

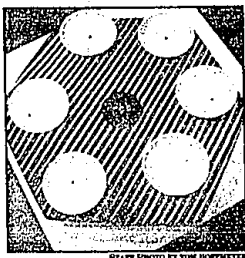
Bring a clean, new look to Seder meal

Honoring the Hebrew traditions of Passover's Seder meal doesn't preclude a show of contemporary aesthetics, even when it comes to dishware.

"People are buying more decorative pieces," said Anjoo Lami, owner of ZYZYXI, an art, craft and jewelry store in West Bloomfield that sells unique, modern-looking Seder plates.

"Religiously symbolic food is presented and served on the six special plates as part of Passover's observance."

"I think you always have your traditional ones, but I think people want to display (the dishes) all year long," said Lustig. "That's why you're seeing that the plates are becoming more and more artistic."



Modern aesthetics: Artist Arlene Ancona designed this contemporary black and white Seder dish set, which sells for \$155 at ZYZYXI in West Bloomfield.

CHANGE IS GOOD

The Dandy Lion & Company store is moving from its downtown Rochester location, at 116 E. Fourth Street, to Lakeside mall in Sterling Heights. The store will be located on the upper level of the mall next to Hudson's. It opens April 1.

BUNNIES TO HOLD

Easter bunny gifts need not be chocolate. Besides, there's an abundance of unique and adorable stuffed animal bunnies to add to children's Easter baskets or incorporate into a dinner table centerpiece this holiday.

The Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe, at 60 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston, has an array of unusual

and cuddly Easter bunnies, including the Hop-to-it-Bunny, which dons a knit sweater big enough to hold an Easter egg.

Made by the North American Bear Company, the bunny sells for \$31. Other standouts at the Union General: a miniature fleece bunny that squeaks when squeezed, \$6.25, and a musical bunny that pops out of a head of lettuce and twirls to the tune of "The Waltzing Matilda," \$25.

ESSAY CONTEST

If you've always dreamed of running a retail store filled with beautiful merchandise, an unbelievable opportunity may await you. Diana Pink, the owner of Pink-N-Lace, an antique and gift store with a victo-

rian theme located at 1000 N. Main Street in Royal Oak, is giving away the contents of her store to the winner of a national essay contest. Worth more than \$150,000, the contents of the store include antiques, glassware, dolls, cards, beaded lamp shades, linens, lace, hats and clothes.

Write an essay, 300 words or less, about your dream of owning a business like Pink-N-Lace. Only the store's merchandise will be awarded to the winner. The contest entry deadline is May 31, 1999. For additional information and rules, you can visit <http://members.aol.com/PinknLace>, email to pinknLace@yahoo.com, call toll free (877) 656-0508 or stop by the store.

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

For Frances, we found a 1939 Central High School yearbook. Please call (248) 901-2555 and leave your phone number.

We are looking for the person who wrote the 1943 Northern High School yearbook, too. Please call the above number.

Elaine should also call with her telephone number since we found cork tiles for her.

The Gillette Company used to manufacture Deep Magic, but no longer does.

Yardley English Lavender cologne can be found at Meijer stores.

Wick'd candles can be found at the Town Peddler Craft store: 35323 Plymouth Road. Also, call Wayne Malburg, who makes the candles, at (734) 449-5026.

Max Factor lipstick in "Rosette" can be found in the Beauty Boutique catalog. Call (440) 826-3008. It is item #11820, located on page 54 and costs \$3.99.

For Gloria, we found a wire recording player.

AROMATIQUE candles in cinnamon-cider can be found at the Aromatique Gallery: 3421 Hwy. 25, North Herber Springs, Arkansas, (501) 362-7919. Also try Copper Cricket, 7216 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

We also found information about having a computer font made of a signature.

For Carol, we found Woodhewer cologne by Faberge. Also, one reader called to suggest trying the perfume Exclamation as a replacement.

Top fitted sheets can be found in the Voice of the Mountains General Merchandise catalog: P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, Vermont 05255-3000, (802) 362-8440.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:
Jane is looking for a 1995-96 St. Bell of Dearborn yearbook.

Michael is looking for an old style English (red) phone booth for a lower level residence.

Angela is looking for Yardley's April Violet soap, lotion and accessories.

Joann wants Estee Lauder feather proof lipstick in "Festive Red 006."

Elma is looking for three items: Trivial Pursuit (silvery screen edition), a corkscrew by International Sterling pattern "Royal Danish," and Neutrogena Solid Unique shampoo.

which looks like a bar of soap. Mr. Reeves is looking for Musk Oil by Alyssa Ashley. Winifred wants a darning egg.

Another reader is looking for a business that will restuff goose feather pillows.

Margaret is looking for square, braided fish for making sandwiches. It looks like McDonald's fish.

Laurio is looking for a large triangle hair net that ties and wraps around hair rollers.

Judy wants "Fletcher," a children's hardcover book published by Parents Magazine Press.

Eleanore is still looking for the ingredient used to make furniture polish. Wood alcohol is now methanol.

Rosemary still wants Crystal Lite lemonade flavor hard candies.

Denise is looking for Naturoessence European elastin firming facial by Avanza.

Carol from Westland is looking for TV plastic trays.

Marian is looking for MAROC cologne by Ultima.

Katrina wants a US Team soccer shirt.

Colleen still wants the Little statues that have heads that bounce that are placed in the back windows of cars.

Jennette wants Bongo button fly jeans.

Diane is looking for a 1960's plastic egg toy that contains characters from the Flintstones family.

Bob is looking for copies of Trading Times from before September 1998.

Margaret wants Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco in France.

Mary is looking for the Clairol Slender Twirl Brush/Curling Iron.

April is looking for the 1989 Plymouth, Canton & Salem yearbook.

Donnis wants a 1980 Wayne Memorial High School yearbook.

Pat is looking for Heywood-Wakefield Early American/Colonial Hard Rock maple furniture.

Kathy wants the Playskool toy "Awesome Tossome Cow," a soft nylon cow that moos.

Teresa is still looking for non-diatatto powder used to make bagels.

Jan is looking for Bonnie Doon women's wool ankle and knee socks.

Marion wants the "Indiana Jones Temple of Doom" cassette or CD. It is the second of three soundtracks.

Nancy wants the movie soundtrack from "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

John is looking for an Elvis Presley painting.

Deborah is looking for men's saddle shoes in a size 12 (narrow would be a plus) in black/white or navy/cream.

David is still looking for a PC interface (64K) organizer from Texas Instruments from about six years ago.

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