

Style File

New Ways To Go Retro

(NAPSA)—If you can still fit into your jeans from high school, you're not just in good shape, you're in style. That's because retro looks—from acid-wash jeans to iron-on shirts—are back in a big way and hipsters across the country are donning the newest old fashions.

But before you go kicking yourself for throwing out those moon boots back in 1986, remember that there are now plenty of retro stores and thrift shops throughout the U.S. The shops are great places to find stylish clothes for bargain prices.

If you need some old-school fashion tips, it would probably help to check out some of today's movies. Films such as "Napoleon Dynamite" have helped repopularize some '80s fashions that a lot of people probably thought (or hoped) they had seen the last of.

The movie's main character, Napoleon, fights the powers that be while strutting around in moon boots, a brown three-piece suit and a butterfly collar. His friend Pedro wears printed tees and Napoleon's love interest sports a side ponytail.

The movie's production designer, Cory Lorenzen, went on what he described as a "comedy-filled shopping spree" at a number of different thrift stores to find just the right retro look for each scene. Retro buffs can check out the extra features on the movie's DVD to get the inside style story for the film.

If you're looking to bring back a



Passing The Test Of Time—Retro-inspired clothes, music and movies are back in a big way.

look from back in the day, try these tips for retro shopping:

- **Think Small**—If you're trying for that popular "just outgrown look," you have to buy clothes that are a little too small for you. The kids' racks are great places to start—not just because the clothes are smaller, but because they are cheaper, too.

- **Waist No Time**—Belts play a big part in the retro look. The best place to find them—for men and women—tends to be the men's section. Men's belts tend to be wider and longer (which is important if you intend to have the belt ride low on your hips).

- **Measure Up**—Bring a tape measure along so you can measure the waistlines and inseams on pants. Many thrift shops don't have dressing rooms, and many pre-owned pants no longer have tags—meaning you won't always be able to tell what size you're looking at.

For more information about "Napoleon Dynamite," visit www.napoleondynamite.com.