

RETAIL DETAILS

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NORDSTROM EVENT

Children from metro Detroit met to paint 219 tiles that will be used to floor the Children's Department at the Nordstrom's Department Store, opening Aug. 16, 1996 at the Somerset North shopping complex in Troy.

Under the direction of artist Charles Bigger, the kids designed and painted their favorite animals in a palette of vibrant colors. The event raised more than \$6,500 to help the conservation, recreation and education programs of the Detroit Zoological Society.

With the opening of the Troy store, Nordstrom will operate 61 stores in 17 states. Sales in 1994 were \$3.9 billion.

OAKLAND MALL ADDITIONS

Three new shops have opened at the Oakland Mall in Troy. These include: Via Roma (complete line of designer men's wear) Athlete's Foot (specializing in national brands of footwear) and Petite Sophisticates.

GIFT SHOWROOM

For the first time, Hudson's opened a Corporate Gifts showroom on the lower level of the Oakland Mall store in Troy. A merchandise specialist will staff the exhibit Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling (810) 697-2260.

SPA OPENS TO MEN

Margot's Euro Spa (Woodward two blocks north of Maple in Birmingham) created a new wing to cater specifically to men. There will also be special early morning and late evening appointment times to accommodate busy schedules. Margot's offers pedicures, manicures, full body massages, complete facials, haircuts, skin and scalp treatments. For more information call (810) 642-3770.

NEW SHOE SHOPS

Lakeside in Sterling Heights welcomes Bootleggers and Aldo to its lineup of footwear stores. Bootleggers features Western-style boots and accessories. Quebec-based Aldo sells shoes from Italy and Spain for men and women.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Wonderland Mall in Livonia now has two electronic vehicles available free of charge, to customers who need mobility assistance while shopping. The vehicles are stored at the Information Booth. Inquiries are welcome at (313) 622-4100.

SCOTT SCULPTURE REMODELS

The Troy and Novi stores of Scott Sculpture have been redesigned to better showcase the furniture collections. The Troy store

also unveils a new Studio of Interior Design. According to company president Gary VanKlancan, three customer centers were addressed when remodeling: clustering specific collections with lifestyle categories, speeding delivery of mainstream products and providing more professional design services.

GORMAN'S PROMOTION

Gorman's Furniture launched a promotion with Northwest Airlines that awards World-Perks Miles. A \$500 mileage certificate to customers making a purchase. For each dollar a customer spends, Gorman's will double the amount in World-Perks miles awarded. Shoppers who don't have a Northwest World-Perks card, can sign up on the spot at any of Gorman's four stores, two in Southfield, in Novi and Troy.

GALLERY DEBUTS

Artquest Gallery, showcasing contemporary objects of art and designs for living, is open at 185 N. Woodward in Birmingham. The gallery will be open Tuesday through Saturday. Owner MaryLou Chinn welcomes inquiries at (810) 640-2484.

DE LA RENTA AT SAKS

The elegant, refined clothing collection for men by Oscar de la Renta is available at Saks Fifth Avenue, exclusively at the Somerset Collection store. The line has many details combined with intricately woven patterns and textures. The jackets have a softer, tailored edge — new, but not too cutting edge.

GOLFER'S COLLECTION

The Payne Stewart Collection, a golf apparel line is available at Hudson's. The collection by Pincus Brothers-Maxwell features shirts, pants, shorts, sportcoats, dress shirts, argyle socks, and of course, Stewart's signature knickers. Prices range from \$36-\$200.

BEAD STORE PREMIERS

The Wild Bead Company, featuring component jewelry from around the globe for make-your-own purposes, opened a 600-square foot store at Twelve Oaks in Novi. The store will serve as a prototype for future locations.

ANTIQUES MALL DEBUTS

Knightbridge Antiques Mall is open on Seven Mile, west of I-75 in Northville. More than 100 dealers have wares on display, making the shopping stop "the biggest antique center in southeast Michigan," according to owners Bruce and Linda McKenzie. The couple has room for up to 300 dealers. The mall is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays until 8 p.m. For more details call (810) 344-7200.

Restaurant Number Two



Middle east menu: Phoenixia of Birmingham, one of the area's oldest and most popular Lebanese restaurants, gets a sister, at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Owner Sameer Eid said the 250-seat mall restaurant will offer entertainment, music and dancing. There is a 40-seat room for private parties. Seven seascapes are painted on the windows.

Where can I find?

Several readers called with tips on where Joanne McKune of Farmington Hills could find her beloved card game "Authors."

Peggy Nelson said she found the game at The Livonia Civic Center Library gift shop, 1-313-421-7238, at Five Mile and Farmington.

Sally Dubry of Canton and Marilyn Burkhardt of Plymouth said the game could be ordered from U.S. Games Systems Inc. in Stamford, CT. To place an order call 1-800-644-2637 or 1-203-353-8400.

New Challenges

We've fallen behind on readers' requests for hard-to-find items, so here are a bunch for your consideration:

■ "For my wedding, 24 years ago, I received a pair of crystal salt and pepper shakers. The shakers had screw-on crystal tops. One of the tops has been broken. I have no idea where to start looking for a replacement. Do any readers have suggestions?" — Martha Walton of Plymouth.

■ "I saw 'panta creasers' in a catalog, but was wondering where to buy them locally? These are metal frames. Also, I'm looking for a small metal garbage can with a tight-fitting lid to store bird seed outside. Squirrels eat through the plastic ones." — W. Altess of Plymouth.

■ "I've been looking for this item for years without success... could your readers help? I have a laundry chute from a first floor bath to the basement. I need a laundry bag that attaches to the end of the chute. It must be large and have a zipper on the bottom. Mine is 26 years old and I've repaired it a dozen times." — Patricia Todd of Garden City.

■ "I'm in need of a cook's catalog or local retail shop that sells specialty smoked meats." — Karen McLand, Birmingham.

If any shopper knows where to get any of these very hard-to-find items, please give Malls & Mainstreets a call at (810) 901-2567. You can fax an answer to (810) 644-1314.

Kitchen from page 4B

To prepare for the future, Kitchen Glamor is computerizing because "efficiency is key to competing in the '90s and beyond."

"We're going to be able to keep track of point of sales and our stock. Right now, keeping track of our stock, keeps us away from our customers," said Chris.

Chris and Toulas were raised in Greek homes. Chris remembers meals made from scratch with fresh ingredients. Both know first hand, the kitchen is the heart of the home. Toulas can still smell and taste the heavenly pastries he's fallen used to bring home from his job as the Whittier Hotel's catering manager.

An accomplished cook, Toulas studied at the Cordon Bleu in England with Julia Child, and also with Jacques Piquen, James Beard, Marcelle Hazen and Giuliano Bugialli. She directs the cooking school at Kitchen Glamor, frequently featuring Master Chefs like Milos Cihelka, Ed Janos and Brian Polcyn. Her aim is hassle-free creative cooking. Students learn by demonstration and actual hands-on experience to stir up tasty sauces and make fresh pasta in 16 minutes.

"Cooking classes are a big part of our business," she said. "Over the years we've had chefs like Julia Child and James Beard as instructors. We want to make cooking a pleasant experience. If people don't learn the basics and how to utilize their time properly, cooking can be a chore."

Americans are striving for healthier lifestyles and that's why

nonstick cookware, eliminating the need for oils, is a popular item at Kitchen Glamor. Sales of gadgets like garlic presses and vegetable peelers, along with health-oriented cookbooks, have also been growing steadily.

Another part of the stay-at-home trend, is the return to time-tested cooking methods such as the pressure cooker. Toulas has written a book on the subject. Recipes from Bouillabaisse to Lemon Cheesecake and Lobster Pricaise in Puff Pastry Shells make the mouth water just turning the pages. Published in 1994, "The Pressure Cooker Cookbook" is just one of more than 1200 titles in stock.

"Pressure cooking is big in Europe. Introduced in 1939, it cooks without fat and retains nutrients and colors. It takes longer to prepare your ingredients then cook them, because pressure cooking decreases cooking time by up to 70 percent. And the new pressure cookers are safe," she said.

Cook's toys like high-tech machines and gadgets are bringing more men into the kitchen. They will continue to be best sellers as Kitchen Glamor guarantees satisfaction by testing as many as 10 brands at a time to ensure a quality product on the shelf.

Among these, what's going to be hot this holiday season?

"People are going to be practical this year," Chris insisted. "Our best sellers are non-stick cookware, bread machines, cappuccino/espresso makers, coffee grinders and cutlery."

LEISURE DAYS GETAWAY

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