

FASHION WRAP

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Accessories in a Recession

Lately, I think a number of our lives have been like a country and western song - wife left ya, dog died, you lost your job and your pick-up truck won't start.

So, why not go out and get a tiny bit of retail therapy that won't cost a lot, but its very sparkle illuminates the grey for a little while, n'est ce pas?

That's exactly what I was thinking girlfriends, when I embarked on the more than two-hour (or was it three?) watch-a-thon this past Sunday night that the free world likes to call the Academy Awards.

Yep, it was a visual pleaser, and for the fashionistas, it was a wonderful show for the eyes.

And, while very few of us can afford the spectacular vintage Balmain that adorned Penelope Cruz, who couldn't go out and try to fetch a paste version of that righteous emerald index-finger ring the other half of Brangelina was wearing?

Sure, hers, likely from old Harry Winston, or Chopard, or Neil Lane, or whomever...cost more than most of us will ever make (quite a few UI cheques, I would guess for that numba), we sure are free to go to a cute little bauble store and pick out something sparkly to slide over one of our digits.

And, I got to thinking, for the slim-fingered of us out there (me included), wearing a ring on your index finger just spells hutzpah in the most direct of ways.

I mean, you can point around all day, your indexer laden with a faux pearl, paste stone, zirconia, or whatever, and feel like the kinda gal no one wants to mix it up with - get my drift?

And, during these trying times, I'm sure all of us could use some kind of "lock and load" fashion accessory.

Lately, a lot of the hip crowd - and for years - have been sporting the clunky ring on the index finger - but it really seems to be coming back in a bigger way.

A lot of gals opted for the right ring finger diamond when they thought no one was ever gonna give them one - remember that marketing campaign by DeBoers?

Well, I'm starting a local marketing campaign for the index finger sparkler - it just says "power" in the most unadulterated way....

And, when people aren't looking, it can always be moved to that other flippin' finger in the middle when you really mean business!!