

## Look of the week



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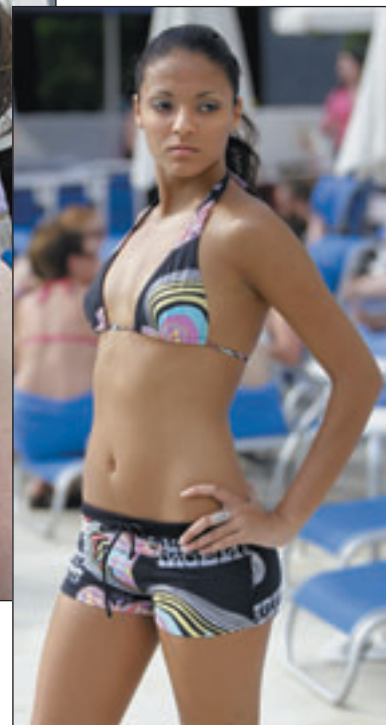
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Melissa Harrison, in D.C. from Utah for an internship in Alexandria, is wearing a Banana Republic top and Steve Madden sunglasses. Of Washington style, the 22-year-old says she's noticed an Anne Taylor and Banana Republic on what seems like every corner.



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Visitors to the Washington Plaza Hotel pool turn to watch as Brigitte Patterson from Chevy Chase models swimsuits (above and right) by Brazilian designer Miariam Montandon during a fashion event on June 11 at the Washington Plaza Hotel.



## It's a wrap!

Taking the look from day into night



For night, Anthropologie's pennywhistle top (\$58), above, and Old Navy lace wrap in martini pink (\$24.50) for day.



Rachel Bilson arrives at Xbox's Next Generation Console Revealed held at Club Avalon in Hollywood. - AP



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## DIP into summer fashions

### Dinner in the City event focuses on local designers

Local designers withstood the hot afternoon sun last Saturday as they showcased their newest creations at a true-to-summer fashion event — with modeling and a sample sale poolside at the Washington Plaza Hotel.

Some of the designers included Queen Bee Designs, Bakana, tu-anh, Susej Designs and Tiger Lilies, along with several other newcom-

ers to the scene.

There was catwalk-esque modeling of swimsuits and activewear by Brazilian designer Miariam Montandon, and well as fashions from the other vendors.

DIP: A Fashion Groove was presented by Dinner in the City, a group that plans mingling events for young professionals.

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(Above) Ines Fessler, manager of Douglas, a cosmetics and fragrance store, talks about her products with a visitor during the DIP: A Fashion Groove on June 11 at the Washington Plaza Hotel. (Right) designer Tu-Anh Nguyen, top, helps Rahel Kidane, from Alexandria, pick out a necklace at the event.

