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LA FASHION WEEK

DESINGERS in LA are bucking the trend for the subdued, sleek and lean shape we saw during New York Fashion Week - naturally - and lightening up for spring/summer 2008. At **Heatherette**, design duo Traver Rains and Richie Rich took Route 66 as their inspiration, showing tutus studded with beach balls and stars-and-stripes printed jersey teamed with patterned black tights, while at **Gary Harvey**, goddess dresses came with lavish meringue skirts in eye-popping prints. Central Saint Martins graduate Dorothy Lee got the **Gen Art Fresh Faces** show off to a flying start with a sterling show of bubble-shaped mini dresses and slick tailoring; **Amanda Shi** swathed her models in kaftan-cut chiffon and Chick by Nicky Hilton showcased playful, cartoonish details with exaggerated collars, girlish headbands and apple-motif prints. Forget the summer of love - next year we'll be having a summer of fun if these guys have anything to do with it. (October 17 2007, AM)

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Heatherette, spring/summer 2008
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