

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

STUFF WE GIVE



Unique looks: Hand-painted designs and wooden buttons embelish a sherpa jacket, \$178 at Van Dam's, a new women's clothing boutique at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.



New York guys: Designer Carolina Herrera's toast to the New York-style man, the fragrance 212 Men hit stores in September, \$39-55 at Hudson's.

Black boots: Nothing completes a fall wardrobe better than a pair of black, knee-high boots. Try Stuart Weitzman's rendition of the basic style, about \$330 at Nordstrom.



Timely games: New game Millenniumopoly is sure to trigger nostalgia, \$24.95 at Rand McNally, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Retail Rap

Merchants in downtown Rochester have connected a "lady's night" event that's actually designed with women, rather than men, in mind. Girls Night Out, slated 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, aspires to unite women - girlfriends, sisters, daughters and mothers - in an evening of girl talk and girl shop in downtown Rochester. More than 20 retailers, will offer discounts, prize drawings, refreshments, entertainment and gifts with purchase. Shop at 10 or more participating stores (ask for a Girls Night Out punch card at your first stop) and enter to win an \$100 gift certificate. There's no shortage of new stores in suburban Detroit. At Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, recently opened retailers include children's clothing OshKosh B'Gosh, teen apparel shop Aeropostale and tuxedo seller Randazzo Tuxedo. Also, Borders Books & Music recently opened a store adjacent to Great Lakes Crossing. New at Livonia's Laurel

Park Place is Van Dam's, a small, beautifully decorated women's clothing boutique where picking up unique apparel and accessories is sure to be a cinch and a joy (the store's decor is romantic-shabby-chic). Store owner Christine Van Dam will stock the shop with pieces by lesser-known, but up-and-coming, designers from New York and Los Angeles, as well as clothing designers from Michigan. Also at Laurel Park Place, Bath & Body Works has a new look. Earlier this year, the store abandoned its signature pastels in favor of a white and bright look. In downtown Birmingham, life is good as upscale women's clothing boutique Tender. Actor and comedian Tom Arnold recently paid a visit and did some shopping at the store. And, Cheryl and Karen Daskas, the sisters who co-own Tender, were honored several months ago by state legislators as women business leaders who've made a difference in their community. Also celebrating good times in

Birmingham is clothing and shoe store Edward Dorian. This year marks 10 years of outfitting local women for work and play at the store. Edward Dorian also expanded its digs earlier this year, which means a bigger shoe salon and an even larger selection of shoe styles. On a sad note, downtown Birmingham is losing a favorite and long-standing retailer. Alvin's Bride is closing up shop and moving. Though store owner Deb Mullin didn't plan to leave Birmingham, she couldn't pass up relocating the business in a 1850s Victorian-style mansion in St. Clair Shores. The bridal boutique has been in Birmingham for 21 years. Retail Rap is an update on happenings in the retail scene. From boutique openings and special events to trendy goods coming soon and the latest retail talk. You can send Retail Rap items to us by mail, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009, or e-mail, nstafford@oe.home.com.net, or fax, (248) 644-1314.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us, or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. WHAT WE FOUND: - Men's Huggar Expando-dress slacks are advertised in the J.C. Penney Fall/Winter Big Book (Page 444). - Ear wax candles can be purchased at Good Food Company in Troy and Canton. Zerbe's on Plymouth Road in Livonia, Lucky's Natural Foods on Broadway in Lake Orion, Health Ways in Fly, Michigan, Pat's Corner in Grand Rapids and Herbal Way Learning Center in Ida, Michigan, (734) 209-2622. - Buffalo Star B Ranch hot dogs are sold at Westborn Market in Livonia and possibly other Westborn Market stores. - Life Buoy soap can be purchased at F&M in Rochester. - Chic Jeans (without elastic) are available at K-Mart and Target stores. FIND & SEARCH NOTES - We found: millinery supplies, a 1988 Rochester High School yearbook, a mini chopper food processor, a 1961 Detroit All Saints High School yearbook and 1949-1951 Detroit Central High School yearbooks. - If any organization is interested in obtaining used

birthday cards, we have a reader who would like to donate them. Give us a call. - If anyone is looking for a 1976 Livonia Franklin High School yearbook, we have a reader who would like to donate it. - We still need a telephone number for the Ann Arbor Artisans. - We need another copy of the children's book "Fletcher" for Michelle. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR: - A small, glass dome blue bird that shows weather predictions by changing colors for Shirley. - Hand-painted baskets by A. Baenziger for Terri. - A store in the Southfield area where Benson's sliced fruit cake is sold for Don. - A long-line bra made by Subtract for Dorothy. - A watch with a very large clock face for Joan, who has a patient who is going blind. - Stag Chili, which is sold at Ralph's stores in California, for Jeff. - Wolf River apples. - A clothes poll used to prop-up clothing lines for Mary. - A game about the stock market called "Pit" for Joanne. - Wicked Walnut perfume for Jerry. - A 1959-60 Holy Redeemer High School yearbook for Gary. - A pair of gravity boots for Tom. - A Bob Vivant cocktail blender for Jo. - A motor for a Neutone built-in food center (model #221) or a replacement food

center for Mrs. Dewey. - Laundry starch in powder form for Mary. - A 1944-45 Fordson High School yearbook for Frances. - Replacement brushes, Toffen pads and clips for a two-headed Shetland Floor Scrubber for Bill, who lives in Garden City. - A replacement body for a "Dennis The Menace" doll for Norma. - Three Melanie's Mall dolls called "Prom Queen," "Melanie and her Poodle, Toddler" and "Rock Star Chrissy Lee" for Audrey. - A 1971-72 Romulus Junior High School yearbook for Barb. - A Cher fan club for Linda. - A pair of inexpensive silk gloves for Janet, who needs them due to a medical condition. - A video tape copy of the 1998 Thanksgiving Day Parade as shown on WDIV Channel 43 for Marian. - A Word Perfect 6.0 for Windows 95 manual for Irene. - A store in Northville where women's jeans are sold. - A 1938-39 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook for Marian. - A store where men's elastic-waist trousers in polyester or cotton are sold for Mrs. Jones. - Cassette tapes for a talking "Big Bird" for Elaine. - A compo meter electric manual for Marian. - A portable wine storage cabinet with a minimum capacity of 200 bottles for Joe of Livonia. - Compiled by Snail Jarockas

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