

SHOPPING

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) 901-2655 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:

- A German bakery is Crafts Pastry Kitchen, 30010 W. 12 Mile in Farmington, (248) 861-8181.

The Fuller Brush toilet mop is sold for \$7.95 through the Home Trends catalog, (800) 810-2340.

- For a bird feeder that sits on a window sill, try Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor/Plymouth Road in Plymouth, (734) 463-5500 (which has two bird feeders in stock); or the Dun Craft catalog, (800) 593-5656.

- Ungaro perfume can be bought on the Internet at www.fragrancewish.com under

the name Diva.
- Sanders' butter cream cake with nuts is sold at area Kroger stores under their brand name. It is Sanders recipe.
- The swag lamp can be bought from the JCPenney catalog.

- Charles of the Ritz products are sold at area JCPenney stores.

WHERE CAN I FIND:

- A store that sells chandeliers 1-1/2 inches wide for Shandon of Troy?

- The April 2002 National Geographic for Betty of Westland?

- A store that sells Diaprepis crabs for Allison of Canton?

- A store that sells a tabletop model clothes steamer for Nancy?

- A store that sells Pretty Feet or Pretty Hands lotion for Mrs. Stewart?

- A store that sells a child's Batman T-shirt (3T) and tennis shoes for Amy?

- A business that repairs old record players for Laverne?

- A business that can repair a Canon P7 copier?

- A store that sells Sunkist fruit gems (individually wrapped candy) in the bulk size for Eilene of West Bloomfield?

- A store that sells a new or

used glider with plastic seat cushions for Delores?

- A store that custom makes swimsuits for Carol of Livonia? Beach Bound in Troy used to make them.

- The 1930 movie *Maybe It's Love* with Joe E. Brown for Laura of Garden City?

- A store that sells a used trail bike cartilage (accompanies a bike for a child) for Wendy of Livonia?

- A store that sells a compact Sunbeam hair dryer with a cap for Marilyn of Farmington Hills?

- A company that cleans and restores leather furniture in the home for Dan of Westland?

- A bank that sells mad money in a pack of \$50 singles for Eileen? National City no longer sells them.

- A store that sells faux ice cubes for Lori?

- A store that sells monster truck birthday supplies for Natalie?

- Someone who can repair a three-leg terra cotta chiminea (outdoor fireplace) for Sue?

- A videocassette of the television show *Bonanza* episode *Forever for Mary?*

- Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

SHOPPING BRIEFS

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Bra-Vo Intimates, 414 S. Washington in Royal Oak, will launch a series of informational evenings 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 23.

The event will bring together a group of women who are experts in their fields to give information on health and fitness.

Also during the evening, Bra-Vo's fitters will be on hand for bra fittings from sizes 30AA to 44KK, and will offer 10 percent off sports bras. Call (248) 68-BRAVO for information.

SEED GIVEAWAY

Children visiting the Kids Castles at Art Van Furniture stores at 6500 14 Mile in Warren and 2775 Novi Road in Novi Sunday, May 26, will receive a spring flower seed packet and activity sheet, while supplies last. Call the Warren store at (586) 939-2100 and the Novi store at (248) 348-8922.

UNDERSEA ADVENTURE

Undersea Adventure, an exciting national tour, continues to June 7 at Oakland Mall, on 14 Mile at I-75 in Troy.

This mix of interactive technology and hands-on activities will enrich and engage children and adults. It consists of live sea creatures in a touch tank (crabs, lobsters, sea urchins and sea cucumbers), a predator tank (eels, shark and sting rays) and a coral reef tank (sea corals).

Admission is free. Hours are 3-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Touch Tank Theater performances are given every hour on the half-hour.

SERVICE BANNER

Relatives of servicemen on active military duty may pick up a free Blue Star Service Banner to display in their homes Sunday, May 19.

The banners are available at Art Van Furniture stores at 32301 Woodward in Royal Oak (phone (248) 549-2900), 27775 Novi Road in Novi (phone (248) 348-8922) and 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100).

To pick up a banner, relatives are asked to provide proof of service (name, rank, service branch and stationed location). One banner per household, while supplies last.

The Blue Star Service Banner tradition began in World War I and became a fixture on nearly every block during World War II. A banner in the front window showed a family's pride in having a loved one in service. Farmington Area Veterans Memorial Day Committee, in conjunction with the American Legion post, are providing the banners.

SPRING RECIPES

Consultants from Pampered Chef, a direct seller of essential kitchen tools, will demonstrate products and focus on spring

recipes from their new catalog 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at all Art Van Furniture stores. Food samples will be provided.

BLUE'S CLUES

Stop by any Art Van Furniture store now through Sunday, May 26, and pick up a coupon for \$3 off to see *Blue's Clues Live!* at the Fox Theatre, while supplies last. The coupons are valid for the performance 5 p.m. May 26.

N.C. county library bans Blair Witch Project video

(AP) - Henderson County's library board has removed *The Blair Witch Project* from its collection, the first time in 12 years that the board has banned a book or film from its shelves.

While the vote to remove the critically acclaimed movie was unanimous, two members of the board abstained.

A committee made up of board member Maxine Mays and library staff members Kate Conlon and Brenda Hind reviewed the film. Mays was one of the two board members who abstained.

Though Mays said she and the two library staff members who reviewed the video did not

particularly enjoy it, they felt it should remain in the library because of its popularity.

"It was very poorly done and I found nothing of interest in it at all," Mays said. "The point is, why do I get to say what other people can see?" she asked board members, who responded that she was elected as a board member to do just that.

In defending the decision, board member Stan Shelley said the film is offensive because of its repeated use of obscene language.

"I found the excessive use of vulgar language to be objectionable," Shelley said. "I do not think it should be in the library."

Board members agreed that they did not have enough reasons to keep the film in the library. He did not say who initiated the complaint against the movie.

Since Aug. 11, 2000, *The Blair Witch Project* has been checked out 69 times, library director Bill Snyder said.

The movie is rated "R" and is about three student filmmakers who, in October 1994, disappeared in the woods near Burkittsville, Md., while filming a documentary about a local legend, the "Blair Witch."

The book of the same name will remain in the library, Snyder said.

Needle arts lovers can pocket guide

A pocket-sized reference guide for needle arts enthusiasts arrives this month at Michigan bookstores. *The Needleworker's Companion* by Bloomfield Hills author, TV host and nationally known expert, Shay Pendray, covers the basics as well as advanced techniques of needlepoint and embroidery.

Intertec Press of Loveland, Colo., publishers of the well-indexed, spiral-bound book, designed it so that stitchers who want to keep their information at their fingertips can carry it in their needlework bags.

Author Shay Pendray produces and hosts *Needle Arts Studio*, seen on major public television stations since 1998, and on 87 stations of The Family Network. Her show covers step-by-step ways to create beautiful and useful needlework art, from knitting and crocheting to

needlepoint and embroidery. The show appears at 7 a.m. Saturdays on WTVS, Channel 56, and 2 p.m. Fridays on WFUM-TV, Channel 28.

The show's popularity is a reflection of families' growing interests in crafts work under the stay-at-home, cocooning trends in post-9/11 USA. Needlework triggers the body's relaxation response, says a recent study by the Mind/Body Medical Institute at Harvard Medical School. They discovered that the repetitive motion of knitting, crocheting and embroidery lowers blood pressure and heart rate.

Pendray bases her new book on 30 years of expertise and insights. It contains more than 200 illustrations and step-by-step instructions.

The author has owned Needle Arts, Inc. in Dearborn for the past 30 years. The full-service retail store specializes in needlepoint, threads and Japanese embroidery.

The book is on sale in the craft sections at Borders, Barnes & Noble, and Waldenbooks, as well as through needlework or craft stores. It can be ordered by phone at 1-800-813-3103 (\$19.95 plus a \$5.50 shipping and handling charge)

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