

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 give a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

What we found:

- **Pit Game** players take note: You can order the game from *Winning Moves* in Illinois, 1-800-678-2468.
- Here's the **Fuller Brush** number again for a reader in Southfield, 1-800-522-0499.
- Look for **Star Trek** merchandise at the **Sci Fi Shop** in Royal Oak, or catalogs that sell the "Communicator" are **Wireless** at 1-800-669-9999 and **Command Performance** at 1-800-873-8263.
- **Maybelline** users take note: Representative Gori Nichols said customers will NEVER find the cake mascara in the red box. The item stopped being manufactured six years ago when the molds gave out and had to be destroyed. Nichols said customers will NEVER find the eyebrow pencil refills, either. These were discontinued three years ago. She admits she hears requests for these products daily, but they are extinct with no plans to restore them.
- **Terry cloth** aprons are available in the **Vermont Country Store** catalog, 1-802-362-4647.
- A caller offered to tape his **Together cassette** by The Hemphills for Wilma of Detroit, but she didn't leave her number with us.
- **Foam pillows** with a hump that supports the neck were spotted at **Target** and **Sears**.
- Men's rubber **duck shoes** can be found in the *Orvis* catalog, \$45, 1-800-541-3541.
- Someone had a bottle of **Pique cologne** for Gail of Westland.
- **Nehi soda** in some flavors is available from **The Peanut Store** in East Lansing (517) 374-0008.
- A treader had some **Styrofoam sheets** 2-feet by 2-feet 1/4-inch thick for Ed Moross.
- A **Kidslaster Doll** (like new) was found for Mary of Westland's granddaughter.
- **Unicare hair conditioner** is now marketed under the name **Cure Care** and available at **Sally's Beauty Supply**, according to reader Tammie.

Still searching for:

- A 1995 dated, **Orzo cookie tin** for Chris of Garden City.
- A recipe for pumpkin bar cookies from the '70s with nuts and crumb topping for Maureen.
- The **Parker Brothers** card game **Flinch** for Jane Matthews and the rubber **Spoolies** hair curlers.
- The 1984 **Precious Moment Christmas ornament** for Gina.
- A **Bell and Howell #850 slide projector** with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.
- **Fuzzy wuzzy soap bars** for Lisa of Redford.
- Will anyone sell Mary Ann their old **tartan plaid pattern dishes** from Arita?
- Where can **Bangkok flatware** be appraised?
- A recording of **Cyndi Lauper's Man in the Desert**
- A three-foot high **washing well** for Dianna's outdoor garden.
- An electric **Super Shooter** for Bob of Troy, it's no longer made.
- A push-button **radio**, like in the car.
- **Shirley Temple** paper dolls, the three book set.
- A **Vidal Sassoon** set of hot rollers with 26 hair rollers.
- A **Tim Allen** signature **hammer** for Bruce of Canton.
- Replacement **cutting blades** for the **Hair Wix** for Ron Petrella.
- **Pleated rainbonnets** that fold to 3-inches.
- **Queen-size silk**, not satin, sheets for **Kathy of Canton**.
- The first **Hallmark Star Trek ornament**, *The Enterprise* for Kathy of Canton's husband.
- **Chain handles** for a purse that needs replacements for wanda of Farmington.
- The old board game **Call My Bluff**, for Joe of Livonia.
- A **Lion King** lithograph for Nancy Nettie.
- **Lily of the Valley** fragrance for Betty.
- A watercolor instruction book by **John Blockley**.
- A **filter** for a **Norelco** clean water machine for Gertrude of Troy.
- The old **Picture Picture game** for Brenda of Canton.
- **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 Jacobs.
- A 1941 copy of **Jolly Jingle Picture Book** by **Rand McNally** for Sharon Gage.
- The board game **Cathedral** "popular about nine years ago," for Mr. and Mrs. Elliot.
- A source for **wedding bands** from **Keepsake Jewelers** for Mary of Plymouth whose husband lost his wedding ring on a golf outing.
- A birthday **Lucy and Me** 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 Stelmist**, *Colorways* pattern, for Jean Marinelli, who's also looking for small, glass wind-chimes.
- An instruction manual for the **Apple LC II** for Mary of Livonia.
- A basket for the crystal **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*.
- **Toni permanent rollers**, 4-inches long, for Mary Callahan.
- **Lenox #7**, **Seven Swans** A **Swimming ornament** for Sheila of Canton.
- **Bugle Boy** elastic **waist pants** and elastic ankles with **Velcro** closures in child's size **Large** for Jo.
- Two toys, **Weebels Treehouse** and **Don't Go With Strangers** book for Mary Ann of Canton.
- A small model of a **scorpion** for Sally of Bloomfield Hills' son.
- A 1990 **Santabear** for Cathy.
- **Donna Karan's Toner** body **stocking** in nude or black, plus a book about a black, **Scottie dog**, *Pieface* for Dottie of Plymouth.
- Battery-operated **cars and truck** for the discontinued **motoring Playskool** for Cheryl of Birmingham.
- A **rocking wooden kangaroo** (in the spirit of the hobby horse) for Mary of Livonia. "I bought the last one from The General Store on 10 Mile/Meadowbrook, but they're no longer there."
- **Emprin** **aspirin** and **Revlon Oily Flex Shampoo** (with a brown cap) for Dawn Peruski.
- A stone **pollisher** for Jennifer.
- A "drowsy doll," with a pull-string.
- The **Land Before Time's Little Foot** doll.
- A recording of **Gene Autry** singing *Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer*.
- Who still sells **frozen Milky Way** bars?
- A **Bo-Jo** rubber toy from the 50's about 5" tall, neutral color, his eyes, ears, etc, pop when you squeeze him for Mickey of Livonia who wants it for her grandchildren.

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Kroger hosts Food Drive

The demand for food for the needy is up 23-percent this year heading into the holidays, according to Gleaners Food Bank. To help, all 82 Michigan Kroger stores will offer prepackaged bags of Kroger brand food in \$5 and \$10 increments for purchase. Shoppers simply pick the bag of their choice and pay for it when they cash out, depositing the bag in a collection bin for distribution to the food bank. For their donation, customers will be given a coupon for \$5 off a deli party tray.

The drive begins Monday, Nov. 10 through Dec. 24.

Leather goods shop opens

Connecticut-based GHURKA picked Somerset Collection South in Troy as the home of its second boutique (the original is in New York City) selling handbags, luggage and accessories. Opening Nov. 24, the name GHURKA was chosen to identify the shop with the elite forces of Britain's Gurkha infantry. The company has duplicated the same tanning process that was used to make the indestructible waterproof leather gear for the Gurkha officers.

Folk Art shop in Birmingham

The art of Barbara Bourgeois-Richards (internationally-known folk artist based in Rome) is now sold from her own boutique at 154 W. Maple in Birmingham. In addition to the art, the shop sells

American antiques and 19th century collectibles. The store is open Monday-Saturday. Inquiries are welcome at (248) 723-8410.

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 6 p.m.

Featured will be a display of vintage hats and clothing from the private collection of Maureen Wickenheiser.

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.

Hudson's hosts Mitten Drive, and children's coloring contest

All Hudson stores are asking children and their parents to donate new, or gently-used mittens to the Salvation Army through the drop-off in every Kids Department. For their trouble, children can complete a coloring contest entry and receive a Snowman Button. Each winner per store receives a snowman plush doll through Nov. 15.

Christmas store goes online

For the first time, customers around the world can shop for holiday items and collectibles 365 days a year, 24-hours a day at the Old World Canterbury Village's "virtual storefront" on the Internet. Though the shop is based in Lake Orion, its selection of 60,000 different items can be previewed across the globe at www.canterburyvillage.com



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Wednesday, November 12
Wednesday, November 26
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
3010 W. Walton Blvd.

Bloomfield
Thursday, November 13
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
3900 Telegraph Rd.

Livonia
Wednesday, November 19
9:30 a.m.
at Bill Knapp's
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

South Livonia
Wednesday, November 19
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
32955 Plymouth Rd.

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Thursday, November 20
9:30 a.m.
at Bill Knapp's
36650 Grand River Ave.
Thursday, November 20
2 p.m.
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