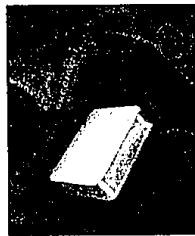


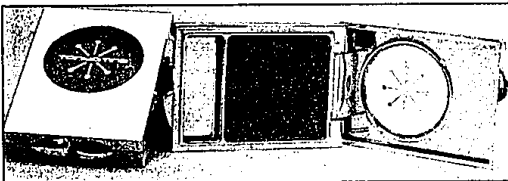
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## STUFF WE CRAVE

Luxury fibers and fit: Wool, cashmere and spandex come together in MaxMara's bodysuit with plunging back and detachable wrap belt, \$395, and asymmetrical skirt, \$240, both in cream at MaxMara, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Feel the rush: Gucci's Rush, designed by Tom Ford, is an oriental floral scent for women, \$75, 2.5 ounces of the eau de toilette natural spray, and a woody, musky fragrance for men, \$55, 3.4 ounces of the eau de toilette spray, Jacobson's stores, Fragrance department.



Enliven eyes: Brush an energy wave on your eyelids with Tony & Tina's Color Frequency Eye Shadow, which contains chamomile to reduce puffiness and vitamins A, C and E to soothe and rejuvenate skin, \$14 at local department stores.

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## WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

## WHAT WE FOUND:

- Cope aspirin can be purchased at area Kmart stores.

- Shirtwaist dresses can be purchased through the National Wholesalers catalog (800) 480-4673 or try the Internet at [www.barriespace.com](http://www.barriespace.com).

- The telephone for the hearing impaired can be purchased at the Radio Shack on Grand River in Farmington and through the Harris Communications catalog for the hearing impaired (800) 825-6755.

- To have a turntable repaired and restored try the Antique Audio in Plymouth (734) 207-2346.

- A small office supply store is Audette's Office supply located in Dearborn on Michigan Avenue (313) 565-

4611.

- For the old-fashioned shaving mug, try Tally Ho Antiques on Main Street in Rochester, (248) 652-6860.

- The Ocean Grille on N. Woodward in Birmingham occasionally serves finnan haddie. Call to see when it is on the menu (248) 646-7001.

- For used women's clothing on consignment try Bellocchio on Woodward north of the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, (248) 541-8025.

- For used clothing (men and women's) to be purchased outright try Nicole's Rival in Westland (734) 729-1234 or on the Internet [www.salesatnicolesrival.com](http://www.salesatnicolesrival.com).

- Old-fashioned paper dolls can be purchased at the Henry Ford Museum and at Greenfield Village gift shop.

## WHERE CAN I FIND:

- A store that sells a CD or cassette tape of the song Mexican Fantasy from the movie starring Ricardo Montalban for Shirley who resides in Livonia.

- A store that sells woman's pants by Lord Isaacs for Patricia.

- A store that sells a white wicker or wood Chavello child's mirror for Ruth.

- A store that sells the spray glass cleaner Glean for Ron of Livonia.

- A store that sells a coin purse with two compartments (one for pennies, the other for dimes, etc.) for Mrs. S. of Bloomfield Township.

- A store that converts old records to a CDs for Janet of Plymouth.

- A store that sells the Bed Buddy that can be heated in the microwave for Betty.

- A store or business that can repair or replace a side bar on a hospital bed for Delores.

- A store that sells tooth powder for Shirley.

- A store that sells children's moccasins in size one for Elaine.

- A store and the brand name that sells cinnamon ice cream for Shirley of Westland.

- An Internet site where vacant properties for sale are listed for Ronald, who lives in West Bloomfield.

- A store where an 80-inch round bed sheet can be purchased for Irene.

- A store where Coty lipstick in the shade Plum Vine can be bought for Clare.

- A store where a red bowl from a nest of four Pyrex mixing bowls (#402) can be bought for Janet, who lives in Rochester Hills.

- A store that sells children's cassette tapes with recorded birthday messages for Anne, who resides in Redford.

- A business in the Farmington area where home craft items are taken on consignment for Marian.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## Retail forecast not expected to change in fall

Michigan retailers' forecasts are still in check for the back-to-school and early fall season despite news of federal tax refunds.

Disappointing sales numbers are affecting retailers' outlook on business during the period.

The number of retailers who increased sales from the same month a year ago dropped from 37 percent in

June to 35 percent in July, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a project of the Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The index also showed that 50 percent of retailers saw a year-to-year sales decline in both June and July.

The number of retailers expecting better sales in the three-month, August-October

period also dropped between June and July. Also, those who projected sales declines rose 2 percent to 20 percent.

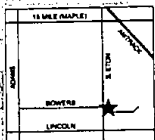
The Michigan Retailers Association is a state trade association of general merchandise retailers with more than 5,500 retail business members operating more than 12,000 stores across the state.

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