SPRING AND SUMMER FASHION FORECAST



"Our new look is 21st century Rat Pack," says John Kallel of Southwick. "It is a look that young men will embrace and that older gentlemen will remember as having class." Center: His jacket (\$1,140), pants (\$480), yellow military-style shirt (\$330) and brown shirt (\$260) are by Richmond. The shoes (\$150) are by Bacco Bucci. Right: His suit (\$895) is by Southwick. The shirt (\$270) is by Moschino. Both men wear silk pocket squares (\$65) by Best of Class by Robert Tailbott. Her dress (\$1,655) is by Dsquared. The necklace (\$350) is by Tat2. Her strappy sandals (\$225) are by Stuart Weitzman.



LEFT: His double-breasted suit (\$1,395), shirt (\$245) and tie (\$135) are by John Varvatos. His pocket square (\$65) is by Best of Class by Robert Talbott. RIGHT: Both men wear suits (\$1,895) by Belvest, shirts (\$220) and ties (\$95) by Liste Rouge-Paris and pocket squares (\$75) by Best of Class by Robert Talbott. In the center, his white belt (\$85) and shoes (\$235) are by Mezian. At right, his loafers (\$365) are by John Varvatos. Her dress (\$730) is by Richmond. Her necklace (\$995) is by Fortunoff, and her shoes (\$205) are by Stuart Weitzman. The veil (\$95) is by Leah C.



"We tailored our jackets with a nod to the flavor of the 1970s," says Roberta Cocco of Belvest. LEFT: In the center, his jacket (\$1,595) is by Belvest. His pants (\$525) and shirt (\$300) are by Issey Miyake. At right, his suit (\$1,430) is by Moschino. His sweater (\$495) and shirt (\$380) are by Jean Paul Gaultier Homme. Both men's pocket squares (\$65) are by Best of Class by Robert Talbott. Her dress (\$440) is by Richmond. Her hat is by ID Design. RIGHT: His suit (\$1,395), shirt (\$245) and tie (\$135) are by John Varvatos. Her dress (\$800) is by Just Cavalli.

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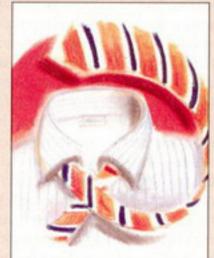
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as ever, I also noticed that more and more frequently she would move a few meters away to speak into her mobile. She laughed a lot during these conversations, more than she did with me; she would promise to be coming back soon, and the idea that I had of proposing that she spend the summer in my company appeared more and more plainly to be senseless. It was almost with relief that I took her back to the airport. I had avoided the breakup; we were still together, as they say, and the following week it was I who made the trip to Madrid.

She still went out clubbing a lot, I knew, and sometimes spent the entire night dancing, but she never asked me to accompany her. I imagined her replying to her friends who asked her out, "No, not this evening. I'm with him." I now knew most of them; many were students or actors, often with longish hair and comfortable clothes. Some by contrast would play the macho, but all of them, obviously, were young, and how could it have been otherwise? How many of them, I sometimes wondered, could have been her lovers?

For a long time she had been planning a party for her birthday on August 17, and she began over the following days to occupy herself with its preparations. On August 15, the day of the Virgin, Esther made love to me with even more lasciviousness than usual. Then she lay down and snuggled in my arms as night fell rapidly on the city, and it was only after half an hour of tender immobility that she told me she had had, for a few weeks now, something to tell me-no one knew yet; she intended to announce it to her friends at the birthday party. She had been accepted by a prestigious music academy in New York and intended to spend at least the academic year there. At the same time, she had been chosen for a small role in a big Hollywood production about the death of Socrates: She would play a servant of Aphrodite; the part of Socrates would by taken by Robert De Niro. It was only a small part, not more than a week's filming, but it was Hollywood, and the fee was enough to pay for a year's study and maintenance. She would leave at the beginning of September.

It seems to me that I stayed totally silent. I was turned to stone, unable to react. I almost suggested I go to the United States to settle there with her, but the words died in me before I could utter them; I fully realized that she had not even imagined the possibility. Nor did she suggest that I visit her: This was a new period in her life, a new departure.

When she knocked on the door of my bedroom on August 17, at about eight in the evening, she was wearing a small seethrough top tied beneath her breasts, letting you make out their curves; her golden stockings, held up by garters, stopped a centimeter below her skirt—an ultra-short miniskirt, almost a belt, made of gold vinyl. She wasn't wearing any underwear, and