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GARY HARVEY: A voluminous corset dress made from copies of the *Los Angeles Times* is a standout in the designer's "see, you can't" collection.

DRESSED IN ECO-CHIC

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THE recently wrapped Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week had a definite lean toward green — both in the number of eco-friendly, recycled-material and sustainably produced clothing lines on the runway and in the efforts of organizers to lessen their effect on the environment.

Sure, the unveiling of a new, low-emission diesel Mercedes and an Earth-friendly Smashbox cosmetics line during the official run of shows in Culver City smacked of penguin-saving public relations gimmickry, but even designers who weren't dabbling in hemp or organic cotton seemed to have the ecosystem in mind, including Randolph Duke, with his "glamorganic" nature-inspired gowns and Eric Kim and his environmental slogan-

