

SHOPPING

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:

- Duke's mayonnaise can be bought through the C.F. Sauer Company in Richmond, Va., (804) 359-5786; or on the Internet at www.cfsauer.com.
- For food coloring paste, try area Michael's stores (including in Westland) or area Meijer stores.
- For a resale shop for men's clothing, try Reruns in Livonia, (734) 522-2868.
- The Polish Barbie doll can be bought at the Polish Art Center store on Jos. Campau in Hamtramck, (313) 874-2242; or on the Internet at www.polishartcenter.com.
- For Palmolive soap, call the Colgate Palmolive Company at (800) 788-8889 or (800) 338-8388. They will ship you a case of soap.
- Thin chair pads can be bought at the MT Hunter Country Store on Old South Woodward in Birmingham, (248) 646-4440.

Where can I find?

FIND AND SEARCH:

- A school or organization that needs recycled Christmas or greeting cards.
- A place in the Troy area that recycles plastic bags.

WHERE CAN I FIND:

- A Sanders store in the Livonia area.
- A store that sells a photo album (three-ring binder, 12 by 8 inches, each page having two photos with a memo line under each photo) for Maryanne of Bloomfield?
- A store that sells chocolate candy with liquor shaped like bottles for Natalie?
- A store that sells a wooden cookbook holder (holds three or more cookbooks) to sit on a kitchen counter for Karen?
- Someone who refinishes old wooden trunks for Tina of Bloomfield?
- A store that sells a 2002 calendar of Detroit Red Wing players with their dogs for Jackie?

- A store that sells a wrought-iron or powder rod to hang a quilt on the wall for Cheryl?
- A store that sells replacement trays for slide projectors for Barbara?
- A store that sells a 25- to 30-year-old transmitter of a Genie garage door for Barbara?
- A store that sells a mini Super Wash washing machine (washes clothes by turning a crank handle) for Elizabeth? Dr. Leonard's catalog used to sell them.
- A store that has the four 1998 pewter Rochester Downtown Development Christmas ornaments for Roy of Rochester Hills?
- A store that sells the Sharp pint (less than 14 inches wide) microwave for Marilyn of Plymouth?
- A store that sells the videocassette movie *Ellis Island* for Shirley?
- Someone who does hair grooming in a client's home for Barbara?
- A store that sells Opupa No. 235, manufac-

- tured by Micys Company of Milan, Italy, for Betty of Livonia?
- A store that sells a menthol medicated rub for Jean?
- Someone who can repair an old Underwood typewriter for Larry of Belleville?
- A carpenter who can build and install cupolas for Laura?
- A store that sells Z-brick or something similar for interior walls for Laura?
- A store that sells the Farberware electric fry pan (any size) for Rhoda?
- A calligraphy class offered during the afternoon in the Livonia area?
- A store that sells a step stool with a seat and a back for Jocelyn?
- A store that sells a metal garment cabinet (30 to 36 inches) for Monica?
- Someone to repair an old pump organ for Margaret?
- A bakery that makes and sells Tweels cookies for Carmen?
- A store that sells a tent for a child's twin bed for Rosemary?
- A store that sells a trundle bed frame for Linda of Rochester Hills?
- A store that sells ladies' hatboxes for Bea of Garden City?
- Someone to repair music boxes for Kay?
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

SHOPPING BRIEFS

WACKY WINTER SERIES

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, will start its Wacky Winter Family Series 2 p.m. Sundays.

The first event in the free series, Wacky Science Show, will take place Jan. 20. Scheer Magic will return to mystify children and adults alike with the magic of science. Laughs are guaranteed.

WINTER SIDEWALK SALES

Westland Shopping Center, Wayne and Warren roads, will have its Winter Sidewalk Sales Thursday-Monday, Jan. 17-21, during regular mall hours. More than 30 stores will clear their stockrooms of winter merchandise to make way for spring fashions.

NEW RETAILERS

Twelve Oaks, I-96 and Novi Road in Novi, welcomes six new retailers to the shopping center.

They are Carnival Cafe, a treat store offering many goodies found at a typical fair or carnival; Ecco footwear; GameStop, with software, hardware and game accessories, pre-played games, computer magazines and strategy guides, action figures, trading cards and other related merchandise; The Great Steak & Potato Company, a "meat and potatoes" fast food operation; Haagen-Dazs ice cream; and Seen on Screen, offering products usually only seen on TV commercials and infomercials.

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who's been around since 1966. But Dixie doesn't know that either.

Spirited, smart, and not about to be taken advantage of, Dixie upsets life and the villagers in quiet Bringham. They're stunned by her decision to fix up and move into the decrepit Orchard House, afraid she'll discover secrets her great-aunts hid inside.

You'll hate the evil Sebastian Caughleigh, Dixie's English attorney with a hidden agenda, and be charmed by Alf who owns Barley Mow, the local tavern.

I liked Dixie's independent nature, and her don't mess with me attitude that exudes confidence and kindness. At Barley Mow Sebastian orders him and Dixie a ploughman, the pub specialty - a bit of salad, pickle, chunk of baguette, and Cheddar, Stilton, or ham - without asking if it's what she'd like.

"You'll like this," he says. "She would, would she? Were Englishmen still living in the Victorian age? And what the heck was he expecting her to eat? Meat?"



Dixie's a vegetarian, and will have no part of something made with ham, but she doesn't want to explain that to Sebastian. She gives him the look, and Sebastian orders again - two Cheddar ploughmans.

"I'd prefer Stilton," Dixie answers. Alf responds to the irritated Sebastian and pleases Dixie with a smile that broadens into a grin.

Oh, and don't let me forget the romantic part. Things really heat up between Dixie and Marlowe.

"She reached up to kiss him

good-bye. She aimed for his cheek. He turned and her mouth met his lips.

Ah... you'll just have to read the book for yourself to find out what happens.

Recommended by Colleen Mathieu of Redford, assistant manager of Waldenbooks at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, *Walk in Moonlight* is part mystery, part love story, and as good as any chick flick you and your girlfriends will watch this winter.

"It's pretty good for a first novel," said Mathieu.

Born in Great Britain, Laury grew up in a Surrey village somewhat like Bringham but minus the witches, murder, blackmail and vampires. She spent several years teaching in Europe and Asia before marrying and settling in the U.S. Laury now lives in Ohio and is working on her next book.

Visit her online at www.eclectica.com/rosemarylaury

Tell us what you're reading

What are you reading now? I just started *Searching for Hassan: An American Family's*

Journey Back Home to Iran by Terence Ward, (publication date Jan. 16, 2002, Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA.) I'll tell you all about it when I finish, it's pretty heavy reading. But in the meantime, I'd like some recommendations from you to pass on to our readers.

You can e-mail your book recommendations - name of book, author, copyright date, and publisher, along with a brief explanation of why this is a must read book - to me at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, kwynonik@ec.homecomm.net or mail a letter addressed to my attention to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Keely Kaleski Wygonik is assistant managing editor of features for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, an avid reader, and an MBA student at Walsh College. She's trying to read as much fun stuff as she can before school starts on Jan. 10. She signed up for accounting and is not looking forward to it. You can reach her online at the address noted above, or call (734) 953-2105.

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