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SHOPPING CENTERED



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Bedside luxuries help a day of rest

It's Dec. 26 and the doctor is prescribing complete bed rest. That's right. You are to slip into your coziest p.j.'s, fluff up your pillow, unplug the phone and climb into bed. You're only allowed two excuses for leaving the bedroom. One is to take a long hot bath and the other is to pad into the kitchen for the necessary comfort foods.

"A day in bed takes a little bit of planning. Nothing strenuous, just some suggestions of things to have at your fingertips to ensure a successful R & R."

First, some necessities from Crowley's at Tel-

Twelve Mall in Southfield. Breakfast is served on



a Winsome wood tray, covered with a floral placemat (\$5). The delicate Windsor teapot complements a Duchesse bone china cup and saucer

(\$15), an aqua linen napkin (\$4) and a crystal vase with long-stemmed rose. The silky pajamas are by Hidden Fantasies (\$56) and the fringed cotton blanket includes your monogram from Monogram's Today at Tel-Twelve, (\$49.95). A journal or blank book might come in handy for spur-of-the-moment musings (see the beautiful selection at Shew's, 501 S. Washington in Royal Oak).

Aromatherapy soothes

Before you nestle in, sprinkle your sheets with Lady Primrose's Royal Dusting Silk. Inspired by formulations once exclusively created for Queen Victoria, the powder is contained in a crystal sugar shaker with silver-plated top, and is available only at Neilman Marcus, the Somerset Collection, Troy (\$35). If you choose to relax in a warm bath, a few drops of golden Royal Extract Bathing Gel will restore your spirit as well as your skin. The gel graces your vanity in an acrylic honey pot with dipper.

My bedside table would hold the requisite books and magazines, a scented candle or oil lamp, flowers, body oil, framed family pictures for inspiration and a teapot. Suggested reading from



and "Shadow Song" by Terry Kay, "The Shipping News," by E. Anne Prout, "Brazil" by John Updike, and "In the Lake of the Woods," by Tim O'Brien.

I recently discovered a wonderful body oil to spritz all over. It's Donna Karan's Bath & Body Mist from Neilman Marcus (\$45). I'm told the Donna Karan fragrance line is selling like wildfire and once you smell it, you'll understand why.

Into the mystic

The candle in the picture is handmade locally by Coventry Creations. It's a Blessed Herbs Candle that recharges energy and strengthens the will with such potions as frankincense and dragon's blood (\$12.95). The entire line of herbal candles is available at Lori Karbal et al., 554 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Ask Lori to show you the Lampers Berger from Paris, pretty little lamps that burn scented oils.

Two more of my bedside choices are Tea for One, a combination teapot and cup in white porcelain with heart shaped handles from Trudy Gifted, 515 S. Washington in Royal Oak and Cynthia Carvey's hand-painted and decoupage trays at Home & Gallery in the Orchard Mall (\$175).

So, are you ready? We've gathered all the comforts: trays bearing teasets and snacks and flowers, warm pajamas and a snugly blanket, books and magazines and a journal or diary, wonderful fragrances for your body, bath and soul. Remember the doctor's orders — one total and complete, indulgent day in bed. Enjoy.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Want to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Linda Bachrach locates items that help you pamper yourself when you're pooped.
- Meet another super salesperson nominated by an appreciative shopper.
- Added Attractions lists special events at area shopping centers.

MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR

It's all in your attitude

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stuart sent in this testimonial to great customer service. Once a month, Malls & Mainstreets prints a report of exceptional shopping service to acknowledge salespeople who offer More Than You Bargained For!

Dear Editor,
Recently, my wife and I went to Laurel Park Place Mall, "just to look around." During our visit we ventured into the men's department at the Parisian Department Store, where we were well-

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Loves her work: Donna Mahler of Parisian Department Store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia flashes her winning smile while assisting shoppers in the men's department.

Share your super salespeople stories!

We're shopping for shopping stories about extra special sales people. If you've had a recent shopping experience where a sales associate went above and beyond the call of duty to provide customer service, Malls & Mainstreets wants to hear about it!

Drop us a few lines describing the shopping situation and don't forget to name the store and shopping center involved. Those accounts published on the Malls & Mainstreets pages each month will win an Observer & Eccentric shopping tote for the sales associ-

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It doesn't matter what store or department the sales person

comes from, we've received letters about bakery, shoe store, and cosmetic counter employees. Just be sure to get the name of your favorite sales associate. Testimonials without the sales person's identity are almost impossible to track down!

Send your story to: More Than You Bargained For, c Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Be sure to include your name, address, and daytime phone number.



Shoppers share: The Giving Sleigh at Westland Mall had to be emptied daily this holiday season as shoppers overflowed the insides with cans of food and boxes of goodies for the less-fortunate members of the community.

Two local malls win nat'l service awards

By SURAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

A lot more goes on at the malls than mere shopping. The past month saw area shopping centers become drop-off points for toys and food for the needy, fund-raising sites for Hoopie and the Salvation Army, and places to go for free holiday entertainment and exhibits.

More proof of a mall's importance to a community, is the recent honor bestowed on both Wonderland and Westland malls. Each center was named a 1994 national recipient of the prestigious "Get Centered" award presented by the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Wonderland Mall was selected

from hundreds of national submissions, for their work in the Beverly Park Playground Project which went beyond usual community outreach.

Westland Mall was chosen for its Band Together project to raise funds for the John Glenn Band and Booster Club. The local high school music program was hit by budget cuts and declining tax millages. The mall responded by hosting a spring plant sale to help the band raise monies. The mall also purchased plants to decorate the shopping center, indoors and out.

In the summer of 1993, Wonder-

land received a request to assist in

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Retail businesses in local malls and Main Streets may submit news of upcoming special events for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, c The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax them to: (313) 644-1314.

MONDAY, DEC. 28

SALES AND CLEARANCES

Look for season-end savings at most mall and Main Street shops, and half-off sales of holiday merchandise. Don't forget to bring receipts when exchanging gifts or seeking refunds.

Grand Opening Events

ANNETTE'S UNIQUE BEAUTYBOOTS HOSTS WEEK OF SPECIAL events to assist shoppers with her new store opening to the bottom people of eastern Birmingham. Also, undergarment line for extra-large sized women. Today, buy one box of silk supports, get the second box for \$27. Buy a line and get the second line for \$25. On Dec. 28, meet Nancy Smith of Ladies Fashion products. On Dec. 29 at 9 p.m., get information about free services and breast cancer screening from "Ladies Fashion" at 9 p.m. On Dec. 29, see a spokesperson from the Sea Blue-Aqua Company.

Century Plaza, Rochester, 78 Mile. Troy, (313) 685-1000.

Holiday events

LAST CHANCE TO VIEW HUNTER'S 6TH ANNUAL holiday exhibit, now through Dec. 31. "Beauty and The

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Recent" told through 17 animated, three-dimensional vignettes with 120 costumes figures. Free admission. Southeast mall corridor adjacent to West-

Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. (313) 443-2048.

Puppet Shows

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" PRESENTED THROUGH January, Monday-Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m., Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. Free above 20 minutes long. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Wilson/University, Rochester Hills. (313) 375-6451.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

WINTER SALE 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Special savings on women's traditional styled clothing. Peppercorn, 303 Walnut Blvd. Rochester. (313) 632-1225.

SPA SPECIALS

Enjoy a day at a new spa, Salons Modern, or enjoy just a few of the salon's services. Daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Facials, massages, body wraps, permanent make-up, manicures, pedicures, total hair makeover. New Town Center, 43244 11 Mile, Nov. (313) 348-7316.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

ART MUSEUM SHUTTLE

Spend the day at the Detroit Art Museum. Bus leaves mall at 9 and 11 a.m. Departs museum for mall at 2 and 4 p.m. \$7 ticket includes roundtrip shuttle service, docent-guided tour, museum admission. Seating limited. Reservations at DIA Museum Store, mall's upper level. Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Nov. (313) 633-1718.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

LUNCH FASHION

Outfits from Bette Appel modeled during lunch, noon to 2 p.m. The Stage & Co. Restaurant. The Boardwalk, Orchard Lake/9. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 855-6622.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Most mall and Main Street stores close early at 5 p.m. today for the holiday.

First Night Fest

SEEN THE FAMILY VS. SHOWTOWNS SHOWNMAN for a night of fun, food and entertainment. 20th Annual First Night celebrations begin 8 p.m. Admission tickets admit to performances of Charlie Sheen, Peter Onorati, Bob, "Knots" "R" "Guns" "Beats", Southern Exposure plus many more. Sell for events outside, more information. Brain Park and environs, Bates/Pharo. (313) 540-0885.