

RETAIL DETAILS

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Jacobson's extends hours

Beginning Sept. 2, all Jacobson's department stores will extend their business hours remaining open until 9 p.m. Jacobson's will continue Sunday hours from noon to 5 p.m.

The Magic School Bus will visit Fairlane Town Center

Teacher extraordinaire Ms. Frizzle leads a class in a "Wild Ride-Certified." Saturday, Sept. 6 at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on the Fountain Stage at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

The live theatrical show is 30 minutes of music, puppets and laughter, adapted from the PBS series and the award-winning Scholastic book series.

The show marks the debut of Fall Family FunCentral concerts, movies and educational activities for children, each Saturday in October. For more details call the center at (313) 593-1370.

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Escapades in downtown Franklin has moved across the street to larger quarters to begin carrying both antique furniture and jewelry. The shop also has many unique items for gift-giving. For more details call (248) 855-5856.

Collection expands this fall

Located at select T. J. Maxx stores since 1996, will be available in many more local stores and will expand to include day-to-evening wear and career wear.

The sportswear collection originally featured mix-and-match separates that offered design-style at affordable price points.

The garments this season feature cotton velour, polar fleece wool, corduroy, ultra suede, lambskin leather and faux fur in colors like sable, camel, moss, charcoal, navy, deep purple, ivory and black.

T. J. Maxx is a Massachusetts-based off-price retailer with more than 575 stores in 47 states, selling merchandise at 20 to 60 percent below department store regular prices.

Target collects used books

Now through Sept. 6, all Target stores will feature collection bins for shoppers to drop off new and like-new books for family literacy programs in Target-store markets nationwide.

Target partnered with *Wishbone*, a popular PBS show canine, to promote back-to-school shopping. Target is calling this drive the "Donate A Classic Tail - Target/Wishbone National Book Drive."

Send a cookie bouquet

Cookies By Design, a shop that

creates customized cookies in a floral-like arrangement, has opened in the Simsbury Plaza, 33250 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Owners Connie and Tom Carlson own a second shop, The Cookie Bouquet in Rochester Hills. To place an order call (248) 539-4029. An average bouquet contains seven custom-designed cookies for \$42.

Leather/suede trunk show

Grownbeans designer Karen Groner will show her fall/winter collection in leather and suede at Roz & Sherm in the Bloomfield Plaza, Aug. 28-30. The plaza is at Telegraph and Maple Roads.

Accent on health, happiness

Makeup and beauty consultant Jeffrey Bruce will hold a Kelly & Co.-style makeover presentation at a benefit for The Jewish Home for the Aged, Sept. 18 at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield.

Program director Julio Ritten said tickets are \$20-\$40 for the event, which will include consultations with plastic surgeons, hair stylists and dermatologists. For more details, including the time and other special activities of the day, call Ritten at (248) 932-1818.

New Kroger chief

Marnette Perry, 45, has been promoted to President of the Kroger Co. of Michigan, operating 82 stores in Southeastern Michigan.

Ms. Perry succeeds Bruce Lucia who has been appointed president of Kroger's division in Columbus, Ohio. Perry recently served as Kroger's vice-president of merchandising in the Delta Marketing Area in Memphis. She majored in education at Ohio University.

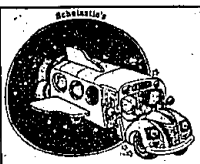
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Back to school gifts



Stamp collector: Missing your college coed already? Tiffany's makes it easy for them to keep in touch with you with this sterling silver mailbox stamp dispenser, \$215. It holds up to 100 stamps - with style! Also in the line, a sterling silver ruler, picture frames and key chains. Available at the Somerset Collection South store in Troy.



593-1370. 1996 Scholastic Inc. Based on The Magic School Bus series, Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen.

Where can I find?

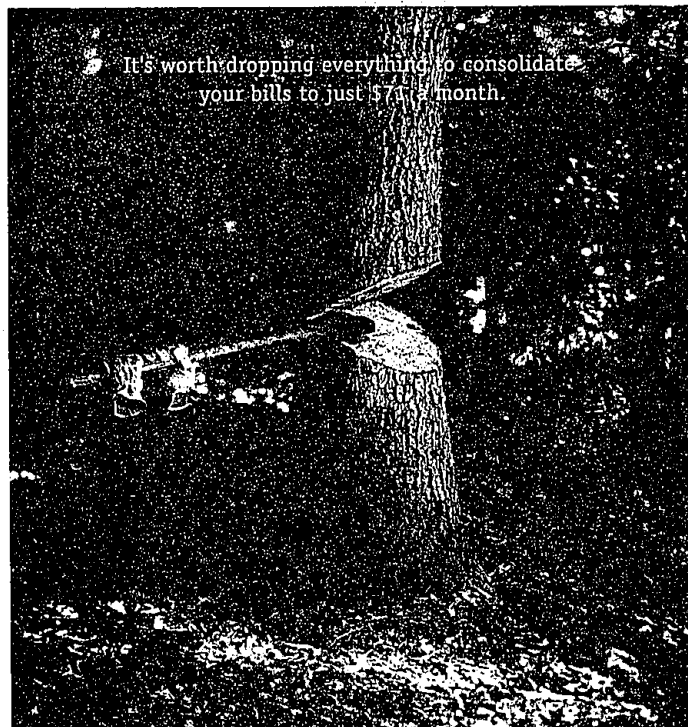
This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (toll-free and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

What we found:

- A caller said Zena brand jeans are sold at the Sam's Club Warehouse in Westland. Another caller said shoppers can find them at Target. Three other callers said they're sold through the Chadwick's of Boston catalog 1-800-525-6650.
- Two readers had the soft sculpture Noah's Ark patterns and were willing to share them. One pointed out that the patterns could be found in the book *Woman's Day Book of Soft Toys and Dolls*, 1975, by Simon Schuster.
- Cushions for Danish-Modern chairs may be found at Jimmie's Rustics according to a caller. "It worked for mine," she said.
- A caller said the dish washing scrub brushes can be ordered from the Fuller Brush catalog *Home Trends*, 3 for \$9.95, by calling 1-716-254-6620, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The Complete Battery Source has battery-operated appliances, including blenders and hair dryers. Call (313) 632-3452.

Still searching for:

- Touche cologne by Jovan for Ginny Jacobs of Livonia.
- What kind of beans go into filling a beanbag chair? for Kristin.
- An open barrister bookcase by O'Sullivan #80954 for Maggie. "I found it in the Service Merchandise catalog, and at Kmart, but they're sold out and discontinued," she explained.
- A copy of the book *Hanga Yo, an American Saga* by Ruth B. Hill for Lois Dawson.
- A Faberware crock pot for Barbara Bergman. "It has a vegetable design on the outside and a glass lid," she said.
- A 10- to 14-inch statue of the Scales of Justice for Phil. "My daughter is graduating from law school and I want to present her with such a gift," he said.
- A copy of the film "King Creole" starring Elvis for Kevin.
- A copy of *The Life and Times of John Applesed* for Suzanne Shipley of Huntington Woods. "My uncle is a descendant and I want to locate this out-of-print book for him," she said.
- A grocer or market in the Birmingham-area that sells canned goods without sodium for Sarah Zusman.
- A copy of the children's book *Brave Little Indian*, for Nancy Torossian of Plymouth. Published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- A tape of Eddie Money's *Nothing To Lose* for Bridget. "Mine broke and I'm lost without it," she said.
- Superhero bathroom accessories for Eric of Redford who is redoing his bathroom and wants a bright red tumbler and soap dish, plus a Superhero toilet seat and wastebasket.
- Little glass wind chimes, very inexpensive, in geometric shapes, with a small little tinkle sound, for Toni of Livonia.
- Beeman's chewing gum for Betty. "I don't see it around anywhere," she said.
- A neoprene wallet that has a zipper in the middle compartment about 7" x 4" for May Perry.
- A place to buy St. Ives Swiss Formula vanilla body wash and lotions for Cheryl of Redford.
- A store that sells Pirelli rubber gloves for Dean. "We used to get them at Lechter's or Bed, Bath and Beyond, but they're not there anymore," he said. "They were very durable and well-priced."
- A trio of things for Beverly: Rest & Renewal Night Cream concentrate in a tube by Revlon Results; Picallily hamburger relish (it's reddish in color), and the Black & Decker food processor - not the mini chopper.
- A children's book from the 40's-50's about a lost deer named BoBo for Lauren Holmes.
- Arena goggles.
- A shop that sells folding high chairs.
- A recording of "Someone who believes in you" from the soundtrack *Date With An Angel* for Cindy of Canton.
- The Bombay Kitty from *The Littlest Pet Shop* series by Kenner. Although it's discontinued, Amy and her daughter Laura, 7, of Farmington Hills, hope to locate one for a writing project they're working on.
- An outlet for Polly Flanders dresses for Mary Ann. "The Birch Run store has closed," she said.



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