

# 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 (clearly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

## What we found:

- Try ordering Windemere rollers and other products from the company at 1 (800) 557-9463, or write to: Windemere 5980 Miami Lake Dr., Miami Lake, FLA. 33014.
- Look for Star Trek merchandise at the Sci Fi Shop in Royal Oak, or the QVC shopping channel. Two catalogs that sell the "Communicator" are Wireless at 1 (800) 669-9999 and Command Performance at 1 (800) 873-9283.
- Several readers offered their Seal-A-Meal makers, wooden playpens, wok rings and old Singer sewing machines.
- A reader thought she spotted the Precious Moments statue "girl with presents" at Milty's Card and Gifts in Sheridan Square, Garden City.
- Revlon eyebrow pencil refills can be purchased from the cosmetic stores at Meijer's, but light brown only, blonde is discontinued.
- A caller bought a magnifying glass with 4x power from Dobbs Optical inside St. Joe's Hospital in Ypsilanti. (313) 434-6230.
- Nicky of Plymouth reports that she called Dial, also seeking the deodorant, to learn that the company discontinued the item and got out of the deodorant business because of "too many government regulations."

## Still searching for:

- Terry cloth aprons, but not the bib style.
- A recipe for pumpkin bar cookies from the '70s with nuts and crumb topping for Maureen.
- Nehi cream soda. (Sorry, several readers let us know we spelled it wrong last week! However, no one knows who still sells this old favorite or if it's even made anymore.)
- Styrofoam sheets 2-feet by 2-feet 1/4-inch thick for Ed Moros.
- The 1984 Precious Moment Christmas ornament for Gina.
- A Kidster Doll for My Buddy by Hasbro for Mary of Westland's granddaughter. She's also wondering if anyone has parts for a McDonald's hamburger maker she bought at a garage sale.
- A Bell and Howell #550 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.
- A children's book, *Harold and the Purple Crayon* for Suzy of West Bloomfield.
- Will anyone sell Mary Ann their old tartan plaid pattern dishes from Arita?
- A three-foot high wishing well for Dianna's outdoor garden.
- Foam pump with a pump that supports the neck for Jackie.
- Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wis for Ron Petrolia.
- A filter for a Norelco clean water machine for Gertrude of Troy.
- Luncheon plates, cups and saucers in the Daisy pattern offered by the Spiegel catalog in spring/summer of 1996.
- A yellow, Answer Finder, to use with the *Scribbles Learn With Me Club* by Western Publishing for Sue of Canton.
- An original cast recording starring Albert Finney in *A Christmas Carol* for Bill Jacob.
- The *Together* cassette by The Hemphills for Wilma of Detroit.
- A birthday Lucy and Mo collectible from Enesco #7.
- Shaving cream Taylor of Old Bond St. formerly available through mail order for Shari of Farmington Hills.
- A TV tuner adapter for Game Gear and a hockey game for Game Gear for Colleen of Redford.
- Dick Clark cologne for Gloria of West Bloomfield.
- Lunch or dinner plates from Lynn Steimeister, *Colorways* pattern, for Joan Marinelli, who's also looking for small, glass wine chimes.
- An instruction manual for the Apple LC II for Mary of Livonia.
- A basket for the Frymaster, about 10 1/2-inches across for Shirley.
- Sega Genesis *Shining Force One* game for Norma.
- A copy of the book about an angel *The Shiniest Star*.
- Small, Toni permanent rollers, 4-inches long, for Mary Callahan.
- Bugle Boy elastic waist pants and elastic ankles with Velcro closures in child's size Large for Jo.
- Pique cologne for Gail of Westland.
- Two items for Carol Steffler: men's rubber, duck shoes and Windex glass and surface cleaner, clear liquid, for multi-surface cleaning.
- A small model of a scorpion for Sally of Bloomfield Hills' son.
- Battery-operated cars and truck for the discontinued motoring Playskool for Cheryl of Birmingham.

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Bell chimes from Harmony Hollow in vivid colors from \$29.95 at Michigan.

## Made in Michigan

The Michigan stores (with locations in Birmingham and Lansing) are celebrating their 10th year in business with a four-in-one gift basket series featuring products made in Michigan or about Michigan. The December basket includes dinner for two with soup, pasta, marinara sauce, bread, rice, dessert and coffee. The March, has four jars of the state's tastiest jams and jellies; The June, features picnic items packed into a Michigan-shaped crate; and The October basket is breakfast for a chilly morning with dried blueberries for the pancake mix, plus maple syrup and coffee.

To order a catalog call 1-800-443-9284. Look for them on the Internet at [www.michigania.com](http://www.michigania.com). The company sells T-shirts, objects of art, puzzles, maps, food products, crafts and novelty gifts.

**Sports Gallery opens second location** Birmingham's Sports Gallery offers a second mecca for sports enthusiasts at the north end of the food court at Tel-Twelve Mall, Southfield. According to owner Michael Fishman, the store will carry autographed items from athletes as well as jerseys, autographs, baseballs, display cases and Red Wings Championship memorabilia including pucks, sticks, hats and coffee mugs. All merchandise comes with a certificate of authenticity. For more details call (248) 642-0044.

## Fashion Library marks 10th year

The Fashion Group International will hold an Open House at the Tavy Stone Fashion Library to commemorate the library's 10th year on the second floor of the Detroit Historical Museum across from the Hudson Exhibit, Sunday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featured will be a display of vintage hats and clothing from the private collection of Maureen Wickens. Museum admission and parking fees apply. The non-circulating library keeps limited hours Wednesday-Friday. Phone requests can be made by calling

(313) 832-0844.

## Volunteers needed for Holiday Parade

The 16th annual Livonia Holiday Parade, co-sponsored by the Livonia Mall, needs floats, clowns, bands, inflatables and marching units for "Christmas Wishes" this year's theme, set for Saturday, Nov. 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at Six Mile and Middlebelt.

The parade will march down Middlebelt to Seven Mile. Corporations, businesses or groups with floats could win the float contest earning \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation which seeks to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. For more information, call the mail at (248) 476-1160.

## Mail hosts radiothon

Oakland Mall in Troy will lend its center court to VARIETY, The Children's Charity for their 3rd annual *Care For Kids* radiothon, Nov. 6-7. The River 93.9 FM will present an on-air auction, celebrity appearances plus interviews with special children from VARIETY. Pledges of \$193.90 will allow officers from the Detroit Police Department to buy bicycles for disadvantaged kids in their precincts. Last year the radiothon produced \$53,000. Co-chairs are attorney Richard Bockoff of Birmingham and sportscaster Don

Shane of WKYV-TV. The broadcast runs from 6 a.m. on Nov. 6 through 7 p.m. on Nov. 7. For more details call VARIETY at (248) 268-5511.

## Paulson's earns Sony franchise

Paulson's Audio & Video, 12 Mile and Farmington, is one of four metro dealers to become special Sony franchisees. According to owner Ken Paulson the partnership "is based on our ability to provide extensive product support and solutions."

He said Paulson's will offer Sony Trinitron televisions including the XBR, Digital Satellite Systems with 32 bit processing, and Web TV products for television internet surfing. Inquiries are welcome at (248) 553-4100.

## Coming soon to Birmingham

Two of the newest kids on the block in downtown Birmingham are Lilith at 154 West Maple (formerly True Faux and Birmingham Bear) and The Purple Bear, 244 East Maple in Lisa Parks former store. Lilith is a clothing store owned by Mark Keller, and The Purple Bear is a children's shop, the first outside of Chicago. Two alternative shops for the holidays are opening at

300 Willets at Bates, Global Gifts and Crafts and UNICEF Card Shop from Nov. 4-Dec. 20, Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gifts sold will be high quality, yet inexpensive to benefit the poor. Among the selection, pottery, baskets, toys, wall hangings and Christmas decorations. For more details call (248) 644-0550.

## Farmer Jack opens more stores

Farmer Jacks opens the first of four new stores scheduled to open over the next five weeks. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, a ribbon cutting ceremony is set for 3 p.m. at the 55,000-square foot store at Big Beaver and John R. in Troy. This \$7 million, state-of-the-art grocery store will stock more than 30,000 different products, including counter top appliances.

New stores are also ready to open in Highland Park on Nov. 12 and in Taylor and East Dearborn on Dec. 12.

## DDA moves to larger quarters

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority (DDA) moved to Glendale Center, expanding from 231-square feet to 1,400-square feet. Their new

address is 500 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B. Chairman Casey Ambrose said the move gives the office much-needed meeting and storage room. For more information call the DDA (248) 926-9004.

## Fairlane names new marketer

Lili Donaldson of Clarkston has been hired to direct marketing, public relations and special events at the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and has a bachelor's degree in journalism from U of M, and a masters in advertising from Michigan State University.

Before coming to Fairlane, a Taubman Co. mail, she held management positions at The Laura Co., Owens Corning, Diversy Corp., National Kidney Foundation and Blue Care Network.



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