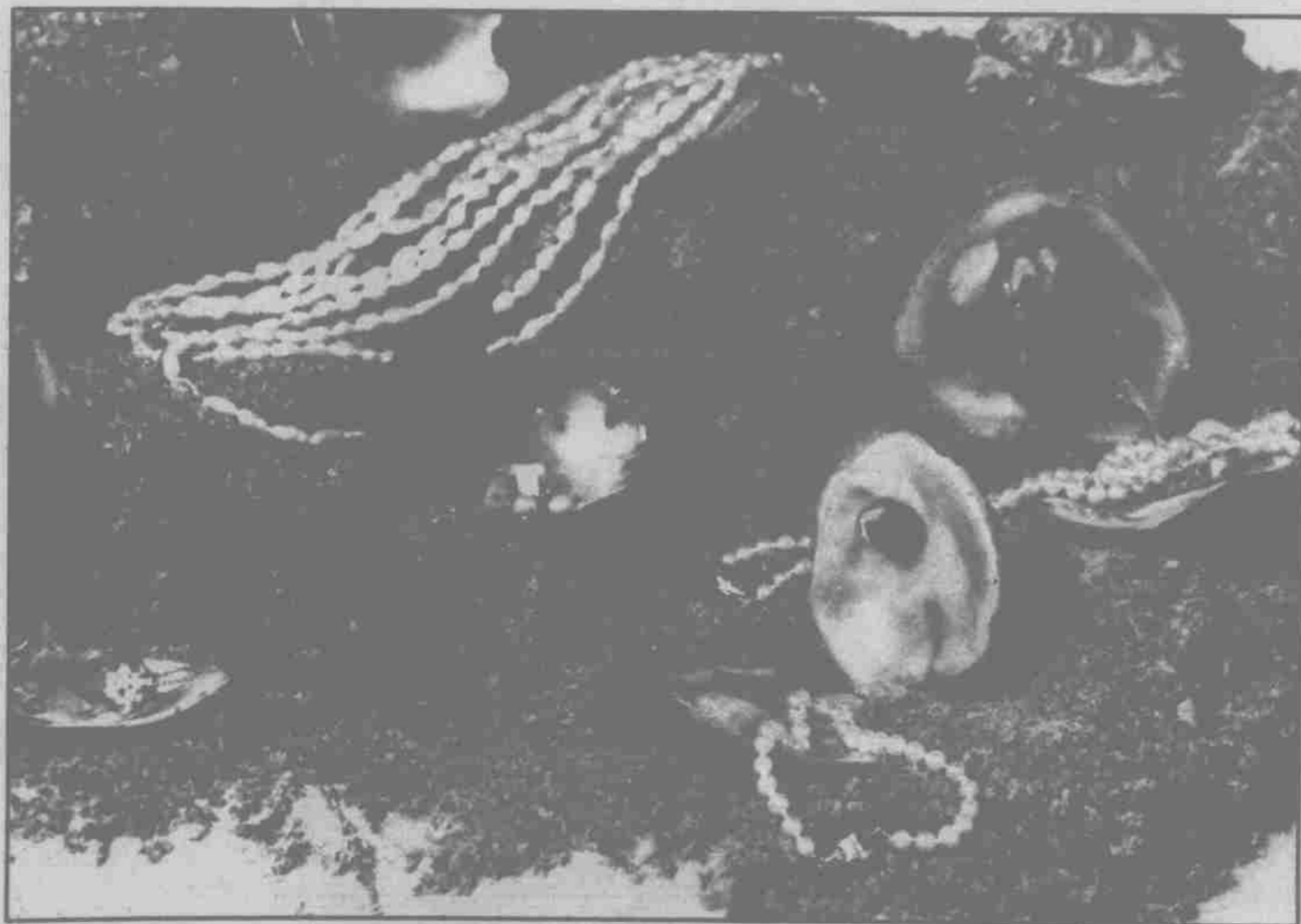
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