

RETAIL DETAILS

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Wild Webs

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A year ago, shoe designer Della Valle's scouts found a pair of sunglasses worn by an American pilot circa 1930. The sunglasses were duplicated as a party gift. They were so well received Della Valle signed an agreement with Luxottica to market them for consumers.

Some 100,000 pairs have sold in Europe. They're now at Neiman Marcus, available in eight styles in metal or celluloid, sizes Extra Small to Extra Large \$180-\$225. Sighted in Webster Harrison Ford, Princess Caroline, Sylvester Stallone and Jeremy Irons.

Sally's inventory grows

Sally Horvitz at Sally's Design Boutique in The Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield, reminds Joan Vassier clients that even though the Joan Vass boutique at Somerset Collection South closed last year, they can still find her collections locally at Sally's. Horvitz will also arrange special orders and size checks.

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Sally said that she is an exclusive retailer of the new Sid and Sammie line.

Another Home Depot opens

Home Depot cut the ribbon on another metro-Detroit location, at 355 Haggerty, in Commerce Township. Many municipal and community leaders attended the opening reception.

Features of the 111,000-square foot home improvement warehouse include a bridal registry, 20,000-square foot garden center, a design center and installation services. Home Depot was founded in 1978 in Atlanta, Ga. and now claims to be the largest "hardware" center in the U.S.

Salon adds hours

Salon Bellissima in the Simsbury Plaza on 14 Mile in West Bloomfield announces that it will remain open seven days a week to accommodate the busy schedules of clients. For a list of services and appointments call (810) 851-5559.

Jacobson's welcomes two lines

The popular moisturizer in a jar, Creme de la Mer, is now available at Jacobson's Department Stores, sold in cosmetics.

The "chic, simple basics," of Griffith & Gray are now in the designer department. Kelly Gray is the daughter of famed St. John knit wear designer Marie Gray. The new sportswear company just launched its first fashion cruise line.

Do you want Envy?

Both Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus are promoting the new Gucci fragrance Envy: object of desire. It's the first fragrance inspired by Gucci's new

fashion director Tom Ford. "A distinctive floral," according to the press release.

Showcased within a slim rectangular silhouette of glass and chrome, Gucci Envy is hyacinth and magnolia flowers blended with "notes of Lily of the Valley, Jasmine and Violet." It's available in perfume, eau de toilette, body lotion and shower gel from \$35-\$140.

Neiman Marcus is also introducing a new trio of fragrances from Parfum de Chantecaille: Tiare, Wisteria and Frangipane. There are two sizes of spray bottles, \$55 and \$90.

Target Cards expands

Lori Rodgers reports that her Tomato Target card line has three new offerings for birthday well-wishing. Find them at specialty shops and gift stores around town. She also offers bags and T-shirts printed with her designs. To place orders for business, call her at 1-810-594-3855.

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Babies Collection debuts

Talbots Kids has added merchandise for infants to toddlers in its own private label at the store in Laurel Park Place, Livonia. The Babies Collection arrived on March 8.

Perfect party plans

You're Fired! on The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield, offers facilities and materials for creating ceramic pieces for individuals and groups. Owner Stacey Laker sells unfinished ceramic pieces, non-toxic, lead-free paint, stencils and offers brushes.



Mondays. "We invite the guests of bridal showers, family parties, office parties, and classrooms. Guests can coordinate their creations to match their offices or homes, or create personalized gifts of ceramic." Inquiries welcome at (810) 851-5594.

High-tech merchandise arrives
Paulson's Audio & Visual, in

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the Halsted Village, 12 Mile and Halsted, has the new Digital Video Disc by Panasonic in stock. It looks like an audio CD but it has far greater audio/visual capacity. A single side of a standard DVD holds more than two hours for video, plus six audio channels.

Fashion Bash date set

Hudson's and the Founders Society of the Detroit Art Institute present the 28th annual Fashion Bash, Wednesday, July 30 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Fox and State Theatres in Detroit. Tickets go on sale in June by calling (313) 833-1149.

The event benefits the DIA and includes cocktail parties, a live auction, musical fall fashion extravaganza, plus an afterglow.



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Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 36650 Grand River Ave. Farmington Hills Times: March 6 - 9:30 AM March 20 - 9:30 AM	Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 2078 E. Big Beaver Rd. Troy Times: March 6 - 2:00 PM March 13 - 2:00 PM March 20 - 2:00 PM March 27 - 2:00 PM	Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 26660 Greenfield Rd. Oak Park Times: March 6 - 2:00 PM March 20 - 2:00 PM
Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 825 Bowers St. Birmingham Times: March 5 - 9:30 AM March 19 - 9:30 AM	Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 27925 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills Times: March 13 - 9:30 AM March 19 - 2:00 PM March 27 - 9:30 AM	Location: Bob Evan's Restaurant 26245 Telegraph Rd. Southfield Times: March 4 - 2:00 PM March 11 - 2:00 PM March 18 - 2:00 PM March 25 - 2:00 PM

Refreshments will be served at the informational meetings. Reservations are recommended. Call (800) 810-1699 for reservations or to schedule a home appointment. No cost or obligation.

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Where can I find?

Thanks to all the readers who phoned in locations for the hard to find items listed last week!

Here's what we found:
• Two callers recommended Jennie's Pierogi's in Garden City on Middlebelt, five blocks south of Warren; and in Warren, on Hoover north of 13 Mile. "They're absolutely home-made and delicious," she said.

• More than a dozen readers called to offer old Ironrite mangos for sale! Their names and numbers were forwarded to the searcher.
• Two sources were found for old china and glassware patterns. Try Replacements Limited at 1-800-737-5223 or Replace at 1-800-REPLACE.

• Among the good sources for Beanie Babies: Family Buggy restaurant, southeast corner of Plymouth and Middlebelt, Nordstrom at the Somerset Collection, Susan B. Ashlee Co., in Livonia (313) 422-8700, Gage N Gifts at Five Mile/Herriman, and the Hallmark card shop at The Corners Plaza, 13 Mile and Southfield. (Call first to learn about current shipments).
• The mother of a former "husky," said she always found her son's clothes at Brody's Boys Wear on Orchard Lake Road south of Maple in the West Bloomfield Plaza.

• JoAnn Smith has a Necchi sewing machine manual she will copy if the reader can settle for a \$25 model instead of a \$22 model.

• Ann Shaver is willing to give away her solitary skater pattern.
• The Wamsutta Co. called to inform that the out-of-print sheets we're searching for, indeed are out-of-print. "But T. J. Maxx and Marshall's buy our old inventory and they are the best places to shop for such items."

• A caller said a product list for Megaware of France, once sold through Farmer Jack's, can be ordered from Megaware of France, Inc. of California, Los Angeles, CA, 90064.

We're still looking for

• "Dean" needs to find a store that sells Pirelli kitchen gloves in a large or extra large size.

• Men's socks for steel-toed shoes that used to be available through Sears for "Sue" of Plymouth.

• Rita Kraft of Livonia needs the address for Sunset Stitchery to order patterns.

• Linda Zibell of Rochester needs the name of the company that printed fabrics featuring Strawberry Shortcake, Holly Hobby and Bassett Hound in 18-inch pictures that could be stuffed for huggies.

• Nancy of Rochester Hills hopes to locate an old McCall's pattern for home sewers, #6682 size CF boys and girls combination in sizes 4, 6, 8.

• A retailer who sells Pernit Sportswear for "Cynthia" of Birmingham.

• A good source for used lumber (1 x 12).

• Elizabeth Gordon of West Bloomfield is looking for the recipe for a local restaurant that serves a chocolate cake with rum and whip cream topping that was made popular by "Northwood Inn."

• A CD of saxophone artists *Body & Soul* by Verve for Jim.

• Roy, Alice Lister-Worth of Dearborn needs "The Safe Place," But what did I put in it?

• Veronica Stevenson needs a copy of the manual for the Viking Sewing Machine, model 6030. She does not want the company's entire product line manual, just the pages that apply to her machine.

• A Polysperk Electric coffee pot that makes 6-8 cups for Terry Leszczynski of Garden City.

• Mariyol Kulakowski of Beverly Hills hopes to find a store that sells Milwaukee's caliente (hot and sweet) fresh pack pickle slices from Vinsle.

• "Josephine" wants to find a stepper, "it looks like a large pillow" for exercising.

• Rosie Mario Windelaki is looking for fresh onion bread that she used to buy from Chatham's that you put in the oven and bake. "It's not frozen," she insisted. "It's delicious with ham and I want it for Easter."

• Robert Kunz hopes to find two NASCAR collectibles 1/64 scale: #8 Kenny Wallace "Red Dog" and #98 the RCA car. Call him at (313) 427-3914.

• A woman is looking for cassette tapes called "Song of Praise" Volumes 1-3 by now-defunct Servant Publications of Ann Arbor.

• Rož Novak needs a copy of Danny Kaye singing "Mamma Give Me a Drink of Water."

• Jane Bauer of Plymouth hopes to find a retailer who still sells women's hankies.

If you've seen any of these items in your travels, let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Please call (810) 901-2567 (and relate your message and phone number slowly and clearly!)